

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF CHARLES W.
MEYERS, SR.

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Charles W. Meyers, Sr., a much beloved San Francisco community leader and public servant, who passed away on September 12. Charlie enthusiastically gave his energy in service of the city and the country he loved. He will be remembered for his big heart, generous spirit, and the unwavering devotion of his friendship.

A proud native son of San Francisco, Charlie discovered his passion for public service early in life. After enlisting in the U.S. Army and serving in World War II, he was elected to the State Assembly as a 28 year old—making him one of the youngest members of the legislature at the time.

As an Assemblyman for the next 22 years, Charlie vigorously sought to improve employer-employee relations. He is an author of the Meyers-Millas-Brown Act, which still stands as the state law regulating employee relations in the public sector.

Charlie's involvement in San Francisco life, however, went far beyond his work in the state legislature. He was a valued member and active supporter of many organizations, including the San Francisco Forum, Knights of Columbus, Disabled American Veterans, and the United Irish Cultural Center. In 2007, he was honored for his work in public service by his alma mater, the University of San Francisco.

San Franciscans have lost a beloved friend. I hope it is a comfort to his beloved wife Alene, his children Charlene Hansen, Chip Meyers, and Gerri Brown, and his many grandchildren that many San Franciscans join them in mourning his passing.

HONORING AMERICAN TROOPS
WHO DIED ON D-DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res 1251, which recognizes and honors the United States troops who fought and died on D-day at the Battle of Normandy.

On June 6, 1944, the Western Allies landed in Northern France and opened up a major military offensive against the Nazi German forces. After 5 years of worldwide warfare, the Normandy invasion proved to be a critical turning point in pushing the United States and its allied forces to victory. D-day remains one of the greatest beach landings in world history, involving nearly 3 million troops crossing the

English Channel from England to Normandy in occupied France. The collective cost to the United States was terribly high, including more than 29,000 killed and 106,000 wounded and missing.

As a Member of Congress and the daughter of a World War II veteran, I believe I have a duty to honor the men and women who courageously served our country and gave their lives at the Battle of Normandy. Earlier this summer, I had the privilege of visiting the Battle of Normandy Memorial Museum during a congressional delegation and was able to get an up-close look at the strength and resilience of the Americans who served in the United States armed forces during the invasion of Normandy.

Our country owes all veterans of this conflict a great debt for their service.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
MR. RONALD TAYLOR

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Ronald Taylor, a devoted father, grandfather, mentor, friend, entrepreneur, and United States Veteran, whose joyous life continues to be focused on family, faith, and service to community.

Born in Wichita, Kansas on February 10, 1930, Mr. Taylor was the only child of parents Russell and Mildred Taylor. He moved frequently with his family until settling in Cleveland, Ohio. His parents taught him the importance of hard work, family and faith. They guided him toward a solid education and supported all of his athletic endeavors. While attending Central High School in Cleveland, Mr. Taylor excelled in athletics and broke Jesse Owens' high jump record. Mr. Taylor's record still stands today. He continues to use the experiences of his youth to teach and guide his own children and grandchildren.

Mr. Taylor blazed a path of independence and achievement. He attained the level of Eagle Scout, only the second African American in Ohio to do so at the time. While attending Miami University of Ohio, he was a member of the U.S. Air Force ROTC. He was drafted into the U.S. Army, and served honorably during WWII. He later continued his studies and became an attorney and real estate broker. He owned several successful law, tax and real estate businesses in Chicago, Cleveland and Las Vegas. He continues to run a successful law practice, Ron Taylor & Associates, in Oak Park, Illinois.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Ronald Taylor, who continues to serve as a leader and the foundation of his family. Mr. Taylor will join this Labor Day weekend with his children, Kevin, Rennie, Reginald, Leah, Michael, Ron Taylor, Jr., Ron II, Ronnetta, and Robin; his

grandchildren; and his extended family to celebrate faith, family and tradition. Mr. Taylor continues to be a source of strength and inspiration to his family and friends, and I wish him and the entire Taylor family continued blessings of peace and joy.

TRIBUTE TO PHIL GOLDING

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Phil Golding, a World War II Army veteran from Boone County, Iowa, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to his country.

The Boone News Republican is currently running a series of articles that honors one Boone County veteran every Tuesday from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. Phil Golding was recognized on Tuesday, August 24. Below is the article in its entirety:

BOONE COUNTY VETERANS: PHIL GOLDING
(By Alexander Hutchins)

Not all military experiences are life-changing tales, fraught with peril and excitement. For former Boone County resident Phil Golding, his experiences in the military were rather mundane.

He was never shot at, "to my knowledge," he said. He never received, nor wanted, a Purple Heart. A Boone resident for nearly 50 years, Golding, however, recalls his times in the United States Army with fond memories, with his three most volatile army jobs being battery clerk, gas truck driver and ammo truck driver.

Golding was inducted into the U.S. Army at Camp Dodge from Glidden, Iowa, in Carroll County, assigned to active duty on July 3, 1943, "policing the camp grounds for cigarette butts" prior to the crowds of visitors swarming into the area.

"I was given a G.I. haircut, clothes and equipment, then sent to a tank destroyer facility at Camp Hood, Texas, for four months of infantry basic training before spending 4½ months on campus at the University of Illinois in the Army Specialized Training Program ostensibly to be an engineer," Golding recalled. "This changed when the war in Africa, Italy and Europe called for fresh blood."

Golding, along with hundreds of other "non-essentials," as he referred to himself, were transported by troop train to the Eighth Armored Division at Camp Polk, La.

Before long, they would be replacing armored units in combat zones, but first there were inspections.

"We spent the hot summer of 1944 being inspected to death before the Germans got a shot at us," Golding said. "We boarded a troop ship in early fall. Somewhere, mid-Atlantic, a couple hundred of us below deck playing cards, writing home or reading, when something big banged hard against the bulkhead only a few feet away! We never knew what, but one officer didn't wait to panic, he went bananas, bounding up the stairway shouting, 'Don't panic . . . let me outta here! Let me outta here!'"

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It was a couple months later when the group ate their Thanksgiving turkey in what Golding referred to as "Jolly ol' England." After next celebrating Christmas with an English family, they finally received their equipment on New Years Day: tanks, trucks, 105 mm howitzers, and more.

The soldiers were rushed across the channel to Europe, but the Battle of the Bulge was over by then, so the troops were held behind the front lines, in reserve, freezing in France for six long, cold weeks.

Golding recalls an incident next that happened in a muddy orchard.

"We then pulled our trucks, heavy with ammo, into a pretty Dutch orchard, just before the frost left, leaving our trucks axle-deep in sod, eight-wheelers spinning, wench cables straining and shear pins shearing," he said. "After the tank-retriever dug us out one by one, the poor Dutchman's grove looked like a plowed field. Even the road past his farm looked plowed, ready to plant."

He also recalls a spectacular site during his time overseas serving in the Army.

"Watching the bombers go east, then back west, with bomb bays open and parachute cords trailing was thrilling—we knew our paratroopers were on the other side of the river, waiting for us to cross the Rhine River on a pontoon bridge," Golding said. "The day after on the far side of the river was a different thrill when our captain circled our trucks on a hill, visible for miles, and we took a few German artillery rounds. Not much happened where we were, I hurried dressing and moved from the 200 rounds of steel cased white phosphorus 105 mm artillery shells in our truck, which was my bed the night before."

The end of World War II was a strange sight for Golding. He recalls that he was near the Elbe River when he awoke to the scene.

"I got up one morning and wandered out the back side of our barracks and there was a whole battalion with rifles stacked and lining up at a chow truck for breakfast, it took me a minute to realize this was a German battalion getting fed, with rifles stacked, apparently unconcerned that they were in the backyard of a bunch of American G.I.s, who also seemed unconcerned," he said. "More curious than concerned."

And so, the war ended, and Golding returned home to Boone, happy for his military experience, and happy for his safe return, albeit with a few more entertaining stories than when he left.

"Compared to most, my experiences in the U.S. Army were mundane, thank the Lord," Golding said.

I commend Phil Golding for his many years of loyalty and service to our great Nation. It is an immense honor to represent him in the United States Congress, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

COMMEMORATING 50 YEARS OF COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR POWER GENERATION AT EXELON NUCLEAR'S DRESDEN GENER- ATING STATION

HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the completed construction of Exelon Nuclear's Dresden Unit 1 facility, celebrating 50 years of safe, reliable, nuclear gen-

erated electricity at the Dresden site. Employees and guests will be celebrating this achievement on Wednesday, September 22, 2010.

On August 1, 1960, Dresden Unit 1 entered commercial operation and became the nation's first full-scale, privately financed commercial nuclear power plant. This feat alone marks a great accomplishment in human technological advancement, but also an incredible contribution towards the advancement of our society and the growth of surrounding communities.

Construction of Dresden Unit 1 began in June of 1957 on a site at the mouth of the Illinois River near Morris, just 60 miles southwest of Chicago, and began generating electricity on April 15, 1960. Dresden Unit 1's success was followed by the completion of Dresden Units 2 and 3 in 1970 and 1971, respectively. Although Unit 1 has since been placed in dormancy, Units 2 and 3 continue to generate electricity for our local communities.

Madam Speaker, I also rise to commemorate the approximate 950 employees of the Dresden generation facility, and congratulate all employees, past and present, for their hard work and contributions towards making our communities and our country a better place to live and for showing the world of the benefits of clean and efficient nuclear energy.

With Dresden's annual contributions to the local United Way, its sponsorship of the Grundy County Corn Festival fireworks display and other donations and sponsorships to community organizations and events, the Dresden Generating Station is a shining example of social responsibility and investing in the local community.

As the 11th Congressional District is also home to Dresden's sister-plants, Braidwood and LaSalle, I am proud to represent this facility in the United States Congress and I give thanks for all of Dresden's past successes and wish it the best in the future.

RECOGNITION OF THE 30TH ANNUAL LA PLAZA'S FIESTA

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 30th Annual La Plaza Fiesta Indianapolis, which is held in Indiana's 7th district. La Plaza's Fiesta serves as a celebration and representation of the Hispanic culture and its contribution to the fabric of this nation.

Since 1980, La Plaza's Fiesta has been the premiere Latino cultural celebration in Indiana. It is an outdoor event held during National Hispanic Heritage Month to educate and share the Latino culture through diverse mediums including art, music, dance, food and cultural activities. La Plaza's Fiesta also celebrates the Hispanic community's contributions in business, education, government and the arts.

Year after year, La Plaza's Fiesta provides an opportunity to enrich the lives of all Americans by providing an opportunity to explore the rich and unique Hispanic heritage and traditions. La Plaza's Fiesta is a great avenue for people from all walks of life to learn that our unique cultures and histories unify—not divide us. We all have life experiences that can help

each other and our next generations, regardless of our gender, ethnicity or race.

I want to congratulate La Plaza's Fiesta Indianapolis on their 30th anniversary. In your long history, you have enriched the lives of those who attend this event, the City of Indianapolis and our Latino community. It is an honor to represent a district as culturally diverse as Indianapolis, and our great city is privileged to host this event

A TRIBUTE TO STATE REPRESENTATIVE ANNETTE POLLY WILLIAMS

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend, a dear former colleague and mentor to new legislators and a great stateswoman, Rep. Annette Polly Williams. She is the longest serving woman in the history of the Wisconsin State Legislature. Rep. Williams is retiring from public office after 30 years of outstanding service to her constituents.

Affectionately known as Polly, she was born in the Mississippi Delta region of Belzoni, Mississippi and moved to Milwaukee when she was 10 years old. She is a product of the public school system and fellow graduate of North Division High School. Rep. Williams is committed to ensuring that all children receive access to a good education. Out of her passion to and commitment for education, she became the author/mother of the nation's first true Educational Parental Choice Legislation.

Rep. Williams has made her mark in other areas. She founded the Black Women's Network, the Milwaukee Parental Assistance Center; the Black Leadership Organization. Further, she was the co-founder of the African American Alliance providing political leadership to Milwaukee's African American community; founding member of the Wisconsin African American Women's Center; and served as the co-host for the "Tuesday Morning Breakfast Club" on a local radio station for many years.

Polly is a treasure to our community and will continue her service to those in need. Whether it is someone who has lost a loved one, experienced a natural disaster such as Hurricane Katrina or local flooding, Polly will be there providing compassion and support.

Madam Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in a salute to Rep. Annette Polly Williams. We wish her well in a retirement that is full of new challenges.

HONORING SAMUEL TABLER FOR USDA SERVICE IN IRAQ

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Samuel Tabler for his service, sacrifice and commitment to establishing stability and