EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF MAJOR GENERAL MARK A. GRAHAM

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 29, 2007

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Major General Mark A. Graham who became Commanding General of First Army Division West and Fort Carson on September 14, 2007.

Major General Graham, who entered the Army in 1977 upon his graduation from Murray State University as a graduate of the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps, holds a bachelors degree from Murray State University, a Masters in Business Administration from Oklahoma City University, and a Masters of Science from National Defense University. Major General Graham is also a graduate of Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, United States Army Command and General Staff College, and National War College.

After attending United States Army Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in 1990, Major General Graham served in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. In 2000, Major General Graham was appointed Commander, 3rd Battlefield Coordination Detachment in Korea and went on to serve as Executive Officer to the Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/United States Forces Korea until July of 2003. Following this position, Major General Graham served as Chief of Staff for the United States Army Field Artillery Center and Fort Sill at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and later as Deputy Commander and Assistant Commandant of the United States Army Field Artillery Center and School at Fort Sill. Most recently, Major General Graham was the Deputy Commanding General, Fifth United States Army at Fort Sam Houston in Texas.

During his distinguished career, Major General Graham has received numerous decorations including the Defense Superior Service Medal, a Bronze Star, a Meritorious Service Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters, a Joint Service Commendation, and an Army Commendation Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters. It is an honor to welcome him to Fort Carson and the Fifth Congressional District of Colorado.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL CHEMISTRY WEEK

SPEECH OF

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 22, 2007

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, National Chemistry Week recognizes the importance of chemistry to our modem society. Chemistry is vital to the economy and the success of the Third District of Nebraska. Nebraska is known for its food, fiber, and fuel industries—all of which rely on chemistry. Production of ethanol from corn and biomass, manufacture of biodiesel, and creation of safe and effective agricultural chemicals are all possible because of chemistry and chemists.

More chemists are needed to continue these innovations that are so important to our rural economy. We have bright, young people in the Third District known for their great work ethic and Nebraska values, and who are sought after for jobs all over the world. We need to encourage our young people to succeed in careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, also known as STEM careers. They are needed in Nebraska and all over the United States. More outreach is needed to encourage the next generation to consider chemistry and other STEM careers.

Students in chemistry clubs in Nebraska's Third District will perform outreach activities during National Chemistry Week. Students at Hastings College in Hastings, Nebraska, will give away ice cream and information on chemistry at the Student Union this week. The Chemistry Club at the University of Nebraska-Kearney will have a ''Chemistry in Action'' demonstration table in the Student Union and will visit area middle and elementary schools where they will perform experiments for students, including ''pink slime'' and liquid nitrogen demonstrations. I want to commend these budding chemists for reaching out to their fellow students and for introducing children to the joys of chemistry. That is what National Chemistry Week is all about.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 29, 2007

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I was on a leave of absence on October 25, 2007 due to the San Diego wildfires. The following list describes how I would have voted had I been in attendance.

Rollcall No. 1001: Motion to Adjourn—''nay''; rollcall No. 1002: Motion to Adjourn—''nay''; rollcall No. 1003: On the House Now Considering H. Res. 774—''yea''; rollcall No. 1004: Tabling motion to reconsider—''yea''; rollcall No. 1005: Motion to Adjourn—''nay''; rollcall No. 1006: Ordering the Previous Question—''yea''; rollcall No. 1007: Agreeing to the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3963—''yea''; rollcall No. 1008: Motion to Recommit with Instructions—''nay''; rollcall No. 1009: Passage of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act, H.R. 3963—''yea.''

HONORING THE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER OF GENESEE COUNTY

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 29, 2007

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the wonderful work achieved by the Child Advocacy Center of Genesee County. The Child Advocacy Center will honor its volunteers and supporters at a dinner on November 2nd in Grand Blanc Michigan.

During the 1980s the Child Advocacy Center idea was developed to provide a safe haven for the victims of child sexual abuse. After the State of Michigan published a ''Model Child Abuse Protocol-Coordinated Investigative Team Approach'' in the 1990s as a guide to local communities, the idea of the Genesee County Child Advocacy Center was born. A concept paper was submitted to the Ruth Mott Foundation in 2001. The concept became a proposal and in 2005 the Center was fully functional. Using forensic interviewing techniques specifically designed for children, the Center coordinates representatives from child protection, law enforcement, prosecution, mental health and family court. The coordination puts the needs of the victim first and endeavors to enhance the safety and well-being of the children.

On Friday, November 2nd the Genesee County Child Advocacy Center will honor the persons in our community that have gone the extra mile to help the victims of child sexual and physical abuse. These individuals will come from the segments of the law enforcement and social services agencies that are the front lines in the fight against abuse. The winners of the ''Our Stars'' awards will be announced that evening.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and applaud the work of the Child Advocacy Center and their partners. I am grateful for their service to our community. In a perfect world we would not need their services, but we do not live in a perfect world and we are fortunate to have these individuals step forward and strive to help and heal our most precious resource, our children.

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