

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING TECHNICAL SERGEANT ROBERT HORNER UPON HIS RE- TIREMENT

#### HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 18, 2009*

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to stand before you today in recognition of Technical Sergeant Robert E. Horner. Robert will retire this December after more than 34 years of service to our country.

Robert enlisted with the U.S. Navy in September 1975. He served aboard the USS *John F. Kennedy* as an Aircraft Bosun Mate in the Atlantic Theater. In October 1979 he transferred to the U.S. Navy Reserve. He continued with the Navy Reserve until he transferred to the Air Force Reserve as a Propulsion Mechanic in 1983, at the 911th Air Force Reserve, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His service to our country continued through the gulf war and the war on terrorism; from 1995 through the present he served as Propulsion Mechanic before moving to the Aerial Spray Maintenance with the 910th Airlift Wing, Youngstown, Ohio. Robert continued his military service even through heart surgery in 1992. His distinguished career is punctuated by over a dozen awards and decorations, including the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Ribbon.

Robert demonstrates an exemplary commitment to his community even aside from his military service. In 1993 he accepted a commission for the West Farmington Police Department, and served the village of West Farmington for 8 years. In 2002 he was made Police Chief, and he continues at this post today.

Robert's current responsibilities as Technical Sergeant with the 910th Airlift Wing includes supervision of 12 reservists in the maintenance and operation of the Modular Aerial Spray System, the only full-time, fixed-wing aerial spray unit within the Defense Department.

Madam Speaker, Technical Sergeant Robert Horner has dedicated his life to serving his country and his community. In recognition of his many efforts on behalf of the American people, I ask that you and all of my distinguished colleagues join me in commending him for his lifetime of service and dedication.

### INTRODUCING THE ENERGY EFFICIENT MODERNIZATION ACT

#### HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 18, 2009*

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I am introducing the "Energy Efficiency Modernization

Act of 2009," to establish market incentives so that federally assisted housing can become more energy efficient.

Federally assisted housing programs provide real opportunities for green improvements. However, existing rules and regulations make it difficult for owners of federally assisted housing to maximize efforts and decrease our Nation's energy bill.

A 2008 study by the Government Accountability Office found that the Department of Housing and Urban Development spends an estimated \$5 billion annually on energy costs to pay for roughly 6 million units of housing, representing almost 17 percent of the Nation's rental housing stock.

Improving the energy efficiency of federally assisted housing by 25 to 40 percent would result in savings for HUD at roughly \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion annually, making the long-term cost savings for the Federal Government—and, most importantly, taxpayers—substantial.

Furthermore, energy efficiency improvements will provide stimulus to the economy in terms of capital projects and "green collar" jobs, create best practices for the industry on the whole and fulfill the mandate of HUD.

### COMMEMORATING THE 175TH ANNI- VERSARY OF ST. JOSEPH'S VILLA IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

#### HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 18, 2009*

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 175th anniversary of St. Joseph's Villa in Richmond, Virginia.

St. Joseph's Villa has been serving the Richmond community since 1834 when it was established by the Daughters of Charity as an orphanage. It is now a nonsectarian organization and is the oldest and largest operating children's nonprofit in metropolitan Richmond.

Currently, the Villa works with more than 600 children and families on a daily basis. The mission of St. Joseph's Villa is to provide children with special needs, as well as their families, the opportunity to succeed through innovative and effective programs. To accomplish this mission, St. Joseph's Villa works with local school systems and parents to provide a variety of educational, residential and day programs to children and families dealing with autism, homelessness or physical and mental disabilities or other behaviors that classify the child as being "at risk." These programs include, to name just a few, the Dooley School at St. Joseph's Villa, for middle- and high-school students with learning disabilities and behavioral issues, the Dooley Center for Alternative Education, for students who have been suspended or expelled from their local high school, and the Dooley School at Cherokee Road, an elementary-school program for students with a variety of learning disabilities. Each program contains both academic and

behavioral components and their goal is to prepare the child for returning to his or her local school.

St. Joseph's Villa employs more than 300 full and part-time employees who are integral in making this organization a success. The Villa is committed to staff-development, involvement, and effective teamwork that respect the individuals they serve. I commend them on the services they have rendered to the Richmond community over the years.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing St. Joseph's Villa as it celebrates its anniversary and wishing the students and staff the best in their future endeavors.

### HONORING CALEB MATHER

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 18, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Caleb Mather, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 75, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Caleb has been very active with his troop participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Caleb has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Caleb Mather for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

### RECOGNIZING BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

#### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 18, 2009*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month. As the month draws to a close, it is important that we acknowledge the impact that breast cancer has had on both women and men in our country. This October marks the 25th anniversary of the inaugural National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, celebrating a quarter century of awareness, education, and empowerment.

Each year, approximately 200,000 women and 1,700 men are diagnosed with breast cancer and more than 40,000 women and 450 men die from it. Breast cancer is sadly the most common cancer in women in the United States, but fortunately, there are about 2.5 million breast cancer survivors living in the United States today. This disease affects the lives of

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so many women and their loved ones, and it is of the utmost importance that the public is aware of current information and treatment options.

I commend organizations like Susan G. Komen for the Cure, and others, for its dedication to educating the citizens of our community and keeping them updated on the status of relevant research. I appreciate its commitment to providing more opportunities for individuals to learn about the disease, by spreading the message of prevention and awareness to wider audiences. In order to prevent breast cancer, we must increase our awareness, which makes research, early detection, and treatment all the more important as a woman's best defenses in the fight against this deadly disease.

In acknowledging and honoring Breast Cancer Awareness Month, doing so, we will educate our loved ones across the Nation—many mothers, sisters, and friends—on the importance of early detection, so that we may prevent as many women from dying as possible.

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HONORING LEE MYERS, MAYOR OF MATTHEWS, NORTH CAROLINA

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**HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 18, 2009*

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the great work of one of my constituents, R. Lee Myers, mayor of Matthews, North Carolina. Mayor Myers has recently completed his ninth term in office. Lee is a wonderful public servant—he's given over 20 years of his life to serve the citizens of Matthews—as mayor and as a town commissioner. During this time, he's overseen the rapid development of Matthews into one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in the Nation.

Born in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, in 1951, Mayor Myers graduated from East Mecklenburg High School, received a B.A. from East Carolina University in 1973, and received a law degree from Oklahoma City University School of Law in 1976. Mayor Myers and his wife Lucinda have two children, Matthew and Amanda. He currently practices law alongside his son, Matthew, at the Myers Law Firm, PLLC.

Mayor Myers' civic activities also include serving on the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization from 1989 until the present, having served as chairman from 1997 to 2005. He has also been the Matthews representative to the Metropolitan Transit Commission since its formation.

Today, I join the nearly 30,000 residents of Matthews in thanking Mayor Myers for his two decades of outstanding service to them and to Mecklenburg County. His dedication is to be commended, and I wish him and his family all the best.

RECOGNIZING HARRY STATHAM FOR HIS 1,000TH VICTORY AS THE MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH AT MCKENDREE UNIVERSITY IN LEBANON, ILLINOIS

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**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 18, 2009*

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Harry Statham who, on November 13, 2009, posted his 1,000th victory as coach of the McKendree Bearcats, the first coach of a men's 4-year college basketball program to reach that mark.

Harry Statham began his career at McKendree College in 1966 after 5 years as a high school coach. Forty-four years later, coaching in the basketball court that bears his name, Coach Statham is still at McKendree, now McKendree University, and has built an impressive program on the guiding principle of, "You win games by getting the right kids." And Harry Statham's criteria for "the right kids" should be a model for other coaches in all sports. "We want good people, good students and good basketball players—in that order," he says.

Harry Statham has been the career wins leader for a 4-year men's basketball program since passing Dean Smith with his 880th victory in 2004. His record, after the 79–49 win over East-West University on November 13, was 1000–318.

Harry Statham's career is not marked solely by an impressive number of victories. He was named the 2001–02 NAIA Men's Basketball Coach of the Year and has received the AMC Coach of the Year award eight different times. He was a six-time recipient of the NAIA District 20 Coach of the Year, has been named the NAIA-Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Men's Basketball Coach of the Year 12 times, was the recipient of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, NABC, Guardians of the Game Leadership Award and received the Distinguished Service Award from the United States Sports Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Harry Statham on his milestone 1,000th victory as the men's basketball coach at McKendree University and to thank him for his many contributions to his sport, his university and his community.

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TRIBUTE TO MAJOR TOBY D. PATTERSON

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**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 18, 2009*

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this moment to recognize and honor MAJ Toby D. Patterson, United States Marine Corps, for his service to the U.S. House of Representatives as he prepares to depart Capitol Hill. After serving over 2½ years as a liaison officer and the Deputy Director of the United States Marine Corps Liaison Office in the U.S. House of Representatives, he will be attending the Australian Command and Staff College in Canberra, Australia.

While serving in the Liaison office, Major Patterson developed and executed a legislative strategy for the United States Marine Corps that was instrumental in training and equipping the Marine Corps and ensuring their success on the battlefield. By engaging members of Congress and their staffs, Major Patterson directly facilitated an increased emphasis on improving Congressional relationships, which is a cornerstone of the Corps' strategic vision.

During his time on Capitol Hill, Major Patterson successfully planned, coordinated and escorted over 50 international and domestic Congressional and Staff Delegations. His attention to detail and anticipation of requirements allowed my fellow members of the House to focus on fact-finding and gleaning new insights that informed critical decisions to support the people of the United States. Due to his professionalism, dedication and knowledge, Major Patterson became a highly sought after military escort for delegations traveling into Combat and Post Conflict Zones. The time he has spent supporting members of the House has been truly noteworthy.

Major Patterson has distinguished himself as a man of many talents. While working in a challenging environment, he earned a Master's degree from the University of Oklahoma, completed the Marine Corps Non-Resident Command and Staff College, and succeeded as an accomplished athlete having run two Marine Corps Marathons and completing a full Ironman Triathlon.

Madam Speaker, as Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, I have benefitted personally from Major Patterson's invaluable insights and hold great appreciation for the caliber of his work. He sets a high standard for others to emulate, and our Nation benefits from his outstanding dedication and leadership. I am certain that the members of the House will join me in wishing Major Patterson and his wife, Lindsey, continued success in their future endeavors.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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**HON. MARY JO KILROY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 18, 2009*

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, on the legislative day of Monday, November 16, 2009, I was unable to cast votes on a number of rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 889 and 890, and "aye" on rollcall vote 891.

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BANK OVERDRAFT POLICIES

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**HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 18, 2009*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise on behalf of American consumers who have contacted me about their discontent regarding bank overdraft fee policies. Most, if not all, of these individuals are everyday Americans who regularly monitor their spending and account usage. Unfortunately, many of these individuals are victims of unfair and excessive overdraft fees charged by banks.