

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE MID AMERICA CROPLIFE ASSOCIATION 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Mid America CropLife Association (MACA) on its recent 50th Anniversary. Founded in 1958 by Herbert Woodbury, Porter Williams, Robert Yapp, Harold Howard, Doug Nelson, Wally Smith, and G. E. Zackert, MACA has represented the agricultural chemical companies of the Midwest whose products help feed the world.

From humble beginnings MACA has led the industry for 5 decades in growing membership, developing industry safety guidelines, and educating our youth on the processes that feed the world.

Madam Speaker, since its creation, MACA has incorporated membership from basic manufacturers, distributors, formulators, and allied industry representatives. Having input from such a broad membership, MACA has been an industry leader in creating guidelines for agriculture safety and the crop protection industry. MACA's dedication is so apparent they have developed member guidelines and standards above and beyond those required by the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Transportation.

In addition to their industry development, MACA has reached out to our local communities by speaking at local elementary schools to educate children on the process of agriculture from the farm to our table. In my community MACA participants reached out to the 4th and 5th grade classes at Central Elementary in Des Plaines. Since the inception of the MACA's CropLife Ambassador Network, over 25,000 students have been provided scientifically based information regarding the safety and value of American agricultural food production.

From its modest start to its present day roster of members on the Fortune 500, MACA has been a voice for agriculture and the agricultural chemical professionals who serve those who feed the world. I congratulate MACA on this achievement and wish them another successful fifty years.

CONGRATULATING HERMAN K. WILLIAMS

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2009.

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize and extend my congratulations to Mr. Herman K. Williams on the occa-

sion of his retirement from The Family Christian Association of America, Inc (FCAA) as the Founder and President/CEO. Mr. Williams can look back on a proud career of service and distinction in community leadership.

A native of Arcadia, Florida, Mr. Williams moved to South Florida at an early age. He graduated from Miami Northwestern Senior High School in 1961. A talented athlete and scholar, Mr. Williams received scholarships in both athletics and academics. During his early college years, he was drafted by the Army, but opted for the United States Air Force, where he served a tour of duty in Europe. While in military service, he was involved in recreational and sporting activities, often spearheading leagues. Mr. Williams attended South Carolina State University and Florida Memorial College, where he obtained a Bachelor's Degree in physical education. He also attended Nova Southeastern University, where he studied public administration.

In 1970, Mr. Williams began working with the YMCA of Greater Miami as the Executive Director of the G.W. Carver Branch, and later became the Senior Vice President for Operations. Following his vision of helping youths and their families, he founded The Family Christian Association of America, Inc. (FCAA) in February 1984 where he served as the President/CEO. Under his leadership, FCAA provides a variety of services and programs that serve youth and families in Miami-Dade, Broward, Brevard, Alachua, and Highlands Counties. Some of the programs include Head Start and Early Head Start Child Development, after school care, youth development, sports, and the Black Achievers of Excellence program.

Mr. Williams founded the Florida Consortium of Black Faith Based Organizations, Inc. (FCOBFBO), which is a statewide organization that supports and enhances the efforts of its members to affect economic social and policy changes in their communities, in 1999. He served as the Chairman/CEO.

In an effort to complement his professional achievements, Mr. Williams is involved with various organizations such as past Board Chairman of the Florida Industries Credit Union, member of Zeta Royal Center Advisory Board, Society of Human Resource Management, National Society of Fundraising Executives, American Compensation Association, and Miami-Dade United Way Agency Resource Management Committee. This public servant is married to Mrs. Mary E. Williams.

Mr. Herman K. Williams is an outstanding American worthy of our collective honor and appreciation. It is with deep respect and admiration that I commend Mr. Williams for over 25 years of dedicated services to the community, and wish him and his family the very best in retirement. Now, in retirement, he embarks upon new challenges in life and I am certain his legacy of greatness will only grow and develop as he enters this new phase of life.

RECOGNIZING THE INPATIENT REHABCARE TEAM AT THE VIRGINIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Inpatient RehabCare team at the Virginia Regional Medical Center for their safety education and outreach to Minnesota's youth. In addition to their outstanding work at the Medical Center, the RehabCare team educates elementary school students throughout Virginia of the tremendous health risks associated with riding a bicycle without a helmet.

They recognize the importance of educating our youth during their formative years—at the age when they are most receptive—of the possible life-altering brain injuries that could result from not wearing a helmet while riding a bicycle.

In particular, Madam Speaker, I wish to laud the Inpatient RehabCare team in their most recent outreach to fourth grade students at Roosevelt Elementary School in Virginia.

Each fourth grade class participated in a safety awareness session where they learned about the lasting consequences of brain injuries and the importance of wearing bicycle helmets.

Students received real-life simulations of what their lives would be like with such brain injuries, demonstrating the difficulty of everyday tasks and making a lasting impression on the students on the importance of taking safety precautions when riding a bicycle.

Such hands-on scenarios—combined with the team's helmet safety information and their direct experience with assisting patients who have suffered brain trauma—provided these elementary students with invaluable life lessons in bicycle safety and the severity of brain injuries.

It is vital that we teach our children about the many benefits of active and healthy transportation and recreation through cycling; and safety education must go hand-in-hand with these lessons.

The RehabCare team's effective outreach to children is noteworthy and ought to be replicated throughout the nation. Their work—and the work of similar groups in the United States—is deserving of our recognition and continued support.

I thank the Virginia Medical Center's Inpatient RehabCare team for their inspiring leadership and dedicated work to instill in our children a lifetime of bicycle safety habits.

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HONORING DONALD GUIMOND

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Donald Guimond, Town Manager of Fort Kent, Maine.

On May 1, 2008, the town of Fort Kent suffered from severe flooding that impacted businesses, apartments, homes and elderly housing. Mr. Guimond oversaw an orderly evacuation and quick response by emergency teams. Despite working without sleep for more than thirty six hours, Mr. Guimond always knew which residents and businesses had been impacted, where individuals sought shelter, and what further assistance was necessary. His well-coordinated reaction prevented serious injury and the loss of life.

Mr. Guimond continued to show his dedication to the residents of Fort Kent long after the flood waters receded. Through his efforts, the town provided the space necessary for disaster assistance teams from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Small Business Administration and other entities. He and his staff coordinated an effort to provide emergency heaters to residents whose furnaces were damaged by the disaster. He played an active role in the town's Long-term Recovery Committee, making sure that residents and business owners applied for the assistance that they needed and that the town is ready to respond to ongoing issues which have arisen from the flood. The Small Business Administration has recognized Mr. Guimond's significant contributions by presenting him the Phoenix Award for Disaster Recovery as a Public Official.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mr. Guimond's dedication to the residents of Fort Kent, Maine.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I would like to state for the record my position on the following votes I missed due to personal reasons.

On Monday May 19, 2009 I missed rollcall votes 267, 268, and 269. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on those rollcall votes.

128TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF KEMAL ATATURK FOUNDER OF MODERN TURKEY

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I rise today, May 19, to commemorate the 128th anniversary of the birth of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the founder of modern Turkey. Ataturk was a

unique and inspirational figure who laid the foundation for the Republic of Turkey. He was a post World War I revolutionary leader who understood that Islam and modernity are not inconsistent—an important factor to reinforce today with democratic leaders throughout the Muslim world.

By any measure, Ataturk was an historic reformer. In the space of two decades, he built the nation of Turkey from the ashes of the Ottoman Empire—a nation that was based on secular principles and with a foundation that was fertile for democracy to take root and prosper. He held true to his fundamental vision for his overwhelmingly Muslim nation, namely that it be guided by two overarching concepts: secularism and progress. Just as is the case today, he understood that advances in science and technology would enhance the nation and the Turkish people.

To enable Turkey to reap the benefits of such advances, he set about enacting major reforms in all aspects of Turkish life—political, cultural, legal, educational, and economic all with an eye toward creating the architecture of the new Turkish nation that would raise it to the level of what Ataturk referred to as "contemporary civilization." These reforms touched on all aspects of Turkish society from abolishing the caliphate, recognizing equal rights for men and women, replacing the Arabic alphabet with Latin letters, and instituting secular law to reforming traditional styles of dress and mandating surnames.

Ataturk was an impatient reformer. His handling of the reform of the alphabet is one example of his impatience. The language commission he appointed to review the reform recommended that the alphabet reforms be phased in over a fifteen year period. Ataturk had a much different timeframe in mind. He set about traveling throughout the country, personally instructing crowds in the new alphabet, and within six months he had accomplished his goal. With the acceptance of the Latin alphabet, millions of Turks would be poised to turn westward for their second languages and the learning to which those languages are the key.

Ataturk championed women's rights, encouraging them to pursue careers as doctors, lawyers, scientists, writers and politicians. He did so because he wisely understood that by doing so he was unleashing the talents of all Turks and thereby making the nation stronger. Because of his vision and determination, Turkey is today a strong and vibrant democracy and a model for others in the Islamic world to emulate.

Madam Speaker, it is my hope that Muslim leaders throughout the region will acquaint themselves with Ataturk's revolutionary leadership and take inspiration in the courageous reforms he undertook more than seventy years ago so that they too can preside over nations that are secular, democratic and prosperous.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRET

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I missed recorded votes on the House floor on Monday, May 18, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Rollcall vote 267 (Motion to suspend the rules and Agree to H. Res. 300), "nay" on Rollcall vote 268 (Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to S. 386), "aye" on Rollcall vote 269 (Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 442).

HONORING ANDREA MACKENZIE

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I, along with my colleague Congressman MIKE THOMPSON, rise today to honor a dedicated and beloved advocate for preserving both agriculture and the environment of Sonoma County, California. Andrea Mackenzie is leaving the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, and we celebrate her 12 productive years, especially the last eight years as General Manager.

Andrea was born in upstate New York and grew up in Los Angeles. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Studies from the University of California at Santa Barbara and a Master's Degree in Urban Planning and Natural Resources from the University of California at Los Angeles.

With her love of both the coast and the rugged mountains of the High Sierra, it is no surprise that Andrea worked for over 25 years in land use and conservation-related positions, including the East Bay and San Francisco where she began to develop a focus on collaborative public/private projects and regional approaches. She also loves walkable communities, old barns, hiking and kayaking, country rock, and nature writers.

Andrea first served the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District as project manager for the strategic conservation plan update, creating documents that have become models for other public land conservation agencies. In 2000, she was appointed General Manager by the Board of Supervisors.

The mission of the District is to "permanently protect the diverse agricultural, natural resource and scenic open space lands of Sonoma County for future generations." Funded by a quarter cent sales tax, it is the only such district in the state of California and is overwhelmingly supported by Sonoma County's residents.

Andrea helped direct the 2006 campaign to renew the sales tax, which passed overwhelmingly. Voters value the organization's mission and its programs including: matching grants to partner with local cities and agencies for land acquisition, preservation and enhancement; stewardship in managing these lands and various easements to protect them, as well as to allow for public access; land leases to local growers; and public and educational outings, including a focus on underserved populations. Andrea has played a key role in developing these programs as well as increasing the amount of open space from 25,000 acres to 75,000 acres (including 33,000 acres of farmland).

In 2007, in testament to Andrea's management, the District was selected for the National Leadership in Conservation Award from the