

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, on Monday, July 26, 2010, I missed a series of 3 votes. I missed rollcall votes Nos. 467, 468, and 469. Had I been present and voting, I would have voted as follows: rollcall vote No. 467: "no" (On agreeing to H.R. 1320), rollcall vote No. 468: "aye" (On agreeing to H. Res. 1504), rollcall vote No. 469: "aye" (On agreeing to H.R. 3101).

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR AND THE JULY 27, 1953, ARMISTICE SIGNING

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 60th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War, and commemorate the signing of the Armistice which brought an end to three years of brutal fighting.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Korean War, and the 57th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended the fighting on July 27th, 1953. We must reflect not only upon the enduring strength of the U.S.-Korea relationship, but also on the past and present suffering of millions of Korean and Korean-American families caused by the hostilities on the Korean Peninsula.

I have long stood against the scourge of pre-emptive and endless war and advocated in support of constructive diplomacy and engagement.

The Armistice was only intended as a temporary measure to stop open hostilities until a permanent accord could be reached. It is my sincere hope that, in light of the continuing conflict between North and South Korea, this somber milestone will serve as a call to action in working toward a proactive and peaceful resolution to the situation on the Korean Peninsula. 60 years is enough.

HONORING ARTHUR SCHWENK

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor an extraordinary servant leader and fellow Hoosier. My relationship with Reverend Arthur Schwenk dates back to my school boy days when I was a student in his German class, and I recognize his extraordinary achievements and work on behalf of German-American relations.

Reverend Schwenk earned his Bachelor of Arts Education and Master of Arts degrees in German and psychology from Ball State University, and went on to teach in the public school system for 34 years. In 2005 he graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary

with a Masters degree in theology and was ordained in 2006.

Throughout his career, Reverend Schwenk was an active and engaged community leader, as well as citizen ambassador. Never one to sit on the sidelines, he was instrumental in creating a partnership between my hometown of Columbus, Indiana, and Lane, Germany, and he also helped Indiana counties learn about many facets of German culture. For over thirty five years, Reverend Schwenk organized and led both adult and student tour groups to Germany to learn from and engage in German culture.

Clearly, Reverend Schwenk is passionate about, and dedicated to, helping fellow Hoosiers and Americans better understand and appreciate German-American relations. It is most fitting that he is being awarded the "Federal Republic of Germany Friendship Award," one of the highest awards bestowed upon an individual by the German government. This prestigious award honors Reverend Schwenk's desire to create mutual understanding and appreciation of his native Germany here in America. On behalf of hundreds of students, myself included, I thank Reverend Schwenk for his sacrifice in educating and encouraging continued understanding and respect for German-American relations.

TRIBUTE TO DIXIE/BERKELEY TRAINING SCHOOL

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an institution that helped to educate some of South Carolina's brightest minds and contributed significantly to our state's history. The Berkeley Training School, like so many schools established to educate African American children, was vital to its community and its students. I pay this tribute as its alumni are preparing to hold a Grand School Reunion on September 3–5, 2010, to celebrate the school's anniversary and the contributions of this tremendous institution.

Berkeley Training School began as Dixie Training School in early 1880 in Moncks Corner, South Carolina. It was originally planned as a short-term program to last just three months in a local church. The local school superintendent, Mr. I. Percher, was so impressed by the program and its teacher, Mr. J.L. Mitchell that he extended the school's term to eight months.

In 1900, a one-room schoolhouse was constructed to house Dixie Training School. Mr. Essex Reid organized the effort to build the school, and Mrs. Annie Williams was hired as the teacher. It didn't take long, however, before the school outgrew its small building. A building committee was organized and charged with raising \$6,700 for a new four-room school. Mr. Steven Reid made the first \$5 donation, and the community stepped up to raise \$5,500. Reverend James Van Wright was instrumental in securing support from local citizens for the school using the mantra "a dollar a day." Philanthropist Julius Rosenwald contributed the remaining \$1,200 that was needed to complete the project. The new four-room schoolhouse opened in 1920.

Also, in 1920, Richard Allen Ready became principal, and three teachers were hired Ella Forest, Wilhemena Alston, and Laurieene Shine Heywood. Mr. Ready served the school faithfully for 32 years. During his tenure, Alberta Garnett Dupree received the first Dixie Training Certificate in 1924. The name of the school was changed in the 1930s to Berkeley Training School.

After Mr. Ready's death in 1952, Mr. Swinon S. Wigfall, Sr. was named the new principal. He served just two years and was followed by Frank Gadsden, Sr., who oversaw the school's move into a new building in an area known as "Mitten Lane" on Highway 17A. The move included a new principal, Joseph H. Jefferson, Sr., who remained in this position until the school was merged with Berkeley High School in the 1970s. Mr. Jefferson went on to become an area superintendent and Berkeley Training School ceased to exist as a separate entity.

Over its 90-year history, a number of students who attended Dixie/Berkeley Training School have distinguished themselves in all walks of life. A few notable alumni include: the late Lt. General Henry Doctor, Jr., the first African-American Inspector General of the Army; banker Elijah B. McCants; businessman Joseph Sanders; Dr. Syrus Alston; lawyers Dorothy Manigault and the late Donald Gadsden; funeral directors the late George Holman, Milton Scott and the late Octavious Gethers; building contractors the late Oscar Haynes and Sass Burden; School Superintendent the late William Baylor; educator Dr. Lela Haynes-Session; R. Delores Gibbs, MD and Henry Marion, MD; artist Robert Alston; Henry Harris, CPA; Franklyn Scott, DDS, PC; Robert L. Wilson, Jr., MSW, New York City Deputy Commissioner of Children Services; and my wife and partner for the last 49 years the former Emily England to name just a few.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating the contributions of Dixie/Berkeley Training School. This remarkable school was a beacon for Moncks Corner and all of Berkeley County. It helped shape the lives of hundreds of students who spent their formative years at this institution, and they, in turn, have made a lasting impact on our state.

REMEMBERING HERMAN NEUROHR

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today and pay tribute to a man that I consider a father, a brother and a friend. Sadly, Herman Neurohr passed away on July 15th at the age of 86. I have worked with Herm for most of my adult life and I will miss him immensely.

Herman Neurohr was born on September 21, 1923 in Flint, Michigan. At the beginning of World War II, he joined the Marine Corps and was stationed in the Pacific Theater. At the conclusion of the war, Herm returned to Flint and worked for many years at Buick Motor Division of General Motors before retiring.

It was during this time that I became acquainted with Herm. Herm's son, Neil, was one of my students when I ran for a seat in

the Michigan House of Representatives in 1964 and both became active in my campaign. Herm has been an integral part of my life since that time. He quickly became my number one volunteer and the "go to guy" to get any job done. I have fond memories of Herm and his wife Hazel helping out not only with campaign work but daily tasks and babysitting my children. I still have the letter Neil wrote to me in 1969 asking that I make Herm the campaign manager. It is a decision I have never regretted.

In 1976 when I was elected to Congress, the first person I hired to be on my staff was Herm and he ran my district office for 7 years. He loved politics and government and he was

loyal and inspired loyalty in others. He helped me lay the framework for my district office, a framework that has functioned successfully for more than 30 years.

As a member of VFW Post 4139, Herm helped construct the building. He loved working with his hands and built 3 homes over the years. He traveled to Arizona in the winter and made 7 trips to Germany to visit relatives. Neil, and his daughter-in-law, Carol, were able to accompany him on 2 of his trips.

Left to treasure his memory are Neil and Carol, his daughter Kelly, special friend Shirley Wager, many relatives and friends. Herm was deeply devoted to his family and loved to spend time with his grandsons, Nick and

Dustin Stevens, and his great-granddaughter, Asia.

Madam Speaker, it is a profound honor for me to ask the House of Representatives to join me in a moment of silence to remember the life of Herman Neurohr. He changed the way I viewed the world and I often remember his advice when I am contemplating a problem today. His wisdom was pragmatic, direct and grounded in common sense and I always welcomed his input. Even after he retired, I would talk to him about critical issues. Even though I am saddened by his passing, my memories of Herm warm my heart and I will cherish the time we spent together.