

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING WARD HUSSEY

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a great American and public servant, the Legislative Counsel of the House of Representatives, Ward Hussey.

Ward Hussey's career was defined by service. He stood on the front lines of World War II and stormed the beaches of Okinawa. He got little attention in the public eye, but for 43 years in the Office of Legislative Counsel, he was the wordsmith of the House; a core player in the legislative process; a truly indispensable voice and a source of institutional knowledge and intelligence for every Member of Congress.

Ward Hussey held no allegiance to party or partisan causes—only to his country, the Congress, and the people of the United States.

His job was to give form to ideas and to turn vague proposals into concrete pieces of legislation. Always remaining behind the scenes, he called himself a “catalyst,” a man who “filled in” the details and made sure all sides were represented. Always an example of hard work, commitment, and duty, his colleagues called him a kind and decent man, who brought an extraordinary knowledge and discipline to the job.

Ward Hussey left a deep imprint on our national identity, our social fabric, and our daily lives. His fingerprints can be found on the Marshall Plan, the interstate highway system, and Medicare. Most significantly, his words and expertise formed the foundation of our modern tax code.

Over more than 4 decades of service, Ward Hussey's, achievements became the cornerstones of our common progress as a country.

I hope it is a comfort to Ward Hussey's children, grandchildren, great-grandchild, family and friends that the House of Representatives mourns the loss of this giant of the Capitol and is praying for them in this sad time. May his legacy live on in our ongoing pursuit of legislative achievement.

RECOGNIZING COACH JIM DREWRY

HON. TRAVIS W. CHILDERS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CHILDERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very special Mississippian. Coach Jim Drewry of Booneville, Mississippi has been named the winningest coach in Mississippi High School Football history.

Coach Drewry began his coaching career at Kossuth (Miss.) High School in the spring of 1958. He spent two years at Kossuth, then moved to Brandon (Miss.) High School as an assistant coach in 1960. After five years,

Coach Drewry took the head coaching job at Booneville (Miss.) High School in 1965, where he led the Blue Devils to three bowl games and a Tombigbee Conference co-championship in 1977.

He returned as head coach at Kossuth High School from 1979 to 1986. Then Coach Drewry retired and was out of coaching for two years. In 1989, he got back into coaching as head coach at Tishomingo (Miss.) High School. After just one season, Coach Drewry returned to Booneville High School in 1990, guiding my alma mater Blue Devils to a Class 2A state title.

Since returning to Booneville High School football, Coach Drewry has led the Blue Devils to win state championships and division championships. He has an overall record of 345-156-5, making him the most successful public school football coach in Mississippi. Coach Drewry was also recognized in the Mississippi Association of Coach Hall of Fame and the National Federation of High School Hall of Fame.

I applaud Coach Jim Drewry's achievements and I hope he will continue to guide the Booneville Blue Devils and victoriously represent Mississippi's First District. I urge my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Coach Jim Drewry for his winning record and for his years of service on and off the field spent mentoring young people in Mississippi.

RECOGNIZING “THE ARMS FORCES” NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker. I rise to recognize The Arms Forces, a nonprofit organization recently created in our region of Northwest Ohio. The Arms Forces develops and maintains a network of volunteers who provide assistance to service men and women who have returned from combat with a traumatic brain injury or PTSD. Life Navigation Coaches are trained to help veterans define, access, and navigate existing supportive services and benefits. Through the group's “Inspirational Listening Tour,” wounded warriors are met in their home communities and share their challenges. Volunteers of The Arms Forces are personally attuned to the suffering of TBI and PTSD and understand the impact of these injuries on our veterans. Through the volunteers' efforts, the enable wounded warriors to reach their highest potential and improve the quality of their lives.

The Arms Forces members are passionate and committed in their service. I am proud to share their story.

HONORING DON LAUB

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Don Laub and for his dedication to his family, community, and agriculture. Mr. Laub passed away on Tuesday, October 20, 2009, from injuries suffered in a farm accident, at the age of 76. A memorial service was held for him on Monday, October 26, 2009.

Mr. Don Laub was born on July 22, 1933, in Fresno, California, to a farming family. As a young man he founded Laub Ranches and J & L Vineyards in Easton. The family-run businesses produce top-quality table grapes, raisins, and wine grapes. He was a leader in the agricultural community and was passionate about preserving the family farm and agricultural education for students.

Mr. Laub served as the Fresno County Farm Bureau president from 1986 until 1988. He also served on the California Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors and served on several advisory committees for both the state and national Farm Bureau organizations. Outside of agriculture and farming, Mr. Laub was dedicated to giving back to the community. He was heavily involved with the Fresno County Affordable Housing Task Force and the Fresno County Public Schools Foundation.

For his efforts, Mr. Laub was named the Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce Agriculturist of the Year in 1994 and was honored with the Distinguished Service Award from the California Farm Bureau Federation in 1996 for his years of working on labor, water, and public utility issues.

Mr. Laub is survived by his wife, Clara; daughters, Debbie and son-in law Ray Jacobsen, Diane Tavares and Donna Laub; son, David Laub; grandchildren, Ryan Jacobsen and his wife Ashley, Megan Jacobsen, Brandon Jacobsen, Jason Allred and his wife Beth, Jared Allred and Dustin Laub; and three great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Don Laub. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring his life and wishing the best for his family.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2996—Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

● This “bullet” symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Name and Address: Butte-Silver Bow Consolidated Government, 126 West Granite Street, Butte, Montana 59701

Description: Funding will be used to repair, restore and replace the City of Butte's drinking water system—a complex infrastructure to import water from across the Continental Divide and from the mountain creeks surrounding the city. This work is being done to accomplish an overall project goal of providing a safe, reliable and affordable drinking water to Butte citizens.

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Name and Address: City of Bozeman, 121 North Rouse Avenue, Bozeman, Montana 59771

Description: Funding will be used to replace the City's existing Water Treatment Plant, WTP, which is over 20 years old with a new larger capacity plant. The mechanized equipment and building structure will soon expire. In addition, rapid population growth has resulted in water demands that are already at the current WTP capacity during peak day use. To meet Bozeman's increasing water demand, the City will construct a 22 Million Gallon per Day, MGD, membrane water filtration plant.

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Name and Address: The City of Missoula, 435 Ryman Street, Missoula, Montana 59802.

Description: Funding will be used to upgrade the City of Missoula's Waste Water Treatment Facility for improved liquid waste treatment and disposal. The VVWTF is one of the primary methods of protecting Missoula's sole source water aquifer that provides clean drinking water for the greater Missoula area, and surface waters such as the Clark Fork River. This upgrade needs to be completed within the next two to five years to allow Missoula to continue meeting its Montana Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit.

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: US Forest Service—Land Acquisition

Name and Address: The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, 2541 Stuart Street, Helena, Montana 59601.

Description: This funding would be used for the U.S. Forest Service to acquire lands critical for providing access to Tenderfoot Creek and to several Forest service trails. In addition, trout from the Smith River use Tenderfoot Creek for spawning. The volume of flow and cold water from the Tenderfoot are critical to the Smith River, particularly in the low flow summer months. Several hundred elk use the Tenderfoot country and it provides winter range for mule deer. Many other wildlife use this drainage which has an elevation drop of 3200 feet from sub-alpine mountains to grass meadows to riparian areas. There is habitat restoration potential if these lands are acquired. Forest Service Management efficiency

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CONGRATULATING REAL SALT LAKE ON THEIR MLS CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. JASON CHAFFETZ

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Madam Speaker, we would like to recognize Real Salt Lake for their inspiring MLS Championship victory. Some people had all but lost hope that they would compete in the playoffs, but the playoffs were just the beginning of their Cinderella rise to the top. Beginning with their first win in the playoffs against defending champions Columbus Crew and ending with the final win over the star-studded LA Galaxy, Real Salt Lake proved themselves to be a championship-caliber team.

Rather than relying on a few star players, this team proved the power of teamwork and the value of believing in one another. Led by their first-time coach/former player Jason Kreis and Captain Kyle Beckerman, they validated to the world what they already knew. Never giving up, Real came from behind to win in a high pressure penalty kick. We would like to congratulate Real Salt Lake and thank them for bringing a championship home to Utah.

HONORING NSF INTERNATIONAL'S 65TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate NSF International and thank them for the great work they have done over the last 65 years. Since 1944, when it was established at the University of Michigan's School of Public Health, in Ann Arbor, NSF International has gone on to reach innumerable achievements.

NSF International has established itself as a leader in the field of drinking water safety, food safety, indoor air, organic certification, toy safety, and many other areas of public health and safety. In 1984 NSF International opened its first office abroad in Brussels, Belgium. Just over 20 years later NSF International now maintains offices and laboratories across North America and Europe, as well as in South America, Africa, and Asia. I believe their selection as a Collaborating Centre on Food and Water Safety as well as Indoor Environment by the World Health Organization speaks to their outstanding international reputation in the field.

Most importantly, NSF International has protected an untold number of consumers over the last 65 years through their testing, certification, education, and other services. Consumer safety is critically important and is an issue I have worked diligently on during my career in the United States House of Representatives. Protecting consumers from dangerous products would not be possible without the role that independent, not-for-profit organizations, such as NSF International, play.

This role is particularly important with our increasingly global marketplace. As more and more products come to the United States from abroad, extra steps must be taken to ensure American consumers are receiving the safest products possible. NSF International has played a key role in certifying products worldwide as well as writing internationally recognized standards. I thank them for the very important work they do.

I am proud to say that an organization with such an outstanding reputation domestically and internationally, and an organization with so many years of experience and achievement, was founded and is still headquartered in the great city of Ann Arbor, Michigan. It is organizations such as NSF International that make Michigan, and Michigan's 15th District, such a wonderful place and make me so proud to represent the area. I ask all my colleagues to join me in congratulating and thanking NSF International.

RECOGNIZING DAN CALLAHAN

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring one of my constituents, Dan Callahan, the head baseball coach at Southern Illinois University, and congratulate him on being awarded the Missouri Valley Conference's Most Courageous Award. This award honors those that have demonstrated unusual courage in the face of personal illness, adversity, or tragedy.

In his 16 years at SIU, Coach Callahan has contributed a great deal to the community. He is well-known and respected for not just his coaching skills, but also for his ability to inspire off of the field.

Three years ago, Coach Callahan was diagnosed with a very rare and very serious form of skin cancer. Despite undergoing treatment for the cancer, including surgery, Coach Callahan did not miss a game that season. Sadly, the cancer continued to grow. He faced more intense treatments, but was given hope when his oncologist recommended a new drug, Avastin, that can stop the spread of cancer and in some cases even shrink tumors. His doctor tried it on him and it worked. However, his insurance company will not cover the cost of the drug that is keeping Dan Callahan alive.

He now has no choice regarding his treatment. He cannot afford what his doctor recommends and his insurance company will not cover it. He cannot get new insurance because of his history of cancer. This could happen to anyone.

His experiences are well documented in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch editorial that I would like added to the RECORD.

I wanted to make my colleagues aware of Dan's situation, congratulate him on his award, and wish him luck on the baseball field and especially in his recovery.

I submit an editorial from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch which was published November 6, 2009, relating to Dan Callahan's case.

COSTLY NEW DRUGS: A CRISIS FOR ONE FAMILY, A QUANDRY FOR U.S.

It began with a little black spot on Dan Callahan's lower lip. He didn't think it was