

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING DALE FISSELER, THE NEW CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dale Fisseler on obtaining the position of City Manager for the City of Fort Worth. Mr. Fisseler was recently promoted from his previous position with the City of Fort Worth as Assistant City Manager and will now be taking over the reins as City Manager of the fifth largest city in Texas.

Mr. Fisseler has been working for the City of Fort Worth since 1990, where he started as a Water Superintendent. In 1999, he was named Director of the City of Fort Worth's Water Department, which provides water to almost 1 million people throughout Fort Worth and Tarrant County.

Many local officials agree that Mr. Fisseler is most deserving of this position. Fort Worth Mayor Mike Moncrief supported this notion by stating that "obviously Mr. Fisseler is familiar with our city's history, challenges and opportunities. We are very pleased that the best person for the job was already a member of our Fort Worth family."

It with great honor that I congratulate Dale Fisseler on this deserving opportunity and wish him the best in his future endeavors. The North Texas region is truly fortunate to have the type of dedicated public servant that Dale Fisseler personifies, and I wish him every success during his tenure as the City Manager of Fort Worth.

HONORING MARSHALL HENTHORNE, NICK NULL, JEFFERY SHOWALTER, AND MARK STRICKLAND FOR THEIR HEROIC EFFORTS

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2008

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Marshall Henthorne, Nick Null, Jeffery Showalter, and Mark Strickland for their heroic efforts in responding to a tractor-trailer accident.

On December 10, 2007 a tractor trailer flipped over the side of the Interstate 64 Bridge in Charleston, West Virginia and fell 80 feet into the Kanawha River. The two men in the tractor trailer were submerged in the cold waters of the Kanawha River and trapped in the cab for nearly 20 minutes.

Corporal Nick Null of the Charleston Police Department was the first on the scene to aid the rescue efforts. Lieutenant Mark Strickland of the Charleston Police Department and fire-

fighters Jeffery Showalter and Marshall Henthorne of the Charleston Fire Department all worked to cut the top of the cab to get the two men, Huseen Awad, and Phillip Chaizoi, 57 of Columbus, Ohio to safety.

These four men demonstrated courage and selflessness and in diving into the cold, swift, current of the Kanawha River to save the lives of these two men. Both men were rushed to Charleston Area Medical Center and sent to the intensive care unit where Chaizoi was listed under evaluation and Awad later perished.

I am proud to honor Marshall Henthorne, Nick Null, Jeffery Showalter, and Mark Strickland as hometown heroes and I'm proud to call them fellow, West Virginians.

IN HONOR OF PEARL CAREY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2008

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American and community servant, Pearl Carey, for her lifetime of achievements and service above self. Pearl is a long time resident of the Monterey Peninsula. All of us who have had the good fortune over the years to befriend her, know that Pearl has been one of the busiest people on the Monterey Peninsula—a true divine spark who has helped to light the way for all.

Pearl grew up in Oklahoma, her girlhood ambition was to become a Christian missionary in Africa. She never realized that dream, but instead devoted much of her adult life to helping improve the lives of those around her, particularly children. She worked with the local YMCA, Salvation Army, Community Theater of Carmel, the National Council of Negro Women and the United Fund. Working with children has been one of her primary passions. "I just love kids," is her simple explanation. She was the employment interviewer in the Neighborhood Youth Corps and Job Corps, worked with Head Start, owned and operated a child care center, was the CETA coordinator in the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, and is a life member of the PTA.

The list of Pearl's general community activities is also long. She was a member of the National Council of Negro Women, an advisory member of the Welfare Rights Organization, volunteered at Eskaton Hospital, a board member of Turning Point Prison Mother Program, and chaired the Seaside Community Heart Fund. Her political involvement included stints as the minority coordinator for California Governor Jerry Brown's 1968 campaign, screening co-chairperson for George McGovern's California primary campaign, co-chair of the Northern California Black Caucus and the State Affirmative Action Committee, and delegate to the 1972 Democratic convention.

On top of all of her public service activities, Pearl has also been a local, regional, and

even national leader in the golf community. Golf has always held an attraction for Pearl, but as a youth, few if any opportunities to play were available for an African American woman. When her military husband was stationed on the Monterey Peninsula, Pearl decided to take lessons and realize her ambition. She quickly expanded her golf game beyond the occasional game. Over the years, she has served as president of the Pacific Women's Golf Association, president and treasurer of the Western States Golf Association, president of the Seaside Women's Golf Club, and founder and director of the Seaside Junior Golf Program. She received the Joe Dey Award from the USGA, California Golf Writers Award, and Northern California Golf Association Golden State Award, honoring her for her activities. Today, Carey is involved with the First Tee of Monterey County, along with her duties at the Seaside Junior Golf Program, board of directors for the AT&T Junior Golf Association, and as the treasurer of the Western States Golf Association.

Madam Speaker, the list goes on and on, and we cannot hope to list all of her many activities throughout her life. Most people would be happy with a fraction of her accomplishments. On February 9, 2008, Pearl will receive another honor in Monterey, the NAACP President's Award. No better choice could have been made than Pearl Morris Carey. I know my fellow members join me in congratulating her upon this well-deserved tribute.

CALLING FOR A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO THE CURRENT ELECTORAL CRISIS IN KENYA

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 6, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my full support for H. Con. Res. 283, the calling for a peaceful resolution to the current electoral crisis in Kenya.

I applaud the people of Kenya for pursuing their right to democracy. Democracy is a fundamental right to be shared by all. Voting is at the core of a democratic society and conveys the will of the people. I encourage the Kenyan government to work diligently and quickly to restore order to their nation. Violence should not be used as a means by which to achieve political objectives.

After the devastating bombing of the U.S. embassies in 1998, Kenya became a crucial ally in the global war against terrorism. Thus, the welfare and stability of the Kenyan people is of concern to the United States. I am hopeful the leadership and strength that prevailed during that crisis will rise and put an end to the current devastating violence.

I encourage the Kenyan leaders on all sides to welcome the U.N. human rights teams to investigate the violent acts that have destroyed

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the confidence of the citizens of Kenya. In doing so, the government can slowly start to rebuild the trust of its citizens.

Therefore, I urge Kenyan officials to do everything humanly possible to end the unprecedented bloodshed and violence. It is unsettling to hear that over 1,000 people have lost their lives and more than 300,000 have been displaced.

Kenya was hailed as a great example of democracy for other African nations to emulate. I look forward to the day when Kenya returns to its pursuit of democracy.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill. I applaud the Kenyan people for standing up for democracy and their right to a democratic government.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2008

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 29 H. Res. 867—Commending the Houston Dynamo soccer team for winning the 2007 Major League Soccer Cup, I was attending a funeral for a soldier killed in Iraq.

Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

CALLING FOR A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO THE CURRENT ELECTORAL CRISIS IN KENYA

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 6, 2008

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize House Concurrent Resolution 283, calling for a peaceful resolution to the current electoral crisis in Kenya.

As a result of the elections held on December 27, 2007 chaos has erupted in Kenya. It was suspected that the administration police were used to rig elections in favor of Part of National Unity aligned to President Kibaki. During the announcement of the results from different polling stations, it was discovered that there were serious inconsistencies between results released at the polling stations and those that were announced by Electoral Commission of Kenya.

Since then, Kenya has been experiencing civil war and people are suffering. As the people of Kenya face ongoing violence, they stay strong in proclaiming, through electoral process, their country deserves a fair democracy. I praise the courage and commitment of the Kenyan citizens towards democracy. We must support their efforts towards liberty and justice by persuading the international community.

With passage of this legislation, the international community, United Nations aid organizations, and all neighboring countries are called upon to assist those affected by violence and asked to use diplomatic means to persuade relevant political actors to commit to a peaceful resolution to the crisis.

On behalf of the 30th Congressional District of Texas, I am honored to support passage of House Concurrent Resolution 283.

TORNADOS THAT AFFECTED ARKANSAS

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2008

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to offer our thoughts and prayers to the victims of the recent tornados that have devastated many parts of Arkansas and the surrounding region. On behalf of the Congress I especially extend our sympathies to the families who have lost a loved one in this terrible tragedy.

As we move to rebuild our State, I commend all those who have reached out to their neighbors to provide assistance in this time of need. As families and businesses begin the cleanup process, I am committed to helping these individuals get the resources they need to rebuild their lives and communities.

Arkansans are great people who exemplify Southern hospitality and I have great faith our communities will persevere and prevail through this difficult time.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN CAMPBELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2008

Mr. CAMPBELL of California. Madam Speaker, on February 6, 2008, I missed rollcall votes 29–31. My flight from California to Washington, DC, did not get me back in time. Had I been here, I would have voted “yes” on all three votes.

Rollcall Vote 29: On Motion To Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 867, Commending the Houston Dynamo soccer team for winning the 2007 Major League Soccer Cup;

Rollcall Vote 30: On Motion To Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 942, Recognizing the significance of Black History Month; and

Rollcall Vote 31: On Motion To Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 943, Remembering the space shuttle *Challenger* disaster and honoring its crew members, who lost their lives on January 28, 1986.

CONGRATULATING LEE MYUNGBAK ON ELECTION TO PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

SPEECH OF

HON. DIANE E. WATSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

Ms. WATSON. Madam Speaker, I want to commend Mr. ROYCE on sponsoring H. Res. 947, a resolution congratulating Lee Myung-Bak on his election to the Presidency of the Republic of Korea and wishing him well during his transition and inauguration on February 25, 2008.

The United States and Korea share a long-standing and special relationship. Our strong alliance is rooted in the common principles of freedom and democracy. Today that relation-

ship has blossomed into a strong economic partnership in which the Republic of Korea has become one of the United States' major trading partners. In my State of California, Korea is the State's fifth largest trading partner and the Los Angeles Custom District's third largest trading partner, with \$18 billion in two-way trade annually.

In my congressional district in Los Angeles, Hollywood, and Culver City, ethnic Koreans have built a thriving business and cultural area known as Koreatown. Many maintain close cultural, business, and family ties to their homeland. Accordingly, it is my hope that the Republic of Korea will be fully admitted into the Visa Waiver Program in the very near future so that we may share even closer people-to-people exchanges between our two countries.

H. Res. 947 is also timely and important due to the ongoing Six-Party Talks and current attempts to dismantle North Korea's nuclear weapons program. President-elect Lee has pledged to make the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula a priority of his administration. In order to achieve the goal of a nuclear free Korean Peninsula, the Republic of Korea will need the full support of the United States.

Madam Speaker, as co-chair of the Congressional Caucus of Korea and the U.S.-Korea Inter-Parliamentary Exchange and as a member of the House Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and Global Environment, I am committed to ensuring that the rock-solid U.S.-Korea alliance remains relevant, resilient, and enduring.

For these reasons, I again congratulate President-elect Lee on his electoral victory and am certain that I speak for all of my Congressional colleagues in wishing him the best.

IN MEMORY OF JUNE IMPSON

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember June Impson, longtime professor for Texas Women's University and beloved local artist to the citizens of North Texas.

Ms. Impson was on the faculty of the Texas Women's University Department of Family Sciences from 1976 until her retirement in 1998. During her career in academia, she continued to pursue art and was an active member of the Denton, Texas-based Visual Arts Society of Texas. She served as an officer in the society, and Ms. Impson also taught workshops and learned alongside her fellow members.

Ms. Impson was known for her paintings and collages of flowers, especially the wildflowers of Texas. “I love nature,” Ms. Impson once said. “All of it. Rocks, and dirt.”

Her work was described as “immediate, bold, and beautifully painted.” She was thought by many to be inspirational, gentle, imaginative, encouraging, and inclusive and she will be greatly missed in the art community as well as the North Texas and Texas Women's University communities.

She was so loved by the art community around her that the Visual Arts Society of Texas established a scholarship fund in Ms. Impson's name before her death.