

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A PROCLAMATION HONORING WADE BROCK FOR WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

### HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Wade Brock showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and

Whereas, Wade Brock was a supportive coach; and

Whereas, Wade Brock always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Wade Brock on winning the Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 softball season.

RECOGNIZING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VILLAGE OF WONDER LAKE

### HON. MELISSA L. BEAN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2009*

Ms. BEAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Village of Wonder Lake, a town in my district celebrating a milestone anniversary this year. This community has made a unique contribution to the district I represent, and to the State of Illinois.

The Village of Wonder Lake is celebrating its 35 year anniversary. Located in McHenry County, Wonder Lake takes its name from the largest private man-made lake in the state of Illinois. In the 1850s, the area of was served by the Harsh School, a one room log building serving about a dozen farmhouses. It was not until 1974 that Wonder Lake was incorporated as residents of the Sunrise Ridge community came together to form a village.

Madam Speaker, the Village of Wonder Lake is unique in its history and adds greatly to the vibrant community of the Eighth District of Illinois. I thank all the past leaders of the Village of Wonder Lake for their dedication to public service; their community would not have reached this milestone without their hard work and commitment. I congratulate Wonder Lake for reaching their 35th anniversary and I wish them continued success in the future.

HONORING DONNA COOK FREEMAN OF SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2009*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague Rep. MIKE THOMPSON to honor the memory of Donna Cook Freeman of Bodega Bay in my district, an energetic community activist whose petite frame exuded a feisty kind of determination combined with warmth and humor that earned friends, political power and a long list of accomplishments.

Donna came to Bodega Bay a half century ago as a young, poor and pregnant fisherman's wife with two small children in tow. She left Bodega Bay and this earthly plain on October 30, 2009 after two weeks of farewell visits from at least 150 friends. She was 72.

Donna Cook Freeman became involved in local politics in the early 60s in one of the earliest environmental battles of the modern era, the fight over the planned construction of a nuclear power plant at Bodega Head. Donna and several other "ordinary" townspeople and their friends took on the giant utility, and ultimately won after they exposed the danger of building the plant directly on the San Andreas Fault.

Remaining active in coastal issues, she served on the California Coastal Commission's advisory board for the county's coastal plan. She campaigned for a local assessment to provide paramedics for the Bodega Bay Fire Protection District. Later she served three terms as a director of the Fire District. She was also a founder of the Bodega Bay Fishermen's Festival, and served as president and a director of the Bodega Bay Chamber of Commerce, and for a decade she served on the board of the Sonoma County Fair. She successfully fought for new port facilities for commercial and recreational fishermen that became Spud Point Marina.

She also created a special place in a scrub filled ravine at the foot of Bodega Head. She filled it with cool ferns, waving trees, rippling ponds, narrow foot bridges and a gazebo she salvaged from the set of Alfred Hitchcock's Bodega Bay-based classic film, "The Birds." She called this sheltered refuge "Compass Rose Garden," named both for the center of a compass and her mother. She raised her family in a cottage in the garden, and turned its verdant grounds into a place for weddings, family events, community celebrations and political fund raisers that both advertised and expanded her political influence.

She served on the Democratic State Central Committee, and her endorsement was gold to numerous political candidates courting west Sonoma County votes. She served a vital role in ushering in progressive politics to the county when she successfully managed the campaign of former Sonoma County Supervisor Ernie Carpenter.

Last month she was diagnosed with advanced liver cancer and as her life ebbed away, she made plans for a final celebration at Compass Rose Garden. It was not to be. Yet she leaves a legacy of progress, a legion of friends and a loving family that includes her husband, Clarence Freeman, her two daughters Melinda McLees and Melissa Freeman; three sons, Scott Freeman, Kevin Freeman and Steve Freeman; and their families which include seven grandchildren; as well as her brother James Cook and a sister Dorothy Cook Hewett, and their families.

Madam Speaker, Donna Cook Freeman brought creativity, vibrancy and determination to every endeavor she took on. She led by her powers of persuasion and her personal magnetism. She was born in the Depression, but was guided through her life by her joyous sense of possibility. When the boats are blessed at the next Bodega Bay Fishermen's Festival, we will think of her and recall a spirit that could rise above the waves.

HONORING THE SONOMA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2009*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of the Sonoma Valley Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber has long served as a spirited defender of the Valley's interests, by encouraging new industry, organizing beautification projects and managing flood control efforts.

The Chamber began the evening of April 10, 1909, when 32 businessmen convened over dinner to discuss how they could stimulate commerce for the benefit of local merchants and professionals.

Membership quickly grew to 100 and the Chamber began their first initiatives, like publishing marketing material and establishing committees to begin tackling an ambitious agenda. In the early years, the Chamber called for transportation improvements and successfully lobbied Congress to protect a local federal facility from closure.

During the Great Depression, the Sonoma Valley Chamber of Commerce was instrumental in addressing needs of a paralyzed business community. To generate renewed interest in the organization, the Chamber hosted an event benefiting street and driveway improvements.

In the subsequent years, the Chamber pioneered many efforts, including the creation of a commuter bus service to San Francisco, the endorsement of a municipal water system, support for State Parks and advocacy for underground utility and telephone lines. Notably, the Chamber raised local matching funds for a job stimulus program that was part of President Roosevelt's New Deal.

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Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Chamber was designated as a farm labor office tasked with steering workers to local farmers. In the years following the war, the Chamber focused on supporting an adequate sewage system, the introduction of local hospital and the adoption of a zoning plan.

By mid-century, the Chamber hosted an industrial conference, boldly escalating efforts to bring new industry to the Valley.

Today the Chamber has expanded its membership to more than 700 leaders who continue to help ensure a thriving economy through advocacy, promotion, networking, education and services.

Operating under the mantra that "Strong businesses make strong communities", the Chamber hosts events, publishes a business magazine and offers comprehensive business, community and visitor resources. The Chamber also leads recognition efforts, honoring the business of the year and green businesses.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we acknowledge the 100th anniversary of the Sonoma Valley Chamber of Commerce. In years to come, this organization will remain an integral and powerful force that continues to enrich the business community for the benefit of all Sonoma Valley residents.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2009*

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor during the week of Monday, December 7, 2009, to Friday, December 11, 2009.

For Tuesday, December 8, 2009, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 931, on motion to instruct conferees regarding H.R. 3288; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 932, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to Con. Res. 199; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 933, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 206; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 934, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 940; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 935, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 845; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 936, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 2278; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 937, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 915; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 938, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 907.

For Wednesday, December 9, 2009, had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 939, on ordering the previous question to provide for consideration of H.R. 4213; "no" on rollcall vote No. 940, on agreeing to H. Res. 955; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 941, on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3951; "no" on rollcall vote No. 942, on motion to table appeal of the ruling of the chair regarding H.R. 4213; "no" on rollcall vote No. 943, on passage of H.R. 4213; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 944, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 3603; "no" on rollcall vote No. 945, on agreeing to the resolution H. Res. 956; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 946, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 86.

For Thursday, December 10, 2009, had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 947, on ordering the previous question to provide for consideration of the Conference Report to H.R. 3288; "no" on rollcall vote No. 948, on agreeing to H. Res. 961, which provides for consideration of the Conference Report to H.R. 3288; "no" on rollcall vote No. 949, on agreeing to the Conference Report to H.R. 3288; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 950, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 4017; "no" on rollcall vote No. 951, on agreeing to H. Res. 962; "no" on rollcall vote No. 952, on agreeing to H. Res. 964, which provides for consideration of H.R. 4173; "no" on rollcall vote No. 953, on agreeing to the Frank amendment No. 1 to H.R. 4173; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 954, on agreeing to the Sessions amendment to H.R. 4173; "no" on rollcall vote No. 955, on agreeing to the Lynch amendment to H.R. 4173; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 956, on agreeing to the Murphy (NY) amendment to H.R. 4173; "no" on rollcall vote No. 957, on agreeing to the Frank (MA) amendment to H.R. 4173; "no" on rollcall vote No. 958, on agreeing to the Stupak amendment to H.R. 4173; "no" on rollcall vote No. 959, on agreeing to the Stupak amendment to H.R. 4173.

For the morning of Friday, December 11, 2009, had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 960, on agreeing to the Kanjorski amendment to H.R. 4173; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 961, on agreeing to the McCarthy (CA) amendment to H.R. 4173; "no" on rollcall vote No. 962, on agreeing to the Peters amendment to H.R. 4173.

#### PROCLAMATION ISSUED TO BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH

### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2009*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I would like to submit this proclamation which I issued to Beulah Baptist Church.

Whereas, the Beulah Baptist Church has been and continues to be a beacon of light to our county for the past 113 years; and

Whereas, Pastor Jerry D. Black and the members of the Beulah Baptist Church family today continues to uplift and inspire those in our county; and

Whereas, the Beulah Baptist Church family has been and continues to be a place where citizens are touched spiritually, mentally and physically through outreach ministries and community partnership to aid in building up our District; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious Church of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the needy and empowered our community for the past 113 years by preaching the gospel, singing the gospel and living the gospel; and

Whereas, Beulah has produced many spiritual warriors, people of compassion, people of great courage, fearless leaders and servants to all, but most of all visionaries who have shared not only with their Church, but with DeKalb County and the world their passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Beulah Baptist Church family for their leadership and service to our District on this the 113th Anniversary of their founding:

Now Therefore, I, Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr. do hereby proclaim November 22, 2009 as Beulah Baptist Church Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 22nd day of November, 2009.

ANDREA LEWIS

### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2009*

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Andrea Lewis. A talented journalist, radio news anchor and a true renaissance woman, Ms. Lewis had an uncanny ability to broach any subject with her impressive knowledge, affability and confidence. Ms. Lewis passed away Sunday, November 15, 2009 at the age of 52.

Andrea Lewis, a native of Detroit, Michigan, earned her B.A. from Eastern Michigan University, where she studied music, English literature, and art history. After moving to the Bay Area in 1983, she became an editor for Plexus: West Coast Women's Press, and in the late 1980s, she worked as a research editor for Mother Jones magazine. After gaining further publishing experience as an editorial assistant at Harper Collins Publishers in San Francisco and senior editor at Third Force Magazine in the early 90s, Ms. Lewis joined Pacific News Service as an associate editor.

Ms. Lewis, known for her rich, resonant voice, made an effortless transition to radio in 1999, joining the KPFA Morning Show as co-host of the two-hour weekday public affairs program. Though the warm tone and timbre of Andrea's voice was often praised, she is most remembered for voicing sound and well-researched opinions.

A tireless advocate and champion for civil rights, Ms. Lewis was particularly interested in combating sexism, racism and homophobia. Ms. Lewis acquired a following throughout her career, and was especially admired for her thoughtful and compassionate equanimity when discussing difficult subjects on or off the air.

More recently, Ms. Lewis took a year off to complete a 2008 Knight Journalism Fellowship at Stanford University. She returned as evening news co-anchor and host of a two-hour Sunday morning interview and call-in program that she dubbed "Sunday Sedition." She was also a fellow in the Society of Professional Journalists Diversity Leadership Program from 2006 to 2007.

Among Ms. Lewis' many accolades were The National Federation of Community Broadcasters' Golden Reel award in 2002, the California Teachers Association's John Swett Award for Media Excellence in 2004, and many well-received published articles. Ms. Lewis was a regular contributor to Madison, Wisconsin's Progressive Magazine, and I am honored to hear that she was proud to have had a quotation from our 2005 interview included in the Progressive's 100th anniversary edition in April.

Ms. Lewis exercised a life-long passion for music as both a member of her university's choral group, which toured Europe, and for the last 20 years, as a talented alto in the San Francisco Symphony Chorus. Both Ms. Lewis and her family were so proud when the chorus