EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING WORLD WAR II VETERANS 1ST CLASS MACHINIST MATE ROYCE DAVID AND SIGNALMAN THIRD CLASS JACK GOODWIN

HON. JEB HENSARLING
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize two World War II veterans, 1st Class Machinist Mate Royce David and Signalman Third Class Jack Goodwin, for their distinguished service in the U.S. Navy.

On the morning of April 16, 1945, Japanese suicide pilots in the South Pacific attacked the USS *Laffey* and nearby sister ship USS *LCS 51*. The heavy strikes began at 8:27 a.m. when two planes headed for the bow and two other planes headed for the stern of USS *Laffey*. With the assistance of USS *LCS 51*, all four planes were shot down. In fact, it would take six more kamikazes to finally penetrate the ships. The USS *Laffey* caught fire when the seventh plane crashed. While most ships would sink after just one plane hit, *Laffey* withstood eight more plane crashes and bombs.

All total, twenty-two planes attempted to attack the USS *Laffey*, nine of which were shot down. *Laffey* survived the attacks, despite heavy damage to the ship, including a complete loss of electrical power, and pulled into port the following day.

On board these two ships were two men from North Texas. Mr. David, of Mesquite, Texas, was serving in the engine room of USS *Laffey*. Meanwhile, Mr. Goodwin, of Garland, Texas, was aboard the USS *51*, which picked up several of *Laffey*'s overboard crewmembers, fought fires, and helped shoot down suicide bombers.

Mr. Goodwin, along with the rest of USS *LCS 51* crew, earned the Presidential Unit Citation for his action and assistance on April 16, 1945. A year later, Mr. Goodwin received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy Reserves as a Signalman Third Class and returned to Texas to work as a structural ironworker and in the freight industry as a truck driver.

Mr. David served in the U.S. Navy for two more years and then returned to Texas to work for the U.S. Post Office. Sixty-three years later, these two gentlemen are finally receiving their long overdue medals. I am honored to recognize Mr. David for earning the Navy Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign with one bronze star, the Combat Action Ribbon, a Honorable Service Lapel Pin (Ruptured Duck), and a Discharge Button.

I also want to recognize Mr. Goodwin for earning the Combat Action Ribbon, the Honorable Service Lapel Pin (Ruptured Duck), and the Navy Discharge Button.

Today, these gentlemen live in neighboring cities in North Texas, attend the same church, and have formed a deep friendship.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Fifth District of Texas, I am humbled and privileged to recognize Mr. Royce David and Mr. Jack Goodwin. As Calvin Coolidge once said, "The nation which forgets its defenders will itself be forgotten." I for one am committed to ensuring this nation never forgets.

HONORING THE VOLUNTEERS OF THE MUNCIE ROTARY

HON. MIKE PENCE
OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise to thank the Rotary Club of Muncie, Indiana for their invaluable service to the residents of my hometown of Columbus, Indiana following catastrophic flooding that city experienced in early June.

"The Power of One," by Tom Farris was published in the Muncie Star Press on August 10, 2008. The article outlines the tremendous support provided by the Muncie Rotary Club and the leadership they provided in the early clean-up efforts. Tom Farris writes:

Often when we think of Rotary relief and assistance programs, we picture people in need halfway around the globe or the worldwide eradication of polio. However, the summertime flooding, which has been labeled a once-in-several-hundred-years disaster, caused hundreds of millions of dollars in damages in Indiana and proved that those in need can be as close as several counties away.

Congressman Mike Pence visited the Muncie Rotary Club on June 17 to provide an update on what had been going on in Washington. But since he had been back in Indiana visiting the flood-ravaged areas of his district, he focused on the extensive damage he had observed in many parts of eastern Indiana, especially severe in the Columbus area . . .

While the Congressman spoke to us, a banner in the Indiana Room at Minnetrista proclaimed the theme "The Power of One." Within 24 hours, "The Power of One" was well underway to connect the Muncie Rotary Club to flood victims in Columbus, thanks to Muncie Rotarian Gay Nation, the Club's then incoming chairman for community service. Gay is well-known for taking a project and putting her mind and heart into it for dramatic results. She contacted the Columbus Sunrise and Noon Rotary Clubs to offer help and by the following Tuesday, four work trips were planned—July 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2—so Muncie Rotary Club members could volunteer to assist in Columbus.

Gay learned bottled water was in great demand, so she clipped coupons from the Sunday edition of The Star Press, contacted retailers and Rotary began accepting donations to purchase water and cleaning supplies. Plus Rotarians began contacting other organizations to make them aware of the needs and to connect them to the relief efforts.

Members of the Muncie Rotary Club participating in the Columbus area flood relief efforts included: Doug Bakken, Marlin Creasy, Roni Johnson, Gay Nation, Jim Needham, Pat Garofolo, Lois Rockhill, Bob Gortner, Loyal Cutforth, Leslie Anderson and Ray Montagno, along with Bill Green, a neighbor of Gay Nation. Tom Kosar from the Muncie Sunrise Rotary Club collected funds for the purchase of 28 cases of water. Columbus Sunrise Rotary Club members assisting with the relief efforts included: Jodi Engelstad (president), Charles Dewey, Mike Ferree, Paula Ferree, Don Harvey, Cindy Greene, Owen Hungerford, Lyn Morgan, Kara Steele, Celeste Racette, Jill Shedd, Mary Tucker, Lacretia Ulery, Bia Carasco (an exchange student from Brazil) and David "Mac" McCorry, president of the Columbus Noon Rotary Club.

Additional donors to the project include Muncie Sunrise Rotary Club, which donated 28 cases of water; Lynette Freeman of Cardinal Greenway, more 111 gallons of water, plus 28 cases of water and soda; Mary Alice Hatten, CVS store manager, personally donated two large coolers and 10 cases of water; K-Mart store manager Joetta Roysden donated three large coolers and allowed Rotary to purchase 10 cases of water at a great discount, plus Rotarians donated over $750 to a matching fund to provide a new $3,000 camera for Columbus Regional Hospital. In total, Rotary delivered 2,280 bottles of water.

Never underestimate "The Power of One" in getting people engaged to assist neighbors in need—or people they don't even know. Although the flood devastation in the Columbus area didn't receive great media attention, people were hurting and the need for help was real. I think Rotary's Flood Relief Efforts provide a perfect illustration of the Rotary motto "Service Above Self."

I commend each of the individuals mentioned in this article, and extend my deepest gratitude to this dedicated group of volunteers who went out of their way to help fellow Hoosiers in need.

RECOGNITION OF CHARLIE WEEMS' SERVICE ON THE LSU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER
OF LOUISIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Mr. Charlie Weems and his service on the Louisiana State University (LSU) Board of Supervisors.

For 17 years Mr. Weems served on the LSU Board of Supervisors with meritorious distinction, providing tireless energy and superb leadership.

A former chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Weems was at the forefront of the long, tedious task of upgrading LSU at Alexandria into an institution granting baccalaureate degrees. During his service, he was a tenacious proponent of the Flagship Agenda and Forever LSU campaign that have generated a Top Tier designation by U.S. News & World Report for the first time in LSU history.

Moreover, Mr. Weems was an ardent supporter of standards that led to significant academic achievement and unparalleled performance by the LSU student body. He was instrumental in hiring leadership of the highest caliber that has thrust LSU into the national spotlight in both academics and athletics.

In addition to serving as chairman of the LSU Board of Supervisors, Mr. Weems also served as the chairman of numerous Board committees, including the Flagship committee, Budget and Finance committee, and Athletics committee.

Earning both a B.S. and law degree from LSU, Mr. Weems is a member of the LSU Law Center Hall of Fame and an LSU Law Center Distinguished Alumnus.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Mr. Charlie Weems for his remarkable service and contributions to the LSU Board of Supervisors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I have been out on medical leave. I have been unable to cast votes however:

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