

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO JOB MARTIN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, today I rise to salute Job Martin. Job, more widely known as Jobie, was recently recognized as Mississippi's Outstanding Older Worker. At the age of 88, Jobie won the honor for his substitute teaching in Jackson Public Schools. The award was given by Experience Works of Mississippi which is part of a national employment and training organization that selects working men and women above 65 from every State who have made continuous contributions to their community and workplace.

Madam Speaker, not only has Jobie been a hard worker, but he is also a pioneer. Jobie was a well-known disc jockey, eventually becoming known as "the Loud Mouth of the South." Jobie's radio fame paved the way for him to make Mississippi television history. Jobie Martin was Mississippi's first African-American commercial television show host. The Jobie Martin Show hosted many famous guests including Muhammad Ali, B.B. King, Bill Cosby, Joe Louis, and James Earl Jones.

Madam Speaker, Jobie's success was not just limited to mass communication; he was an entrepreneur as well. Jobie operated Jobie's Chicken Restaurant—"where the flavor's locked in and the grease is locked out." Located in the historic Lynch Street area, it became a landmark for decades. Later, Martin would open Valerie's, a restaurant named after one of his two children. Martin also became a member of the board of trustees for Hinds Community College.

Jobie Martin has worn many hats in his life—disc jockey, television show host, entrepreneur, and educator. Today, Madam Speaker, I take my hat off to him for his many contributions and continuous service to the State of Mississippi.

HONORING AMANDA MARINOFF AND JANELLE SCHLOSSBERG

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Amanda Marinoff and Janelle Schlossberger. These young women from Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School in my district won the top team prize in the prestigious Siemens national math, science and technology competition. They will split a \$100,000 scholarship. The contest attracts some of the Nation's most talented high school students. More than 1,600 projects were submitted this year.

Marinoff and Schlossberger are enrolled in Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy

High School's advanced research science program. With the guidance of their teacher Mary Lou O'Donnell, they conducted research designed to find new methods of treating tuberculosis. They created a molecule that helps block the reproduction of the bacteria of drug-resistant tuberculosis. Marinoff and Schlossberger came up with the idea after Marinoff's semester working at a cancer research lab at Stony Brook University.

I want to applaud the accomplishments of these young women. I offer my congratulations on their success and commend them on their dedication to the study of the medicine.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, due to medical reasons I missed a series of suspension votes, the vote on the Motion to Close Portions of the FY08 Defense Authorization Conference Report, H.R. 1585 and the vote to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 1585.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 1127, "aye" on rollcall No. 1128, "aye" on rollcall No. 1129, "aye" on rollcall No. 1130, "aye" on rollcall No. 1131, "aye" on rollcall No. 1132, and "aye" on rollcall No. 1133.

TRIBUTE TO JIM SAXTON

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, it was with a deep sense of loss that I learned that my dear friend and committee colleague JIM SAXTON will retire at the end of the 110th Congress. JIM has served the Third Congressional District of New Jersey with the highest distinction for the past 23 years.

JIM and I have not always been on the same side on a number of environmental issues; however, there is no question that he always articulates his views with passion and conviction. When I became chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee on January 3, 1995, I was honored to appoint JIM SAXTON as the first chairman of the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans. He served as chairman of that subcommittee during the 104th, 105th, and 106th Congresses.

He was a superb subcommittee chairman and sponsored a number of important conservation measures that became law during the Clinton administration. This included the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997. This landmark law, which has been extended several times, created the Asian Elephant Con-

servation Fund to assist this highly endangered species whose population had been decimated to less than 40,000 elephants living in the wild. As a result of his law, in the past decade the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approved 183 grant proposals to assist Asian elephants. There is no question that these projects halted this species' slide toward extinction.

A second bill was the National Wildlife Refuge System Volunteer and Community Partnership Enhancement Act of 1998. This measure, Public Law 105-242, statutorily created the framework for volunteer activities within the National Wildlife Refuge System. In the past 10 years, this Act allowed the number of volunteers to dramatically increase to nearly 40,000 Americans who contributed more than 1.5 million hours of service last year. The value of the volunteer work has been estimated in excess of \$26 million and it represents 20 percent of all staff work done in the National Wildlife Refuge System. At a time when the Fish and Wildlife Service is suffering an operations funding crisis within the refuge system, it is difficult to imagine how this system would function without the valuable contributions of volunteers.

A third measure was the Rhino and Tiger Product Labeling Act of 1998. The fundamental goal of P.L. 105-312 was to eliminate the U.S. market for illegally obtained rhino and tiger products, and therefore, the incentives to kill these magnificent animals. Under this law, if a label on a product says that it contains rhinoceros and tiger parts, then we accept the manufacturer's claim and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is responsible for stopping its sale, confiscating any products, and persecuting the illegal importers.

A fourth measure sponsored by Chairman JIM SAXTON was the Arctic Tundra Habitat Conservation Act of 1999. This legislation allowed the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to undertake various conservation and management steps to reduce the exploding population of mid-continent light geese. These geese were systematically destroying the fragile arctic tundra in the Hudson Bay Region which is essential to the survival of millions of migratory birds. By all accounts, the implementation of this measure has been responsible for saving thousands of acres of vital wetland habitat.

A fifth proposal which was signed into law was the Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Act of 2000. This legislation, P.L. 106-555, established a small grant program to fund the rescue and rehabilitation of marine mammals, it encouraged scientific work associated with live and dead marine mammals and it provided a small amount of financial assistance to marine mammal rescue centers. Federal agencies frequently ask marine mammal rescue centers to provide around-the-clock monitoring and veterinarian care to injured animals without giving them any financial assistance. This measure established a humanitarian partnership between Federal and non-federal entities.

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A sixth proposal was JIM SAXTON'S sponsorship of the Coral Reef Conservation and Partnership Act of 2000. Coral reefs are among the world's most productive ecosystems and they are often referred to as the "rainforests" of the oceans. These reefs are critical to the survival of thousands of fish species. Sadly, about 40 percent of all coral reefs are either degraded beyond recovery or in critical condition. This legislation was designed as a lifeline for our coral reef ecosystems by providing a limited amount of Federal funding to finance coral reef grants to assist in their protection and recovery.

Finally, I am proud that JIM SAXTON joined with me as an original co-sponsor of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997. On October 9, 2007, we celebrated the 10th anniversary of this act which is Public Law 105-57. This landmark law established for the first time an "organic" statute for our 96 million acre national wildlife refuge system. It defined the term "wildlife-dependent recreation" to include hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, and environmental education. It also established a "conservation mission" for the system and required the completion of a Comprehensive Conservation Plan for each refuge unit. The act gave wildlife dependent recreation priority consideration in refuge planning, management and funding. Finally, it required the Fish and Wildlife Service to evaluate the likelihood of ongoing historic uses on private lands prior to their inclusion within the system. JIM SAXTON authored this important provision.

This is far from an exhaustive list of JIM SAXTON'S legislative accomplishments in the resources arena. It is representative only of the 6-year period that he served as chairman of the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans. Nevertheless, it clearly demonstrates his dedication and commitment to wildlife conservation which he exemplified throughout his congressional career. His constituents living in Cherry Hill, Mount Holly, and Toms River, New Jersey, will miss JIM SAXTON and his lifelong advocacy of Theodore Roosevelt's vision and principles. I look forward to working with JIM through the 110th Congress. I wish him calm sailing seas in the days beyond Congress. "May the wind always be on your back and the sun shine upon your face!"

TRIBUTE TO THE WEST BOLIVAR
EAGLES

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the West Bolivar Eagles for completing a perfect season and Winning the Class 2A State championship. This is West Bolivar's fourth State title, but their first since 1906—before any of this year's seniors were born. West Bolivar was ranked No. 1 the entire season by the Clarion-Leggert 2A football poll.

Madam Speaker, West Bolivar High School has a rich football history. Along with four State championships, they have 17 division

championships and 5 appearances in State championship games. Over the last 3 seasons the Eagles are 37-4 and have three consecutive Region 3-2A championships.

Madam Speaker, not only have the Eagles enjoyed success this year, but they have done so dominantly. On the season, the Eagles have outscored their opponents 582-184. In the playoffs, the Eagles have outscored their opponents 177-101. The Eagles have scored 40 or more points 9 times, helping them amass more points that any team in Mississippi 2A football.

Madam Speaker, West Bolivar's recent success has come with the leadership of Coach Henry Johnson. Coach Johnson is a former West Bolivar player who played wide receiver and defensive back on the Eagles' last State finalist team under legendary Rosedale coach Leland Young.

Madam Speaker, one of the traditions that Coach Johnson restored at his alma mater was running up and down a steep Mississippi River levee.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the student-athletes, student body, faculty, staff, administration, and the community of West Bolivar for winning the 2007 Mississippi Class 2A State Championship.

HONORING THE KETEWAMOKE
CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF
THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Ketewamoke Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was organized on August 9, 1890 in Washington, DC. Seventeen years later, on December 2, 1907, in the Town of Huntington, Long Island, the Ketewamoke Chapter, NSDAR was organized with 19 charter members. The name Ketewamoke is the Native American name for the region around Huntington known as "the place having the best beach or shore." The Chapter was incorporated in 1913. Today they have 88 members.

The threefold purpose of the Society as a whole is the same now as it was when the Society was organized in 1890 and chartered by an Act of Congress in 1895: "To perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American independence; to promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge; to cherish, maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, to foster true patriotism and love of country." The Ketewamoke Chapter continues to include these three objectives (historical, educational and patriotic) in its monthly programs.

One of the first accomplishments of the Ketewamoke Chapter was to restore the Village Green and mark the spot with a bronze tablet on a boulder, in 1915. inscribed, "Huntington Village Green." This "Town Spot" was

the location of Huntington's earliest form of government where, beginning from its settlement in 1653, a small group of men continued to meet and vote over the years.

Also in 1915, the Ketewamoke Chapter outfitted the original Women's Ward in Huntington Hospital with 8 beds. A bronze plaque marking this event still hangs in the old Huntington Hospital building. During World War II, when the National Society bought \$210,000,000 worth of war bonds, more than \$100,000 of these bonds were purchased by members of the Ketewamoke Chapter. Since then, the Chapter has placed mill stones from local mills at the "Town Spot" and on the grounds of the Chapter House, thus preserving local history. It has cleaned up and marked the graves of many of the local American Revolutionary soldiers. They continue to honor these patriots by placing flags on their grave sites every Memorial Day and by the Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at Huntington's Old Burial Ground.

Currently, the Chapter works to promote patriotism through community projects. They encourage local students to appreciate American history through our annual American History Essay Contest for grades 5 through 8. They encourage students to be good citizens by awarding annual Good Citizenship medals to students of 15 local schools. These students must fulfill the qualities of honor, service, leadership and patriotism. They support other local community services through our individual volunteer efforts in hospitals, literacy programs, and veteran and senior citizen projects. They give financial support to many National and State DAR projects such as the two DAR schools in the Appalachian region and the education of Native American youths through scholarships and the support of the Bacone College and the Chemawa Indian School. We present ROTC medals to qualifying cadets in local secondary schools.

They are uniquely fortunate to be one of only a few Chapters in New York State which owns an historic Chapter House with a fine collection of period artifacts. It is their privilege and responsibility to preserve and to maintain this Chapter House which dates back to 1837.

We take great pride in being members of the Ketewamoke Chapter, NSDAR, which is the oldest established DAR Chapter on Long Island. We take pride in honoring the memory of our patriot ancestors and in honoring all American patriots, past and present.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, due to medical reasons I missed a series of suspension votes and the vote on the Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 2082, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 1123, "aye" on rollcall No. 1124, "no" on rollcall No. 1125, and "aye" on rollcall No. 1126.