

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF  
SISTER DONNA L. HAWK

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 2, 2009*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Sister Donna L. Hawk of Cleveland, Ohio, as she is named the West Side Catholic Center's Walk in Faith recipient of 2009.

Throughout her life, Sister Donna Hawk has turned her faith into action, uplifting the lives of those living on the streets. Sister Donna has become a nationally-known leader by creating and operating transitional housing for the homeless, especially for women and their children fleeing domestic violence. While working for many years as a volunteer at the West Side Catholic Shelter, Sister Donna developed a special compassion for women, many of whom had young children seeking refuge from abusive situations.

In 1986, without funding, Sister Donna teamed with Sister Loretta Schulte to rally community leaders and developers in order to transform a motel on Cleveland's west side into Transitional Housing, Inc.—a place of shelter and source of counseling and resources for women and children in need. For more than twenty years, Transitional Housing, Inc. has served as a model for similar programs throughout the nation and across the world.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor and recognition of Sister Donna L. Hawk, whose faith in action, unwavering belief in the possibility of transformation, and staunch advocacy has given strength and hope to countless women and children.

IN MEMORY OF HOWARD JACOBS

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 2, 2009*

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, as the city of West Hollywood gathers to celebrate the life of Howard Jacobs, I am proud to join the community in recognizing his accomplishments and sharing in the sadness that he was taken from us at such a young age.

Howard Jacobs dedicated his life to helping people in need. His work with the West Hollywood City Council, the City's Disability Advisory Board, the Rent Stabilization Committee and most recently with First 5 LA, demonstrates the depth and breadth of his devotion to every segment of society. Perhaps he will be best remembered for his activism to fight HIV/AIDS discrimination and educate people about prevention, detection and treatment.

Howard experienced many serious health challenges in his life. When he was first diag-

nosed with HIV/AIDS in 1989, scientific understanding of the disease was still emerging, societal stigma was pervasive and a diagnosis was a death sentence. But Howard always rallied. He helped West Hollywood design model policies to reduce HIV transmission in the gay community. To many he seemed invincible. Even with his passing it is clear that he will continue to serve as an inspiration.

In my career in public service, I have seen so many instances when one person—one vote—one voice can make a world of difference. Howard Jacobs filled that role so many times and in so many ways. We will forever be in his debt for the world of good he brought in the short time he had to give.

A TRIBUTE TO MS. PEGGY E.  
WHITEHEAD

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 2, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Peggy E. Whitehead.

Peggy E. Whitehead is originally from Virginia but relocated to New York to start her career after graduating from high school. Ms. Whitehead has worked over two decades as a bacteriologist in the lab of the Howard Johnson Corporation. Upon the closing of the facility, she hit the ground running. Determination has always been a major player in her life.

Through the years, she was promoted several times to where she is today. She holds the title of Assistant Coordinating Manager in the Ambulatory Care Department (Sub-Specialty) at Queens Hospital, where she is responsible for day to day operations of twenty clinics.

Ms. Whitehead has received the prestigious Ace Award which signifies excellence, leadership and innovation. In addition, she also received the employee of the month award on the same day. She is a member of the Greenway Angels, an organization founded by her sister, Rosetta Garrett, eight years ago. She has been a volunteer for over six years, within the American Cancer Society. She works on many events, from Making Strides, to RELAY FOR LIFE, to helping with health fairs, all of which are so vital to getting information out to the community. The Ronald McDonald House of New Hyde Park, NY has been an ongoing labor of love event for her in the past seven years. She prepares a feast for the families of the children confined to the Snyder Hospital.

She also participates in the annual New York Aids Walk. New York has the largest Aids Walk in the world, raising millions of dollars each year. Peggy has volunteered her services for eight years.

Ms. Whitehead worked with pride on the Obama Campaign and traveled to Washington, DC for the historic inauguration. Whether doing work for the Diabetic Walk or coordinating a drive to help the homeless, she

goes about each project with relentless vigor and vitality that speaks to who she is.

She has three children—Jerry, Jennifer, and Karen, and seven grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Peggy E. Whitehead.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM ON GAS TURBINES

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 1, 2009*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3029, "to establish a research, development, and technology demonstration program to improve the efficiency of gas turbines used in combined cycle power generation systems." I support this bill because energy efficiency is of the utmost concern to our security, our economy and our future.

H.R. 3029 would direct the Secretary of Energy to carry out a research, development, and technology demonstration program to improve the efficiency of gas turbines used in combined cycle power generation systems and identify the technologies that will lead to gas turbine combined cycle efficiency of 65 percent. A combined cycle is an attribute of a power producing engine (or plant) that employs more than one thermodynamic cycle. Heat engines, which are still only able to use a portion of the energy their fuel generates (usually less than 50 percent) are a burden on the American consumer who helps support this inefficient system of energy production. The remaining heat (e.g., hot exhaust fumes) from combustion is generally wasted; combining two or more thermodynamic cycles results in improved overall efficiency.

The bill requires that the program support engineering and gas turbine design for utility-scale and megawatt-scale electric power generation. Under the bill, this includes high temperature materials, improved heat transfer capability, manufacturing technology, combustion technology, advanced controls and systems integration, advanced high performance compressor technology, and validation facilities for the testing of components and subsystems. It also requires that the program include technology and field demonstrations, and assess overall combined cycle system performance.

H.R. 3029 sets out specific program goals. In Phase I, the goal is to develop the conceptual design of and demonstrate the technology required for advanced high efficiency gas turbines that can achieve at least 62 percent combined cycle efficiency on a lower heating value basis. In Phase II, the goal is to develop the conceptual design for advanced high efficiency gas turbines that can achieve at least 65 percent combined cycle efficiency.

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The bill requires that the Secretary solicit proposals from industry, universities, and other appropriate parties for activities under the program within 180 days of enactment. The bill requires the Secretary, in selecting proposals, to emphasize the extent to which the proposal will stimulate the creation or increased retention of jobs in the United States and the extent to which the proposal will promote and enhance United States technology leadership. Awards shall be made on a competitive basis with emphasis on technical merit. H.R. 3029 authorizes \$65 million for each of fiscal years 2011 through 2014 for carrying out the program.

#### HONORING END THE SILENCE

### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 2, 2009*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate End the Silence upon being awarded with the "Community Health Champions Award" at the 2009 West Fresno Health Care Coalition's 5th annual "This is Your Life of Service" lunch and awards ceremony. This year the ceremony will be held at the Radisson Hotel Conference Center in Fresno, California on Tuesday, November 3rd.

End the Silence is a breast cancer awareness project that has been created as a community-based program specifically designed for targeting the African American community, especially in West Fresno, California. The goal and purpose is to increase education, promote and heighten awareness, create support services and resources for the underserved African American population in West Fresno regarding breast cancer and overall breast health.

The need for End the Silence was discovered when national, state and local statistics were pointing to the high risk of African American women developing, and dying from, breast cancer. Studies have shown that African American women are more likely to pass away from breast cancer than white women. Further, the National Cancer Institute found that breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths among African American women. This reality is often due to economic, social and cultural factors; including misinformation about breast cancer, treatments and lack of access to health which ultimately leads to late diagnosis.

End the Silence targets West Fresno's underserved and underinsured African American community. Over the span of the project, the organizers intend on reducing high breast cancer mortality risk. They expect to serve more than three hundred African American women and their families who will benefit from program services, including culturally competent and trained staff and advocates, specialized support groups and services, culturally appropriate health education, materials and resources and the opportunity for making their voices heard through advocacy activities. Five people that have made End the Silence successful are Charyce Haynes, Wilma Ruth Johnson, Edna Overall, Frances Davis and Adrian Carter.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate End the Silence upon being

award the "Community Health Champions Award." I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing End the Silence many years of continued success.

#### IN HONOR OF LAWRENCE HALPRIN

### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 2, 2009*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise with sadness today to honor a true American icon, landscape architect Lawrence Halprin, who passed away on October 25, 2009, at the age of 93. Mr. Halprin's legendary work profoundly influenced concepts of landscape design in this country and around the world.

A long-time resident of Kentfield in Marin County, California, Mr. Halprin's mark on the Bay Area is particularly evident. From the groundbreaking Sea Ranch development on our Sonoma Coast to Ghirardelli Square and George Lucas' Letterman Digital Arts Center, he designed memorable spaces that create harmony between people and environment.

Nationally, his best known work is the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial in Washington, DC, which artfully invokes Roosevelt's life and work as visitors stroll through a sculptured plaza in a natural setting. Throughout his career, Larry Halprin was adept at revitalizing perceptions of urban areas and involving the community in his public projects.

Mr. Halprin often worked in partnership with his wife, the well-known dancer Anna Halprin. The two met while attending the University of Wisconsin and were married in 1940. While in Wisconsin, they met Frank Lloyd Wright at Taliesin, and his ideas inspired Mr. Halprin to study landscape architecture at Harvard.

Their collaboration was based on a shared vision of crafting interactive, creative experiences that connect with people on a deep level. Halprin also joined Anna's dance work, most famously in their 1979 "planetary dance" on Mount Tamalpais. The goal was to take back the mountain for people frightened away by the notorious Trailside Killer. The dance is now performed annually in 36 countries.

While serving in the Navy in World War II, Halprin recuperated in San Francisco from a Japanese attack which had destroyed his ship. After the war, the couple relocated to the Bay Area.

Widely recognized as a man whose genius revolutionized landscape architecture, Mr. Halprin also won a number of awards. These included a Presidential Design Award for the FDR Memorial, the University of Virginia Thomas Jefferson Medal in Architecture, and the prestigious National Medal of the Arts. A man of many talents, he was also recognized for his documentary on Salvador Dali, "Le Pink Grapefruit."

In addition to his wife, Mr. Halprin is survived by his daughters Dana and Rana and four grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, it is not easy to summarize the scope of Lawrence Halprin's influence and accomplishments. As we enjoy his urban environments or the spaciousness of Sea Ranch, we can understand how much his vision and creativity have enriched our lives.

#### HONORING JOHN C. HARRIS WITH THE DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD

### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 2, 2009*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to John C. Harris for receiving the Distinguished Citizen Award, in recognition of his strong dedication to the Boy Scouts of America in the San Joaquin Valley. Mr. Harris has hosted the Westside Luncheon at Harris Ranch for nearly twenty years. This casual and friendly fund raising lunch supports the Scouting programs in western Fresno and Kings Counties. The Luncheon has become a model for other Scout Councils to emulate. In fact, the Monterey Bay Area Council borrowed the Harris model and began a similar event in King City years ago. John's concern for the youth of our area and his love of Scouting have kept his efforts concentrated in the Sequoia Council, and in the growth of the Scouting in the San Joaquin Valley.

John has been involved in the Agriculture and Thoroughbred business all of his life, as he and his family have worked to create one of the nation's largest Agribusinesses. A diversified family farming operation, this successful business consists of the Harris Ranch Beef Company, Harris Ranch Inn & Restaurant, Harris Feeding Company, Harris Fresh, and the Harris Farms Horse Division. Much has contributed to California's bountiful agriculture industry and economic well-being, but one significant underlying factor in California's agricultural success has been the presence of families such as the Harris family.

We are fortunate to have generous and giving individuals like John Harris, who help to make our Valley a better place. John's commitment to excellence and hard work reflect much of the same values the Boy Scouts embody in their scout oath: to do your best, help other people at all times, and to serve your country. John Harris certainly lives up to these values as is evident in his business success and devotion to serving others in our community.

For all these reasons, it is without a doubt an honor to recognize John Harris today for his leadership in our Valley, as he continues to touch the lives of many people and leave his mark of good will in our community. We are especially thankful today for his service to the Boy Scouts of America in the Central Valley.

#### CONGRATULATING GIUSEPPE AND CATERINA TIBERI

### HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 2, 2009*

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, it is a pleasure for me to offer my best wishes to the dear mom and dad of Congressman PATRICK J. TIBERI who will be celebrating their golden wedding anniversary on December 8th.

Giuseppe and Caterina Tiberi were married in 1959 in Introdacqua, Italy and have now spent 50 years of marriage together.