

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS OF PENNSYLVANIA'S 7TH DISTRICT

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 3, 2008

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, since then Senator John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps in 1961, more than 190,000 U.S. citizens from all walks of life have served their country in the cause of peace by living and working side by side with our friends in 139 developing countries around the world. Our volunteers, representing the rich diversity of the American people, have helped those in need, promoted cross-cultural understanding, and created bonds of friendship that will last a lifetime.

I rise today to honor these brave volunteers and to commemorate this as National Peace Corps Week, marking the 47th Anniversary of the Peace Corps on March 1, 2008.

As of September 2007, 8,079 Peace Corps volunteers are currently at 68 posts serving 74 countries, a 37-year high in program participation. Additionally, the Peace Corps has seen an increase in minority recruitment, with minorities now comprising 17 percent of all volunteers. The volunteers have made significant and lasting global contributions in agriculture, business development, information technology, education, health and HIV/AIDS, youth, and the environment. Returned volunteers often use the skills they acquire abroad to pursue careers in the U.S. Congress, the Executive branch, and the Foreign Service.

I am proud to recognize the 16 volunteers from the 7th District of Pennsylvania who are currently serving their country and the world as Peace Corps volunteers and ask unanimous consent that their names be submitted for the record: Justin M. Berman, Eric B. Geer, Tiffany I. Green, Katharine C. Heaton, Eli R. Heller, Bibi R. Khan, Thomas R. Kuklinski, John C. Langdon, James M. Lasak, Richard J. Luzzi, John Paul Nicewinter, John F. Reilly, Chrystal L. Smith, Laura M. Urbanski, Maria E. Velez, and Sarah M. Young.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating National Peace Corps Week and to celebrate all our dedicated volunteers' important work. The spirit of service and opportunity they carry with them will help create a safer, brighter future for all.

Thank you to our Peace Corps volunteers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 3, 2008

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, on February 28, 2008 I stepped away from the floor and accidentally missed rollcall 86. Had I been

present, I would have voted "yea," in strong support of H.R. 3936, the bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 116 Helen Highway in Cleveland, Georgia, as the Sgt. Jason Harkins Post Office Building.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF DR. M. ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 3, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Dr. M. Elizabeth Carnegie, a champion of the cause of Black nurses, who passed away on February 20, 2008.

Born on April 19, 1916 in Baltimore Maryland, Dr. Carnegie received her initial nursing education through a diploma program. However, she went on to obtain her B.A. from West Virginia State College, and M.A. from Syracuse University, and a D.P.A. from New York University.

Some of Dr. Carnegie's major accomplishments include working on the editorial staff of the American Journal of Nursing, including being editor of nursing research during her last 5 years. The third edition of her award winning book, *The Path We Tread: Blacks in Nursing Worldwide, 1834–1994*, has been published by the National League for Nursing, New York, and continues to be a critical source of the history of Blacks in nursing. In addition, she has had six honorary doctoral degrees bestowed upon her and held eight distinguished professorships and two endowed chairs at leading universities throughout the country. The M. Elizabeth Carnegie Endowed Chair in Nursing Health Disparities has been established in the Howard University Division of Nursing.

Dr. Carnegie's affiliations include being past national officer of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; chairperson emerita, American Nurses' Association Minority Fellowship Program Advisory Committee, board member. Nurses' Educational Funds; past president. American Academy of Nursing; member. National Black Nurses' Association; member. American Association for the History of Nursing. and past board member. Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. Dr. Carnegie was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the American Nurses' Association in June 2000.

Dr. Carnegie has been the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including the ANA Mary Mahoney Award; American Academy of Nursing Legend Award; and the Lillian D. Wald Award, New York Visiting Nurses Service.

Throughout her life, Dr. Carnegie fought against injustice and prejudice in the nursing profession, wherever she found it. She worked vigorously to ensure educational opportunities for Black nurses. When the Florida State Nurses' Association, FSNA, finally admitted

blacks, Dr. Carnegie became a member of the board without the full rights of board membership. Her ongoing personality and determination to be heard led the board to grant her full rights within the FSNA. She was not a major figure in Black history, and most people do not know about her contributions, yet she had an indelible impact on the world. Today we pay tribute to the legacy she leaves behind in the field of nursing.

THE 47TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEACE CORPS

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 3, 2008

Mr. GINGREY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 47th anniversary of the Peace Corps, which occurred on Saturday, March 1.

Since its establishment in 1961, more than 190,000 United States citizens have served our Nation in the cause of peace by living and working in 139 developing countries, worldwide. Coming from all walks of life, these public servants have furthered the message of peace and freedom as they developed long-lasting relationships and good-will with nations around the world.

Madam Speaker, I would specifically like to recognize the efforts of individuals of Georgia's 11th District, who are currently serving with the Peace Corps. I want to personally thank David Egetter, who is furthering the message of peace in Honduras, Hannah Garland, who is serving in Micronesia, Wilbert Newhall, serving in Tanzania, Katy Nicholson, serving in Albania, and Davin Stogner, serving in Vanuatu.

Madam Speaker, I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in thanking all of our Nation's eight thousand plus Peace Corps volunteers for their work to advance the ideals upon which our great Nation was founded.

HONORING THEODORE "TED" SCHWARTZ AND JOHN W. ROWE UPON RECEIVING THE ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM AND EDUCATION CENTER'S 2008 HUMANITARIAN AWARD

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 3, 2008

Mr. EMANUEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the recipients of the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center's 2008 Humanitarian Award: Mr. Theodore "Ted" Schwartz, and Mr. John W. Rowe. This award recognizes their civic leadership and outstanding contributions to the Jewish community.

Mr. Rowe is an active leader in his community and deeply involved with Chicago-area

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civic organizations and educational institutions. Among his roles, he works on behalf of Urban League Chicago, Straight Talk America, the Economic Club of Chicago, and the Chicago Historical Society. Additionally, I am proud to call John a good friend.

John excels professionally as the chairman, president, and CEO of Chicago-based Exelon Corporation, one of the Nation's largest energy companies, with over 17,000 employees. Under Mr. Rowe's direction, Exelon was named the Nation's best utility company in *Forbes Magazine's* 2005 list of "The Best Managed Companies in America."

Mr. Theodore Schwartz is a lifelong Chicagoan, whose entrepreneurship and determination has led to the creation of hundreds of jobs in the Chicago-area. Mr. Schwartz's company, APAC Customer Services, founded in 1973, has grown into one of the largest, and most successful teleservice companies in the Nation.

Mr. Schwartz's vision and ingenuity led him to become one of the most respected figures in the teleservice industry, and he has been rewarded with several honors, including the Illinois High Tech Entrepreneur Award, induction into the American Teleservices Association Hall of Fame, the Call Center Solutions Hall of Fame, and the University of Illinois Entrepreneur Hall of Fame.

The Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center was founded by Holocaust survivors more than 25 years ago in order to preserve the history of the Holocaust, teach new generations about the dangers of hate, and honor the lives of the millions who perished. This award celebrates two men who have helped make the mission of the Center a reality.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Mr. Rowe and Mr. Schwartz upon receiving this award. Their efforts have helped the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center to thrive. Congratulations to John and Ted on receiving the Humanitarian Award, and I wish you both the best of luck in your future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY, JR.

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 3, 2008

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an American icon, William F. Buckley, Jr.

In many ways, William F. Buckley, Jr., defined the conservative movement in the latter part of the twentieth century. Founding the *National Review* in 1955, and hosting the political commentary show "Firing Line" from 1966 to 1999, William F. Buckley, Jr., brought conservative thought into the limelight and made it accessible to all of America.

His principles of smaller government, lower taxes, and balanced budgets were the foundation for the Contract with America, the Republican platform in the 1994 elections which brought Republicans into the majority in the House of Representatives for the first time in 40 years. I was a member of the House's freshman class in 1994, thanks in large part to Mr. Buckley's conservative vision.

William F. Buckley graduated from Yale University in 1950, having been editor-in-chief of the *Yale Daily News*. That year he married Patricia Alden Austin "Pat" Taylor. A year later, Buckley published his first book, "God and Man at Yale," criticizing his alma mater for abandoning its original educational mission. William F. Buckley was also a vociferous defender of Senator Joseph McCarthy, writing "McCarthy and his Enemies" in 1954 to debunk many of the false allegations aimed at Senator McCarthy's outspoken opposition to communism in America.

Many Americans' primary interaction with Mr. Buckley's views came from watching his television show, "Firing Line." Every week, William showed the kind of fair, open-minded, deliberate thinking embodied in conservative thought. He often engaged his guests—from both the right and left spectrums of political thought—in the kind of discourse that is too often missing in modern political discussions.

Buckley's magazine, the *National Review*, has been an equally successful standard-bearer for conservative thought. His biweekly column, "On the Right," was published in more than 320 newspapers around the country, bringing his ideas to even more households.

William F. Buckley died on February 28, 2008, in the study of his home in Stamford, Connecticut. He will be dearly missed, but his place in history will not soon be forgotten.

HONORING THE FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 3, 2008

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the Franklin High School Varsity Cheerleaders, of Franklin, Tennessee, on their excellent teamwork and recent second place finish at the 2008 UCA National High School Cheerleading Championships in Orlando. Competing against over 80 teams in the Medium Varsity Division, the well-trained team quickly rose to the top tier and garnered a silver medal finish. Additionally, the FHS cheerleaders won the "Smooth Moves Award" for displaying the best partner stunt sequences in their division.

This national recognition has brought well-deserved attention and accolades to these girls, whose hard work and team spirit are evident to all. The Franklin High School cheerleaders can be seen on ESPN this Sunday afternoon, representing with energy and distinction the City of Franklin and the great state of Tennessee. I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the Franklin High School Varsity Cheerleaders for their discipline, perseverance, and athletic excellence.

A TRIBUTE TO PATRICIA RUTH HILL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 3, 2008

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Patricia Ruth Hill. Patricia was

born in Kane, Pennsylvania, a small city about 60 miles south of Pittsburgh to Mr. Ernest Smith and Mrs. Ruth Collins Smith. She is one of four children with two sisters; Ernestine "Jo" Barham and Creeta "Petie" Owens; and one brother Dr. Ernest H. Smith, Jr.

Patricia is a graduate of Oil City High School's class of 1945 and the Harlem Hospital School of Nursing. Patricia is a retired registered nurse who has been recognized numerous times for her community involvement as the editor of a newsletter, block club captain, and a member of the Ilion Avenue Area Block Association.

Patricia is the devoted wife of Arthur Burit Hill, Sr., devoted mother to Arthur Burit Hill, Jr., Ernest Eldred Hill, Victoria Ruth Hill, and Joanne Elaina Hill; as well as devoted grandmother to Drew Timberlake Hill.

Patricia, a two-time cancer survivor enjoys knitting, traveling, and helping to raise her grandson.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize this wonderful woman for all that she has accomplished.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the Patricia Ruth Hill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF FLAKE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 3, 2008

Mr. FLAKE. Madam Speaker, I respectfully request the opportunity to record my position on rollcall votes 43, 44, and 45. I was regrettably absent from the chamber on February 12 during rollcall votes 43, 44, and 45. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 43, "yea" on rollcall 44, and "yea" on rollcall 45.

RECOGNIZING CHELSEA BATEMAN

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 3, 2008

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exemplary student Ledyard, Connecticut, Chelsea Bateman. On March 3 and 4, 2008, Chelsea will represent Connecticut in this year's Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW, Voice of Democracy national scholarship competition in Washington, DC.

For over six decades, the VFW has hosted the Voice of Democracy scholarship program for high school students from around the Nation. Every year, this program encourages students to reflect on ideas of patriotism and democracy in their essays. Thousands of students from Connecticut and across the Nation submitted responses to the 2007–2008 theme, "My Role in Honoring America's Veterans", which were evaluated at the local, regional, and State levels. Chelsea's audio essay was selected among thousands of submissions to represent the State of Connecticut at the VFW's Voice of Democracy national scholarship competition in Washington, DC.

Chelsea's response to this year's theme, "My Role in Honoring America's Veterans",