

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF LINDA SPEARS' 2007 DON CARLOS HUMANITARIAN AWARD

SPEECH OF

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2007

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize long time Tempe resident, past councilwoman and friend, Linda Spears, who will be receiving the 2007 Don Carlos Humanitarian of the Year Award tonight in my hometown of Tempe, Arizona.

The Don Carlos Humanitarian Award honors a Tempe resident who upholds the humanitarian ideals of Charles Trumbull Hayden, Tempe's founder, who was referred to as "Don Carlos" by Hispanic pioneers due to his generosity and compassion for people in need. This prestigious recognition is awarded each year by the Tempe Community Council to pay tribute to Tempeans for their outstanding humanitarian service in the community over an extended period of time.

Linda served on the Tempe City Council from 1994 to 1998. Yet Linda's service to the community dates back to 1990, through a variety of human service efforts in the community. Linda continues her dedication to the community through her activities with the Boys and Girls Club, contributing her leadership and fundraising skills to help the needs of children served by their programs.

Madam Speaker, in addition to her service to the Boys and Girls Club, Linda served on the boards of the TIE Foundation from 1997 through 2003, the Tempe Salvation Army from 1999 through 2002, the Centers for Habilitation from 1996 through 2003 and Tempe Community Council from 1999 through 2007.

Linda is an active member of Kiwanis Club of Tempe, was elected its first female president in 1992 and helped to conceptualize Tempe's Fantasy of Lights Parade which now draws crowds of over 45,000 from the community. Linda is passionate when it comes to providing affordable housing in Tempe, a passion that led her to the boards of the Industrial Development Authority and Newtown Community Development Corporation. And if that is not enough, Linda's current endeavors includes raising money and awareness for the Tempe Community Foundation, which provides funding to meet the needs of all human service agencies serving Tempe residents.

Linda's activities should be viewed as those of a true community steward. Linda's commitment to our Tempe community truly embodies the spirit of Don Carlos and the humanitarian ideals that continue to make Tempe a great and desired place to call home. It is for these reasons that I join former Mayor Neil Guiliano, the Tempe Community Council, and Linda's family and friends in relaying a heartfelt "thank you" for your service and congratulate her on receiving this award.

CELEBRATING WARREN COUNTY, TENNESSEE'S BICENTENNIAL

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2007

Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the founding of Warren County, Tennessee. Nestled in the heart of the foothills of the Cumberland Plateau, Warren County is a proud piece of the Tennessee tradition.

Warren County takes its name from Major General Joseph Warren, a hero of the American Revolution who earned the rank of Major General and was killed in the battle of Bunker Hill. The County continued to serve as a staging ground for great historical moments through the Civil War, when General Forrest's brigade camped in Warren County before they launched an attack on the Federal Army that resulted in the capture of twelve hundred Union Soldiers, including a General.

But Warren County has far more to offer the State than its rich history alone. From the scenic beauty of Rock Island to the Highland Rim Classic bicycle race in McMinnville, Warren County has something for sportsmen and outdoorsmen alike. McMinnville, Morrison, Viola and Dibrell all make up the diverse landscape. Perhaps the best view of Warren County, however, comes from the annual "boogie," or sky diving event that gives brave participants a unique perspective on this great Tennessee County.

Warren County is also home to the nursery capital of the world, McMinnville, Tennessee. McMinnville and all of Warren County's growers have made Tennessee proud for a number of years, marking McMinnville as a city known for being "always in bloom."

I am proud today to wish a happy bicentennial to the people of Warren County, and hope that they will continue to enjoy the blessings of their place in middle Tennessee for years to come.

IN HONOR OF THE MONTEREY COUNTY FILM COMMISSION

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2007

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Monterey County Film Commission's 20th year of "lights, camera, and economic action" for Monterey County. It was created in 1987 by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors to increase local economic development through the film industry.

The film commission markets Monterey County to bring an economic boost to the area from film, video, and multimedia production. Its mission has expanded over the years as it also provides local educational programs on

various aspects of the film industry's artistry, skills, and employment opportunities. It has also created a scholarship fund for students of filmmaking.

The film commission has helped attract and facilitate hundreds of movies, TV shows, commercials, documentaries, and still shoots, bringing in nearly \$60 million to date to the local communities. There is also spin-off tourism value when local sites are shown in these products.

The film commission acts as a liaison between film productions and local governments and communities. It serves as a resource for information and guidelines on film procedures and filming on public and private property. It provides services including a location library, scouting assistance, and logistical referrals for crew, facilities, and support services. It markets the county's locations through tradeshow and sales trips, advertising and public relations, and film industry events.

The commission is a member of the Greater San Francisco Film Commissions, California Film Commission, and is affiliated with the Association of Film Commissioners International.

Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to honor this group, and I know my fellow Members join me in congratulating them on 20 years of service to the community.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 25, 1957, DESEGREGATION OF LITTLE ROCK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL BY THE LITTLE ROCK NINE

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY E. BOYDA

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 24, 2007

Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I commend the House of Representatives for the passage of this important resolution to honor the Little Rock Nine. As a Kansan, I am proud to be a resident of one of the places where the road to justice began.

For Kansans, the story of the Little Rock Nine begins with the landmark Supreme Court decision *Brown v. Board of Education*. This case began in 1950 when 13 parents took their children to the schools in their neighborhoods for white children and attempted to enroll. All were refused admission, and for most, this meant traveling across town to attend the few available schools for African Americans. These courageous parents filed suit against the Topeka Board of Education on behalf of their 20 children.

When the parents agreed to become involved in the case, it's likely they never imagined they would change history in such a significant and meaningful way. The people who make up this story were ordinary—their story is anything but. Oliver Brown, who the case was later named after, was a Topeka minister who simply knew that it was not too much to ask that his country treat his children equally.

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On May 17, 1954, the United States Supreme Court announced in *Brown v. Board of Education* (347 U.S. 483) that, "in the field of education, the doctrine 'of separate but equal' has no place." The Court recognized the psychological effects of segregation and that separate is inherently unequal.

In 1957, 3 years after the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision, 9 brave students in Little Rock, Arkansas, continued the struggle that Oliver Brown and his daughter started. They endured a hostile school environment and a local government that was once again not supportive of their belief that equal treatment is a basic principle of a democratic society.

The story of *Brown v. Board of Education* is one of hope and courage. On this 50th anniversary of the Little Rock Nine, I am proud to take time to remember the contributions of students across the country—from Kansas to Arkansas—that fought for integration. I also hope that we can recommit ourselves to honoring the legacy that the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision left for us—to continue working to provide a world-class education for all children.

HONORING GREENHILLS SCHOOL
FOR RECEIVING THE 2007
SCHOOLS OF DISTINCTION
AWARD

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2007

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Greenhills School for receiving the prestigious Intel Schools of Distinction award for 2007.

Chosen from almost 1,000 entries, this prestigious award is granted to only six schools nationwide each year. The award is designed to recognize those schools that demonstrate excellence in implementing innovative programs within their classrooms, specifically in the fields of math and science. The science faculty of Greenhills School has exemplified the spirit of the award, modernizing classroom labs to incorporate wireless computers. Their efforts educated students not only in the complex field of science, but also in technology's role as a laboratory instrument. In addition, they have demonstrated an enthusiasm to connect with all students in the school.

Greenhills School has always stood out as an exceptional place to learn. Located in Ann Arbor, it boasts the largest percentage of National Merit Semi-Finalists and AP Scholars of any school in the State of Michigan. With students averaging outstanding SAT and ACT scores, it is not surprising that 100 percent of Greenhills graduates enroll in college. This award is a testament not only to the science teachers of Greenhills School, but all of the 64 faculty members who work to provide students with one of the best educations in the country.

Science teachers Dr. James Lupton, Dr. Deano Smith, Thomas Friedlander, Catherine Renaud, Dee Lamphear, Martha Friedlander, Ann Novak, Chris Gleason, Deborah Jagers and Michael Wilson have all demonstrated an admirable passion and dedication that benefits over 500 students at Greenhills School. They deserve recognition for their exceptional achievement.

Madam Speaker, I ask that all of my colleagues join me in commending Greenhills School for their 2007 Schools of Distinction Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2007

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, on September 24, 2007, I was unavoidably detained while returning from committee business and unable to vote, I would like the record to reflect that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote Nos. 891, 892 and 893.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2007

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably absent yesterday afternoon, September 24, on very urgent business. Had I been present for the four votes which occurred yesterday evening: I would have voted "Yea" on H. Con. Res. 193, rollcall vote No. 891; I would have voted "Yea" on H. Res. 668, rollcall vote No. 892; I would have voted "Yea" on H.R. 1199, rollcall vote No. 893; I would have voted "Yea" on H. Res. 340, rollcall vote No. 894.

CONGRATULATING NEW EAGLE
SCOUTS

HON. MARY FALLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2007

Ms. FALLIN. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and congratulate Merritt William Parham, Joseph Price Fallin III, Joseph Graham Wolfe, William Upton McClendon, and Samuel Johnson Rainbolt upon the recent attainment of their Eagle Scout rank.

Each one of these young men has exemplified what it means to be a leader to the Boy Scouts of America, the State of Oklahoma, and their country. Their service is one of the greatest contributions they can make to their peers and their community. These young men have carried out this honor with great professionalism and dignity.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the entire House of Representatives, please join me in congratulating these outstanding young men in obtaining the highest rank of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING ALL HUNTERS
ACROSS THE UNITED STATES
FOR THEIR CONTINUED COMMIT-
MENT TO SAFETY

SPEECH OF

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 24, 2007

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution recognizing hunters across the United States for their continued commitment to safety. Since State fish and game agencies began offering hunter safety programs in 1949, more than 35 million Americans have been certified through these programs.

Thanks to hunter education, hunting is safe and getting safer. Hunter education covers the skills, regulations and responsibilities of hunting, wildlife conservation and the outdoors. In my home State of Texas, mandatory hunter education became law in 1988. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department began offering voluntary hunter education courses long before that, however, in 1972, and has certified over 650,000 Texans. Every year, over 30,000 youth and adults in Texas become certified in hunter education.

Firearms-related accidents have declined sharply even as gun ownership in America is rising. More than half of all households now own firearms, yet accidental fatalities are at an all-time low—down 60 percent over the last 20 years. For decades, the firearms industry has emphasized education to ensure the safe and responsible use of its products. This effort and those by other organizations are why the shooting sports and hunting are rated among the safest forms of recreation. Some 40 million people of all ages safely participate in these activities.

I would also like to point out that in June, during the annual meeting of the International Hunter Education Association (IHEA), Heidi Rao of Houston was named Professional of the Year for providing outstanding service to IHEA and its mission. A hunter education training specialist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department since 1998, Mrs. Rao trains the general public to comply with the mandatory hunter education programs in southeast Texas. She also trains adults in hunter education programs, policies, and procedures and the general public in hunting safety and legal practices.

Again, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution commending hunters for their continued commitment to safety.

TRIBUTE TO MR. PHIL RIZZUTO

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2007

Mr. SERRANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Phil Rizzuto, former New York Yankees shortstop and baseball game announcer, who died on August 13, 2007 at the age of 89. Popularly known as "the Scooter," Mr. Rizzuto dazzled baseball fans with his spectacular bunts and defense and his dynamic style as a broadcaster.