EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PAYING TRIBUTE TO GARY SPINKELINK

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my good friend Gary Spinkelink, who passed away February 24, 2008.

Mr. Spinkelink was born May 1, 1939, in Orange City, Iowa, and had been a resident of the Boulder City community for over 43 years. He graduated from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, and moved to Nevada with his wife Judy of over 47 years, to pursue a career in civil engineering. He retired in 2003 from Pentacore Engineering after being a partner in the firm for 11 years where he was the director of all administrative processes. Gary also had administrative control of all personnel within the corporation. He served for many years as a panel member on the Congressional Academy Selection Committee. Some of Gary's hobbies included off-road quad driving, snowmobiling, and fishing at his Utah cabin. He also spent a majority of his time with his six grandchildren attending their many various functions and sporting events.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life and legacy of my friend Gary Spinkelink. His work and dedication to the Boulder City community was commendable and enriched countless lives. Mr. Spinkelink was a great force throughout the community and will be profoundly missed.

HONORING RYAN NEWMAN OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, FOR WINNING THE DAYTONA 500

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Mr. DONNELLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the success and triumph of Ryan Newman, winner of the 2008 Daytona 500. Born and raised in South Bend, Indiana, Ryan serves as a shining example to young men and women who aspire to achieving great successes after long hours of work and sacrifice. His younger years were spent learning about cars at the elbow of his father and developing the team spirit he treasures to this day.

Supported by his family, his community, and a great team, Ryan won the 50th running of the Daytona race in an exciting last-lap finish. In a race with 16 different leaders and 42 lead changes, Ryan started in 7th position and fell as far back as 23rd in the field of 43 drivers. However, he managed to lead eight laps in his first victory since 2005, earning 190 points and collecting over $1.5 million for Penske Racing.

An honor student at LaSalle High School, Newman graduated from Purdue University in 2001 with a B.S. in vehicle structure engineering. By excelling academically and in racing, Newman exemplifies how youths should always pursue education along with other passions.

Ryan serves as the consummate example of what competitors should be. This is evident from his work, along with his wife, Krissie, with the Newman Foundation. This charity primarily focuses on assuring that adequate care is provided for unwanted dogs and cats in shelters and pounds. He also helped needy animals by supporting construction of the Catawba County, North Carolina Humane Society shelter in the county where he lives. The treatment of animals is just one of Ryan's concerns along with the safety of his fellow racers.

In 2003, Ryan overcame adversity by bouncing back from an accident in which he flipped end over end in Daytona. He suffered only bruises but gained a strengthened resolve. In August of that same year after a practice crash in Watkins Glen, NY, Newman chastised NASCAR for what he perceived as lax safety efforts in fire prevention, soft walls, and race procedure. His professional manner and eloquent words lent credibility to his cause.

Even the victory itself at Daytona is an example of teamwork and sportsmanship. Newman was given extra momentum by a friendly ''push'' from teammate Kurt Busch who selflessly gave his partner an extra boost rather than seek the prize himself.

It is my pleasure to pay tribute to the many years of hard work and dedication that have paid off for this model citizen. The South Bend and Mishawaka Communities are proud of the success of one of their hardest working sons, a man who serves as a role model for our youth.

HONORING DR. JUDAH SCHORR

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, Dr. Judah Schorr is not only a distinguished anesthesiologist whose personal charm and sense of humor has helped many of his patients through difficult times but he is also someone who truly knows how important it is to give of yourself. Dr. Schorr took an extra step to help a patient recently when he donated his bone marrow through the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation.

Dr. Schorr is also a philanthropist who gives generously to society as a whole financially as well as to individuals through himself. He is also involved in many other worthy causes.

He and his wife Gail Levey are parents of Nathaniel and Ethan.

For his contributions to his community and society as a whole he is presented with the Andrew Zucker Community Service Award.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THOSE AFFECTED BY THE DEVASTATING SHOOTING INCIDENT AT NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, on February 15, the United States watched in horror and despair as the lives of six innocent and promising students from Northern Illinois University were taken suddenly and cruelly. As we mourn this senseless tragedy, I would like to extend my thoughts and prayers to the victims and their families.

The tragedy at NIU last month is just another painful reminder that the United States must do more to stem the flood of violence and ensure that our campuses are as safe and secure as possible. The incident at Northern Illinois comes only a week after a gunman opened fire on a college campus in Louisiana, and just 10 months after the tragic shooting at Virginia Tech that left 33 people dead.

I believe that in order for this disturbing trend to be curtailed the United States must adopt commonsense reforms that will reduce the number of assault and other high power weapons available to the public while also allowing responsible gun owners that right to bear arms.

I urge my colleagues to work with one another toward a solution that will prevent incidents like this one from taking place in the future.

Again, I want to extend my deepest sympathies to all the students at NIU—not only the victims and their families, but those students who are dealing with the aftermath of this horrific event. I know that the impact of this event will linger forever, but I also know that NIU will continue to be a vibrant center of learning.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, on February 27, 2008, I was avoidably detained and missed three votes related to the consideration of the Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act.

Had I been present I would have voted ''no'' on approving the journal, ordering the previous question, and agreeing to the resolution for the Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act (vote Nos. 79, 80, 81).

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