

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DAVID COX

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 16, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of David Cox, who died March 5th, 2007.

A lifetime resident of Nevada, David Cox made a huge impact on the lives of his community. David was in the first wave of men at Omaha Beach during World War II. Due to his service, he earned the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. David also made an impact by serving in the Clark County Planning Commission for 4 years. Then in 1951, he started his career by teaching 5th graders. He served as an assistant principal on two separate occasions until becoming the principal for Jim Bridger, Von Tobel, and Fremont Junior High Schools which position he held until he retired. His greatest accomplishment came when they dedicated an elementary school in his honor in 1990. David served as a teacher, principal, and an educator for Clark County School District for 29 years. He was always eager to get involved in his community.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life and legacy of David Cox for his work on behalf of the community and enriched countless lives in southern Nevada. He was dedicated to teaching and enriching the lives of his students. David will be profoundly missed.

CONGRATULATING THE TEXAS CLASS 5A BOYS BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONS AT DUNCANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 16, 2007

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer a word of congratulations to the boys basketball team of Duncanville High School who captured the Class 5A Division I State Championship. Their 60–46 win over Humble Kingwood took place on March 10, 2007, at Frank Erwin Center in Austin, TX.

The boys made a promise from the start of the season to go undefeated and they kept it with an unblemished record of 39–0. The Duncanville Panthers are one of only 11 other Texas high school teams to have gone undefeated and win the UIL state title since 1970. HoopsUSA.com poll ranks Duncanville as No. 1 in the Nation.

The Panthers consist of 11 tremendous young men, including Seniors D'Walyn Roberts, Corey Johnson, and Brent Staton; Juniors Brian Talley, Victor Adewunmi, Marcus Gilmore, Jamal Lenzy, Josh Etheridge, and Kevin Butler; and Sophomores Shawn Williams, and Roger Franklin.

In Coach Phil McNeely's 23 year tenure at Duncanville, this is his third State champion-

ship. Coach McNeely said this team was his best defensively allowing an average of only 40.8 points in the final four playoff games.

Again, I offer my congratulations to the Duncanville High School boys basketball team for an outstanding and historic season.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JEFF FONTAINE

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

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Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jeff Fontaine, who was recently appointed as Executive Director of the Nevada Association of Counties, NACO.

Jeff joins NACO after years of distinguished public service. Prior to being named as Executive Director of NACO, Jeff served as Director of the Nevada Department of Transportation, NDOT, where he also held the position of Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer. In this capacity, Jeff, oversaw a \$600 million budget and 1,600 employees while engaging in road and bridge planning, designing, construction, and maintenance.

In the years before his work with NDOT, Jeff worked as a Public Health Engineering Supervisor with the Nevada State Health Division where he was the State Drinking Water Administrator who regulated the quality of water in the state's public water systems. Jeff also served as an environmental engineer for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX in San Francisco. In this capacity, Mr. Fontaine regulated the federal drinking programs on Indian Lands in three western states and in the island nations of Micronesia.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Jeff Fontaine. His dedication to the community is commendable and I wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR. LEVI C. CHAVOUS

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 16, 2007

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Reverend Dr. Levi C. Chavous on the occasion of his retirement as Pastor of Ridgewood Baptist Church in Columbia, SC.

Reverend Chavous began his tenure at Ridgewood in 1967, becoming the church's third pastor. Throughout his 40 years of continuous service, Reverend Chavous has demonstrated extraordinary faith and leadership to the church, the Ridgewood community, and the religious life of the entire state.

A native of Aiken, Reverend Chavous entered the ministry 57 years ago. In preparation for the ministry, he received degrees from

Florida Normal College and Union Seminary. Early in his career in the ministry, Reverend Chavous pastored several churches across South Carolina.

Under Reverend Chavous' leadership, Ridgewood Baptist experienced tremendous growth in membership and established important new ministries and programs. Among the highlights are: the 7:45 a.m. Worship Service, the weekly Bible Study Class, the L.C. Chavous Ushers, the Tape and Sound Ministry, the Cherubs Choir, the Pulpit Aid Club, and the Christian Education Board. Reverend Chavous also commissioned the first recorded history of the church and established the Ridgewood Foundation.

In addition to new programs and organizations, Reverend Chavous oversaw the expansion of the church campus by acquiring the Mack's Nursery, the historic Holloway House, and additional parking. The crowning achievement of his administration was the construction of the Ridgewood Family Life Center, which was recently named in his honor.

Reverend Chavous has also served the greater community through his membership on the boards of Morris College in Sumter, South Carolina and his alma mater, Florida Normal College. Furthermore, he previously served as Moderator of the Gethsemane Association and President of the Fellowship Union; and has been active in the Baptist Education and Missionary Convention of South Carolina.

Madam Speaker, Reverend Levi C. Chavous has touched the lives of numerous individuals, and made an indelible impact on the members of his church and the entire community. Along with his lovely wife, Mrs. Lucille S. Chavous, he has won the admiration and respect of the members of the Ridgewood Baptist Church for his 40 years of dedicated service. On Sunday, March 25, 2007, Reverend Chavous will preach his final sermon as Pastor of Ridgewood Baptist Church and I wish him well and godspeed.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JERALD "JERRY" LUDWIG

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 16, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of my good friend Jerald "Jerry" Ludwig, who passed away on Monday March 5, 2007.

Jerry, born in Algona, Iowa in 1930, was a resident of Henderson, Nevada for more than 60 years. He graduated from Basic High School in 1950. Following his graduation from Basic High School, Jerry volunteered in service to his country and served as a photographer for the United States Navy during the

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Korean War, thereby kindling his passion for photography. After completing his military service, Jerry earned a degree in Political Science from Southern Nevada University in 1967. During his tenure at Southern Nevada University, Jerry also worked as the audio-visual coordinator for the Clark County School District.

Jerry was also very involved in the community, and was well known for his public service and mentoring abilities. Jerry was very active in the Boy Scouts and was instrumental in the development of the Boulder Dam Area Boy Scout Council in the late 1940's. He was also very impassioned about his involvement with the Henderson Rotary Club and boasted nearly 50 years of perfect attendance; Jerry also served as the President of the organization from 1995–1996 and held many other offices.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life and memory of my good friend Jerald "Jerry" Ludwig. His dedication to the community and service to his country are commendable. He will be deeply missed by all those whose lives he touched.

IN HONOR OF THE HALL OF FAME
OF DELAWARE WOMEN 2007 HONOREES

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 16, 2007

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to five exemplary women as they are inducted into the Hall of Fame of Delaware Women. Sujata Kumari Bhatia, Carolyn S. Burger, Liane M. Sorenson, Shirley M. Tarrant, and Val Whiting all possess extraordinary abilities which they have used to achieve great things and better their communities. Each inductee is truly deserving of this high distinction for the profound impact they have made not only upon Delaware, but the entire country.

SUJATA KUMARI BHATIA

To achieve her goals, Dr. Bhatia pursued a rigorous academic career. In only four years at the University of Delaware, she obtained three bachelors degrees in the fields of biology, biochemistry and chemical engineering in addition to a master's degree in chemical engineering. She then went on to earn both her MD and PhD at the University of Pennsylvania. Since her graduation, the University of Delaware has presented her with the 1999 Woman of Promise award as well as the 2006 Presidential Citation for Outstanding Achievement. She has also been invited to attend several symposiums for the Nation's top engineers.

With advanced training in both the fields of engineering and medicine, Dr. Bhatia has positioned herself to bring a great deal of innovation to the world of biomedical materials. She currently works for DuPont Central Research and Development as the only physician-scientist. She is actively putting her unique expertise to work by spearheading a project to develop a surgical sealant which will greatly advance the way doctors care for wounds.

Beyond her worthwhile professional endeavors, Dr. Bhatia has also dedicated herself to helping the community. By mentoring young women at the University of Delaware's Engi-

neering Department and also the Charter School of Wilmington, she positively impacts the engineering field as a whole, as well as individual lives. She further demonstrates her charitable spirit and leadership skills by serving on the Board of Directors of the University of Delaware Engineering Alumni Association, the Delaware Governor's Council on Lifestyle and Fitness, and the Delaware section of the American Chemical Society. On top of all this she is still able to find time and energy to donate to other causes such as the Ronald McDonald House, the Salvation Army, American Heart Association and the Special Olympics to name only a few.

CAROLYN S. BURGER

Carolyn S. Burger is a pioneer in the telecommunications industry. Her outstanding work ethic, effective managerial and interpersonal skills, intelligence, and perseverance have enabled her to break through the many barriers that stood in her way.

After graduating from Wilson College, Ms. Burger quickly ascended the ranks at the former Bell-Atlantic Company. She was the first woman in every management position she held at the company. She attained her goals by delivering quality, bottom-line results while still treating her employees and co-workers with the utmost respect. Ms. Burger became the first woman in the United States to lead a telecommunications company when she was promoted to President and CEO of Bell Atlantic Delaware. In this position she achieved a great deal. She is well known for bringing about legislative reform in the Delaware General Assembly which provided customers with more competitive rates. She retired from the company in 1996, leaving behind an unparalleled legacy.

Ms. Burger utilizes her strong leadership skills to effect change in the community. She champions many important issues as well as other charitable causes. She is the cofounder of "Swinging with a Star" golf tournament, which facilitates networking among women in business and raises money for girls programs throughout the state of Delaware. Her philanthropic spirit and business prowess has secured a healthy financial future for the Delaware Art Museum and helped fund programs which are invaluable to the state of Delaware.

LIANE MC DOWELL SORENSON

Throughout her prolific career, Liane Sorenson has actively demonstrated her deep commitment to women, children and families. As the Director of Women's Affairs at the University of Delaware, she championed issues relating to date rape and gender-based harassment. In addition to establishing Sexual Assault Awareness Week at the University, she lobbied to improve procedures for handling reports of rape and harassment.

A passion for public service brought her to the State Senate, where she is now a Senator and the Minority Whip. She has proven herself to be a true leader by advancing important legislative issues concerning cancer, women's health, historical preservation, and child advocacy. In recognition of her hard work she was awarded the Legislative Award from the Delaware Recreation and Parks Society in 2001.

While maintaining a busy work schedule, Senator Sorenson still finds time to give back to the community. She is Chair of the Advisory Board of the Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition, a founding member and past President of the Hockessin Historical Society, and a mem-

ber of the Newark Symphony Orchestra, to name only some of the ways she gets involved. She has received many awards for her efforts including ones from the Delaware Humanities Forum and the Newark Branch of the NAACP.

SHIRLEY M. TARRANT

Shirley M. Tarrant was the founder and president of the Suburban County Hospital Task Force. In this role she tirelessly fought to bring a much needed hospital to the Newark Delaware area. After seven years of overcoming obstacles, Shirley's dream was realized when Christiana Hospital finally came to be.

Ms. Tarrant is passionate in whatever she does. On top of her devotion to bringing quality healthcare facilities to Delawareans, Ms. Tarrant is active within the community. When the University of Delaware's medical technology program was almost terminated, Ms. Tarrant played a pivotal role in saving it. She was the Founder and First President of the Newark Girls Club, the Chairperson and member of the Delaware Health Facilities Authority, and the Secretary of the University of Delaware Alumni Association among a long list of other activities.

On many occasions Ms. Tarrant has been recognized for her achievements. Delaware Today Magazine named her one of the 30 people who "changed Delaware". She was also named the University of Delaware's Most Outstanding Alumnus in 1985. She has received the Dr. Wallace M. Johnson Community Service Award in addition to many other awards commending her outstanding accomplishments.

VAL WHITING

Val Whiting is an accomplished athlete, scholar, and leader in the Delaware community. Her basketball career took off when she was in high school and played in many state championships. At Stanford University, she led her team to two NCAA Championships and was named Pac-10 Conference Player of the Year. Ms. Whiting was an alternate to the 1995 National Team, which took the gold medal at the 1996 Summer Olympics. Recently both ESPN and the NCAA recognized Ms. Whiting as one of the "Top 25 NCAA Players of the Past 25 Years."

Although she was accepted to medical school, Ms. Whiting pursued her athletic dreams of playing professional basketball. After playing abroad in Italy, Brazil and elsewhere, she returned to the United States to play in the WNBA for the Detroit Shock and then the Minnesota Lynx. She is now one of a few African-American women trainers in the state of Delaware.

Ms. Whiting is an active leader in the Delaware community. She works to motivate young people to make good decisions and lead successful lives. She is a spokesperson for AIDS Delaware in addition to volunteering for the Police Athletic League and serving on the Board of Directors of Girls Inc. She founded GAMESHAPE, a life skills program for young girls, as well as the Ms. Whiting Economic Literacy League for girls. For her efforts she has received awards from the WNBA, Wilmington Mayor James Baker, the Police Athletic League and many others.

I cannot applaud the accomplishments of these five women enough. Their ceaseless commitment to their personal goals as well as those of the broader community is testament