

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### A PROCLAMATION HONORING KARLI MAST FOR WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Karli Mast showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, Karli Mast was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Karli Mast always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Karli Mast on winning the Girls' Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

### FISA AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 14, 2008*

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the FISA Amendments Act, H.R. 3773. This bill updates the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, FISA, by providing the Intelligence Community the ability to conduct surveillance of foreign targets outside the U.S. while protecting the civil liberties of Americans, and restoring constitutional checks and balances.

As Americans, our Constitution provides us with freedoms and liberties that, as a Member of Congress, I swore an oath to uphold and defend. Since September 11, 2001, President Bush has sought to expand executive power with the claim of securing our Nation, but all too often this promise of security has been at the expense of constitutionally protected civil liberties. The American people and the world have witnessed a list of serious abuses sanctioned by the Bush administration. There have been detainees tortured, the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus, and wiretapping of phone calls and reading of the private emails of our citizens without a warrant. These of course are only the abuses we know of in large part because we live in a society with a free press that can expose these abuses.

To my dismay, Congress failed the American people last year when it passed the so-called Protect America Act, S. 1927, which updated FISA but allowed for the wiretapping of American citizens without a court issued warrant. The 1978 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act required the Government to obtain a

warrant before eavesdropping on Americans. Judicial discretion was incorporated into this security procedure to ensure the rights of Americans were not violated. This system worked and, with minor adjustments, could be made to ensure national security and the protection of our civil liberties. Unfortunately, this White House and a majority in Congress sacrificed our civil liberties while adding no additional security benefits.

In order to facilitate its spying on American citizens, the Bush administration elicited the assistance of some of America's largest telecommunications companies. There is a call by the administration and some Members of Congress to allow retroactive immunity for companies that broke the law by acting as co-conspirators in domestic spying on our citizens. I am strongly opposed to any retroactive immunity for those corporate conspirators who participated in violating Americans' civil liberties.

Not all telecommunications companies complied with the administration's request to spy on Americans. Qwest, which serves Minnesota, refused to participate because the company felt uncomfortable with the legality of the request. I applaud Qwest's ethical and appropriate action on behalf of their customers and the rule of law.

Finally, I want to thank the leadership, Chairman CONYERS, and Chairman REYES for their work in bringing this piece of legislation to the floor. I urge my colleagues to support the FISA Amendments Act because with it Congress can safeguard both the security of our nation and civil liberties.

### HONORING THE MEMORY OF MR. THORNTON PRICE-WILLIAMS

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, Mobile County, Alabama, and indeed the entire First Congressional District recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor him and pay tribute to his memory.

Thornton Price-Williams was a devoted family man and dedicated community leader throughout his life.

A native of Mobile, Thornton joined the Army Air Corps during World War II, and he served in five major engagements in the European Theater of Operations, including D-Day and the Battle of the Bulge.

Following his discharge from the Army Air Corps, Thornton graduated from the University of Alabama. He went on to work for the civil service at Brookley Air Force Base and retired after 25 years of service.

In 1968, Thornton was elected to the office of Mobile County License Commissioner, a seat he held until his retirement in 1988. Former Alabama Governor Guy Hunt named Thornton Supernumerary License Commissioner. He was also once awarded the title "Boss of the Year."

Thornton was a member of the Mobile Lyons Club and an active member of the Murphy High School Spike Shoe Booster's Club. He was also an avid fan of University of Alabama football, a devotion he passed down to his grandson, Christopher Hobden.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community leader and long-time advocate for Mobile County, Alabama.

Mr. Price-Williams was preceded in death by his grandson, Aaron Price-Williams, and he will be deeply missed by his family—his wife of 33 years, Elizabeth Price-Williams; his sons, Ronald Price-Williams and Timothy Price-Williams; his step-children, Deborah Turner and Alfred Miller; his first wife, Dolores Spiers; his eleven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren—as well as the countless friends he leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.

### RECOGNIZING TAIWAN'S FOURTH PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

**HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, on March 22, 2008, Taiwan held its fourth presidential election. Mr. Ma Ying-jeou, a Harvard-educated former Mayor of Taipei, won convincingly. Mr. Ma's victory was welcome news for friends of Taiwan, including the United States. Mr. Ma pledged that he would seek an immediate dialogue with the People's Republic of China on issues such as direct airline flights, an economic accord protecting investments, more tourist visits by mainlanders to Taiwan, and a peace accord under which China would withdraw the thousands of missiles it aims at Taiwan. I hope Mr. Ma succeeds in doing business with Beijing. If the accords Mr. Ma seeks are reached, both countries will benefit and security in East Asia will be broadly enhanced.

In the meantime I am confident that Taiwan's relations with the United States will be further strengthened. Taiwan has been our friend and supportive of us throughout the years. Taiwan has supported the war against global terrorism spurred by 9/11. Taiwan has also given humanitarian assistance in Afghanistan and Iraq. We need to treasure Taiwan's friendship and loyalty to the United States by lifting some of the outdated travel restrictions on senior Taiwanese officials and actively promoting an international role for Taiwan, including an observer status for Taiwan at the World Health Assembly.

Madam Speaker, I join my colleagues in congratulating President-elect Ma Ying-jeou and we hope he will have a chance to visit the United States Congress before his inauguration on May 20.

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