

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WILDCATS OF TRAINING SQUADRON TEN

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure I rise to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Wildcats of Training Squadron Ten. Through times of war and through times of peace, the Wildcats have served our country with great distinction and valor. For that reason, I am proud to recognize the Wildcats of Squadron Ten for their exceptional training and excellent performance over the last 50 years.

From the first day the squadron was commissioned, the Wildcats of Training Squadron Ten have continued the legacy of training a new generation of pilots with the skill and will to fight and win. Today, Training Squadron Ten trains more than 300 Naval Flight Officers and Air Force Weapons System Officers annually, and flies approximately 13,400 flight hours each year.

Throughout the squadron's history, the Wildcats have been awarded with numerous awards and honors. In 1978 they were awarded the Towers Award. Training Squadron Ten's extensive energy conservation efforts and improved efficiency standards won the Secretary of the Navy's Energy Conservation Award in 1995, 1996, and 2002. Furthermore, the safety initiatives implemented by VT-10 have earned the squadron 21 Chief of Naval Operations Safety Awards.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize the Wildcats for going above and beyond the call of duty on their 50th anniversary. To this day, the Wildcats of Training Squadron Ten continue to provide the highest quality training to our nation's aviators. As they remain resolute and steadfast to doing their part to defend our country, we must do our part to remember their unwavering commitment with our hearts and minds.

HONORING MS. FEDORA MANZOA

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Ms. Fedora Manzoa. Ms. Manzoa served her constituency faithfully and justly during her tenure as the Portland Tax Collector.

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. Ms. Manzoa served her term with her head held high and a smile on her face the entire way.

I have no doubt that her 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. Ms. Manzoa is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to her today.

HONORING RON GETTELFINGER
FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE
UAW

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I take this time to honor one of America's great leaders, retiring president of the United Auto Workers Union, Ron Gettelfinger. Mr. Gettelfinger served as president of the UAW from 2002 until 2010.

Mr. Gettelfinger became a member of the UAW in 1964 when he became a chassis line repairman in Ford's Louisville factory. In 1984 Mr. Gettelfinger was elected by the membership of the UAW Local 862 chapter in Louisville to represent them as their committee person, bargaining chair, and president, and in 1992 Mr. Gettelfinger was elected to be the director of UAW's Region 3, which represents the UAW membership of Indiana and Kentucky. Then in 1998 Mr. Gettelfinger was elected vice president of the UAW, and he served in that position until June 5, 2002, when at the UAW's 33rd constitutional convention Mr. Gettelfinger was elected president.

Throughout Mr. Gettelfinger's rise to the top within the UAW he was driven by the sole purpose of fighting for the rights of the American worker. He fought for fair trade agreements that would protect the rights and health of American workers and the environment. He steadfastly worked to prevent a race to the bottom environment in countries around the world, and was an outspoken advocate for a national single-payer health care system. He fought for all of these ideals while having to lead the UAW through the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression, and I wish there were more exemplary fighters out there like Ron Gettelfinger.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Mr. Ron Gettelfinger for his 46 years of service as both a member and leader of the United Auto Workers Union, and in wishing him all the best in his retirement.

THE SWEEP ACT

HON. GLENN C. NYE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. NYE. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday I introduced, with my colleague Mr. WILSON, the Stop Waste by Eliminating Excessive Programs Act, otherwise known as the SWEEP act. The bill will reduce wasteful government spending by creating a means to review and abolish federal programs that are inefficient, unnecessary, or outdated.

Back home in Hampton Roads and the Eastern Shore of Virginia, families sit around the kitchen table, forced to make tough decisions about their budget and where they need to trim back—it's time Congress acted with the same responsibility.

We have already taken several important steps toward fiscal restraint and responsibility, such as voting to install statutory Pay-Go budget rules. Another area of spending Congress has tackled is the Congressional pay raise. Voted in favor of before I took office, I immediately took my unnecessary raise and donated it to Vetshouse, a local organization in my district that supports homeless veterans. In addition, I, joined by many of my colleagues, successfully voted to stop the Congressional pay raise for this year and the next. But these efforts are just the tip of the iceberg.

It is clear that we need a more comprehensive approach to reducing the federal government footprint and my bill will do just this.

Across the various federal agencies and bureaus, the government supports tens of thousands of programs. Many of which have been continuing for years without proper Congressional oversight or authorization. In effect, these programs continue to receive funding without proving their merit.

What's more, without a thorough inventory, duplicative programs have cropped up across agency lines, wasting precious taxpayer dollars on activities that are being performed elsewhere.

The SWEEP Act is a three step approach that will make sure inefficient, duplicative, or wasteful programs are eliminated.

The first step is to review current funding authorizations by creating a bi-partisan Sunset Commission. The Commission will examine each and every government-funded program to determine its worth based on proven outcomes, cost-effectiveness, scope of interest, and whether a duplicative program exists.

The second step will require the Commission to submit a report to Congress annually, analyzing each program reviewed. This report will recommend whether each program assessed should be abolished, consolidated, transferred, reorganized or remain untouched.

The final step will require the Commission to submit a legislative proposal to Congress, which contains all programs recommended for reform or repeal. This legislation will be fast tracked and must receive an up or down vote by Congress within a month of the proposal.

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Our current deficits are unsustainable and, if left unchecked, will weaken America's standing in the world. Congress has a responsibility to correct these irresponsible financial practices that continue to undermine the long term economy and national security of America. The SWEEP Act is a bold step forward that will allow Congress to roll up its sleeves and clean house.

I strongly urge all Members of the House to support this endeavor to provide legislative oversight and, program by program, rein in excessive government spending.

HONORING 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY IN COATESVILLE

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 200th anniversary of the iron and steel industry in the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

During the last two centuries, men and women of great character, tremendous ingenuity and bold leadership have contributed to the longevity and success of an industry, which helped sustain a community and fueled America's growth and prosperity.

The steel mill that Isaac Pennock established on the banks of the Brandywine River in the early 19th Century developed into an industrial complex that housed the world's largest plate mill thanks to the efforts of Dr. Charles Lukens, Rebecca Lukens and several generations of Lukens descendants. Dedicated employees, all with a work ethic as strong as the steel plates they forge, also have been integral to the industry's success. These highly-skilled and extremely motivated workers have helped the industry adapt from an era of steam locomotives and iron-hulled vessels to an era of nuclear submarines and specialty steel.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring the 200th anniversary of the iron and steel industry in the City of Coatesville and recognizing the exemplary work of The Graystone Society, which has meticulously chronicled and preserved the iron and steel industry's rich history in the City.

A TRIBUTE TO REVEREND EARL JONES, SR.

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Reverend Earl Jones, Sr. for his unwavering commitment and service to his faith and community.

Reverend Earl Jones, Sr. preached his trial sermon in March of 1981, and became an Associate Minister of the Universal Baptist Church. In March of 1983, Dr. John H. Nichols and the First Calvary Baptist Church called Rev. Jones to be Assistant to the Pastor. Rev. Jones served in this capacity until the Lord called Dr. Nichols from labor to reward in June

of 1984, after which, the First Calvary Baptist Church called Rev. Jones to serve as interim Pastor for one year. Rev. Jones was called to the pastorate of the First Calvary Baptist Church in June of 1985.

Reverend Jones has been a man of vision and great faith, leading his congregation to spiritual heights and service not only to each other but, most importantly to those in the community. Under his leadership the church has started an Outreach Ministry; Vacation Bible School; a soup kitchen which also distributes clothing to the needy and homeless; provided clothing and other needed items to the Renaissance Women's Facility and home goods and toys to the mothers and children of the Rose Kennedy Home for Displaced Mothers and Children; established the First Calvary Baptist Church Bible Institute; undertook a total renovation of the church edifice; and added more than 1000 new members to the church membership.

Currently, Reverend Jones is solidifying the plans for "Project Kingdom," which will be the relocation of our current church to a 38,000 square ft area to include a 1,200 seat sanctuary, state of the art multi-purpose facility including a banquet hall, classrooms, administrative offices and gymnasium. Our current site will become a 53 family apartment building, including a medical facility.

Reverend Jones is also working with federal, state and local elected officials in the area of green technology, addressing environmental issues and solutions such as converting waste to energy.

Under his leadership, the church has organized a movement of pastors, churches and other lay persons to address the issue of black on black crime in our neighborhoods. Too many of our black youth are being gunned down and his message is, "If Not Now, Then When, If Not Us, Then Who." They have embraced the concept of peace action designed by Dr. Matthew Johnson, which teaches them to identify and develop strategies to handle conflicts other than in a violent manner.

Reverend Jones has worked and been very successful in the financial and business industries, but he has remained faithful to his first love (God) and the work of the ministry. In June 1995, Rev. Jones was named "Minister of the Week" for his outstanding leadership and outreach to the community.

Reverend Jones has held several positions of leadership, including Moderator of the New York Missionary Baptist Association; a member of the Board of Directors of the Hampton Ministers and Musicians Conference; an officer of the Progressive National Baptist Convention; the Chairman of the Community Advisory Board of Brooklyn Hospital; and he serves on various political and civic committees throughout the city.

Reverend Jones is a pastor, preacher, teacher, husband, father, grandfather, godfather, friend and visionary whose mission is to bring people to Jesus.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions of Reverend Earl Jones, Sr.

HONORING FIRST SERGEANT
QUINTIN WATERMAN, UNITED
STATES ARMY

HON. JOHN CAMPBELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. CAMPBELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to First Sergeant Quintin Waterman, United States Army. First Sergeant Waterman has served a distinguished career in the United States Army, spanning nearly thirty years, concluding here in the United States House of Representatives as the very first senior Non-Commissioned Officer to serve as a Legislative Liaison Officer. Over the course of the 28 years which First Sergeant Waterman has spent in uniform serving his country, he has been cited by his command as exhibiting outstanding initiative, leadership, and professionalism in all of his actions. In doing so, he has made significant contributions to the welfare of Soldiers, and their families, to say nothing of the service he has provided the people of this nation.

During First Sergeant Waterman's career, he has served with distinction as a military language instructor, teaching Russian at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center in Monterey, California. It was there that he was selected to serve as a Brigade Command Language Program Manager. In this capacity, he was responsible for the training and professional development of four subordinate Command Language Program Managers at the largest Command Language Program in the Army's Intelligence and Security Command.

Following his assignment at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, First Sergeant Waterman was selected as First Sergeant for B Company, 741st Military Intelligence Battalion. There he led a company of over 112 Soldiers in a number of occupational specialties, providing direct support throughout the Signals and Intelligence Directorate of the National Security Agency.

He later performed with distinction at the Deployed Security Operations Center for U.S. Central Command as the Chief of Mission for Counter-Terrorism, Force Protection, and Indications and Warnings in direct support of Operation Enduring Freedom. There is no doubt that Master Sergeant has demonstrated himself as a natural and selfless leader who is willing to lead from the front.

Perhaps his most notable service however, was as the very first senior non-commissioned officer in the United States Army to serve as a Legislative Liaison Officer in the U.S. House of Representatives, a post for which he was hand selected for by the Sergeant Major of the Army. As a Legislative Liaison Officer, First Sergeant Waterman was in a unique position to serve as a conduit between the Army, Members of Congress, and their staffs. This is a crucial role which allows the Army to train, equip, and sustain an Army, especially an Army in the time of war.

I want to thank First Sergeant Waterman for his tireless and selfless service to the people of our great nation. His career and performance has brought distinction upon himself, the commands he has served under, and the entire United States Army. It is Soldiers like First Sergeant Waterman who make up the finest