

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE FAIRFAX COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2009 VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today, joined by my colleagues Rep. FRANK WOLF and Rep. JAMES MORAN, to recognize an outstanding group of men and women in Northern Virginia. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and have been awarded the prestigious Valor Award by the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce.

The Valor Awards recognize remarkable heroism and bravery in the line of duty exemplified by our public safety agencies and their commitment to the community. Our public safety and law enforcement personnel put their lives on the line everyday to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. More than 80 awards were presented at this year's ceremony in a variety of categories: The Lifesaving Award, the Certificate of Valor, or the Bronze, Silver, or Gold Medal of Valor.

Seventy members of the Fairfax County Police Department earned this high honor. It is with great pride that we submit their names into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Recipients of the Lifesaving Award are: Officer Michael W. Greene, Officer Shay V. Nelson, Officer Jonathon W. Ward, Public Safety Communicator II Erin R. Tracy, Police Officer First Class Quang D. Bui, Police Officer First Class Christopher L. Coleman, Police Officer First Class Olan J. Faulk IV, Police Officer First Class Stephen P. Foley, Police Officer First Class Matthew E. Griffin, Police Officer First Class Christopher B. Hutchison, Police Officer First Class Jonathon D. Lowery, Police Officer First Class Brett L. Manthe, Police Officer First Class Eric T. Nelson, Master Police Officer Joseph M. Flynn, and Sergeant Todd S. Erlandson.

Recipients of the Certificate of Valor are: Officer Scott P. Bzdak, Officer Amanda K. Leugers, Officer Thomas J. Murphy, Officer Kathleen E. O'Leary, Officer Matthew W. Stanfield, Officer Ruben Velez Jr., Police Officer First Class Bradley W. Capan, Police Officer First Class Richard J. Curro, Police Officer First Class George W. Davenport Jr., Police Officer First Class Theodore M. Dragan, Police Officer First Class David J. Giaccio, Police Officer First Class Matthew A. Guzzetta, Police Officer First Class Jeremy T. Hoffman, Police Officer First Class Jonathan R. Luety, Police Officer First Class Dana L. Robinson, Police Officer First Class Bart S. Rogers, Police Officer First Class Joseph N. Wallace, Police Officer First Class Leanna D. Wilson, Detective Donald R. Bateman, Detective Sean J. Cheetham, Master Police Officer John D. Brocco, Master Police Officer Timothy E. Catir, Sergeant Robert A. Blakley Jr., Sergeant An-

thony C. Lampe, 2nd Lieutenant James S. Bradshaw, 2nd Lieutenant John H. Brennan, 2nd Lieutenant Edgar A. Ipina, and 2nd Lieutenant Boyd F. Thompson Jr.

Recipients of the Bronze Medal of Valor are: Officer Todd B. Sweeney, Officer Joseph W. Woloszyn II, Police Officer First Class Matthew J. Bell, Police Officer First Class Brian C. Bowers, Police Officer First Class Timothy W. Brown, Police Officer First Class William L. Coulter IV, Police Officer First Class Thomas J. Gadell Jr., Police Officer First Class Reanna M. Jacobson, Police Officer First Class Jey P. Phillips, Police Officer First Class David M. Popik, Police Officer First Class Charles A. Reinhard, Police Officer First Class Kathryn M. Schroth, Detective John A. DiGiulian, Detective Chad E. Mahoney, Detective Jeffrey C. Reiff, Detective Michael D. Riccio, and 2nd Lieutenant Kevin D. Barrington

Recipients of the Silver Medal of Valor are: Officer Donald W. Amos Jr., Police Officer First Class Eugene D. Bork, Police Officer First Class Brian J. Byerson, Police Officer First Class Kevin S. Mason, Police Officer First Class Jose R. Morillo, Police Officer First Class Shayna V. Nickolas, Police Officer First Class Katherine S. Wright, Sergeant Shawn C. Martin, and 2nd Lieutenant Dwayne F. Machosky.

Madam Speaker, in closing, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the men and women who serve in the Fairfax County Police Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Fairfax County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. We ask our colleagues to join us in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of HR 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009:

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. Francis Medical Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 601 Hamilton Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08629

Description of Request: I have secured \$238,000 for St. Francis Medical Center to complete needed expansion and renovation of its Emergency Department and outpatient services in order to improve health care services for the uninsured and underinsured resi-

dents of Trenton, New Jersey. Requested project funds will cover the cost of renovations and furnishings to upgrade and streamline the ED and clinics. The upgraded Emergency Department will improve security, privacy, and efficiency for patients and their families. Further, the flow of services between the Emergency Department and the specialty and walk-in clinics will be greatly improved to better meet the needs of vulnerable patient population. St. Francis Medical Center will invest \$250,000 over the next two years to cover additional operational costs and will seek funding for the additional costs of the project through operations, philanthropy, and other sources.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University at Buffalo Bulls on their tremendous 2008 season. For the first time in their history, the Buffalo Bulls secured the Mid-American Conference Championship and competed in a championship bowl. It was fifty years ago that the Bulls last earned a Bowl appearance, when the 1958 team valiantly passed on their chance at the Tangerine Bowl in Orlando, FL to protest of the segregation laws then in effect.

Although the Buffalo Bulls were narrowly defeated in the third annual International Bowl in Toronto, Ontario, they inspired over twenty five thousand Buffalo fans to drive the ninety miles north to cheer on their team.

On behalf of the people of the 27th district, I would like to express our pride and thanks for the hard work and the perseverance of these players and their coaches. We look forward to many more championship challenges in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO DENNIS WILCOX

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Dennis Wilcox, Publisher of the Madrid Register News, on being named 2009 Master Editor and Publisher by the Iowa Newspaper Association.

The Iowa Newspaper Association nominates publishers and editors for the award, and winners are selected by previous Master Editor-Publisher winners. Dennis was selected on the criteria of working hard, thinking soundly, being influenced unselfishly, and living honorably.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in congratulating

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Dennis Wilcox on his accomplishments. It is an honor to represent Dennis in Congress, and I wish him the best in his future.

**HONORING ALISA FERGUSON FOR
HER DEDICATED SERVICE**

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Alisa Ferguson for her dedicated service over the last six years as she has worked in my personal office and on the staff of the Science and Technology Committee. Friday will be her last day working in the House, and she will certainly be missed as she leaves the Hill to pursue a new endeavor.

Alisa began her career on Capitol Hill seven years ago as a legislative assistant to Rep. Brian Baird, where she developed an affinity for energy policy. In 2003, she began working in my personal office and quickly proved herself to be a valuable addition. She was adept at handling a myriad of issues, including appropriations and my Energy and Commerce Committee work, and addressing the concerns and needs of my constituents in Middle Tennessee.

When I became chairman of the Science and Technology Committee in 2007, I asked Alisa to join the committee staff as legislative director. She has risen to and triumphed over every challenge, and she has won the respect of her colleagues for her skill in running the committee's legislative operation. Two of the committee's finest legislative achievements, the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 and the America COMPETES Act, are due in no small measure to Alisa's command of the issues, knowledge of the legislative process and ability to get things done.

Alisa has been invaluable to me, the committee, the state of Tennessee and our nation. She is the very definition of a "go-to" person, and I'm fairly certain her blood now bears a tinge of MTSU Raider Blue as a result of her hard work over the years.

While I am sad to see her go, I will always be grateful for her advice and counsel over the years. Alisa, I wish you all the best.

TRAVIS REA MYERS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to recognize Travis Rea Myers on the occasion of his approaching graduation from the United States Naval Academy on May 22nd, 2009.

Travis is the son of Rea and Myrna Myers and is a graduate of Blue Springs High School in Blue Springs, Missouri. In 2005, I was proud to nominate Travis to the Naval Academy. It was evident that Travis was among the best and brightest of his class, and that he was going to be successful in life, no matter which path he chose. He will graduate in May with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aero-

space Engineering. Following in the footsteps of his father Rea, Travis will be a second generation graduate from the Naval Academy.

Travis has earned the gratitude and respect of his community of Blue Springs, Missouri. The Blue Springs Rotary Club even honored Travis by presenting him with his Officers Sabre at a meeting in his honor. His dedication and hard work should serve as an example to the rest of us on how we can better serve each other and our great nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in commending Travis Myers for his dedication to his community and his country. I know Travis' family and friends join with me in congratulating him on his graduation and wishing him best of luck on all of his future endeavors.

**RECOGNIZING THE MEN AND
WOMEN OF THE ARMED SER-
VICES AND THEIR FAMILIES**

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend the honorable service and devotion to duty of our men and women of the United States Armed Services. These men and women in uniform have put themselves in harms way—many having given the ultimate sacrifice—in defense of freedom and liberty at home and abroad. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my utmost thanks and appreciation to their selfless service and to wish them all the best in the years to come.

As part of this recognition, I would like to thank the military spouses who spend weeks and months without their significant others, often having to raise families on their own. My appreciation also goes out to the parents, family members and communities who provide support for the soldier and their family during these trying times. I would also like to extend my condolences and appreciation to the American Gold Star Mothers who have lost a son or daughter while serving our great country. These women are too counted as heroes for our country.

In addition to our active duty soldiers, I would like to thank our veterans, Reservists and Military Academy personnel. These individuals are the past, present and future of what protects American values each day. May all those who are involved with the Armed Services know the support of a grateful nation.

**THANKS TO DOREEN WELSH, A
SELFLESS HERO OF U.S. AIR-
WAYS FLIGHT 1549**

HON. JASON ALTMIRE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. ALTMIRE. Madam Speaker, I would like to salute Doreen Welsh of Ambridge, Pennsylvania for her heroic and selfless action on U.S. Airways Flight 1549, now known as the "Miracle on the Hudson." Doreen Welsh served as a flight attendant on Flight 1549,

which made a successful emergency landing on the Hudson River on January 15, 2009, and helped to safely evacuate the flight's passengers.

The heroic deeds and masterful skills of Flight 1549's crew is something our nation will never forget.

Despite being injured during the landing, Doreen Welsh helped to evacuate passengers and ensure that no lives were lost that day. All western Pennsylvanians should be proud that one of our own played such a crucial role in saving the lives of 150 passengers and making this a truly miraculous landing.

I want to salute Doreen Welsh for her admirable service and thank her for sacrificing her own comfort for the safety of the passengers in her care and inspiring Americans everywhere in the process.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, Consolidated Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009.

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT—FTA PRIORITY CONSIDERATION PROJECTS

\$6 million for the Ardmore Transportation Center—Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority—123 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. "Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the funding made available for the Ardmore Transportation Center through the U.S. Department of Transportation Appropriations Acts for Federal Fiscal Year 2005 shall remain available for that project during fiscal year 2009."

\$1 million for the Coatesville Train Station—City of Coatesville—One City Hall Place, Coatesville, Pennsylvania. "Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the funding made available for the Coatesville Train Station through the U.S. Department of Transportation Appropriations Acts for Federal Fiscal Year 2006 shall remain available for that project during fiscal year 2009."

TRIBUTE TO SANDRA BROCKMAN

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a community leader, Sandra Brockman, on her retirement after 27 years of service to the people of Kern County, California, most recently as Chief Deputy Registrar of Voters.

Sandy Brockman began her career with Kern County on February 8, 1982 as a Deputy Court Clerk with the West Kern Municipal Court. In June 1984, she was promoted to Secretary, and five months later transferred to the County Clerk Election Division, where she has worked for over 25 years in the elections