

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF LCDR DAN RIEKEN FROM THE UNITED STATES NAVY

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Navy Lieutenant Commander Dan Rieken, a native of Prescott, Wisconsin, who has led a distinguished career in the United States Navy and proudly served his country for more than 20 years.

LCDR Rieken first enlisted in the Navy as a Fire Controlman in 1984. After graduating from the University of Minnesota in 1991, LCDR Rieken was commissioned an Ensign in the Navy and has helped plan and manage ballistic missile defense programs, assisted in overseeing efforts to ensure the security and reliability of the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command's through the Y2K transition.

Later, LCDR Rieken graduated with distinction from the Naval War College in 2003 and then received his Masters from the Naval Postgraduate School in 2004. Today, LCDR Rieken serves in the White House Communications Agency as a Presidential Communications Officer, System Engineer, and Program Manager for acquisitions, modernization, and future systems design.

On August 1, 2010, LCDR Rieken will retire from the United States Navy. His dedication to serving his country has been unwavering, regardless of party or ideology. He has worked to strengthen our country's security as our nation transitioned out of the Cold War era and into the Post-September 11th era. I congratulate LCDR Rieken on his retirement and thank him for his dedication to the safety and security of our country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on Monday, June 14, 2010, I missed three recorded votes on the House floor. I ask that the RECORD reflect that had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Rollcall 355, "yea" on Rollcall 356 and "yea" on Rollcall 357.

HONORING MR. DAVID WILDER

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to

the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. David Wilder. Mr. Wilder served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as a member of the Chautauqua County Legislature, serving district 4.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Wilder served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Wilder is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to him today.

NATIONAL DAIRY MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of this resolution to support the goals of National Dairy Month. For more than 70 years now, we have been celebrating the importance of the dairy industry to our nation's health, economy, and national security.

If you were to come visit my home state of Wisconsin and travel through my congressional district, you would quickly understand why Wisconsin is called "America's Dairyland." Fields of corn, wheat, and straw are spotted with the large red barns, silos, and grazing cattle that have become the iconic images of dairy farming. It's not uncommon to learn that a family has been dairy farming for generations and that they hope their children will be able to carry on this tradition and way of life.

If you stop by one of those farms today, you'll hear firsthand just how difficult times are. Over the past couple of years, milk prices have been too low while the cost of feed and other inputs was too high. Our farmers today are really stretched thin, having drawn down so much equity in recent times that they're not sure that they'll earn enough to pay off their debts.

More families have been forced to close down their operations, rent out their land, and find another line of work. Not only are these people losing a way of life and imperiling our long-term ability to lead the world in agricultural production, we are also seeing local communities struggling to deal with a major shift in their economies.

This dairy crisis has demonstrated that our confusing and outdated subsidies and price supports simply don't provide the level of risk management that our farmers need. Major stakeholders in the dairy industry have united to put forward serious, creative proposals to reform our subsidy programs. We have an opportunity here to not only provide a strong

safety net for our dairy farmers, but also to lead the way in reforming our commodity support programs.

While National Dairy Month is a great opportunity for families all across our country to remember the nutritious value of dairy products as a major source of vitamins and minerals, we cannot forget how difficult times are for our dairy farmers. Over the months and years to come, I look forward to working with my colleagues on a bipartisan basis to provide a workable safety net to our farmers, while supporting local foods and sustainable agricultural practices.

A TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL MICHAEL X. GARRETT

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael X. Garrett, who has virtuously served the United States and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Brigadier General Garrett has served as the Deputy Commanding General for U.S. Army Recruiting Command in Elizabethtown, KY, since June of last year. During his tenure, Brigadier General Garrett managed, trained, and resourced an organization of approximately 11,500 military and civilian employees located in the United States, Germany, Japan, Guam, and Korea.

His guidance and leadership proved to be monumental in the accomplishment of the annual recruiting mission for the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserve, far surpassing all recruiting goals and objectives.

Throughout his career he has been an inspiration and example to both soldiers and civilians alike. He has represented his country proudly as a man of honor and a true patriot. Brigadier General Garrett is an officer of tremendous depth, intellect and vision.

Known as a 'Soldier's Soldier,' he leads from the front, establishes and maintains the highest standards, and relentlessly accomplishes the most complex and difficult missions with ease.

I honor him today because of his dignified and steadfast commitment to the U.S. Army, U.S. Army Reserve, his soldiers, the citizens of this country and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, on the legislative day of Monday, June 14, 2010, I was

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unavoidably detained and was unable to cast a vote on a number of rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: rollcall 355, "yea"; rollcall 356, "yea"; rollcall 357, "yea".

IN LOVING MEMORY OF CAFFIE
GREENE

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I submit the following: To Penny, Raymond, Steve and the family of Caffie Greene, please accept my heartfelt condolences for the loss of your beloved mother, grandmother, and my friend, Caffie Greene.

Caffie was a brilliant community activist, one of a handful of strong African American women who used their God-given talents to speak up for the least of these. She fought alongside the women of South Los Angeles who led the struggle for justice and equality for so many years. Women such as Lillian Mobley, Mary Henry, Johnnie Mae Tillman, Catherine Germany, and Nola Carter.

Caffie was outspoken, confrontational, and fearless. She had the ability to influence politicians and elected officials with her strong organizing skills. She had the capability to articulate the pain and concerns of poor people; and she never hesitated to show up to meetings at the school board, city hall, press conferences or anywhere else she needed to be.

I know we will all miss Caffie, her strength and unique brilliance. But we must continue her work and honor her legacy which I hope will inspire and motivate a new generation of leaders to dedicate their lives in the service of others as she did. May she rest in peace.

HONORING ALTHEA MUSGROVE
NORCOTT FOR A LIFETIME OF
SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate a long career of dedicated service to the young people of Connecticut by Althea Musgrove Norcott, who is retiring this month after over three decades of teaching and education administration in New Haven.

A Connecticut girl through-and-through, Althea was born in New Haven to George and Mavis Musgrove, educated at West Haven High School and the University of Connecticut, and received a sixth year in administration and supervision at Southern Connecticut State University. In fact, with the exception of several years spent as a special education teacher in the United States Virgin Islands, she has spent her entire life in service to our state and community. And we are grateful to her for it.

For 31 years, Althea has worked to improve the scholarship and experience of students at Hillhouse High School. Beginning as a special education teacher for emotionally disturbed and learning disabled students in 1978, she was named assistant principal in charge of the English and Foreign Language Departments in

1994. In both positions, Althea has transformed the lives of thousands of students for the better, and enriched the Hillhouse High community with her wisdom, patience, and grace.

Not content to leave her good works at the schoolhouse door, Althea also worked to broaden the horizons of her students through trips to Egypt, Kenya, and Zimbabwe, as part of the Ambassadors for International Education program. And she has given of herself in countless other ways outside of Hillhouse, including chairing the New Haven Host Town Program of the 1995 Special Olympics World Games and co-founding and, for the past 14 years, chairing the Freetown-New Haven Sister Cities Committee.

I thank Althea deeply for these decades of service to our mutual hometown, and I congratulate her, her husband Justice Fleming L. Norcott, Jr., and their children Daryl, Tiffany, and Candace, on reaching this important milestone. Congratulations, Althea, you have earned it.

EXTENDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF
GIFT CARD PROVISIONS OF
CREDIT CARD LAW

SPEECH OF

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support H.R. 5502, a bill to amend the implementation date of the gift card provisions of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure (CARD) Act of 2009. I would like to thank Rep. MAFFEI for introducing this bill to correct and improve H.R. 627.

This amendment would change certain parts of Title IV of H.R. 627 passed by Congress on May 22, 2009. Due to the timing of the date of implementation of new rules and those already preparing for the holiday season, as well as the technical disclosure requirements set forth in the CARD Act, lots of gift cards already made and distributed will be in violation of the CARD Act disclosure provisions. Instead of requiring that the disclosure provisions be implemented, in August, 2010, 15 months after the bill's passing, the amendment would extend this date to January 31, 2011. A reasonable transition period is necessary for small businesses to avoid high costs by re-issuing prepaid cards and destroying already-made and shelved cards.

This bill will help countless Americans, including many who live in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia, by preventing the implementation of burdensome rules which could disrupt the use of gift cards. Passing this bill will remove an unintended obstacle to the use of gift cards and will ensure that consumers have the ability to use their gift cards as they choose. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

A TRIBUTE TO COMMAND SER-
GEANT MAJOR STEPHEN
FRENNIER

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor CSM Stephen Frennier, who has righteously served the United States and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Command Sergeant Major Frennier has served as the Senior Enlisted Advisor for U.S. Army Recruiting Command in Fort Knox, KY, since June of 2008. During his tenure, Command Sergeant Major Frennier dedicated his time to visiting all the soldiers that were a part of his command throughout the 50 states, four U.S. possessions, and three additional countries that housed these men and women.

His strong leadership skills helped propel over 50 of his soldiers to be inducted into the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club. Command Sergeant Major Frennier utilized these members by having them conduct volunteer mission within their local communities, fostering a relationship between the U.S. Army and civilians.

Throughout his career, Command Sergeant Major Frennier has not only been a remarkable example for the young men and women he has led, but a true warrior for his country. He always made sure to accomplish the task at hand, while taking care of the soldiers around him. Command Sergeant Major Frennier is an officer of tremendous nobility, honor and intellect.

I honor him today because of his dignified and dedicated commitment to the U.S. Army, U.S. Army Reserve, his soldiers, the citizens of this country and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
HOUSING ADVOCATES, INC. OF
CLEVELAND, OHIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Housing Advocates, Inc., (HAI) which has fought for fair housing rights and equal housing opportunities for more than three decades.

Established in 1975, HAI is comprised of passionate attorneys, experienced in litigating civil rights cases, and dedicated support staff who work to ensure that fair housing laws and affordable and quality housing principles are followed.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Housing Advocates, Inc., whose advocacy on behalf of equal housing rights has helped the people of Northeast Ohio. The staff of Housing Advocates, Inc. safeguards civil rights and serve as protector and champion on behalf of housing rights for minorities, the disabled and the poor.