

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING THE BALTIMORE BLAST

#### HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 13, 2008*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the team members of the Baltimore Blast, who recently defeated the Monterey La Raza to win the Major Indoor Soccer League, MISL, 2008 Championship.

The Major Indoor Soccer League was formed in 2001 and consists of anywhere between 10 and 15 teams from across the Nation each season. Since the formation of the MISL, the Baltimore Blast has captured four championship titles—in 2003, 2004, 2006, and now 2008.

The Baltimore Blast's winning philosophy is their famous defense. The team has every player defend, and throughout the regular season, the Blast gave up the fewest points in the League. Players on the team are proud to play for the number one organization in the league.

During the off-season, the championship-winning team members of the Baltimore Blast hold summer soccer camps for young soccer players between the ages of 5 and 13 throughout the Baltimore metropolitan area. The young players are taught individual skills as well as teamwork.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor the Baltimore Blast. Their winning records and multiple championship titles ensure their legacy as a team to be dealt with. It is with great pride that I congratulate the team members of the Baltimore Blast on their fourth MISL Championship win.

### HONORING OUTSTANDING PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL DOCTORS

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 13, 2008*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the outstanding doctors of Providence Hospital right here in our Nation's Capital for the recognition they received from the Washingtonian Magazine this April in its annual issue listing the Washington area region's top doctors. I particularly want to thank Providence Hospital for assisting the most medically underserved and vulnerable members in our metropolitan area with a full range of inpatient and outpatient services. These services range from women's obstetrics and gynecological health, which cater to the health and wellness of mothers and babies, to assisting our elderly community via Carroll Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and the three Senior Wellness Centers the Hospital operates.

Providence's concern for all human life and dignity of each person leads the organization to provide medical services to all people regardless of creed, national origin, economic status, or their ability to pay. As a community hospital that serves the entire community, I am proud to recognize these outstanding physicians including Earl M. Armstrong (pulmonology); Michael E. Batipps (neurology); Kathy S. Brennerman (geriatrics); Kenneth M. Brown (gastroenterology); Inder M. Chawla (rehabilitation); Ramville S. Clark (psychiatry); Pamela W. Coleman (urology); Cameron Ghafouri (ophthalmology); Mary G. Hall (plastic surgery); Steven Blair Hopping (plastic surgery); Beverly Johnson (dermatology); Leslie W. Kingslow (pulmonology); Neal W. Kurzok (neurology); Lewis W. Marshall (infectious diseases); John E. McKnight (oncology/hematology); David G. Moore (neurology); William E. Morris (ophthalmology); Abbas Motazedi (endocrinology); James A. Mutcherson, Jr. (allergy/immunology); Thomas Pinder (cardiology); Octavius D. Polk (pulmonology); Joseph A. Quash (cardiology); E. Anthony Rankin (orthopedics); James C. Robertson II (rheumatology) and Kirk D. Williams (otolaryngology).

I am particularly proud that earlier this year, the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons elected its first African American President. A graduate of Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri and the Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, Dr. Rankin completed his internship and residency at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and is currently Chief of Orthopedic Service at Providence Hospital. As a five-time recipient of a certificate of commendation from the government of the District of Columbia, Dr. Rankin has received many more honors and awards including the prestigious Bronze Star Award and the Army Commendation Medal.

### IN REMEMBRANCE OF RICHARD M. HERMAN

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 13, 2008*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Richard M. Herman, and to honor a life spent in service to his community and family.

Richard Herman earned his degree in engineering and was an innovative and dedicated worker. He spent eighteen years at General Electric Company as a mechanical engineer and later founded his own company, Valley Automation, Inc. in 1987. Valley Automation, Inc. is a custom equipment design company and he served as President until his passing.

Mr. Herman had a love of the outdoors and in 1998, he semi-retired to pursue his passions and hobbies. He especially enjoyed fly-

fishing, hiking and kayaking. Mr. Herman is survived by his high school sweetheart, Sally, to whom he was married for forty-four years and his three children; Richard Herman, Ronald Herman, and Donna Riviera. He will be fondly remembered by his four beautiful grandchildren, Nathaniel and Isabel Herman and Ryan and Christopher Riviera.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in celebrating the life of Richard M. Herman, and to honor his commitment to his passions, work and family. May his exemplary life serve as an example for us all to follow.

### CONGRATULATING NEW ULM, MINNESOTA ON BEING NAMED MINNESOTA'S HONORARY CAPITAL FOR A DAY

#### HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 13, 2008*

Mr. WALZ of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate the city of New Ulm on being selected to serve as the Honorary Capital of Minnesota on May 15th, 2008.

This year, Minnesota celebrates 150 years of statehood. Over 10,000 Minnesotans participated in selecting cities to serve as Capital for a Day throughout the week of May 11th–18th to commemorate Minnesota's Sesquicentennial.

I am very pleased that the city of New Ulm was selected for this honor.

New Ulm was settled by German immigrants in the 1850's and throughout its early history served as an important trading center for steamboats carrying goods up the Minnesota River.

New Ulm was once considered the Polka Capital of the Nation and is home to the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame, where visitors can view the music memorabilia of national and local artists.

The city is also home to the famous Hermann Monument, a monument to German-Americans and the cultural influence German immigrants have had on the region. The monument, which was dedicated in 1897, overlooks New Ulm from Hermann Heights Park.

Today, New Ulm is a center for agriculture and business and enjoys a thriving tourism industry. Throughout its history, New Ulm has undergone many changes, but it has not lost the historical roots that make it such a wonderful city.

I am pleased to join the State of Minnesota in congratulating New Ulm, Minnesota on this occasion. And I wish them continued growth and success for the next 150 years.

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