

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

WHO DO WE FIGHT?

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, who do we fight against? We have been at war in Iraq and Afghanistan for years. We heard that we are fighting a war on terror. But what does that mean? Who are the people at war with America?

Now, after all this time, our government has decided we must have a politically correct name for our enemy. No longer can we use the term "Jihadist," the primary meaning being a holy war to subject the world to Islam. After all, using that term might hurt our enemies' feelings.

And certainly the most accurate term, "Islamofascists," is strictly taboo because it might further anger our enemies by insinuating they are a bit radical when they murder in the name of religion.

So the government insists that we call the bad guys "extremists" or "terrorists." The term terrorist is so general it could cover a multitude of individuals. My neighbor sometimes calls my Dalmatians "terrorists". Does that mean our country is at war with my dogs? I really hope not. The term "extremists" could be applied to Global Warming Advocates, Health enthusiasts, NASCAR fanatics or anyone with strong opinions. Are we fighting all these people?

Those terms: extremists and terrorists are so vague they don't indicate the war against us is waged in the name of a radical Muslim religious doctrine. But isn't that the reason for this war?

The term "Jihadist" is not a reflection on all Muslims. After all, many Muslims are literally fighting these radical ideas.

In a war, we must specifically define our enemy. Otherwise, we don't know who they are or why they fight.

And that's just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO RICK KUHLMAN

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Mr. Rick Kuhlman, the principal of Fort Dodge Senior High in Fort Dodge, Iowa. I also want to express my appreciation for Rick's dedication and commitment to the youth of Iowa.

For the past 34 years Mr. Kuhlman has contributed his time and his talents to improving youths' lives through education and mentoring. Mr. Kuhlman began as a physical education and health teacher with the Fort Dodge School District in 1974. He later became assistant principal of the high school from 1987 until

1999, when he was named the principal. During his career Mr. Kuhlman has been responsible for many accomplishments and successes, but the one that is most important to him was Fort Dodge Senior High being chosen as a model school in the State of Iowa, one of the first 20 schools in the State to receive such an honor.

Mr. Kuhlman's dedication to the Fort Dodge School District has touched the lives of the many students, families and faculty members he has worked with over the years. His leadership will certainly be missed, but his accomplishments will have a lasting impact on the community for years to come. I consider it an honor to represent Mr. Rick Kuhlman in the United States Congress, and I wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

RECOGNIZING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DISASTER RECOVERY AND RELIEF EFFORTS IN JOHNSON COUNTY

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and recognize the extraordinary contributions of emergency management, disaster response, and recovery personnel as well as elected officials and community leaders in my district which was devastated by the recent severe weather in Indiana.

I wish particularly to honor the Board of Commissioners and County Council, as well as these outstanding individuals in Johnson County:

Forrest Sutton, Director, Emergency Management Agency

Terry McLaughlin, Sheriff

Town Council, City of Edinburgh

Patrick Pankey, Chief of Police, City of Edinburgh

These areas suffered greatly from severe storms and weather, creating a catastrophe of nature that inflicted injuries, destroyed property, and displaced many of our citizens. In response, these officials went above and beyond the call of duty, showing great poise while saving many lives and serving the people of their communities.

Madam Speaker, I commend these fine men and women for their tremendous dedication to the Hoosier families, businesses, farmers and communities that they serve. As Hoosiers continue to recover from Mother Nature's fury, I feel confident that the people of Johnson County will be well served by these officials.

THE 58TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OUTBREAK OF THE KOREAN WAR

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the sacrifice of the men and women who bravely served in the Korean War in defense of freedom. Today, June 25th, we commemorate the 58th anniversary of the start of the Korean War; the so-called 'Forgotten War', which claimed more than 36,000 American lives. Although the Korean War may receive less attention than other wars, it does not diminish the significance of the war and the freedom it preserved.

I proudly served my wartime tour in Korea as a member of the 503d Field Artillery Battalion of the 2d Infantry Division. The 503d Field Artillery Battalion landed in Korea in August 1950, arriving in time to participate in hard-fought battles that defeated the North Korean offensives against the United Nations forces on the Pusan Perimeter. During the battalion's 15 months in Korea, members of the 503d received 19 Silver Stars, four Distinguished Flying Crosses, and 79 Bronze Stars. The battalion suffered 512 casualties, including 150 men who died in Communist prison camps and 79 who remain listed as missing in action. The 503d, a Black unit, shattered the biased and unfair negative stereotypes attached to Black men and women fighting in Korea and earlier wars.

Although today is a solemn reminder of the lives that were lost during the Korean War; it also serves as a reminder of the binding friendship we have forged with the Korean people. As a phoenix rises from the ashes, so has the U.S.-Korean alliance.

Madam Speaker, I would like to enter into the RECORD the heart/felt comments from the wreath laying ceremony at the Korean War Memorial by the Korean Ambassador, The Honorable Tae-Sik Lee:

REMARKS BY HIS EXCELLENCY TAE-SIK LEE, AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO THE UNITED STATES, ON THE OCCASION OF THE 58TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OUTBREAK OF THE KOREAN WAR, KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL, WASHINGTON, DC, JUNE 25, 2008

Distinguished veterans, colleagues from the diplomatic corps, and honored guests:

June 25, 1950, began as a day like any other. But the consequences of that day, and the War that ensued, have left a lasting mark. Millions were killed, our country destroyed, our nation divided. Yet freedom-loving governments stepped forward, and alliances were formed.

In the brutal heat of summer, and the bitter grip of winter, over every kind of tough terrain—it was through countless individual acts of courage, sacrifice, and faith—that South Korea's freedom was preserved. We are here today to honor that courage, remember that sacrifice and, I hope, reward the faith of every fighting man and woman—from 21 nations around the globe—who served to keep us free.

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Far too numerous to mention—but far too important to forget—we remember and honor these heroes, not just today, but every day.

Some may say that the Korean War has been known as the Forgotten War. But it has been my personal mission to try to rectify that—as I have met with thousands of veterans in dozens of cities across the country. And I know that, here today, I am among many allies in this effort to remember.

Clearly one of the most compelling monuments to the veterans of this War is this moving memorial on the national mall. I recently saw an interesting statistic—a list of the top most-visited National Park Service memorials. As you might expect, Arlington National Cemetery is first, followed by the World War II and Vietnam memorials. But the Korean War Veterans Memorial has risen to number 4—averaging more than 3.2 million visitors per year.

I think people are remembering. And the priceless lesson that “Freedom Is Not Free” could not be more appropriate today.

For Korea, freedom has meant the chance to energize our economy; institutionalize democracy; and join the responsible community of nations. Today, we are proud to do our part in the war on terror, in peace-keeping operations, and in international economic and social organizations as well. With the United States, we are working to transform our alliance for the challenges of the future—building on the legacy of such forward-thinking leaders as General Riscassi, General Tilleli and General Sennewald, who are here with us today.

To all our friends from other nations who answered our call for help—I would like to offer this verse from Ecclesiastes that says: “A faithful friend is a strong defense, and he that hath found him, hath found a treasure.” A friend in need is a friend indeed. Certainly, the generous spirit of your friendship we will continue to honor and treasure.

To the veterans here today, you are our heroes and we remember you. And we hope you believe that Korea was a country worth saving—a people worth protecting—and a war worth fighting. Thank you very much.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, on June 9, 2008, I missed rollcall votes numbered 438, a resolution honoring the life, musical accomplishments, and contributions of Louis Jordan on the 100th anniversary of his birth; 439, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Black Music Month, and 440, a resolution congratulating James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, for 100 years of service and leadership to the United States.

Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall votes numbered 438, 439, and 440.

CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION WINNER: KAITLIN SURDOVAL

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding artistic talents of high school students from around our nation who have participated in the 2008 Congressional Art Competition: An Artistic Discovery.

For the past 27 years Congress has had the distinct pleasure of hosting this nationwide competition. I am very proud of the students who have participated in this competition, and I would like to specifically recognize the finalist from each of the four counties that make up New Jersey's Fifth Congressional District: Kaitlin Surdoval of Warren County, Megan Dreisbach from Sussex County, Kaitlin Cibenko from Passaic County, and Megan Sherlock from Bergen County.

Of these four finalists, Kaitlin Surdoval placed first for the entire district. Her outstanding artistic talent is truly remarkable and I am proud that her art will be displayed for the upcoming year here in our nation's capitol, representing New Jersey's Fifth Congressional District.

I am also pleased to recognize the hard work of the Art Societies that have been so instrumental in the organization and judging of the Competition in my district: the Sussex County Art Society, the Sussex-Warren Art Society, the Ringwood Manor Art Association, and the Bergen Museum of Art and Science.

In addition to the tremendous support of the art societies, citizens and businesses around the fifth district have been wonderfully supportive of the Art Competition and Kaitlin Surdoval. I would like to recognize James McCracken of the House of the Good Shepherd, Michael Alfone from the Borough of Ramsey, and Sal Risalvato of the New Jersey Gasoline-C-store-Automotive Association for their generous donations to assist Ms. Surdoval with her travel to Washington, DC for the celebration of the culmination of this year's Competition.

I am very pleased to be able to support this Competition which brings together so many citizens of the Fifth District to celebrate our talented youth.

HONORING CHESTER GOSPEL CHURCH

HON. TIMOTHY WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chester Gospel Church in Charlotte, Michigan on the celebration of its sixtieth anniversary. It is with great admiration and pride that I congratulate Chester Gospel Church on behalf of all of those in south-central Michigan who have benefited from its steadfast commitment to faith, service and prayer.

Chester Gospel Church began to serve the Charlotte community in 1958 under the leader-

ship of Pastor Merritt Johnson, and the church occupied a one room schoolhouse at that time. Over the years, Chester Gospel has undergone numerous renovations to its original building in order to accommodate its flourishing membership. Chester Gospel now serves over one hundred members with its sister church, Bright Hope Bible Church, in Potterville, Michigan.

A spirit of humility and service has always been a mark of Chester Gospel Church as its congregation constantly seeks ways to reach out to the Michigan community. Roughly five years ago, Chester Gospel sent out six families to found the Bright Hope Bible Church in Potterville. In addition, each month Chester Gospel volunteers at the City Rescue Mission in Lansing, serving women and children at the Family Center. Chester Gospel has dedicated the entire month of August to Missions, and during the month, speakers come from all corners of the world to share the challenge of spreading the love of the Lord Jesus. Additionally, the church hosts Vacation Bible School each summer to encourage children's faith and promote the fellowship and love that is found throughout the halls of Chester Gospel Church.

In celebration of its sixtieth anniversary, Chester Gospel Church will be hosting a homecoming celebration. Four previous pastors of the church will be in attendance, including Pastors Merritt Johnson (1958–63), Elwood Norton (1966–70), Larry Pike (1971–82), and Barry Smith (1982–93). Currently, Pastor Marc S. Livingston faithfully leads Chester Gospel Church. The anniversary celebration includes a time for prayer, fellowship and sharing memories of the church's long and devoted history to service.

Madam Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Chester Gospel Church on the celebration of its sixtieth anniversary. May others know of my high regard for the inspiring faith of this vibrant church, as well as my best wishes for Chester Gospel Church and its congregation in the future.

IN MEMORY OF HAZEL HARVEY PEACE

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, rise today to honor Hazel Harvey Peace, a longtime friend of District 12 and a Fort Worth icon, who passed from this life on June 8, 2008, at the age of 100.

Hazel Harvey Peace, while small in physical stature, was a giant of a Texan who had a huge influence not only on the individuals who were fortunate enough to come within her sphere of influence during her long and fruitful life, but on her community, the state and the country. A native of Fort Worth, Hazel Harvey Peace was born on August 4, 1907 at a time when segregation was still alive and when opportunities for African Americans were still limited. Hazel Harvey Peace always exhibited that she was a special person. By the age of 13, she graduated from Fort Worth Colored High School, which later was renamed I.M. Terrell High School. By the age of 16, Mrs. Peace earned a bachelor's degree from Howard University, located in Washington, DC.