

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRATTSVILLE, NY

HON. KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 2008

Mrs. GILLIBRAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Town of Prattsville, New York, which will be celebrating its 175th Anniversary on August 17th of this year. Named for Zadock Pratt, a tanner and former Member of Congress from Upstate New York, this community in the Catskill Mountains was originally known to the Mohawk Nation as the Onteora hunting grounds. In the early 18th Century, the area was settled by German immigrants and named Schoharie Kill. Throughout the 19th Century, Prattsville thrived as a mill town and commercial hub for the Catskill region.

Prattsville remains a "gem of the Catskills" to this day and is a haven for hikers, artists and sportsmen alike. I congratulate the people of Prattsville and offer the best wishes of this House as they celebrate their community next month.

TRIBUTE TO CHANTLAND
MATERIAL HANDLING COMPANY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chantland Material Handling Company (Chantland MHS) in Dakota City, Iowa for earning Monsanto's 2007 Supplier Quality Recognition Award for being one of Monsanto's top and trusted suppliers.

Monsanto has 31,000 suppliers, and Chantland MHS is now one of 75 elite companies that have received the award in the past 21 years. Each company is rated based on their performance, and feedback from Monsanto's manufacturing sites factored heavily into the final decision of the award winners. Chantland MHS supplied 17,000 feet of conveyor systems to Monsanto last year, which has helped Monsanto increase their corn capacity. The Dakota City manufacturing facility employs 86 people and is a leading supplier of bag fillers, conveyors, palletizers, robots and systems.

Chantland MHS, dedication to providing outstanding service and product quality has provided great benefit to the State of Iowa, and for this I offer Chantland MHS my utmost congratulations and thanks. It is an honor to represent Jamie Flot, President and COO, and all the employees of the Chantland MHS, in the United States Congress, and I wish them continued success.

HOUSING AND ECONOMIC
RECOVERY ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Chairman RANGEL and Chairman FRANK for working with the Senate and the Administration to modernize the Federal Housing Administration, provide tax incentives to stimulate the private housing market, and to provide greater oversight of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

By addressing a whole range of issues—from the foreclosure crisis and market concerns about Fannie and Freddie to the new and existing homes that are sitting vacant and further depressing the market—this package represents a significant step toward stabilizing the economy and restoring consumer confidence.

I am proud of the portion of this package that came through the Committee on Ways and Means, which includes a timely, targeted, and well-designed first-time homebuyers credit, a new Federal tax deduction to help families meet rising state property taxes, and an expanded ability of cities and states to raise capital for infrastructure improvements by partnering with the Federal Home Loan Banks.

I am particularly pleased that the package includes a bill that I introduced, which would enable state housing finance agencies to raise capital through tax-exempt mortgage revenue bonds and use these additional funds to help at-risk borrowers to refinance their subprime loans, access mortgages at a fair rate, and enable them to meet their financial obligations and stay in their homes.

Specifically, this legislative language allows state housing finance agencies to—for the first time—use funding raised by mortgage bonds to refinance qualified subprime mortgages. It also increases the current cap on these bonds by \$11 billion to ensure that the housing finance agencies have sufficient capital to fully take advantage of this new ability to help at-risk borrowers in their states.

This provision will work hand in hand with the Federal Housing Administration reforms that have come out of Chairman FRANK's Committee—and it will allow states to play a role in addressing the needs of their local communities.

It is in everybody's interest that we overcome this crisis in the housing market, prevent a deepening of current economic troubles, and maintain our competitive edge in the global economy.

The proposal before us takes a comprehensive, reasonable and balanced approach to this challenge—and it is one that deserves bipartisan support.

IN RECOGNITION OF DELORIS
ROACH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Deloris Roach for 40 years of public service as she retires from the Louis Stokes Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Cleveland, and in recognition of her advocacy and dedication to helping our nation's veterans.

Deloris began her career in public service with the Internal Revenue Service until moving to the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center 32 years ago. Through her dedication to the minority veterans program, she has helped to enroll over 1,000 veterans in the VA Health Care System of Ohio. Deloris has served as the Program Coordinator for the Minority Veterans Affairs Program for ten years, and also served as the Cleveland VA Medical Center's Loaned Executive to the Combined Federal Campaign. As Co-Chair for VA's Combined Federal Campaign, she inspired and encouraged fellow employees to donate, raising a record setting \$267,000. Deloris also helped to raise over \$8,000 in the "Making Strides against Breast Cancer Walk" for the American Cancer Society. Her activism and community involvement reach beyond her work on veteran's issues; she is a lifetime member of Blacks in Government, Co-Chair of the EEO Diversity Action Committee, a member of the American Red Cross Donor Committee, Minority Health Alliance, and the NAACP Minority Health Committee.

Deloris has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the National Minority Veterans Programs Coordinator of the Year in 2001, the Cleveland Federal Executive Board "Wings of Excellence Award" in 2002, and certificates of Special Congressional Recognition for Outstanding Contributions to Veterans and of Appreciation from the State of Ohio. While serving as the Cleveland VA Medical Center's Loaned Executive to the Combined Federal Campaign, she received the Outstanding Leadership and Performance Award. She has also received recognition from various veteran service organizations such as the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Blind Veterans Association, and AMVETS. In 2005, the Department of Veterans Affairs Annual Performance and Accountability Report to the President of the United States, Deloris was recognized for her outstanding work on veteran's affairs.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Deloris Roach, and in recognition of her leadership and inspirational work on veteran's issues and for her commitment to the Greater Cleveland Community.

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