

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RAYMOND
LANDRY

HON. JON C. PORTER—

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Raymond Landry for his 35 years of distinguished service to Pardee Homes and to the Southern Nevada community.

Mr. Landry has been a resident of Southern Nevada since 1968, where he has lived with his wife Marge Landry, President/Broker of Landry & Associates, Inc. Mr. Landry began his successful career with Pardee Homes in 1972 and in 1980 he began leading the local sales force in Las Vegas. As Assistant Vice President of Sales, he is well regarded for his commitment to service and professionalism. Over the course of his tenure with Pardee Homes, Mr. Landry has earned countless honors, including the Nevada PTA Community Partner of the Year, the Greater Las Vegas Association of Realtors Builder of the Year, and the Shade Tree Builder of the Year.

Mr. Landry used his expertise and passion in other areas of the housing industry. His founding of and working with various organizations exemplifies such leadership. He was appointed to the Nevada Real Estate Commission by then Governor Bob Miller in 1997. He served for two 3-year terms as the President of the Commission. He is also a founding member of the Southern Nevada Sales and Marketing Council. Furthermore, he is a member of the Southern Nevada Home Builders Association and the Association of the Real Estate License Law officials. Former Nevada Governor Kenny Guinn proclaimed a day in his honor in 2001 describing Mr. Landry as, "an industry leader with the highest professional and ethical standards".

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Mr. Raymond Landry for his commitment to Pardee Homes, as well as his efforts throughout the Southern Nevada community. I praise his accomplishments and wish him the best of luck in the future.

SUNSET MEMORIAL

HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I stand once again before this body with yet another Sunset Memorial.

It is March 12, 2008 in the land of the free and the home of the brave, and before the sun set today in America, almost 4,000 more defenseless unborn children were killed by abortion on demand—just today. That is more than the number of innocent American lives that were lost on September 11th, only it happens every day.

It has now been exactly 12,833 days since the travesty called *Roe v. Wade* was handed down. Since then, the very foundation of this Nation has been stained by the blood of almost 50 million of our own children.

Some of them, Madam Speaker, cried and screamed as they died, but because it was amniotic fluid passing over their vocal cords instead of air, we couldn't hear them.

All of them had at least four things in common.

They were each just little babies who had done nothing wrong to anyone. Each of them died a nameless and lonely death. And each of their mothers, whether she realizes it immediately or not, will never be the same. And all the gifts that these children might have brought to humanity are now lost forever.

Yet even in the full glare of such tragedy, this generation clings to a blind, invincible ignorance while history repeats itself and our own silent genocide mercilessly annihilates the most helpless of all victims to date, those yet unborn.

Madam Speaker, perhaps it is important for those of us in this Chamber to remind ourselves again of why we are really all here.

Thomas Jefferson said, "The care of human life and its happiness and not its destruction is the chief and only object of good government."

The phrase in the 14th amendment capsulizes our entire Constitution. It says: "No state shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law." Madam Speaker, protecting the lives of our innocent citizens and their constitutional rights is why we are all here. It is our sworn oath.

The bedrock foundation of this Republic is that clarion declaration of the self-evident truth that all human beings are created equal and endowed by their creator with the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Every conflict and battle our Nation has ever faced can be traced to our commitment to this core self-evident truth. It has made us the beacon of hope for the entire world. It is who we are.

And yet Madam Speaker, another day has passed, and we in this body have failed again to honor that foundational commitment. We failed our sworn oath and our God-given responsibility, as we broke faith with nearly 4,000 more innocent American babies who died today without the protection we should have been giving them.

But perhaps tonight, Madam Speaker, maybe someone new who hears this sunset memorial will finally realize that abortion really does kill little babies, that it hurts mothers in ways that we can never express, and that 12,833 days spent killing nearly 50 million unborn children in America is enough; and that the America that rejected human slavery and marched into Europe to arrest the Nazi Holocaust, is still courageous and compassionate enough to find a better way for mothers and their babies than abortion on demand.

So tonight, Madam Speaker, may we each remind ourselves that our own days in this sunshine of life are also numbered and that all too soon each of us will walk from these Chambers for the very last time.

And if it should be that this Congress is allowed to convene on yet another day to come, may that be the day when we finally hear the cries of the innocent unborn. May that be the day we find the humanity, the courage, and the will to embrace together our human and our constitutional duty to protect the least of these, our tiny American brothers and sisters, from this murderous scourge upon our Nation called abortion on demand.

It is March 12, 2008—12,833 days since *Roe v. Wade* first stained the foundation of this nation with the blood of its own children—this, in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LIN CLARK

HON. JON C. PORTER—

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lin Clark, who has been recognized as Citizen of the Year 2008 by the Laughlin Town Advisory Board for her outstanding efforts as a citizen within the Laughlin community.

Lin moved to Laughlin, Nevada when the community was less than 20 years old, and has been a resident for the past 22 years. Since Lin has been a resident, she has taken an active role throughout the community. Lin is the coordinator for the Laughlin Town Fest event in which she dedicates countless hours in successfully organizing the event. She is committed to making sure that the event will be enjoyed by everyone throughout the community. Along with her husband, Bruce, the Clarks are a major part of the success of the bus system's first wine tasting and charity silent auction. The proceeds of this event benefits the senior citizens' transportation program.

In addition, Lin is active in Laughlin's Annual Silver Toy Box. She donates her time and efforts for less fortunate children throughout the Laughlin community by selecting toys and wrapping them, and paying for some of the toys out of her own pocket.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Lin Clark. Her efforts in helping assist the residents of Laughlin, Nevada are commendable. I congratulate her on this prestigious award and wish her continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF F.N. MCNAIR,
JR.

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I wish to recognize Mr. Nick McNair, Jr., who resides in Lexington, SC, on the occasion of his retirement from AgFirst Farm Credit Bank on April 1, 2008.

Much of Nick McNair's life and career has been dedicated to agriculture and the cooperative Farm Credit System. His interest began as a child growing up on his family's row crop and livestock farm south of Leary, GA. At a young age, Nick began to appreciate the vital role that agriculture played in his community and in his home State. After receiving his education from Leary Elementary School and Edison High School, Nick pursued his education at Georgia Southern College in Statesboro, GA and graduated in 1967.

From 1961 through 1963, Nick supported himself by working at Morris Cattle Company in Leary, GA. He also worked for Arlington Oil Mills, Inc., in Arlington, GA, in their cotton ginning operation. As Nick's interest in agriculture continued to grow, he worked for the Baker and Newton County ASCS offices as a performance reporter during the summers of 1963–1966.

In August of 1967, Nick began his career with the Farm Credit System as a fieldman and association appraiser for the Federal Land

Bank Association of Camilla in Camilla, GA. Over the next several years, Nick was employed as a vice president with the Northeast Florida Farm Credit Service in Jacksonville, FL and also the FLBA of Dawson, before being selected as President of the FLBA of Ahoskie in Ahoskie, NC, in 1979.

In 1982, Nick was employed by the Farm Credit Bank of Columbia, SC, now known as AgFirst Farm Credit Bank. He has served in many capacities including vice president of marketing as well as vice president of legislative and public affairs. In 2001, he was named Distinguished Cooperator of the year by the South Carolina Cooperative Council. He has also served as president of the Friends of Agriculture in South Carolina.

I certainly appreciate the outstanding work Nick has done throughout his distinguished career to promote not only cooperative principles but the vital role that agriculture plays in our everyday lives. I thank his wife, Phyllis, and two daughters, Shonna and Angie, and the entire McNair family for their support of Nick throughout the years. I congratulate Nick on his retirement and thank him sincerely for his many positive contributions to AgFirst and the State of South Carolina.

GENERATIONS INVIGORATING VOLUNTEERISM AND EDUCATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 5563, the "Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act" or the "GIVE Act." I would like to thank my colleague Congresswoman MCCARTHY for introducing this important legislation, as well as the chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor, Congressman GEORGE MILLER, for his leadership in bringing the bill to the floor today.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation came to the floor last week as H.R. 2857. It was a good bill then but it now an even better piece of legislation.

The ten amendments that were incorporated into the current bill before this chamber provide: (1) greater integration of funding; (2) strengthens the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, RSVP; and (3) more support for our military families and veterans.

This legislation will make vital strides toward expanding and improving key community service programs, including AmeriCorps, VISTA, Senior Corps, and Learn and Serve America. The GIVE Act works to ensure that volunteers,

and the organizations that support them, will receive the resources that they need to continue their vital work in our communities.

Today's legislation embodies the altruistic spirit that has made our Nation great. Great numbers of Americans donate their time and their unique skills and gifts to our cities and communities, without any expectation of compensation or material reward. According to a 2005 study, 29 percent of the American public, or about 65.4 million people, had volunteered in the past year.

This legislation engages our youth and fosters a sense of civic duty, which is why I was so pleased to see Section 1202 of this legislation, which gives special consideration to Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions, and Tribal Colleges and Universities. I want to thank Representative MCCARTHY and Representative MILLER for allowing me to add to this great bill. By adding predominately minority community colleges to the list of those to receive special consideration, we help so many more students who have a commitment to service.

Our community colleges are growing as many of our returning veterans, single parents, and seniors desire to make a change in their living circumstances and simply cannot afford traditional higher education. A sense of civic engagement is not fostered only among students at Harvard and Berkeley; it is also found among students at community colleges like Houston Community College and North Harris College. I thank the chairman for recognizing this needed addition and incorporating it into the manager's amendment.

The GIVE Act would:

- (1) increase the number of AmeriCorps volunteers from 75,000 to 100,000 by 2012;
- (2) increase stipends for AmeriCorps volunteers from \$4,725 to \$5,225 by 2012;
- (3) promote recruitment of disadvantaged youth, baby-boomers, and veterans into national and community service opportunities;
- (4) create an AmeriCorps Alumni Reserves Network aimed at tapping into the skills and experience of alumni volunteers, with a particular focus on assisting during emergencies or natural disasters; and
- (5) constructs an Energy Conservation Corps, which will address our Nation's energy and transportation infrastructure needs while providing work and service opportunities.

I am disappointed that our colleagues on the other side of the aisle have chosen to be obstructionists to legislation that engages our youth, strengthens disaster and emergency preparedness, and invests in our volunteer and service organizations with appropriate funding. This bipartisan effort needs to be supported.

I am proud to cosponsor legislation that will add service before self to our leaders of tomorrow. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

CONGRATULATING IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FOR 150 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 10, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, as a proud original cosponsor of House Resolution 924, a resolution congratulating Iowa State University on its sesquicentennial, I would like to take a moment to express my support for its passage and thank the leadership of the House for bringing it to the floor for consideration.

I am proud to have the opportunity to represent the 4th Congressional District of Iowa, the home of Iowa State University and want to congratulate them on their 150th Anniversary. Iowa State's contributions to the State of Iowa, Nation and world are second-to-none and it deserves to receive special recognition. Established on March 22, 1858, Iowa State University has been a pioneer on many fronts; it has demonstrated leadership on very important issues such as equal education and agriculture. Iconic figures such as George Washington Carver and suffragist Carrie Chapman Catt received their education from this outstanding center of learning.

Widely recognized and respected for its service, Iowa State University has now been a leader in higher education for 150 years. Today, it is regarded as one of the greatest agricultural institutions in the Nation and was one of the first institutions to be designated as a land grant institution. The entire agricultural economy is dependent on the agricultural research carried out by Iowa State University. And, its work in biorenewable energy has contributed to the development of alternative fuel sources important to help America reduce its dependence on foreign energy sources. But agriculture and renewable energy are not the only areas in which Iowa State University excels. Engineering, architecture and computer sciences, to name a few, are other areas of higher learning that attract students from all over the globe to Ames, Iowa.

I would also like to applaud Iowa State University President Gregory Geoffrey, the faculty, staff, students and alumni for continuing the rich tradition of excellence and upholding its superior reputation. On behalf of all Iowans, I want to thank Iowa State University for being a source of pride and for the positive influence it has had on the state of Iowa. Again, I am honored to represent this wonderful university and proud to call myself a Cyclone.