

RECOGNIZING LIBBY WATSON FOR HER YEARS OF DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE CITY OF FORTH WORTH, TEXAS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Fort Worth Assistant City Manager Libby Watson and her years of dedication and service to the City of Fort Worth, Texas. Ms. Watson has been with the City of Fort Worth for almost 20 years, since 1989, and has recently decided to retire.

Ms. Watson began her career with the City of San Diego in their Financial Management Department in 1974, and was later appointed the Financial Management Director of the City in June of 1982. In 1986 she moved to Austin, Texas, where she became Assistant City Manager. Then, in 1989, she moved back to her hometown of Fort Worth to become the Assistant City Manager.

Outside of her job, Watson is very active in her community. She participates in various activities such as assisting with Girl Scouts, and she is the Treasurer for the Circle T Council Board of Directors.

Under Ms. Watson's leadership, Fort Worth has become a model city for the surrounding area. I know that the decision for retirement was not an easy one for her to make. I join the City of Fort Worth and all those who are fortunate enough to know Ms. Watson in wishing her all the best as she looks forward to spending more time with her family. The City of Fort Worth will truly miss her experience and leadership.

It is with great honor that I recognize Libby Watson for her years of hard work and selfless dedication given to the citizens of Fort Worth, Texas. I am proud to represent her in Washington, and her service will set a standard of devotion and true leadership, one that will never be forgotten.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. AND MRS. JEFFREY HUNT ON JANUARY 20, 2008 WEDDING

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, on Sunday, January 20, 2008, my legislative assistant, Nicole Schouten, married Jeffrey Hunt in San Diego, California. Nicole met Jeff at Westmont College in the bookstore on campus. She was a store clerk and he was looking for an excuse to get to know Nicole so he frequently stopped in for a soda. Although they were both intrigued with each other the timing for their relationship wasn't right and they parted ways. Six years later, Jeff and Nicole reconnected in Washington, DC, while working on Capitol Hill.

Nicole and Jeff perfectly compliment each other not only in their political views, but in their desire to make their community and world a better place. Jeff devotes his time and talents to serving the people of Vienna Presbyterian Church and the youth of Arlington, Virginia as a Young Life leader. In addition to

her busy job and law school obligations, Nicole volunteers with the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Big Sister/Little Sister program.

In August 2007 Jeff surprised Nicole with a week long trip to Holland. They spent 4 days exploring Amsterdam and the surrounding countryside, giving Nicole an opportunity to connect to her Dutch heritage. On August 11, 2007, in the Oude Kerk, Amsterdam's first parish, Jeff asked for Nicole's hand in marriage. Nicole, of course, accepted with enthusiasm.

I send Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Hunt best wishes for a lifetime of happiness and offer them the inspiring words of Wilfred Arlan Peterson's poem, *The Art of a Good Marriage*, as a guide in their new life together.

Happiness in marriage is not something that just happens.

A good marriage must be created.

In marriage the little things are the big things.

It is never being too old to hold hands.

It is remembering to say "I love you" at least once a day.

It is never going to sleep angry.

It is at no time taking the other for granted; the courtship should not end with the honeymoon, it should continue through the years.

It is having a mutual sense of values and common objectives.

It is standing together facing the world.

It is forming a circle of love that gathers the whole family.

It is doing things for each other, not in the attitude of duty or sacrifice, but in the spirit of joy.

It is speaking words of appreciation and demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways.

It is not looking for perfection in each other.

It is cultivating flexibility, patience, understanding and a sense of humor.

It is having the capacity to forgive and forget.

It is giving each other an atmosphere in which each can grow old.

It is a common search for the good and the beautiful.

It is establishing a relationship in which the interdependence is equal, dependence is mutual and the obligation is reciprocal.

It is not only marrying the right partner, it is being the right partner.

Congratulations Nicole and Jeff.

And that's just the way it is.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2008

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, January 22, 2008, I was unavoidably detained due to a prior obligation.

I request that the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD reflect that had I been present and voting, I would have voted as follows:

(1) Rollcall No. 19: "yes," On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 4211.

(2) Rollcall No. 20: "yes," On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H. Res. 866.

HONORING THE UPPER MERION SENIOR CENTER

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2008

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Upper Merion Senior Service Center. The Center has worked tirelessly and diligently to serve the senior citizens of Upper Merion over the past 10 years. The UMSSC has been successful in helping our seniors and our communities make choices for a healthier future.

The Upper Merion Senior Service Center offers critical healthcare services:

A nurse from Bryn Mawr Main Line Health visits the UMSSC twice a month in order to take blood pressure, weights, and respond to health inquiries from members.

The UMSSC offers free Stroke Risk Assessments.

Flu vaccine shots are offered each year to help ensure the health security of the members and surrounding community.

The UMSSC provides popular exercise programs, with trained instructors, three days a week.

Professional staffers offer free hearing screenings, free eyeglass maintenance, and informational presentations on hearing and vision.

They offer educational and informational packets concerning Medicare, Medicare Part D, and any other issue that is of importance to members and the surrounding community.

I applaud the Upper Merion Senior Service Center for providing all of these critical services to the community. I would also like to recognize the fact that the Upper Merion Senior Service Center works hand in hand with local community businesses by providing employment opportunities for members in office and clerical positions. All of these services are of the utmost importance for preserving and protecting the health security of the members, families, and communities living in Upper Merion, and I encourage the Center to continue to extend its profound, positive influence to those in need.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL MARCY

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2008

Mr. WEINER. Madam Speaker, I would like to thank a committed staffer of mine, Michael Marcy.

Michael has been with my office for 4 years now. These past years he administered my office and maintained my hyperactive schedule with a clear and precise head and a generous sense of humor. Michael's life-long commitment to public service started with a term in the Clinton White House and continued into Senator CHARLES SCHUMER's office. From there he moved into my office—a clear step up from his previous two positions.

Michael is returning to his home city of Buffalo, New York with his wife, Jenn, and his son, Sean. My office will not be the same without him—I thank him for his dedication and he will be missed.