

HONORING THE SERVICE AND
DEDICATION OF RUSSELL T.
VOUGHT

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2010

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Russell T. Vought's service to the United States Congress, our nation and the cause of individual liberty.

Russ began his service to the Congress immediately following his graduation from Wheaton College (Illinois) in 1998. After working briefly for retiring Senator Dan Coats, Russ joined the staff of Texas' senior senator and my political mentor, Senator Phil Gramm. During the four years Russ served on Senator Gramm's policy staff, he became a student of legislative procedure and mastered federal budget policy.

Russ joined my staff as Policy Director shortly after I was sworn into office in 2003. He served as my top advisor on budget issues and worked tirelessly to help me develop the Family Budget Protection Act, which was heralded by pro-taxpayer organizations as the "Gold Standard" of budget enforcement legislation. For several years, Russ provided invaluable counsel to me on tax, entitlement and spending policy and worked with me to author three federal fiscal year budgets.

When I was elected Chairman of the Republican Study Committee for the 110th Congress, I asked Russ to become the committee's Executive Director. Russ worked with me and the 100-plus members of the committee with integrity and an unwavering devotion to the conservative principles that we share.

At the beginning of the 111th Congress, my friend Chairman MIKE PENCE asked Russ to serve the House Republican Conference as his Policy Director. In addition to managing the Conference's policy staff, which is the main hub of information and analysis for all Republican House Members and their staff, he serves as its principal advisor on a broad range of issues, specializing in budget, appropriations, Social Security, legislative procedure, and entitlements.

As Russ' work with me and my colleagues comes to a close, I reflect most fondly upon the unpopular and lonely legislative battles that we faced together. As a wise person once said, "True friendship isn't about being there when it's convenient; it's about being there when it's not."

I take heart knowing that Russ's service to the cause of liberty will continue in whichever path he chooses for his life. He personifies the conservative movement and his devotion to the constitutional, limited government principles is second-to-none.

Madam Speaker, I wish my conservative brother and, most importantly, my friend Russ Vought, best wishes for the future.

HONORING THE COMMISSIONING
OF THE USS MISSOURI

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2010

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the commissioning of the USS

Missouri to take place tomorrow, the 31st of July, and to congratulate the crew of the newest addition to the United States naval fleet.

USS Missouri is the nation's newest and most advanced nuclear-powered attack submarine. This vessel was designed to not require refueling during the life of the ship—a feature that will reduce lifecycle costs while increasing underway time.

The Missouri is 377 feet long and 34 feet wide, and is capable of traveling in both shallow and deep waters. Specially designed for undersea warfare, she can dive deeper than 800 feet and is capable of operating speeds exceeding 25 knots while submerged.

Weighing 7,800 tons, Missouri is a Virginia-class submarine engineered to excel in anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare, special operations missions, strike, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, carrier and expeditionary strike group support, and mine warfare missions.

The soon-to-be-commissioned submarine embodies five of the six Navy maritime strategy core capabilities including sea control, power projection, forward presence, maritime security, and deterrence.

The seventh of the Virginia-class of submarines to join the U.S. Navy, the Missouri was built under a teaming arrangement by General Dynamics Electric Boat and Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding-Newport News.

She is scheduled to be commissioned on July 31st at Naval Submarine Base New London in Groton, CT, and will join Submarine Squadron 4 under the leadership of Commander Timothy Rexrode with a crew totalling 134 officers and enlisted personnel.

Following the commissioning of the Missouri on Saturday, she will be the fifth Navy ship to bear the name honoring the "Show Me State." The fourth such ship was the famous battleship which served in World War II, the Korean War, and the Persian Gulf War. It was aboard this predecessor of the Missouri that the United States and Allied officers, among them Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz and Gen. Douglas MacArthur, accepted the unconditional surrender of Japanese forces marking the end of World War II on September 2, 1945.

The people of the great state of Missouri are proud to have a fantastic new ship bearing our state's name. It honors our state and the many men and women from Missouri who proudly serve in the United States Armed Forces.

We expect great accomplishments and a life of unwavering loyalty and service from the newest USS Missouri. It is with great honor that I welcome the USS Missouri to our nation's fleet, the best submarine in the strongest navy in the world.

INTRODUCTION OF A CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE
SENSE OF THE CONGRESS ON
THE CLOSURE OF THE MAIN EN-
TRANCE OF THE SUPREME
COURT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a Resolution expressing the

sense of Congress, and, I believe, of the American people, that every American have the opportunity to enter the Supreme Court through its main entrance, as they have been permitted to do since the building first opened.

Our founders vested the Supreme Court with the judicial power of our nation, and gave it the charge to dispense justice. Since 1935, visitors have climbed the marble steps of the Supreme Court and entered the nation's temple of justice through its main entrance, under the words "Equal Justice Under Law." Chief Justice John Roberts, during his confirmation hearing, described the "lump in his throat" that formed every time he walked up those marble steps and through that main entrance.

Millions of Americans and visitors from around the world have stepped through those doors to watch the Court work in openness, and to pay tribute to a nation not of men, but of laws.

On May 3, 2010, Chief Justice Roberts announced that the Supreme Court would no longer allow visitors to enter through the main doors of the Supreme Court, closing the main entrance for the first time in nearly 75 years.

Justice Stephen Breyer, joined by Justice Ginsberg, expressed his concern about the closure, stating, "To many members of the public, this Court's main entrance and front steps are not only a means to, but also a metaphor for, access to the Court itself."

I encourage all of my colleagues to join me in sending a clear message that access to this most vital symbol of transparency and openness should not be restricted.

RECOGNIZING THE BICENTENNIAL
OF SOUTH MIDDLETON TOWN-
SHIP, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2010

Mr. PLATTS. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize South Middleton Township, Pennsylvania on its 200th Birthday.

Established in 1810, South Middleton Township is comprised of approximately 52 square miles and has a population of almost 14,500. A wonderful community in which to live, work, and play, the Township is bordered on the north by Carlisle Borough, North Middleton Township, and Middlesex Township. To the east is Monroe Township and to the south are York and Adams Counties. Dickinson Township borders South Middleton to the west. The Township is predominantly a rural farming community and forested area. Approximately 75 percent of the land is used for farming, forest, or woodland. South Middleton Township was created when the area known as Middleton was divided into North Middleton and South Middleton. The governing body consists of five elected supervisors and an appointed township manager.

Madam Speaker, the observance of the 200th Birthday of South Middleton Township provides a special opportunity to pay tribute to the citizens of the township, past and present, who have contributed immeasurably to the township's wonderful quality of life. South Middleton Township will be celebrating the Bicentennial all summer long with parades, picnics, and events at local venues. Over Memorial

Day the Township had floats accompanied by veterans in both the Boiling Springs and Carlisle Memorial Day parades. Labor Day will conclude the official Bicentennial celebrations and will include a fireworks display. I encourage all of my constituents, whether South Middleton residents or visitors, to attend these gatherings and commemorate the Township's birth. It is with heartfelt wishes that I recognize South Middletown Township on its 200th Birthday.

**BARRY BASICS MODULAR
MEDICAL APPAREL**

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2010

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Lt. Col. Albert Barry, USMC, Retired (1936–2007) served his country honorably for almost a half-century before battling Glioblastoma, an aggressive brain cancer. Al Barry's wish to make patients receiving medical treatment more comfortable during illness recovery is now being carried out by his wife, Liz Taylor-Barry, through the Al Barry Foundation.

The Al Barry Foundation created Barry Basics, a modular medical apparel line, to provide patients with a product that emphasizes convenience, range of motion, and comfort. The medical apparel offers upper and lower body garments that encourage movement with their flexible snap closures and various removable pieces. Barry Basics carries a women's line, men's line, children's line, and a breast cancer line. They also produce almost all apparel in the USA and work with Clemson Apparel Research, CAR.

I know firsthand of her extraordinary compassion because on Wednesday at Bethesda National Naval Medical Center, she visited with Marine Lance Corporal Bradley Christian Fite. Brad is a Wounded Warrior Hero of America and a former Washington staff member of the south congressional district of South Carolina.

Liz Taylor-Barry sends the proceeds from Barry Basics to Wounded Warriors, veterans, and cancer patients.

I want to thank the Barry family and all those involved in the Al Barry Foundation for their selfless contributions in South Carolina and across the globe.

**HONORING LISA KINOSHITA FOR
WINNING THE GREATER TACOMA
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S
THIRD ANNUAL FOUNDATION OF
ART AWARD**

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Tacoma artist Lisa Kinoshita for being awarded the 2010 Foundation of Art Award by the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation. This impressive achievement speaks to her individual talents, as well as those of the entire art community in the greater Tacoma, Washington region.

The Greater Tacoma Community Foundation has long fostered the arts as a necessary component to a vibrant and successful community. The foundation established the annual Foundation of Art Award to honor professional artists living and creating in Pierce County. The award honors artists' talents and recognizes the community's creative culture.

In addition to being recognized for her work by the Community Foundation, Lisa Kinoshita's art has also been the focus in many widely read publications, including Seattle Magazine, Elle Magazine, and the New York Times. She founded Mineral, an art gallery and studio in Tacoma, which features many works that blend art and fashion through jewelry, visual art, photography, and mixed media.

In addition to the Foundation of Art Award, the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation will commission an original piece of art by Lisa Kinoshita, which will be unveiled in the autumn of 2010.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Lisa Kinoshita on this impressive achievement, and celebrate her talent, creativity, community involvement, and contribution to the arts and culture of the Tacoma community and Washington State.

**TOLEDO FACILITY PROUD TO
SPEARHEAD KRAFT FOODS EF-
FORTS TO DOUBLE WHOLE
GRAIN IN CRACKER PRODUCTS**

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2010

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, this week, Kraft Foods announced plans to significantly increase the whole grain content in its leading Nabisco cracker brands, more than doubling the amount of whole grain currently used.

I am privileged to share this announcement which has been made possible through thousands of hours of research and testing, investment in innovation and capital at the company's Toledo Mill. The tireless work of the Toledo Mill employees who make the quality whole grain flours that will be important ingredients in many of these products.

As the largest flour mill in east of the Mississippi and the largest soft wheat mill in North America, the Toledo Mill employs nearly 100 workers who labor tirelessly to produce 3.1 million pounds of flour daily.

Kraft Foods has spent four years and invested millions of dollars in its flour milling technology, recipe development and testing to find ways to add more, whole grain to its popular cracker brands which culminated in a multimillion dollar investment at the Toledo Mill.

The whole grain flours produced in Toledo will double the amount of whole grain in Original Wheat Thins from 11g to 22g per serving; more than triple the amount in Wheat Thins Toasted Chips from 5g to 17g per serving; and quadruple the amount in Honey Maid Original Graham Crackers from 5g to 20g per serving. Whole grain will also be added to Premium and Ritz crackers.

This week's announcement by Kraft highlights a commitment to ensure that by 2013, the company expects Nabisco crackers will contribute more than 9 billion servings of whole grain to American diets each year.

Kraft's commitment comes at a time when the American people and Congress are examining our diets and attempting to address an alarming increase in obesity rates.

The Institute of Medicine has recommended that at least half of the grains we consume should be rich in whole grains and, based on today's announcement, the Toledo mill will serve as a cornerstone in our regions effort to remain the center of a national network feeding our people.

The nutrition benefits of whole grains include fiber, B vitamins, and minerals. Eating whole grains at recommended levels as part of a healthy diet can also help reduce risk of heart disease, may help with weight maintenance and may lower risk for other chronic diseases. Today, most Americans only get about one serving (16g) of whole grain a day, compared with the recommended minimum three servings (at least 48g) per day.

Americans are increasingly conscious of the quality of their diet. They want and deserve healthful products that taste good and are good for them. The men and women who work at the Toledo Mill are proud of this important contribution to increasing the range of healthful products available to all of us.

I offer my heartiest congratulations to Kraft Foods, and my appreciation to Kraft's Toledo Mill employees.

**KRAFT FOODS ANNOUNCES PLANS TO DOUBLE
THE AMOUNT OF WHOLE GRAIN IN NABISCO
CRACKERS**

9 BILLION SERVINGS OF WHOLE GRAIN EXPECTED
ANNUALLY BY 2013

NORTHFIELD, IL (July 26, 2010).—Kraft Foods announced plans today to significantly increase the whole grain content in its leading Nabisco cracker brands, more than doubling the amount of whole grain currently used across the Nabisco portfolio. Over the next three years, some of America's favorite cracker brands, including Wheat Thins, Honey Maid, Premium and Ritz will include more whole grain. By 2013, the company expects Nabisco crackers will contribute more than 9 billion servings of whole grain to American diets each year.

"Nine out of ten Americans eat less than the recommended daily amount of whole grains," said Rhonda Jordan, President, Global Health & Wellness, Kraft Foods. "And a growing number of consumers are trying to increase their consumption of whole grains. By significantly increasing the amount of whole grain in our crackers, we're giving them an easy, delicious way to get the whole grain they need in the foods they already enjoy."

Kraft Foods began to transform its cracker portfolio in August 2009 when it increased the whole grain content of Original and Reduced-Fat Wheat Thins from 5g to 11g per 31g serving. In continuing this effort, the company plans to increase whole grain in more than 100 products over the next three years, including:

Doubling the amount of whole grain in Original Wheat Thins from 11g to 22g per serving;

More than tripling the amount in Wheat Thins Toasted Chips from 5g to 17g per serving;

Quadrupling the amount in Honey Maid Original Graham Crackers from 5g to 20g per serving; and

Adding whole grain to Premium and Ritz crackers.

With these improvements, a number of products, including Original Wheat Thins and Honey Maid Original Graham Crackers, will be made with 100% whole grain.