

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF THE ARMY
RESERVE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I want to acknowledge the beginning of a year-long centennial celebration for the United States Army Reserve and to pay homage to all Army Reserve soldiers who, in the past 100 years, have answered the call to defend our Nation and to protect the freedoms and liberties we cherish.

The legacy of volunteer "Warrior Citizens" is rooted in colonial America with the soldiers of the revolutionary militia who fought for our freedom. At the birth of our Nation, President George Washington relied on the militia to build up his Continental forces for major campaigns. Later, Washington and Alexander Hamilton proposed a contingency force to support the Army that would be centrally controlled by the Federal Government.

On April 23, 1908, Congress established the Medical Reserve Corps to provide a reservoir of trained officers in time of war. The Secretary of War could order these officers to active duty during time of emergency. Four years later, a provision of the Army Appropriations Act of 1912 created the regular Army Reserve, a Federal Reserve force outside the Medical Reserve Corps. This new component of the United States Army, the first Federal Reserve force was expanded into a Federal operational force in 1916 and again in 1920.

Army Reserve soldiers have trained and served with excellence—through World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the cold war, Panama, the Persian Gulf, Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo, and in support of the global war on terror during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Today, this reserve force has grown from its beginning strength of approximately 360 medical professionals in 1908—to a community based, Federal operational force with an end-strength of 205,000 Warrior Citizens providing complementary capabilities for joint expeditionary and domestic operations in support of the United States Army.

As we begin this year-long celebration of the Army Reserve's 100th anniversary, the men and women who serve with the Army Reserve continue to play a vital role in our country's homeland security and our national security affairs abroad.

Since 1990, Army Reserve soldiers have been deployed to support every American military operation, as well as peacekeeping and humanitarian missions. In 1997, when the Red River crested 26 feet above flood stage, and more than 60,000 residents of Grand Forks, North Dakota, and East Grand Forks, Minnesota, had to be evacuated, Army Reserve water purification units responded with purified water for flood victims. Army Reserve soldiers answered the call for recovery efforts after

Hurricane Katrina slammed into Louisiana and other gulf coast States in 2005, by providing vehicles to supply fuel, Chinook helicopters for lift operations and cargo trailers for hauling debris.

Army Reserve units and individual soldiers immediately responded to the attacks of September 11 and carried out a host of missions to support rescue and recovery operations and to secure Federal facilities nationwide.

The Army Reserve has mobilized more than 166,000 troops in support of the global war on terror. These brave men and women are providing key support for combat operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and 18 other nations.

The centennial observance began on April 23, and it began appropriately with a reenlistment ceremony on the west front steps of the United States Capitol for 38 Army Reserve Soldiers from across the country.

Beginning with this inspiring ceremony, Army Reservists in thousands of communities throughout our Nation will join their neighbors in celebrating the contributions of this exceptional Federal force, an American institution.

Let us express our appreciation to the United States Army Reserve and the Warrior Citizens who serve with dedication and distinction as they begin their year-long centennial celebration.

COMMENDING SARAH H. DREW

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Sarah H. Drew for being selected as a 2007 National Merit Scholarship Awards winner. Sarah is a student at Flower Mound High School in Flower Mound, Texas.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition held annually. Students are initially evaluated by their performance on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Of the approximately 1.4 million entrants, only about 8,200 students are selected as finalists.

In this first announcement of 2007 winners, about 1,000 high school seniors are awarded scholarships from various companies, foundations, and businesses. These organizations fund the scholarships to help some of our Nation's most capable students reach their potential.

I wish to offer my congratulations to Sarah. I would also like to recognize her parents and the faculty of Flower Mound High School for their outstanding commitment to Sarah's education. I wish her even greater success as she continues her education, and I am proud to represent her in the 26th District of Texas.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1905, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOUSE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 2007 AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1906, ESTIMATED TAX PAYMENT SAFE HARBOR ADJUSTMENT

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2007

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the District of Columbia Voting Rights Bill, and commend Delegate ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON and Oversight and Government Reform Committee Ranking Member TOM DAVIS for their hard work and commitment to ensuring that District of Columbia residents have full representation in Congress.

Eighty-two percent of Americans believe that the District should have voting rights in the House. It is time to end the 206 years of "taxation without representation" for District of Columbia residents.

H.R. 1905 will provide District of Columbia residents a vote in the U.S. House of Representatives. It will also grant a vote to the next State in line to get a congressional seat, which, according to the 2000 Census, is Utah. As a result, this bill will permanently expand the size of the House of Representatives from 435 to 437. This bipartisan legislation also includes a "non-severability clause" providing that if a court determines that one section of this bill is invalid, then all other sections will be unenforceable.

Ensuring that all citizens, including District of Columbia residents, have representation in the House is not only fair and just, but also critical to maintaining a strong democracy, in which all citizens' voices are heard. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation.

A TRIBUTE TO MS. MINNIE
MOORE-JOHNSON

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the actions of Minnie Moore-Johnson. Minnie has spent her life in the service of others and has dedicated herself to those who are in need of her help as the Founder and CEO of Concerned Parents, Inc. Over the course of her distinguished career of over 40 years, Minnie Moore-Johnson has received hundreds of awards recognizing her life achievements and therefore, I ask the United States Congress to do the same for this great woman.

Ms. Minnie Moore-Johnson has truly been a guardian over those in need within the city

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and surrounding areas. No matter what the need or want, it seems that Ms. Moore-Johnson is willing to do whatever necessary to help those around her. Her Thanksgiving Dinners for seniors became legendary in 1968 and in 1988 was recognized by the Smithsonian Institute for serving over 25,000 seniors. She has welcomed her home to anyone looking to benefit from her wisdom and generosity which she gladly gives to all.

For 10 years, the Pennsylvania Prison Society used the services of her organization, Concerned Parents, Inc., to provide community service opportunities to the Prison Society's clients. This prompted Minnie to return to school to better understand the criminal justice system and the struggles of the people she was helping. Once at Temple, she became a Life Skills Educator and eventually a Job Developer at the Pennsylvania Prison Society to help find employment and other benefits for ex-offenders. Her knowledge and ingenuity has truly benefited all in the Philadelphia community. Her work on the Pennsylvania Prison Society's Re-Entry Service Project created the only certified Job Development course at Temple University offering training in a variety of ex-offender programs. In addition to this program, Minnie provides services to troubled youth ages 15–24 through the Philadelphia Safe and Sound Youth Violence Reduction. All of this accomplishment has amounted to a life well spent in the service of others and gives people a true role model to look up to.

Minnie believes her journey has come full circle, in that it has afforded her the experience of expanding her knowledge to better understand the criminal justice system and those re-entering the work force and has given her the skills she needs to return to her first love, that of servicing the people of the SouthWest Philadelphia community—as Executive Director/CEO of Concerned Parents, Inc. I ask you, Madam Speaker, and my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Minnie Moore-Johnson in her lifetime of achievement in the service of others.

COMMENDING PATRICIA M.
ANDERSON

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Patricia M. Anderson for being selected as a 2007 National Merit Scholarship Awards winner. Patricia is a student at Liberty Christian School in Argyle, Texas.

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I wish to offer my congratulations to Patricia. I would also like to recognize her parents and

the faculty of Liberty Christian for their outstanding commitment to Patricia's education. I wish her even greater success as she continues her education, and I am proud to represent her in the 26th District of Texas.

CONGRATULATING BIRMINGHAM
NEWS REPORTER BRETT
BLACKLEDGE FOR WINNING THE
PULITZER PRIZE

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with both pride and pleasure that I rise this week to honor Brett Blackledge, a Birmingham News reporter, for receiving the Pulitzer Prize, the highest honor in American journalism.

A native of Baton Rouge, Brett earned a journalism degree from Louisiana State University in 1986. Brett's prestigious career began in New Orleans with the Associated Press. From there, he went to work for the AP bureaus in Jackson, MS, and Tulsa, OK. He also wrote for the The Journal Newspapers and Education Daily.

In 1993, Brett moved to Mobile, AL, and for the next 5 years, he was a reporter at the Press-Register, where he covered local schools, government, and politics. Since 1998, he has been a general assignment and special projects reporter with the Birmingham News. Brett's 14-month series into Alabama's 2-year college system won him the 2007 Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting.

Madam Speaker, Brett Blackledge's career has already been filled with much achievement, and I rise today to honor yet another of these achievements—the 2007 Pulitzer Prize. May he continue to inform and inspire the people of Alabama. I know his colleagues, his family, and his many friends join with me in praising his significant accomplishments and a job well done.

TRIBUTE TO TRIAD MIDDLE
SCHOOL

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Triad Middle School in St. Jacob, Illinois, upon being selected as one of the Illinois Horizon Schools: Schools to Watch by the Association of Middle-Level School.

For recognition in the Horizon Schools program, schools must meet or exceed 37 different criteria developed by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform. Triad Middle School had to complete both an application process and host on-site visits.

This award speaks to the dedication of the students and teachers at Triad Middle School. As a former teacher, I know how hard each educator works to help the students in their classroom succeed. This is a testament to not only the teachers' work, but also the students desire to learn and succeed.

I am pleased to congratulate Triad Middle School on this outstanding accomplishment. I

extend my best wishes for continued success to the students and faculty at Triad Middle School.

COMMENDING NATHAN S. ABELL

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Nathan S. Abell for being selected as a 2007 National Merit Scholarship Awards winner. Nathan is a student at Marcus High School in Flower Mound, TX.

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I wish to offer my congratulations to Nathan. I would also like to recognize his parents and the faculty of Marcus High School for their outstanding commitment to Nathan's education. I wish him even greater success as he continues his education, and I am proud to represent him in the 26th District of Texas.

SHAREHOLDER VOTE ON
EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 20, 2007

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of the Shareholder Vote on Executive Compensation Act, and I commend Chairman FRANK for his work on this critical issue.

While American families struggle to meet their basic needs, such as access to affordable housing, health care, and education, the CEOs of top companies earn more than 430 times the pay of an average worker. The disparity between CEO compensation and minimum wage earnings is even more severe. The average CEO earns more before lunch than a minimum wage worker earns in a year. This inequality needs to be addressed. The Shareholder Vote on Executive Compensation Act is an important step toward fairness because it empowers shareholders and holds public corporations accountable for their compensation practices.

H.R. 1257 requires that public companies give shareholders the opportunity to have a nonbinding advisory vote on the company's executive compensation. It also gives shareholders an additional nonbinding vote if the company awards the CEO a new, undisclosed personal exit package, also known as a "golden parachute" package, during negotiations to buy or sell a company. This bill does not in