

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING MR. SCOTT STOREY

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDI

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 25, 2008

Mr. TANCREDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Scott Storey, District Attorney for the First Judicial District of Colorado, including Jefferson and Gilpin counties, for his recent distinction as Elected Official of the Year by the West Chamber. A native son of Colorado, Mr. Storey's recognition is just a small display of appreciation for his commitment towards upholding justice and integrity in the legal realm.

Mr. Storey is a veteran prosecutor who has spent the last 20 years in public service.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in congratulating Mr. Storey for his dedicated work and promise for Coloradans.

HONORING JOHN PETE MICHAEL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the outstanding achievement of John P. "Pete" Michael of Kansas City, Missouri. Pete has been awarded the President's Volunteer Service Lifetime Achievement Award. This prestigious recognition requires more than four thousand hours of volunteer service over a lifetime.

Madam Speaker, Pete Michael has worked tirelessly on behalf of the children of the great state of Missouri for nearly all 74 years of his life. Pete has served as a police officer and Squadron Commander of the Civil Air Patrol. As a pilot, he has devoted countless hours to flying sick children to Shriners Hospitals to receive emergency care.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in applauding Pete Michael's selfless acts of generosity through volunteerism and his example which inspires all walks of life throughout our great Nation to help one another.

MS. GRACE DO DISTINGUISHED FINALIST PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 25, 2008

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Grace Do, who has been selected as a Distinguished Finalist for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award, which honors young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism. The Prudential program was created in 1995 to emphasize the impor-

tance our nation places on service to others, and to encourage all young Americans to contribute to their communities.

A junior at Corona del Sol High School, Grace leads two tutoring programs in her community that help immigrants learn English. Grace, who used to struggle with English because she spoke Mandarin Chinese at home, is now co-director of the Chinese Immigrant Tutoring Center at her church, where she has volunteered for five years. In addition, she co-founded a similar tutoring program at a local library three years ago.

Grace should be proud of her accomplishments. Again, I congratulate Grace on her award and thank her for a job well done.

A TRIBUTE TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF PASADENA SUNRISE

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Rotary Club of Pasadena Sunrise upon the occasion of its seventieth anniversary. The Rotary Club of Pasadena Sunrise is a group whose members are active contributors to the community, both locally and nationally.

Over the past seventy years, the Rotary Club of Pasadena Sunrise has exemplified the Rotary motto: "Service Above Self." The club's nonprofit foundation has raised several hundred thousand dollars to benefit the community.

For over a decade, the Rotary Club of Pasadena Sunrise has "adopted" Field Elementary School in Pasadena and has donated to the school's library and landscaping. Annually, the club also recognizes outstanding Field Elementary School students. Minigrants are awarded annually to Pasadena Unified School District school teachers to meet needs that are not funded by the district.

Internationally, the club has done much volunteer service in Mexico, including building houses for the homeless, donating a fire truck and emergency vans to small towns, and sending medical supplies to villages. The club also provides funding for overseas projects in nations such as Uganda, Nigeria, and Liberia. In addition, the club is sponsoring a project in India, where a child care center and a computer/vocational center will be created in the village of Chahalka, India.

For their extraordinary commitment to making both the local and the international community a better place, I ask all members of Congress to join me in congratulating the members of the Rotary Club of Pasadena rise upon their seventieth anniversary.

HONORING THELMA TRAYLOR SEALE

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Mrs. Thelma Traylor Seale of Oakland, California. A caring friend, mentor, mother, and grandmother, Thelma was an extraordinary presence in our community. Mrs. Seale passed on January 25, 2008.

She was the loving mother of Mr. Bobby Seale, co-founder of the Black Panther Party, Ms. Bettye Seale-Williams, and Mr. John Henry Seale. With eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren, Thelma understood the value of family and the importance of togetherness. With Thelma's passing, we look to her family to remind us of her extraordinary life and her unwavering strength of character.

Mrs. Seale was 37 days shy of her 100th birthday at the time of her passing. The sheer breadth and substance of such a long life attests to Thelma's vitality and energy. She experienced first-hand the most important and dynamic moments in the struggles of African-Americans in our country throughout the last century. More than a witness, Thelma Traylor Seale was on the frontlines of history through the African-American community's resilient pursuit of equality and justice.

Mrs. Seale was born in Jasper, Texas on March 3, 1908. She was the fifteenth of sixteen children born to her family, and she lived to be the oldest. During World War II, Mrs. Seale was an employee of Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. She arrived in Berkeley, California in 1943, where she resided in the Codornices Village housing projects. In the 1950's Mrs. Seale moved to Oakland, where she remained as an involved and dedicated member of the community for the remainder of her life.

In spite of the many challenges Mrs. Seale faced in her life, the injustices she witnessed, and the hardships she overcame, she was known first and foremost for her sweet and caring personality. Mrs. Seale's love for others and the joy she spread through laughter and good humor are what her family remembers most about her.

A survivor, a loving matriarch, and a pillar in our community, Thelma will be sorely missed. However, we are thankful for the opportunities she gave us to come together and celebrate the hope and love in our lives. As we say goodbye to her, we have been given yet another opportunity to reflect on the rich past of our community and the century Thelma lived to see.

Today, California's 9th Congressional District salutes and honors a great human being, our beloved Thelma Traylor Seale. We extend our deepest condolences to Thelma's family and to her children. Thank you for sharing her great spirit with us. May her soul rest in peace.

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