

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN THEIR CELEBRATION OF THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Community Christian Church on their 100th anniversary. The church, located in Fort Worth, Texas, will be hosting centennial services on October 11, 2009.

Community Christian Church was founded in 1909 by the Reverend William M. Alphin, who held services before a 40-person congregation on the rented second floor of the local Masonic Hall. The Christian Church denomination today maintains a membership of nearly 700,000 across North America.

Through a commitment to service and fellowship, Community Christian Church continues to enrich the community of Fort Worth as well as the surrounding areas. The church has expanded and grown over time, acquiring their proud home on East Vickery St. in 1971. Under the leadership of current Pastor Rueben Thompson, the church remains committed to serving as a "bridge" between Christians of a diverse denominational background.

Madam Speaker, today it is my honor to recognize the Community Christian Church. They have demonstrated a level of commitment to community that is well appreciated, and it serves as an example for us all. It is a privilege to represent the congregation of Community Christian Church in the 26th District of Texas. I look forward to observing the positive impact they will continue to have on our communities at home and abroad.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL LAKIN

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a true hero, Michael Lakin. Michael, a former student at Cascade Christian high school in Puyallup, Washington, and an Eagle Scout, saved his classmate Allen, a quadriplegic, from choking to death last November.

Madam Speaker, because of Allen's condition he was unable to draw attention to himself when he was choking while eating lunch with his mother, Cathy, and his friends at Cascade Christian. Thankfully, Michael noticed something wasn't right and sprang into action. He picked Allen out of his wheelchair and performed the Heimlich maneuver on him successfully, no doubt saving a precious young life.

Michael graduated from Cascade Christian this past summer and is now attending class-

es at a local community college. I thank him for his courageous actions, I thank him for his service and determination as an Eagle Scout and I wish him the best in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 735, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

IN HONOR OF CAROL WALTON, PRESIDENT OF THE LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE DELAWARE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Carol Walton, the outgoing President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association (LADVFA).

Before her role as President of LADVFA, President Walton previously served as the President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Elsmere Fire Company and the New Castle County Firefighters Association.

The LADVFA has grown significantly since its inception in 1937. Today, as a result of the leadership and hard work of President Walton and others before her, there are 56 auxiliaries in the State Association—19 from New Castle County, 17 from Kent County, and 20 from Sussex County. Nevertheless, the State Auxiliaries have contributed to the community with the same dedication since the very beginning. The LADVFA provides resources and assistance to burn centers, so-called "burned out families," and scholarship funds for firefighters. They also assist each of their communities with many other worthy causes.

When called to action during alarms, LADVFA assist the firemen by serving meals or snacks while the companies are fighting fires or assisting with another emergency. The service they provide both the fireman and the community are invaluable.

The LADVFA serve such an important function in our community, and to be as effective as possible, they must have dedicated and organized leaders. President Walton has been exactly that over the past year and the State of Delaware and our nation are greatly indebted to her for all of her past and future hard work.

A TRIBUTE TO CARMICHAEL, CALIFORNIA ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Carmichael, California, in honor of its 100th anniversary on September 26, 2009.

In 1909, Daniel Webster Carmichael bought 6½ square miles of land in a part of unpopulated Sacramento County—land that would grow to over 10 square miles and be known as Carmichael. It is said that he initially bought this remote mass of territory for \$30 per acre, with the intent to populate the area by selling 10-acre lots to American families moving west. Drawn by the lure of building citrus orchard fortunes, these divisions quickly sold. Three hundred families lived in Carmichael by 1927, and the population hit 2,000 by the time of the Great Depression.

In the ensuing decades, wheat, barley, alfalfa, peaches, and almonds were being grown interspersed with horse and poultry farms. Farmers have found success in good times and have battled through the tough ones, and have increasingly been sharing the community with an expanding suburban area. Once a collection of open properties, Carmichael now quarters businesses and families in addition to the traditional farm and occasional horse property.

Carmichael continues to be attractive to people from all walks of life because of its peaceful, family oriented community lifestyle—setting Carmichael in stark contrast to the more populous areas of Sacramento County. Although very close to a major metropolitan area, Carmichael boasts roaming wildlife such as deer, coyote, and wild turkey. The American River flowing through Carmichael accentuates the serenity and beauty of the region. Although many of the original 10-acre lots have been subdivided over the years, some still remain as a reminder of its rural and agricultural past.

Over the past 100 years, Carmichael has also been home to other advancements. Governor Ronald Reagan built a State mansion on California Avenue. Mark Spitz and Debbie Meyer based their successful Olympic training in the local country club. Also, Carmichael is proud to have the world's largest geranium club, and the "Fourth of July Elks Parade" is the longest enduring Independence Day procession in Northern California.

Let me also say that one of the most admirable traits I find in Carmichael is the humble yet rich tradition and history it embraces.

Now, as Carmichael has grown to a population of 72,000, Carmichael continues its legacy as a home to traditional American life.

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IN HONOR OF CITY MANAGER
LARRY CUNNINGHAM

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the former City Manager Larry Cunningham for his years of service to the City of North Richland Hills and the North Texas region.

After a public service career that spans more than four decades, Larry Cunningham retired this year from his position as City Manager of North Richland Hills, which he has held since 1997. Prior to being appointed City Manager, he served as the North Richland Hills Finance Director, as well as City Manager in Lubbock, Texas.

During his tenure, City Manager Cunningham was known for his integrity, dedication, and enthusiasm. Under his leadership, North Richland Hills has remained financially stable and continued to grow, even during changes in the economy. The City's bond rating ranks it among the top 2 percent in the state and top 10 percent nationwide.

Larry Cunningham's service to the City includes a number of initiatives that improved the quality of life for the residents of North Richland Hills. Under his leadership, over 30 Parks and Recreation Facilities were constructed in the city. Mr. Cunningham also worked to improve public safety, enacting drainage improvements and flood control, upgrading Fire Department facilities, and supporting increased police patrol and crime prevention programs. He was also instrumental in the creation of the North Richland Hills' Art in Public Spaces Program, helping to create a distinctive community identity. Many of his projects will continue to develop long after Mr. Cunningham's retirement.

It is with great honor that I recognize City Manager Larry Cunningham for his years of hard work and dedication given to the citizens of North Richland Hills and North Texas. I am proud to represent him in Washington. His service sets a standard of devotion and true leadership, one that will endure.

FEDERAL SPENDING

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, if federal spending is not reigned in—we will find it more and more difficult to avoid the looming financial crisis that lies ahead. Getting a handle on the out-of-control spending in Washington D.C. is my top priority. Families and businesses across the country are tightening their belts in these tough economic times, but Congress continues to spend like there is no tomorrow. For the sake of future generations, we have to restore a sense of fiscal responsibility to this town.

Over the August recess, the Congressional Budget Office, CBO, released an updated budget projection showing the federal government running deficits equal to \$8.7 trillion over the FY 2009–FY 2019 period.

The continued spending by this Congress is unacceptable and must be stopped. This is a path we should not have gone down; first it was the \$700 billion financial bailout, then the so-called \$787 billion stimulus. America's hardworking taxpayers deserve better—a Congress that is accountable and one that shows restraint.

During the debate on the FY 2010 Budget Resolution, I proposed a balanced budget. It was a first step in setting our nation's fiscal priorities and getting spending under control.

After the Congress adopted the budget resolution, I offered a modest next step by offering a series of "fiscal discipline amendments" to hold the line on runaway federal spending during the FY 2010 appropriations process. These amendments would force the government to live on last year's income.

Yesterday, I offered an amendment in the Rules Committee to the Continuing Resolution for FY 2010, in order to once again attempt to hold the line on spending by saving taxpayers \$84 billion. This amendment reflects our values. The American people are tired of this blank check and this bailout mentality that has got a hold of Washington. The people are sick of bailouts and rising deficits. And furthermore, they are tired of the piling debt that is crushing the future of our children and grandchildren.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. JORDAN OF OHIO

In section 101 (relating to rate for operations under CR)—

(1) insert "(a)" after the section designation; and

(2) insert at the end the following new subsections:

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), whenever the amount that would be made available under subsection (a) for a project or activity is greater than the amount that was made available for such project or activity in appropriations Acts for fiscal year 2008, the project or activity shall be continued at a rate for operations as provided in such Acts and under the authority and conditions provided in such Acts.

(c) Whenever the amount that would be made available under subsection (a) for a project or activity covered by the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010, or the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010 is less than the amount that would be made available for such project or activity by such appropriations Acts as passed by the House of Representatives, the project or activity shall be continued at a rate for operations as provided in such appropriations Acts, as passed by the House.

In section 106(3) (relating to period covered by CR), strike the specified date and insert "September 30, 2010".

HONORING SENIOR SPECIAL
AGENT AND RETIRED LIEUTENANT
COLONEL KRAIG E.
HANKINS

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Senior Special Agent and retired Lieutenant Colonel Kraig E. Hankins, a resident of Ashland, Kentucky.

After more than thirty years of Federal service, Senior Special Agent Hankins is retiring

from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to accept the position of Operations Officer and Training Manager with the Tri-State Airport Authority in Huntington, West Virginia.

Senior Special Agent Hankins began his federal investigative career in Columbia, South Carolina, and has since held a number of positions both domestically and abroad.

He has served as a senior instructor and Chief of the Academy Operations Branch at the ATF National Academy in Glynco, Georgia. Senior Special Agent Hankins has also held positions in ATF Field Offices in New Hampshire, Guam, and most recently, in Ashland, Kentucky, where he worked with bomb squads and investigators throughout the Commonwealth as a Certified Explosives Specialist.

In 2008, Senior Special Agent Hankins retired from the USAF Reserve as a Lieutenant Colonel after thirty-four years of service. He served in Operation Enduring Freedom as the Senior Designated Military Officer, Office for the Administrative Review of Detention of Enemy Combatants at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Senior Special Agent Hankins for his distinguished career and offer our thanks for his service and sacrifice. I wish him and his family all the best as they enter this new chapter of their lives.

IN MEMORY OF JEFFERY R.
"PUFF" ADAMS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it is with sadness that I inform the House of the death of Jeffery R. "Puff" Adams, Ray County's presiding commissioner.

Mr. Adams was born in Richmond, Missouri, in 1957. After graduating from Richmond High School, he became involved with many Richmond community activities. For example, he was a lifetime member of the Richmond All Sports Club. He also served on the Spartan Football Chain Gang for several years. Since 1990, he was responsible for painting the Spartan football field before every football game. Additionally, he was past president of the Richmond Little League Baseball program. He also coached several of Richmond's Parks and Recreation girls' softball teams. In 2008, Jeff was named the grand marshal of the Richmond Spartan Homecoming Parade. He was a loyal alumni and lifetime supporter of the Richmond sports community.

In addition to his involvement with Richmond athletics, Mr. Adams served in a variety of community roles. He served on the Mid-America Regional Council for Presiding Commissioners Board, Ray County's 911 Board, Ray County's Rural Fire Department Board, and Ray County's Planning and Zoning Board. He was past president and served on the Shirkey Golf Club Board, and was very active on the Club House Building Association. Jeff was co-owner of Adams and Howell Floor Covering in Richmond.

Madam Speaker, Jeffery Adams was a respected leader in the Richmond community. I