

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MARK COHN'S 80TH BIRTHDAY AND HIS DEDICATION TO SACRAMENTO COUNTY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Mark Cohn for his sixty years of service and devotion to the Mosaic Law Congregation and the greater Sacramento community. On May 31st, the Mosaic Law Congregation celebrated Mr. Cohn's 80th birthday and honored him for his immeasurable dedication to the people of Sacramento. As Mr. Cohn's friends, family and colleagues gather to pay tribute to his lifelong achievements, I ask that all my colleagues join me in honoring this inspirational individual.

After proudly serving his country in the U.S. Air Force from the late 1940s to the early 1950s, Mr. Cohn returned to Sacramento and started his Kustom Kitchens design business. Since the inception of Kustom Kitchens, Mr. Cohn has received numerous residential designs awards which have been publicized in many local and national publications, such as the Sacramento Bee and Sacramento Magazine.

Despite the demands and immense time commitment it takes to run a successful business, Mr. Cohn continues to give back to the Sacramento community. A few of the many organizations Mr. Cohn has volunteered his time to includes the YWCA, Stanford Home Foundations, B'nai Brith, and 4 Robinhoods. "He takes on any challenge and never lets anything get in the way of the big picture," said his wife Dianne Cohn, "he never seems to run out of energy." For example, from 1991 to 1995, Mr. Cohn served as President of the Mosaic Law Congregation, managed his Kustom Kitchens business and served on various non-profit boards.

Mr. Cohn continues to be an incredibly active gentleman, walking the Great Wall of China at the age of 73, and skydiving at the ages of 75 and 80! Throughout his life, Mr. Cohn has shown substantial leadership skills, strength, innovation, and passion. He is a man we can all look up to.

Madam Speaker, as Mark Cohn, his wife Dianne and children Shelli, Lanie, Nelson, Larry, and Scott, along with his many friends and colleagues gather to celebrate Mr. Cohn's 80th birthday, I ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting him.

HONORING BETH ASHLEY

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise with pleasure today to honor my long-time friend,

Beth Ashley, of Marin County, California. Beth is retiring from the Marin Independent Journal, IJ, after 35 years of passionate and thoughtful writing that has made her a community institution.

Beth's news career began with school newspapers, including editor of the Stanford Daily. At the Marin IJ, she has served in many roles, most recently as a feature writer. Her columns reflected her immersion in many aspects of county life as well as her foreign travels. From Moscow during the early years of Glasnost to Afghanistan and Iran, her trips tended to focus on the humanitarian struggles in troubled areas of the world. Her compassionate heart shines through all her work.

From raising five sons to serving on non-profit boards in Marin County, Beth has had a very full life in addition to her IJ duties. Now 83, she writes that "it's hard to act the intrepid girl reporter, especially when I totter a bit when I walk and can hardly see, hear or speak coherently to boot." But she assures us she has "loved every minute. I only wish I'd done more."

Beth has done more in her career than most of us can dream of. The community will miss her regular features, but we still expect to see her around town enjoying her new adventure—she will be remarrying in a few months.

Madam Speaker, Beth Ashley's work has expressed the heart and soul of Marin County. It has been an honor and delight to read her columns and to know her as a friend. I wish her the best of luck in her retirement and in her new marriage.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 292, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

A PROCLAMATION HONORING CLOW WATER SYSTEMS COMPANY'S 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF PROVIDING UNINTERRUPTED AND DEDICATED SERVICE

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker: Whereas, Clow Water Systems was founded on March 17, 1910 in the city of Coshocton; and

Whereas, Clow Water Systems has grown from a two-man operation to employing more than 350 workers; and

Whereas, Clow Water Systems has been at the cutting edge of pipe and fitting production,

often trading and competing in discoveries that have both improved efficiency and lowered costs industry-wide; and

Whereas, Clow Water Systems recently expanded their industry even further, exporting pipes to help in the effort to rebuild Iraq; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with their friends and family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Clow Water Systems Company on their 100 Year Anniversary. Their dedication to quality products and customer service has made them a dependable pillar of the Coshocton community.

IN RECOGNITION OF JACK E. SINGLEY AND HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO IRVING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jack E. Singley, former Superintendent of the Irving Independent School District (IISD).

Mr. Singley first joined Irving ISD as a math teacher at MacArthur High School in 1965. Over the past forty-four years, he has served in various roles from teacher to vice principal to personnel director to Superintendent. Upon taking the reins as Superintendent in 1988, Irving ISD has undergone tremendous change. Irving ISD added eight schools, enrollment grew from 21,887 to 33,233 students, over 30,000 students graduated from high schools, and employees increased from 2,309 to 4,177. He exhibited great leadership skills and carried out his vision to improve Irving ISD, helping students achieve their full potential. Aside from being one of the longest serving Superintendents in the State of Texas, Jack will be remembered for his commitment to public education and dedicated service to Irving ISD. He has touched countless lives and will be greatly missed.

Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Singley for devoting his career to public education and expressing our heartfelt gratitude for his forty-four years of service to Irving ISD.

MEDIA SHOW

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Texas, Madam Speaker, Judge Sotomayor has yet to answer a question at a confirmation hearing, but the national media's verdict already is in.

Network evening newscasts used the term "conservative" to describe Judge Sotomayor's

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critics more often than they used the term “liberal” to describe Judge Sotomayor herself, despite her very liberal record.

And there is a clear double standard in the media’s coverage of Judge Sotomayor compared to President Bush’s nominees.

After they were nominated, the national media referred to Justice Alito and Justice Roberts as “conservative” far more frequently than they have labeled Judge Sotomayor “liberal.”

In addition, the national media have heralded Judge Sotomayor’s impressive life story, despite ignoring the similar personal story of former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales during his confirmation.

The national media should set aside bias and treat Judge Sotomayor the same way they treated previous nominees.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MARIA ESTHER CARRILLO, FOUNDER OF THE HISPANIC-AMERICAN INTERCULTURAL WORKSHOP, FORMER MEMBER OF THE MAYOR’S HISPANIC ADVISORY COUNCIL, FOUNDER OF THE HISPANIC YOUTH VOICE OF TAMPA AND FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE TAMPA HISPANIC HERITAGE INC.

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to herald the life and philanthropic contributions of Maria Esther Carrillo, and to express our gratitude for her achievements in the Tampa Bay area as a passionate community activist and educational leader.

Carrillo and her husband Francisco escaped a violent Colombia, controlled by Marxist guerrillas and drug cartels, to settle in Tampa in 1990; only five years after graduating from The University of the Andes in 1985. Carrillo immediately identified with the strong Hispanic culture in Tampa. She made it her life’s work to focus on improving the education of those around her. She sought to bridge English and Hispanic cultures by introducing multicultural studies in language and heritage. Through her work with the Tampa Hispanic Heritage Inc., Carrillo was able to bridge communities of Hispanic and non-Hispanic citizens through countless cultural celebrations and in so doing fusing together diverse groups within the Tampa area.

Carrillo’s faith and fervor in a multicultural Tampa, led to the foundation of the Taller Intercultural Hispano-Americano (TICH) in 1998. Her non-profit was established to champion the coexistence of diverse groups; to educate, share and enjoy other cultures and heritage. Carrillo, the Founder-Director, amassed sponsorships for a free festival that emphasized dance, folklore, food, culture, lifestyle and art for the Tampa community.

Her core beliefs were founded in the limitless potential of the next generation and it is with her commitment that her intrinsic reaction was not surprising. Sacrificing herself, Maria Esther Carrillo moved her body into harm’s way, allowing her maternal instinct to shield her daughter from the out of control truck in Miami, Florida. The proud mother was accom-

panying her daughter, a high school senior, home after accepting a college scholarship so that she could attend Columbia University in the fall.

She lived as she died, protecting and helping the future of the hardworking Hispanic youth that she loved so dearly.

I wish Maria Lilianna Carrillo a speedy recovery and my thoughts and prayers are with the Carrillo family.

INTRODUCING THE HEALTHY TRANSITIONS ACT OF 2009

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today with Representatives MARY BONO MACK and DAVE CAMP to introduce bipartisan legislation aimed at addressing the unique needs of young people with serious mental illness. This legislation will provide comprehensive support for youth so that they can transition into healthy and successful adults.

Young adults suffering from mental illness fall through the cracks far too often. Last year, former Senator Gordon Smith and I requested a report from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) examining the challenges facing this population. The results were very troubling. As of 2006, approximately 2.4 million young adults age 18–26 in America had a serious mental illness and another 9.3 million suffered with a moderate or mild mental illness. This population has significantly higher rates of unemployment, incarceration, suicide, inadequate housing, as well as lower rates of continuing education.

There is no coherent federal policy to address this issue and our system is fragmented. The GAO found that many youth lose mental health coverage or have their coverage disrupted when they turn 18, and are unable to find age-appropriate services in the adult mental health system. As a result, many young adults are adrift without services, support, or guidance.

The dysfunctional mental health system described by GAO has had a particularly harsh impact on vulnerable youth, such as those aging out of foster care. A national survey found that foster youth were four times more likely to have attempted suicide in the preceding year when compared to those never placed in foster care. Another study found that these youth suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder at rates similar to Iraq War veterans. We cannot let this cycle of neglect continue.

We developed the Healthy Transitions Act in response to GAO’s findings that exposed the critical gaps in age-appropriate mental health and supportive services for young adults. This legislation builds on the successful Partnership for Youth in Transition Demonstration Program and will allow the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to expand their efforts to assist states in serving young people with mental illness. It will provide grant funding to states to develop statewide coordination plans that will assist adolescents and young adults with serious mental health disorders in making a healthy transition into adulthood. The bill will also provide grant funding for states to successfully

implement their plans and ensure that the care systems created are both comprehensive and sustainable. Finally, the legislation will create a Committee of Federal Partners. The Committee will include representatives from all agencies that serve young adults as well as representatives from consumer and family advocacy organizations. The Federal Partners will evaluate the states’ programs, provide technical assistance, and report to Congress on the progress being made.

It has become increasingly difficult for young adults to navigate our current fragmented mental health system. The Healthy Transitions Act aims to fill the cracks in the system by coordinating the work of federal, state, and local partners. It is our social responsibility to help these youth develop into successful, independent adults. I hope all of my colleagues can recognize the importance of investing in our young people and will support this legislation.

COMMEMORATING 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TIANANMEN SQUARE SUPPRESSION

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, having just returned from a week in China with Speaker Pelosi, I am glad to more fully appreciate the country’s tremendous scope, population, the vast and varied landscape, and its rich history. Although the focus was on global warming and the environment and the impressive progress China has made to adjust its policies, the subject of human rights was never far from the surface.

In Tiananmen Square I was taken back to the monumental events of 20 years ago and their tragic conclusion. It is sobering to understand how intensely the Chinese government suppresses any mention or image of the Tiananmen Square massacre. So much so that today there is virtually no knowledge of these events on the part of the young.

That is why it is so important for Congress to mark this observance: to give knowledge to those with no memory and to give hope to those that do remember. It is critical that those who risked so much, those who died or who were persecuted, are celebrated for their courage. It is my hope that one day the Chinese people will have the freedom they deserve.

COMMEMORATING 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TIANANMEN SQUARE SUPPRESSION

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 489, recognizing the twentieth anniversary of the Tiananmen Square crackdown. In June of 1989, the Chinese government unnecessarily applied the heavy hand of the People’s Liberation Army to violently