

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
CLAUDE MOOSE

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 12, 2007

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory Claude Moose. Claude was a longtime resident of San Lorenzo, California and died on February 17, 2007, a day before his 93rd birthday.

He was committed to his family of five children and his wife Betty, a former member of the San Lorenzo School Board. His commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of others also extended to the community in which he lived.

Claude Moose was very active in his community as a Scout leader and was also appreciated for his corny sense of humor. He was an avid golfer into his late 80s and won a hole-in-one contest and many trophies. He taught his daughter, Claudia, to play when she was nine years old and they enjoyed courses from Alameda to Skywest.

Claudia describes her father's golf game—“He may not have hit long, but he hit straight. He was a dead eye on the game, no short games with him.”

Retired for many years, Claude was active in the Friends of the Library-San Lorenzo, serving as the hospitality chair and book sale volunteer. He was a volunteer and active member of the Gray Panthers of Alameda County, Hayward Demos Democratic Club, Fairmont Service League Senior Meals Program, and San Lorenzo Heritage Society and was chaplain of Disabled Veterans Chapter 51 of San Lorenzo.

Claude worked 37 years as a mail carrier and postal clerk at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital in Oakland, California. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II for five years in the South Pacific, with his last tour in New Guinea. He received many medals and was a staff sergeant in the 143rd Ordinance-Maintenance Company 77th Division.

The Moooses lived in the same San Lorenzo house for 56 years and have been members of Christ Lutheran Church since its inception 56 years ago. A memorial service will be held on March 1st at Christ Lutheran Church. A military service will be held on March 9th.

My family and staff join the community in paying tribute to Claude Moose and expressing sympathy to Betty and her family on the tremendous loss of this proud father, avid golfer and community activist. He is a model to follow.

WELCOMING KOREA INTERNATIONAL TRADE ASSOCIATION DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 12, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, a delegation headed by the Chairman of the Korea International Trade Association (KITA), The Honorable Hee-Beom Lee, will visit Washington during the week of March 12 for a series of meetings with business leaders, government officials,

members of this House, the Senate, journalists, and members of the Korean-American community in the metropolitan area. The purpose of the delegation's visit is to commemorate the U.S.-Korea business and trade relationship as well as support the progress of talks designed to lead to a Free Trade Agreement between the United States and the Republic of Korea.

Founded in 1946 with 105 members, KITA now represents more than 80,000 Korean businesses seeking to sell their products and services overseas, and in turn buying products and services from foreign countries. KITA, which owns office buildings in Washington and New York City, participates in the World Trade Centers Association, which has more than 300 members in 101 countries. It works closely with virtually all World Trade Centers to promote trade by providing facilities and services on a reciprocal basis.

In addition, to promote bilateral economic cooperation, KITA sponsors the Korea-U.S. Economic Council, the Korea-Japan Industry and Trade Committee, and the Korea-Hong Kong Business Roundtable.

In its efforts to promote freer trade, not only between the U.S. and Korea, but around the world, KITA organizes various functions and events to enhance mutual understanding on trade issues, seeking to resolve private-sector trade disputes through dialogue. It also works together with its overseas counterparts and international economic organizations to provide member firms with opportunities to interact fully with the international community.

Moreover, KITA places special emphasis on developing and maintaining cooperative relationships with overseas trade promotion organizations as well as major international organizations to facilitate trade and investment on a reciprocal basis. These cooperation activities include trade information exchange, organizing trade promotional events, joint research, and provision of facilities.

Barely half a century ago, the Republic of Korea was an impoverished casualty of imperialism and war; it has now grown to be the 12th-largest trading nation in the world. Korea is also the largest trading partner of the United States, with over \$70 billion in business between our countries each year. Credit for such remarkable development belongs in large part to the efforts of the Korea International Trade Association.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to extend their good wishes to Chairman Hee-Beom Lee, and welcome the delegation of the Korea International Trade Association as it visits Washington, D.C. I hope you join me in wishing them a pleasant and productive stay in our Nation's Capital.

SALUTING THE BLACK PRESS ON ITS 180TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 12, 2007

Ms. KILPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and salute the 80th anniversary of the Black Press, and issue the following statement in support of the National Newspaper Publishers Association:

Whereas, the Black Press has been a main recorder of the history of Black people in

America and has courageously told the violent and often painful history of Blacks in their struggles for freedom and equality in America;

Whereas, the first Black newspaper, Freedom's Journal, was published in 1827, in which this abolitionist paper served as a catalytic agent in support of the anti-slavery movement;

Whereas, one of the most famous and effective fighters against the inhumanity of American slavery, Frederick Douglass, published The North Star as a voice of American Blacks crying out in the wilderness of slavery for freedom and justice;

Whereas, Black newspapers led the fight against lynching and other cruel acts against Black people at the turn of the century;

Whereas, Black editors and publishers, as leaders in their communities, joined the NAACP, National Urban League, the Black church, and other organizations in pushing for the Federal Government and the U.S. Congress to take decisive steps to protect and expand the civil rights of African American citizens;

Whereas, reporters of Black newspapers risked their lives in covering the Civil Rights Movement, including the Emmett Till trial, the violent integration of Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, the Freedom Rides, and lunch counter sit-ins, in the South;

Whereas, the Black Press produced a long list of outstanding publishers such as John H. Murphy, Sr., Robert S. Abbott, Robert V. Vann, John H. Johnson, John S. Sengstacke, Claude A. Bennett, Louis Martin, and Dr. Carlton Goodlett;

Whereas, the Black Press continues to serve as a vital source of information about the lifestyle, culture, achievements, activities, and ongoing struggles of African American citizens for equal opportunities in education, employment, housing, and healthcare in order to live a quality life in America's democracy.

I know that my colleagues will join me in giving special recognition to what has become a great American institution, the Black Press, on its 180th anniversary in this year of 2007, especially during its annual celebration of Black Press Week March 14 through March 16. We commend the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), the trade group for more than 200 Black newspapers across the country, for organizing an annual observance of Black Press Week. We celebrate the thousands of publishers, editors, and staff of the Black Press who have documented the stories of Black Americans and continue to make sure the world is aware of the African American experience. Finally, we appreciate the struggle, the challenge and the success that is the unique contribution of the Black Press and the NNPA during this week.

HONORING WENDELL W. YOUNG III AND DR. REGINA M. BENJAMIN

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 12, 2007

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize the remarkable work of Dr. Regina M. Benjamin and Mr. Wendell W. Young III, recipients of the Saint Katharine

Drexel National Justice Award. These two outstanding individuals were recognized by The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for their dedication and commitment to the betterment of others.

Dr. Regina M. Benjamin, a graduate of Xavier University and Morehouse School of Medicine, has dedicated her life to caring for the health and social welfare needs of the people in Bayou La Batre, Alabama. She is committed to enhancing physician access and patient care through her work as a member of local, state and federal boards.

Mr. Wendell W. Young III, as President of the Retail Clerk International Association of Philadelphia Local Union, promoted and created equity and equality for workers. His life has been dedicated to Catholic social teachings.

Madam Speaker, on the occasion of the Feastday of Saint Katherine Drexel, March 3, 2007, we honor both recipients for their tireless efforts to bring peace and justice to their communities. The selfless work of both Mr. Young and Dr. Benjamin has been on the behalf of those in need, a calling that is truly noble. Madam Speaker, these two individuals have taken up the fight for equality, justice and the well-being of all Americans, and for that we are all grateful.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, March 13, 2007 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 14

9:30 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the threat of Islamic radicalism to the homeland. SD-342

10 a.m.

Finance

To hold hearings to examine charting a course for health care moving toward universal coverage. SD-215

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 624, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers, Keeping Seniors Safe From Act of 2007,

S. 657, to amend the Public Health Service Act to add requirements regarding trauma care, and any pending nominations. SD-430

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine reinvigorating the Freedom of Information Act relating to open government. SD-226

Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine S. 223, to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form. SR-301

10:15 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine enhancing patient access and drug safety relating to Prescription Drug User Fees. SD-430

10:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Army. SD-192

2 p.m.

Budget

Business meeting to consider the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for the fiscal year 2008. SD-608

2:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine strategies to end the violence relating to extrajudicial killings in the Philippines. SD-419

Appropriations

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine federal funding for the No Child Left Behind Act. SD-124

MARCH 15

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To receive testimony on the posture of the United States Army in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years Defense Program. SH-216

Budget

Business meeting to consider the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for the fiscal year 2008. SD-608

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Zalmay Khalilzad to be a Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be a Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative to the United Nations. SD-419

Appropriations

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine solvency and reform proposals for the Federal Housing Administration. SD-138

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine international food assistance. SD-124

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Gregory B. Cade, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the United States Fire Administration, Department of Homeland Security. SD-342

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 236, to require reports to Congress on Federal agency use of data mining, S. 261, to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, S. 376, to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, S. 231, to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012, S. 368, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, S. 627, to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to improve the health and well-being of maltreated infants and toddlers through the creation of a National Court Teams Resource Center, to assist local Court Teams, and S. Con. Res. 14, commemorating the 85th anniversary of the founding of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, a leading association for the 1,300,000 United States citizens of Greek ancestry and Philhellenes in the United States and possibility of certain subpoenas in connection with investigation into replacement of United States Attorneys. SD-226

Commerce, Science, and Transportation Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the U.S. Coast Guard. SR-253

Environment and Public Works

Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine water resources needs and the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the Army Corps of Engineers. SD-406

2 p.m.

Appropriations

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. SD-138

2:30 p.m.

Appropriations

Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of the Army, Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation and the Department of the Interior. SD-192