

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMEMORATING MS. ARLENA CHRISTIAN-BROWN ON THE OCCASION OF HER 92ND BIRTHDAY

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 19, 2009

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Ms. Arlena Christian-Brown on the occasion of her 92nd birthday.

Ms. Christian-Brown was born on July 11, 1917, in Bonita, LA, to West and Classie Christian. She is the second of 19 children, and the oldest daughter living today.

Currently, Ms. Christian-Brown is a resident of Jones, Louisiana and together with her late beloved husband, Ross Brown, raised eight children.

Ms. Christian-Brown has been an active member of her community, attending and participating in church throughout her life. Over the years, Ms. Christian has served as an usher, choir member and a mother on the motherboard.

As her friends and family prepare to join together on July 11 to celebrate this exciting birthday, Ms. Christian-Brown continues to exemplify how dedication, hard-work, patience and a strong faith can make a difference in her community. She has instilled fairness, honesty and religious conviction in her children and grandchildren.

Today, Ms. Christian-Brown is the proud grandmother of 19 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren (one deceased) and one great-great-grandchild.

I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Ms. Christian-Brown a very happy 92nd birthday.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 19, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the House passed version of H.R. 2847.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. GRESHAM BARRETT

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Provision: Title I, International Trade Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Clemson University

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 Sikes Hall, Clemson, SC 29634

Description of Request: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide \$350,000 to the National Textile Center at Clemson University. These funds will be used to support research and development, undergraduate and grad-

uate education, and technology transfer at Clemson University in the area of polymers, fibers, and textiles research. Activities carried out with these funds will include research projects with direct military implications, as well as training of students, both of which support industry in the United States. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF BLUFORD AND BETTY WARD

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 19, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today in recognition of Bluford and Betty Ward on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Bluford Ward and Betty Crutchfield met growing up in the small farming community of Allentown, Florida. The two met while in school at Allentown School, now known as Central High School, and their friendship grew into something more over the years. Bluford and Mrs. Betty married on June 20, 1959 at Calvary Baptist Church, right down the road from where they grew up.

Bluford and Betty Ward live the American dream. They began their life together in Allentown where they live to this day. Bluford and Betty are the proud parents of three children—Sherry, Terry, and Jennifer—and four grandchildren. I am honored to call Bluford and Mrs. Betty my friends.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Mr. and Mrs. Ward on their 50th wedding anniversary. They are truly an outstanding family from the First District of Florida.

ONE RIOT, ONE RANGER

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. POE of Texas. About 100 years ago, there was a fight brewing in Dallas. Back then there was a different type of 9–1–1. When you needed to bring in the big guns, you knew who to call. So the Dallas mayor made his urgent plea for help and was waiting anxiously for the Calvary to ride into town, so to speak. As Captain Bill McDonald stepped off the train, the mayor was elated, but wondered out loud where the rest of 'em were? "Hell! ain't I enough? There's only one prize-fight!" Those words have become synonymous with the Texas Rangers: One Riot, One Ranger.

This past weekend I had the honor and privilege to speak to over 300 Texas Rangers

in Waco, Texas. I was like a kid in a candy shop! Some were not active Rangers anymore, but don't think that made any real difference in their appearance or demeanor. Just like a Marine; once a Ranger, always a Ranger. There is no "ex-Ranger."

As I mingled through the sea of starched shirts, jeans and cowboy hats, I thought I had died and gone to Heaven. You can always spot a Ranger. Long, lean and mean with a silver star made out of a Mexican silver dollar and six guns. It was like I was talking to Gus McCray and Woodrow Call of Lonesome Dove. The legends of the greatest law enforcement agency ever known were alive and well. And me, a mere U.S. Congressman, was getting to hang out with them!

The Texas Rangers can be traced back to the earliest days of Texas history, technically long before we were Texas. They are the oldest law enforcement organization on the North American continent with statewide jurisdiction. Stephen F. Austin got a few men together to protect the early settlers from Indians in the early 1800s. They got their name from their primary duty—patrol the range and keep the peace. For over 200 years, their purpose hasn't really changed.

In 1835, at the beginning of the Texas Revolution, the Corps of Rangers was established; and in 1847, they officially became known as the Texas Rangers. Twenty-five men under the command of Silas M. Parker were designated to protect the frontier between the Brazos and the Trinity; ten men under Garrison Greenwood were assigned to the east side of the Trinity; and 25 men under D.B. Frazier to patrol between the Brazos and the Colorado. They did what even the U.S. Army could not do—protect the settlers from the Indians.

Through the years the Texas Rangers have increased and decreased in numbers and their charges have varied, but their duty has never wavered. During the Texas Revolution, while the Texians' focus was on defeating Santa Anna's army, the Rangers focused on protecting the settlements from Indians. During the Mexican-American War, they became known as the "Los Diablos Tejanos"—the Texas Devils, for their fierce protection of the frontier.

Their storied history can fill pages and pages; their duties and contributions are just too long to list. But, the famous words of Captain Bill McDonald have evolved into the Ranger creed and pretty much say it all: "No man in the wrong can stand up against a fellow that's in the right and keeps on a-comin'."

They have been the focus of legend, lore, radio shows, Hollywood movies and television dramas. One Ranger, and the outlaw who wronged him, even made their way to my courtroom. Back in 1988, the Lone Ranger flew into Houston Intercontinental Airport to speak at a charity for disabled kids. When he left town a baggage handler stole his luggage. (Yes, the real Lone Ranger; some people know him as the actor Clayton Moore, but believers know he is actually the Lone Ranger.)

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Inside this bag were his twin ivory handled Colt .45s—might as well have been the Hope Diamond itself.

Well, when it came to sentencing I really had no choice in the matter. This was the Lone Ranger after all and he had been wronged. It was my duty as a Texan and a man of the law to punish this outlaw in the name of everything holy and sacred—600 hours shoveling manure at the Houston Police Department Mounted Patrol stables.

And through it all, I refused to reveal the true identity of the Lone Ranger. I allowed him to remain “masked” and wear his white hat in the court—even over the loud objections of the defense attorney. I was not about to go down in history as the man who un-masked the Lone Ranger!

These lawmen have always had a certain swagger; a certain something about them that made them Rangers. Another legendary Ranger, who lived up to his nickname, “Rip” (Rest in Peace) Ford said this about the men that served under him: “A large proportion . . . were unmarried. A few of them drank intoxicating liquors. Still, it was a company of sober and brave men. They knew their duty and they did it. While in a town they made no braggadocio demonstration. They did not gallop through the streets, shoot, and yell. They had a specie of moral discipline which developed moral courage. They did right because it was right.”

Whether they be fact or fiction, Texas Rangers are a special breed. But, would we really expect anything less from Texas? Nowadays they mainly work alone. They are the finest law enforcement agency in the world.

By the way, Ranger Captain Bill McDonald successfully stopped the Dallas Prize Fight Riot—by himself.

And that’s just the way it is.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF
DR. RITA S. JONES

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 19, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Rita S. Jones who is retiring as superintendent of Great Valley School District in Chester County, Pennsylvania after faithfully serving more than 39 years as a dedicated teacher and outstanding administrator.

Dr. Jones started her distinguished career in a third-grade classroom in Johnstown, Ohio in 1971. She came to Pennsylvania in 1978 as assistant superintendent/director of special projects in the Downingtown School District and then became superintendent in the Daniel Boone School District in 1986. For the last 16 years, Dr. Jones has served as superintendent at Great Valley.

Dr. Jones has earned the respect of parents, teachers and staff for her excellent leadership and contagious optimism while challenging teachers and students to work hard and maximize their potential. Fellow educators throughout the state recognized Dr. Jones’ commitment to a high standard of educational excellence in 1998 when she was named Pennsylvania Superintendent of the Year.

After the school day ended, Dr. Jones continued serving her community by giving her

time and talents to the Brandywine Branch of the American Red Cross, The March of Dimes, Chester County Futures and several other professional and civic organizations.

Colleagues and friends will celebrate her wonderful career on Monday, June 22, 2009 during a dinner at The Desmond Hotel and Conference Center in Malvern.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring Dr. Rita S. Jones for her 39 years of distinguished service as a teacher and administrator and recognizing her unwavering commitment to educational excellence.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 19, 2009

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2847, FY2010 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman RALPH M. HALL

Bill Number: H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Account: National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texas Tech University

Address of Requesting Entity: 19th and University Avenue, Mail Stop 2131, Lubbock, TX 79404

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,000,000 for the Engineering Support For Extended Human and Robotic Space Flight Missions with Texas Tech University at Abilene. Funding for this project will contribute directly to NASA’s initiative of returning to the moon and further exploring Mars. For human and robotic missions, the center for Space Sciences is addressing the need for a decrease reliance on mission control due to the communication delays that occur in long distance missions. For human missions the center is also addressing the need for greater autonomy in dealing with the physical needs of the astronauts, including long term water recycling, which currently limits the habitation period possible without re-supply, and the ergonomics and human factors aspect of human performance in zero and reduced gravity environments. The major research areas will include recyclable/renewable water resources, autonomous/renewable control systems and ergonomics/human factors crew support. This project supports the space flight industry and related programs throughout Texas. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF
DR. MURIEL A. HOWARD

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 19, 2009

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor Dr. Muriel A. Howard of Western New York. After serving as president of Buffalo State College for 13 years, Dr. Howard will leave to become the president of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities in Washington, D.C. It is my privilege to highlight Dr. Muriel A. Howard as a woman whose extraordinary efforts as president of Buffalo State College have forever shaped and enhanced this fine institution in the 27th Congressional District.

Born in North Carolina, Dr. Howard was raised on a farm in Wilmington along with her five siblings. Dr. Howard learned at an early age the importance of hard work and social responsibility. Her parents and grandparents instilled the importance of education in their children. Dr. Howard always sat in the front row, excited and eager to learn. When her parents chose to move the family to Queens, education remained the top priority. Her mother drove her children to the best school in Queens.

Dr. Howard continued her education at City University of New York’s Richmond College where she received a degree in sociology and a minor in education. Dr. Howard also has a master’s degree in education from the University at Buffalo, and a doctorate of philosophy, in educational organization, administration, and policy from the University at Buffalo. At Harvard University, she earned a certificate in the Institute for Educational Management.

Accordingly, University at Buffalo presented Dr. Howard with leadership opportunities. She served as vice president of public service and urban affairs for 23 years, becoming the first woman to serve as vice president at SUNY Buffalo. Dr. Howard’s distinction as one of Western New York’s finest leaders led to the honor of being named the seventh president of Buffalo State College—the first woman president at the institution.

At Buffalo State College, Dr. Howard challenged the status quo and transformed it into a diversified college. The college is now known for its leadership in arts and culture because of the new \$30 million Burchfield Penney Art Center that would not have been possible without her efforts.

Nationally, Dr. Howard has been a leader in education. She has been involved on a number of boards including: the American Council of Education; the Division III President’s Council of the National Collegiate Athletics Association; the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, Merchants Insurance Company, Farm Credit Services of Western New York, and the Fleet Bank Community Relations Advisory Board.

Dr. Howard also has served the great state of New York through many organizations such as the New York State Department of Education Commissioner’s Council on Higher Education, the New York State Blue Ribbon Commission on Youth Leadership and the State University of New York Advisory Council on Teacher Education to name a few.

Her unrelenting devotion and selfless service will be missed at Buffalo State College and