

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### CELEBRATING NEW FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 29, 2010*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of New Friendship Missionary Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas.

The church's theme for its 100th year is "revitalization." Founded in 1910, the congregation of New Friendship has faithfully marched on through World War I, a 1928 fire, the Great Depression, World War II, desegregation, and a long list of other historic events that many other institutions did not survive. This congregation has been under the leadership of a host of the country's foremost preachers. Through their leadership, New Friendship has built and completely paid off two mortgages while always keeping their pledge to be debt free.

Fifteen founding members organized the church in the home of their first pastor. The congregation grew from this small but dedicated group to a congregation of 200 by 1953 to 500 in 1979 and to today's active membership. Under the leadership of the current pastor, Reverend Johnny A. McGee, who has been with the church since 1988, New Friendship has implemented important ministries serving the community, couples, and prison inmates, as well as providing food and bus services for those in need.

The church pastors, deacons, associate ministers and the active members have created a strong foundation of love and faith for this church to stand. I urge my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating and celebrating the 100th anniversary of New Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

### RECOGNIZING THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE U.S. BORDER PATROL AND NASA ASTRONAUT DR. JOHN "DANNY" OLIVAS

#### HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 29, 2010*

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, this week I was honored to participate in a very special ceremony that became a part of the proud history of the United States Border Patrol. I had the privilege of joining Dr. John "Danny" Olivas, one of NASA's great astronauts, in my congressional district to unveil a special U.S. Border Patrol flag that traveled with the crew of STS-128 to the International Space Station in August of last year.

Before his mission to the International Space Station, Dr. Olivas approached me and generously offered to fly an item with him and

his fellow crewmates into space. We felt that flying the banner of the Border Patrol would be a wonderful symbol to represent our nation's appreciation for the agency's outstanding professionals of the past, present, and future.

The flag was flown 85 years after the U.S. Border Patrol was founded in 1924. As a fledgling agency, the Border Patrol had only a handful of agents who patrolled America's vast borders on horseback. Today, the agency boasts approximately 20,000 men and women who work to keep our nation secure at 20 sectors throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Dr. Danny Olivas and the crew of STS-128 traveled a total of 5.7 million miles during their mission, at speeds as high of 17,000 mph. Aboard this special journey was the banner of the United States Border Patrol.

On January 26, I joined Dr. Olivas and Acting U.S. Border Patrol Chief Michael Fisher at the National Border Patrol Museum in El Paso, Texas, where the flag will be on permanent display. Dozens of agents, students, and community members were present to view the newest and most traveled exhibit in the museum's collection.

At the event, Dr. Olivas told students that there are many ways to serve our great country, being a Border Patrol agent, a soldier, or an astronaut are but a few examples. He said, "It takes everybody taking their own passions and putting through efforts to make our country what it is." I couldn't agree more.

He encouraged students to follow their dreams and told them that he is living proof that everyone can achieve their dreams if they have the desire to do so. Danny claims that as a student, he wasn't the smartest, the most athletic, or the most talented; he was just your average kid. With the love and support from his parents and a strong interest in machines and outer space, Danny worked hard to fulfill his dream of one day becoming an astronaut.

As a 26½ year veteran of the United States Border Patrol and former Sector Chief, I truly appreciate Dr. Olivas' efforts to recognize the men and women of the Border Patrol who work hard to protect our nation and to honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

I appreciate for his support of the Border Patrol, Dr. Olivas was designated as an honorary agent by Acting Deputy Customs and Border Protection Commissioner David Aguilar and was presented with a Border Patrol flag that was flown at all Border Patrol Sectors in the United States and signed by each of the Sector Chiefs. This honorary distinction has been awarded to only a handful of individuals in Border Patrol history, and I congratulate Dr. Olivas on this honor.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 29, 2010*

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, on rollcall number 17, 18, and 19 I was unavoidably detained due to flight complications from Billings, MT to Washington, DC.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 17, "yea" on rollcall 18, and "yea" on rollcall 19.

### HONORING COACH TOM DANLEY OF THE ANAHEIM UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 29, 2010*

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Tom Danley who recently retired after a 42-year career with the Anaheim Union High School District.

During that time, Coach Danley bettered the lives of thousands of students who knew him simply as "Coach," and earned scores of honors for his service to students and the community.

He coached varsity basketball at Katella High School for 33 years—and his teams went to the California Interscholastic Federation playoffs in 31 of those 33 years.

Coach Danley was named "Winningest Basketball Coach in Orange County," and was honored for his lifetime coaching achievements by being inducted in the Southern California Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame and the CIF Hall of Fame.

After his coaching career concluded, Coach Danley went on to establish a non-profit foundation that promotes after-school sports and activities for local youth.

Thousands of young people have benefited, and will continue to benefit, from the foundation's work, and from Coach Danley's philosophy that "Kids Come First."

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Coach Danley.

### TRIBUTE TO TOM KALKOFEN

#### HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 29, 2010*

Mr. LEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a leader in the field of public health, Tom Kalkofen, who has been instrumental in water quality, pollution reduction, and individualized healthcare initiatives in Macomb County.

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Mr. Kalkofen graduated from Ferris State University in 1971 and began working as a sanitarian for the Macomb County Health Department. He earned his Masters of Public Health from the University of Michigan School of Public Health in 1977 and continued to rise through the ranks of the Health Department, holding various positions, until he became director in February of 1996.

Under Mr. Kalkofen's leadership the Health Department established effective community coalitions, such as the Tobacco Prevention Coalition and Healthy Kids, Healthy Futures Coalition and a minority health outreach office. Mr. Kalkofen also fought for the continuation of one of the few remaining public health dental programs in the State of Michigan. He worked successfully to leverage Emergency Preparedness funds making it possible for the county to build a new Medical Examiner Office and Morgue, both of which were sorely outdated.

In addition to his many accomplishments in the public health sector, he was passionate about fighting to ensure that recreational and drinking water quality was safe for the residents of the County. Fifteen years ago, Macomb County's beaches and lakeshore waters were closed by the Health Department due to the rapid seaweed growth and excessive E. coli levels. The Blue Ribbon Commission was founded to address the aforementioned concerns of Lake St. Clair, and Mr. Kalkofen acted to provide full administrative support for its activities.

Mr. Kalkofen has also been an advocate for an array of county- and grant-funded pollution prevention activities over the years. In 2004 and 2005, he secured \$2.5 million from the Department of Environmental Quality to perform an unprecedented comprehensive water quality assessment of watersheds of Lakes St. Clair, and Belle, Pine, and Black Rivers which stretch across four counties. Most recently, he worked as a member of the Macomb Water Quality Board to spearhead the acquisition of State and Federal funds to build a system of real-time water quality monitors at the intakes of all water treatment plants on the United States side of Lake Huron to Lake Erie Corridor.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Tom Kalkofen, who has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of living for the people of Macomb County for nearly 40 years. I am confident he will continue to play an important role in the community where he is highly thought of, in addition to enjoying a bit of retirement with his wife Marge, their twin sons and five grandchildren.

#### ADATH EMANU-EL 50TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 29, 2010*

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Adath Emanu-El in Mt. Laurel, New Jersey on their 50th anniversary.

The local synagogue has been providing residents with a sense of community since 1960, when five families gathered together to form the first Jewish Reform Congregation in

Burlington County. In 1997, Adath Emanu-El moved its residence from Willingboro, NJ to Mt. Laurel where the synagogue had its first service with more than 400 people to celebrate the establishment of a new house of prayer.

The traditions of Adath Emanu-El, a family growing, learning, worshipping, and working together, are still upheld today. These valuable practices are due to the wonderful leadership by Rabbi Andrew I. Bossov, Rabbi Emeritus Richard A. Levine, teachers, and most importantly, dedicated members to the synagogue.

In recognition to the many years of dedicated religious practice and service to the community, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Adath Emanu-El on its 50th anniversary.

#### KAZAKHSTAN'S LEADERSHIP OF THE OSCE

#### HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 29, 2010*

Ms. BERKLEY. Madam Speaker, the Republic of Kazakhstan this month undertakes its new role and responsibilities as the Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the world's largest regional security organization.

I would like to congratulate Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev and his fellow citizens on this signal achievement. Kazakhstan is making history with this new assignment and its broader engagement in global affairs. For the very first time, the OSCE will be headed by a new post-Soviet country east of Vienna. It is also the first Asian and Muslim nation to head the OSCE. It is a recognition that the OSCE draws its strength not only from Europe and the United States, but also from Central Asia, the Caucasus, and the Balkans.

Kazakhstan has been a leader in international nuclear security since its earliest days of independence. After the Cold War, Kazakhstan renounced its nuclear weapons, closed the Semipalatinsk nuclear test site and transferred over half a ton of uranium to secure sites outside their country. Our government continues to work with Kazakhstan to advance our common non-proliferation goals: In April, President Obama will host the Global Nuclear Security Summit, with President Nazarbayev and other world leaders participating.

Since its independence, Kazakhstan has also made economic reforms that have attracted investment and created jobs. It has developed multiple energy export routes and diversified its economy to ensure that its oil wealth can be enjoyed by all sectors of society.

As a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and a co-chair of the Friends of Kazakhstan Caucus, I look forward to the progress that Kazakhstan can make during its tenure at the helm of the OSCE. We will work with Kazakhstan this year to modernize and strengthen the OSCE, for the benefit of all member States. And I wish President Nazarbayev—and his able Chairperson-in-Office, Secretary of State-Foreign Minister Kanat Saudabayev—great success as Kazakhstan

embarks on this new path toward increased democracy, improved security, enhanced cooperation, and stronger economic growth and prosperity.

#### RECOGNIZING CORNELIUS AND MARY DOLLISON OF MUNCIE, INDIANA

#### HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 29, 2010*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, as it is written in the Good Book, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." And I can think of no better example of Christ's compassion and generosity than Cornelius and Mary Dollison of Muncie, Indiana. Recently the recipient of the Muncie Star Press "Person of the Year Award," this extraordinary couple has dedicated their time, their finances, and, most importantly, their hearts to serving their community, and I rise today to honor their legacy of service.

Cornelius and Mary have a deeply-rooted history within the Muncie community. Cornelius was born and raised there, and Mary has lived there since she was a young teen. Though they knew each other in high school, Cornelius and his sweetheart were not united in love until a few years after they had graduated. Now married for nearly 50 years, Cornelius and Mary have formed a special team that has left an indelible mark on the Muncie community.

In their own special ways, Cornelius and Mary have used their individual talents and passions to work together for the betterment of those most in need in their community. Cornelius is the strong and silent type, an expert electrician and builder, and the rock of support for his dear wife. Mary is the more outspoken of the two, always using every ounce of energy to be on the forefront and making a difference in the community. Together, the Dollisons have formed an unstoppable force that serves the residents of their community to this very day.

Over the last few decades, Mary and Cornelius have consistently made sacrifices, and today we can see the many fruits of their labor. More than twenty years ago, Mary saw a need for a mentoring program for children in the Muncie community, and thus, from the Dollison's living room, Motivate Our Minds (MOMs) was born. What originally began as a summer program for a handful of students has now blossomed to a fully operational after-school tutoring organization that serves nearly 700 minority students every year. While Mary coordinated the programs, Cornelius went to work restoring a facility to accommodate the growing number of students served by MOMs. Never ones to sit on the sidelines, the Dollisons took it upon themselves to do whatever it took to make MOMs the successful program that it is today.

This same can-do attitude was also demonstrated at the end of 2008, when the City of Muncie was poised to strip funding for the Buley Community Center out of its budget. For over 30 years, the Buley Center had been a safe haven for some of the city's most underprivileged children. One by one, Cornelius and Mary began receiving phone calls from members of the community, begging them to intervene to save the Buley Center from certain