

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN REMEMBRANCE OF KENNETH E. ZAREMBA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Kenneth E. Zaremba and in recognition of his dedication to his family, community and to the field of space exploration through his work at NASA.

Kenneth Zaremba had a distinguished thirty year career at NASA, most recently serving as Chief Protocol Officer. Earlier this year, he was recognized by his peers for his leadership, innovation and implementation of NASA's Future Forums—forums held around the country to educate diverse communities about NASA's vital work in the fields of science, space exploration and education. Through his connections to the local community and the expertise he accumulated during his career at NASA, Kenneth shared NASA's vision with non-traditional communities around the country—including school groups, state governors and teachers. As a leader for this agency-wide team, he and his colleagues inspired audiences throughout the country, highlighting NASA's vital work for our nation and communities. Kenneth is survived by his wife and best friend, Elizabeth and his three children: Zachariah, Alexander and Cassandra.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembrance of Kenneth E. Zaremba and in celebration of a life dedicated to his family, community and country. Despite his absence, his work at NASA will continue to inspire the work of his colleagues and all those who were touched by his leadership in NASA's Future Forums project.

TRIBUTE TO AMANDA ZIMMERMAN

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Amanda Zimmerman on her exemplary basketball career and congratulate her on being named Iowa's 2009 Miss Basketball.

Amanda is a senior at Ballard High School and will be attending Iowa State University to continue her illustrious basketball career. Amanda has been recognized with a variety of accomplishments including being named to the Class 3A All-State team four consecutive times, four straight state tournament appearances with her Ballard teammates, and helped lead her team to become the Iowa High School Class 3A State Champions this year.

Amanda is a shining example of Iowa's talented youth and the rewards that come with hard work and determination. It is an honor to represent Amanda Zimmerman and her teammates in the United States Congress and I

know my colleagues join me in wishing her the best in furthering her education and athletic career.

COMMEMORATING MADISON'S BICENTENNIAL

HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, Saturday, June 6, 2009, marks the official kick-off of Madison, Indiana's Bicentennial Celebration. And, what a storied history this wonderful town in my congressional district has amassed. Reflecting on the town's 200-year history takes time. So, it is only fitting that Madison residents and visitors will celebrate for 200 hours straight.

Madison is one of the most beautiful small towns in my congressional district. It was founded in 1809 and thrived on the commerce that the river provided. In its earliest years, Madison blossomed quickly and many stately mansions were built to accommodate its wealth. As rail became the prominent mode of transportation and commerce began to move away from the river, Madison's progress changed, and it became home to small, quaint businesses. At that time, it was yet to be told that what seemed to be the recession of the City would someday become the very thing that would bring it back to vibrancy.

Today, Madison has been recognized by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as one of a dozen distinguished destinations in America and is home to the largest National Historic Landmark District in the state. This year, as the residents of Madison celebrate their 200th birthday, I'd like to congratulate them on the success of their community and offer them continued prosperity in the next 200 years. I hope to attend some of the bicentennial festivities. If not, I will certainly be there in spirit.

Congratulations on your bicentennial Madison, Indiana.

HONORING ANDREW HOXSEY OF NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Andrew Hoxsey, who is being honored this evening by the Napa Valley Grapegrowers as their Grower of the Year. Mr. Hoxsey is being recognized for his outstanding contributions to the wine grape industry and the larger community of the Napa Valley.

Each year, the Napa Valley Grapegrowers bestows their most prestigious award to a Napa grower who has demonstrated a strong commitment to sustainable practices; recog-

nized leadership in the agricultural preservation; dedicated community focus, contributing to the Napa Valley community through their time, resources, and personal commitments; and someone who actively promotes Napa's reputation for the highest quality vineyards. Grapegrowers in the Napa Valley are continuously at the forefront of organic and sustainable agricultural practices, and Mr. Hoxsey is no exception. He is one of the preeminent organic farmers in the entire Napa Valley.

Mr. Hoxsey is a fourth generation Napa Valley farmer who received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics and Business Management at the University of California at Davis. He went on to serve as an officer in the United States Air Force Reserve from 1983 to 1993. He is currently President of Yount Mill Vineyards in Yountville and Managing Partner of the Napa Wine Company.

Mr. Hoxsey's position as Managing Partner of one of Napa's premier wine companies is only the beginning of his extensive industry and community involvement. Andrew has served as Chairman of the California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance and President of the Yountville Appellation Association. He has also held memberships on the Napa Valley and California Grapegrowers Boards of Directors, as well as Napa Valley Vintners Association, Oakville Winegrowers Association, American Vineyard Foundation and Napa Valley Farm Bureau.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, it is appropriate at this time that we thank Mr. Andrew Hoxsey for the incredible work he has done on behalf of the Napa Valley. As a respected grape grower he has advanced the reputation of Napa Valley grapes and wine, and has been a model citizen and superb steward of the land. I join his wife, Nancy and two daughters in wishing him continued success and fulfillment.

DEDICATION OF NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, nestled in a quiet corner of Washington D.C. a memorial stands in remembrance of some of our bravest citizens. The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial was dedicated in 1991 to honor America's federal, state, and local law enforcement personnel. Its walls bear the names of more than 18,000 officers killed in the line of duty, dating back to the first known death in 1792.

Every May, the nation honors the men and women who paid the ultimate price. It is a time to recognize the contributions of more than 900,000 federal, state, and local law enforcement officers who serve this nation and the thousands who have lost their lives.

Earlier this week, hundreds of Nebraskans from across our state gathered to pay tribute

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to the 130 Nebraska law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty since 1866. On Monday, May 11, the Nebraska Law Enforcement Memorial was dedicated to our friends and neighbors who gave their lives to make our world a better place. Located in Grand Island, the names of these heroes are now etched in gold on three granite panels, a solemn reminder of the cost they—and their families—have paid.

It is fitting the pathway to the Washington D.C. Law Enforcement Officers Memorial is guarded by a statue of a lion protecting its cubs. Thousands of Americans from all walks of life owe their lives to the actions of the brave men and women in uniform who protect us. Each day, law enforcement officers ensure our laws are enforced and our communities are safe.

HONORING ORADELL POLICE DEPARTMENT D.A.R.E. PROGRAM GRADUATES

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, today, the Oradell Police Department will hold its D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony with the students of Oradell Elementary School. The young people participating in this important program have made a commitment to say no to drugs, underage drinking, and gang violence. They have done this with the support of Chief of Police Anthony Rhynie Emanuel and D.A.R.E. officers, Sgt. Kevin Smith, Ptl. Marc Fedorchak and Ptl. Richard Liguri.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education, or D.A.R.E., began as a small program in Los Angeles in 1983. Today, it is implemented in more than 75 percent of our nation's school districts and in more than 43 other nations. This program allows children to defeat the negative cultural influences that they are challenged with daily by opening the lines of communication between law enforcement and youth and empowering them with confidence and courage to say no to drugs.

I am proud of the young boys and girls who participated in this program in Oradell, and I would like to recognize them all for taking this step toward positive citizenship:

Emma Bednarski, Andrew Benda, David Chakansky, Michael Fasano, Alec Garino, Kyle Garino, Lauren Gerlin, Stephanie John, Ethan Konigsberg, Ellison Lee, Justin Longo, Nicholas Miller, Julia Mills, Caitlin Mooney, Kevin Ortega, Zachary Prager, Kayla Rosado, Christina Sim, Christian Skroce, Joseph Verrico, Tyler Yuen, Vincent Albanese, Connor Belthoff, William Bertini, Zakaria Bousada, Jung Jin Cho, Alexa Coppola, Zachary DiPirro, Kristen Friedman, Eunhyu Ham, Sakura Honda, Ariel Lam, Thomas Melvin, Thomas Montemarano, Brian Pedersen, Anthony Pestic, Danielle Reimer, Olivia Schuster, Wendy Starr, William Thorn, Chelsea Twan, Alec Wasserman, Grace Woo, David Angione, Julianna Bigami, Erin Browning, Amanda Calcetas, Savannah DiGiovanni, Nicholas Esposito, Ryan Gardner, Rachel Jacobs, Ehristopher Kallensee, Asher Konigsberg, Ylana Lopez, Christopher McMahon,

Courtenay Murphy, Sebastian Quiana, Anne Marie Quinn, Patrick Robertson, Stephen Sargentini, Victoria Scalanga, Lexi Schettino, Eric Spiniello, Amber Williams, Christopher Yee, Ethan Alpern, Connor Callahan, Kate Deeg, Jimmy Dickson, Justin Fernandez, Christian Haak, Alexandra Iaccino, Brandon John, Evan Marinelli, Nicole Muscat, Rachel Okransky, David Pettigrew, Nicole Preziosi, Audrey Reynolds, Hunter Santos, Tommy Shindnes, Emma Smith, Richie Tashjian, Gabrielle Toohey, Sophia Traphagen, Billy Wallace, Daniel Comeau, Matthew Boros, Michael Boyle, Charlie Connell, Daniel Erben, Amanda Fatovic, Anna Fletcher, Elizabeth Granger, Molly Hastings, Erin Hughes, Susan Kang, Brad Laube, Julia Lombardi, Alexander McNally, Matthew Moran, Mona Moshet, Erikson Nichols, Matthew Palathingal, Caroline Parks, Kyle Russell, Ethan Schupak, Joseph Starace, and Kirsten Wozniak.

TRIBUTE TO BERYL PRESLEY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Beryl Presley, a kindergarten teacher from Milo, Iowa.

Beryl has received the "My Favorite Teacher Award" given by WOI television station in West Des Moines, Iowa. She was nominated by her former student, Billie Jo Marsh, who is now a co-worker of Beryl's. When Billie Jo was in fifth grade, she was inspired by Beryl to become a teacher, and they have now worked together at Milo Elementary School for over 17 years.

Beryl has been a teacher for 34 years and takes an immense amount interest in all of her students. She tells her students that they will receive an engraved recess whistle if they graduate with a degree in education. Eleven years after Billie Jo had Beryl as her teacher, she received her whistle on graduation day.

I congratulate Beryl Presley on her well-deserved award, and I'm certain that she will continue to touch the lives of many youth in her community. It is a great honor to represent Beryl in the United States Congress, and I wish her continued success.

IN TRIBUTE TO MOORPARK HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to the Moorpark High School Academic Decathlon Team, who recently returned from Memphis, Tennessee, as the 2009 National Academic Decathlon Champions.

It is the second consecutive national championship for the Moorpark High School team and the fourth national championship for the school in the past 10 years.

Team members Kris Sankaran, Marlena Sampson, Danielle Hagglund, Sarah Thiele, Zyed Ismailjee, Neil Paik, Sol Moon, Scott Bu-

chanan and Michael Fantauzzo are now recognized as the best and the brightest in the country. They are the pride of their school, their community and their country.

Kris Sankaran, a Moorpark High School senior, is the only holdover from last year's team. And, for the second consecutive year, he walked away from the competition with the country's highest individual score.

Every team member medaled in at least one event. Kris took home seven individual medals. Danielle Hagglund took home six.

These youngsters won by literally dedicating their lives to the challenge. The team gave up weekends, vacations, part-time jobs, and time with their families in their pursuit of excellence.

Their coach, Larry Jones, worked as hard, if not harder, than his students and is as deserving of high praise. Coach Jones, who is now the spry age of 60, has coached all four U.S. Championship teams. He is a man of outstanding strength, patience, and perseverance.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in applauding nine outstanding students who made history while achieving a very prestigious goal—Kris Sankaran, Marlena Sampson, Danielle Hagglund, Sarah Thiele, Zyed Ismailjee, Neil Paik, Sol Moon, Scott Buchanan and Michael Fantauzzo—the 2009 U.S. Champion Moorpark High School Academic Decathlon Team.

HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS AT CAMP ASHRAF

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, as we endeavor to end the war in Iraq, and to prevent any further military action in that region, I want to call attention to a resolution adopted by the European parliament on April 24, 2009. This resolution addresses Camp Ashraf which is located in Iraq about 50 miles from the Iranian border. Approximately 3,000 Iranian exiles are now residing at the Camp; these individuals have not been involved in the war and signed agreements with the U.S.-led Multi-National Force regarding their status in accordance with International Humanitarian Law. Unfortunately, Iraqi officials have allowed the Iranian clerical regime to pressure those residing at Camp Ashraf and human rights organizations, such as Amnesty International, have expressed concern for their safety and well being.

The European Parliament resolution urges the Iraqi government to uphold the human rights of those living at Camp Ashraf. I share this sentiment and urge my colleagues to review the full text of the resolution enacted by the European Parliament.

HUMANITARIAN SITUATION OF CAMP ASHRAF RESIDENTS

European Parliament resolution pursuant to Rule 115 of the Rules of Procedure on the humanitarian situation of Camp Ashraf residents The European Parliament,

having regard to the Geneva Conventions and notably Article 27 of the Fourth Geneva Convention on the legal status of Protected Persons,

having regard to the Geneva Convention of 1951 relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1967 Additional Protocol,