

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING DREW WILLIAMS
FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Drew Williams, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 60, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Drew has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the years Drew has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Among his accomplishments, Drew has earned 42 merit badges and attended Camp Gieger twice. He has also earned the God and Me, God and Family and God and Church awards, and further has served Troop 60 of Savannah as librarian and historian.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Drew Williams for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN
CHUCK HOWELL

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Chuck Howell for his dedicated and outstanding service to the Denton Fire Department and the City of Denton, Texas.

Captain Chuck Howell has recently been named Fire Officer of the Year for his leadership and devotion to the Denton Fire Department. As a confident and intelligent captain and fireman, Mr. Howell is not afraid to take command or defend a fire himself. He has gained much respect from his fellow firemen and maintains a level of competency that stands unparalleled.

It is with great honor that I recognize Captain Chuck Howell for his hard work and selfless dedication to the Denton Fire Department and the citizens of Denton, Texas. I am proud to represent him in Washington, and his service will be set as a standard of devotion and true leadership, one that will never be forgotten.

HONORING AND PRAISING THE
NAACP ON THE OCCASION OF ITS
98TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 12, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP, on its 98th anniversary.

On February 12, 1909, the NAACP was founded by W.E.B. DuBois, Ida Wells-Barnett, Henry Moscowitz, Mary White Ovington, Oswald Garrison Villard, and William English Walling to embark on fight for the civil rights of Native Americans, Asian Americans, African Americans, and Jewish people. These brave men and women had a vision of equality and a commitment to fight for the downtrodden, in an era when people of color, meaning anyone who was nonwhite, were denied rights and subject to harassment and intimidation. Their commitment to establishing an organization that would stand up to power was unparalleled. The words, from the original charter, prove the need and urgency to establish such an organization. It stated, "To promote equality of rights and to eradicate caste or race prejudice among the citizens of the United States; to advance the interest of colored citizens; to secure for them impartial suffrage; and to increase their opportunities for securing justice in the courts, education for the children, employment according to their ability and complete equality before law." With the spirit of fighting for equality as the motivation and the constitution as the tool, the battle for equality would be with the courts and thus, they marched on.

In the beginning, the NAACP's efforts focused on fighting the segregation laws under Jim Crow. I vividly remember living with separate but equal as the accepted doctrine. I also recall stories of people who gave their lives fighting that injustice. Despite the struggle, the NAACP did not waver in the face of adversity and took its fight with separate but equal education to the highest court in the land, the Supreme Court, with the landmark case *Brown vs. Board of Education* and was victorious.

Today, the NAACP continues to be a voice for minorities and does excellent work with the continued fight for civil rights and equality. On this day, the 98th anniversary, I pay homage to the NAACP for work done in the past, present, and it is to be expected in the future.

IN HONOR OF SGT. FIRST CLASS
FLOYD LAKE

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, Sgt. First Class Floyd Everett Lake was a coura-

geous, dedicated and committed soldier who died on January 20, 2007 when the Blackhawk helicopter in which he was riding with fellow Virgin Islands soldier, Lt. Col. David C. Canegata III and ten other brave Americans was shot down over Baghdad, Iraq. Soldiers Canegata and Lake served together in the Virgin Islands National Guard, and at the Pentagon at the National Guard Bureau.

He was an exemplary soldier who cared for his family and his community and he served his country with distinction. He was said to be quiet and plainspoken, honest and forthright, caring, gentle and generous. In a single moment he was taken from his family, from his wife, Linda, mother, Mrs. Buchanan, children Andre, Keeshawn, Floyd, Jr., J'Nell, Tamila, his mother-in-law Junie and sisters and brothers Patricia, Bernadette, Cheryl, Odette, Zelda, Earl, and Asbert, many friends and his National Guard family.

The Gospel of John, Chapter 15, Verse 13 states that "Greater love than this has no man, but that he lay down his life for his friends." SFC Lake and his comrades have done just that.

God lent us a wonderful gift in the life of SFC Lake. He now returns to his loving embrace.

We honor him and thank him for his sacrifice. May he rest in God's eternal peace.

CONGRATULATING LIBERTY HILL
HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the success and achievements of Liberty Hill High School in Liberty Hill, Texas. In particular, I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to the Liberty Hill High School Panthers football team, who were the Division II, Class AAA champions this year. Winning the championship was an appropriate end to a great year for the Panthers and was very much deserved. Liberty Hill has long been recognized as a school dedicated to academic success, and with this feat they have shown that their prowess extends to the athletic fields as well.

Liberty Hill High School is an example of what a school can achieve with hard work and dedication. I admire what they do to positively mold their student-athletes into model citizens. I am very proud and honored to represent the Panther football team and all of Liberty Hill High School. I wish them congratulations and continued success in their future endeavors.

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