

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING SINGER-SONG-
WRITER CLARE BURSON FOR
BRINGING SOCIAL AWARENESS
TO THE HOLOCAUST THROUGH
MUSIC

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize singer and songwriter Clare Burson for her work in bringing awareness to the Holocaust through music. Chronicled through research and stories from her family, her new album "Silver and Ash" remembers her family and pays tribute to the many Jewish men, women and children who suffered and died during this dark period in history.

Clare Burson had always been interested in learning her family's history since the young age of 8 years old. However, her grandmother, Joci Burson, was reluctant to speak about the events that caused her family to flee their home in Germany due to the painful memories. Joci, who lived in Memphis, Tennessee, would receive letters from family that fled to Latvia updating her on their condition. Receiving letters from only 1938–1941 was undoubtedly a sign that the worst had happened and forced Joci into mourning and silence about the tragedy that befell the family.

Clare Burson spent much of her young adult life researching her family's history to gain a better understanding of how the Holocaust changed her family. Her research led her to move to Germany and to travel to Latvia, Lithuania and Ukraine—the homes of her ancestors. As a result of her research and through her songs, she was able to convey resemblances of her sister to their great-grandmother in "Look Close." In "I Will/With You," Ms. Burson encourages her grandmother to share her memories so that she and others will forever remember their history.

In "Baby Boy," Clare Burson describes a metaphorical hole in her great-great-grandmother's home after sending her son to Lithuania to escape conscription to military service in the German army. Although not in her lyrics, Ms. Burson shared a piece of her family's history saying that her great-great-grandmother sent her son to Lithuania in 1893 with a trunk of belongings and a wedge of cheese made by his mother. He then moved to South Africa and stayed there for 10 years before moving to Memphis, where he married her great-grandmother, Clare. They had 4 children including her grandmother who, when she passed away, gave her the cheese. That wedge of cheese still exists and is now 117 years old.

Sixty-five years after the Holocaust, the number of Jewish Holocaust survivors and those who lived during that time is decreasing. Like many events in our history, both good and bad, we must ensure the fundamental nature of the Holocaust is passed along to future generations. There must never again be such

a display of intolerance towards any group of people. Thank you Clare Burson for giving us such beautiful music set to your family's memories and our shared history.

CONGRATULATING THE WESTERN
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY VEHI-
CLE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2010

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Western Washington University Vehicle Research Institute for their outstanding achievements in the X Prize Automotive competition.

The X Prize Competition challenged our best scientists and engineers to develop a new car that could achieve fuel efficiency of over 100 miles per gallon in real world driving. To win, the car had to be safe, affordable and potentially desirable to consumers.

Western Washington's team, comprised entirely of undergraduate students, developed and entered a 2-seat car, the Viking 45, in the "alternative" class. Their car successfully navigated several rounds of testing, becoming the only American university team to reach the finals of the competition.

The success of the Viking 45 continues the long tradition of excellence at the Vehicle Research Institute. I commend them for their success in the X Prize competition and their continuing outstanding work to develop the next generation of passenger vehicles.

RECOGNIZING THE 175TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE FOUNDING OF
NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LOS DOLO-
RES DE LAS VEGAS GRANDES,
NEW MEXICO 1835–2010

HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2010

Mr. LUJÁN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 175th anniversary of Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Established by a land grant from the Government of Mexico, the City of Las Vegas was founded on the Gallinas River on April 6th, 1835. Las Vegas soon found prosperity as a trading hub on the Sante Fe Trail, and later as a stop on the railroad between Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe.

Throughout its 175 years, Las Vegas has flourished; becoming a regional center for cultural and social diversity; seeing the establishment of theaters, schools, newspapers, and libraries. As many historic towns in America have experienced, the people of Las Vegas have seen challenges throughout their storied history including epidemics, economic depressions, and political turmoil.

However, with over 900 buildings recognized by the National Register of Historic Places, and the claim to forming the New Mexico Militia and the 1st United States Volunteer Calvary, Las Vegas can point to a strong and proud history of perseverance and dedication that is worthy of admiration.

I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the celebration of the people of Las Vegas as they celebrate their city's anniversary. The longevity of Las Vegas is a testament to the communal bonds established there, and it is an inspirational achievement.

RECOGNIZING TAIWAN ON THE
OCCASION OF NATIONAL DAY

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2010

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise to salute Taiwan on its forthcoming National Day on October 10, 2010.

Taiwan is a model of success in Asia. Through hard work and ingenuity, Taiwan has become one of the strongest economies in the Asia Pacific.

Two years ago, Taiwan was in the midst of a global economic crisis. After taking some notable economic measures, Taiwan is expected to bring its unemployment rate below 5 percent, and GDP is expected to grow by 4.72 percent this year.

Taiwan is also a showcase democracy and continues to strengthen its democratic institution. The accomplishments of Taiwan, whether economic or political, are truly remarkable.

On the occasion of Republic of China's National Day, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing new era of peace and prosperity between Taiwan and mainland China. There have been many agreements between the two sides, including direct air and sea links, increased mutual investments, and exchanges of peoples.

Also, my congratulations to Taiwan for its continued participation in the World Health Assembly meetings last May in Geneva. We should also acknowledge Taiwan's humanitarian assistance to Haiti and Taiwan's medical and public health missions to Pacific island countries in recent years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Taiwan.

A TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN B. FALEK

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2010

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stephen B. Falek, Associate Director for the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee, who will retire in October, 2010, after 38 years of distinguished service.

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He has been a tireless advocate to provide affordable housing opportunities to my constituency. Families in my district and throughout the state have benefited from his efforts to create "green" facilities, develop homeownership programs, provide resources to serve low-income families, and expand programs to serve our veterans, homeless, elderly and disabled, and mentally challenged.

As Assistant Director, Mr. Falek is responsible for the day-to-day operation of a multitude of public housing units, multi-family market rate rental housing, and a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

His advocacy can be seen on the local and national levels. His particular interest in addressing the needs of often overlooked populations led to the development of a Single Room Occupancy facility for the homeless. Mr. Falek reunited families by securing a number of housing opportunities for homeless or transitional parents who would have otherwise lost custody of their children if they did not have a home. In addition, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, he ensured that Milwaukee opened its doors to evacuees. He created a task force with various government agencies to make sure that these evacuees were assisted quickly.

In 2009, he received the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) M. Justin Herman Award for Lifetime Achievement, which honors an exceptional individual who has made outstanding contributions to the quality of life through service in the field of housing or community development. He continued his noteworthy role as a leader by participating on boards and committees. His contributions are well known within NAHRO, the North Central Regional Council of NAHRO, and the State of Wisconsin Association of Housing Authorities (WAHA). Mr. Falek was a key figure in creating the WAHA State Chapter and made Wisconsin one of the strongest chapters.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to pay tribute to Stephen B. Falek who leaves behind a wonderful legacy of leadership and community building in the Fourth Congressional District and State of Wisconsin.

A TRIBUTE TO JUSTICE ARTHUR G. SCOTLAND IN RECOGNITION OF HIS LIFE OF SERVICE

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2010

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Justice Arthur G. Scotland for his life of service to our California judicial system.

Justice Scotland is a native Californian born in Sacramento on October 19, 1946. He graduated from the University of California, Davis, and became a law enforcement officer with the California Department of Justice. He later graduated with honors from the University of Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in 1974.

After serving as a Deputy District Attorney, Sacramento County, 1974–76, California Deputy Attorney General, 1976–83, and Cabinet Secretary to the Governor, 1983–87, he was appointed as a Superior Court Judge by Governor George Deukmejian in 1987. Since

1989, he has served on the Courts of Appeal, appointed by Governor Deukmejian. In 1998, he became the Presiding Justice, appointed to the position by Governor Pete Wilson.

In 2004, Justice Scotland was named Judge of the Year by the Sacramento County Bar Association.

Active in his community, Justice Scotland was named Humanitarian of the Year in 2002 by the Sacramento County Bar Association for his volunteer work on behalf of the Sacramento Children's Home—a residential and treatment facility for abused and neglected children. He also received a community Service Award from the Center for Youth Citizenship for his volunteer work helping educate school children about our legal system about their rights and responsibilities as Americans.

Presiding Justice Scotland has served with distinction on the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, since 1989—serving 9 years as associate justice and 12 years as presiding justice. During his tenure, Justice Scotland has participated in deciding more than 6,000 appeals and thousands of writ petitions, authoring 2,744 majority opinions, 48 concurring opinions, and 40 dissenting opinions.

I am pleased to recognize and congratulate Justice Scotland on his retirement and for his dedication to our community.

TRIBUTE TO MARY TREVIÑO

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2010

Mr. GONZALEZ. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize a woman who has reached a milestone in her life that few have had the opportunity to reach. Most individuals are lucky to see 80 years of life. Few have ever reached the age of 90. But fewer still have had the blessing of living on this earth for 100 years, the course of an entire century. That is why it is with great honor I come to you today to recognize the 100th birthday of Mrs. Mary Treviño, on this day, the 26th of September, year 2010.

Mrs. Treviño has spent the last one hundred years growing in wisdom, her work ethic, and her love for others. Like all people, her life is marked with both times of testing and times of celebration. What makes Mrs. Treviño an outstanding woman, however, is that she has gone through her trials with great perseverance, and through her times of celebration with great joy.

As a woman that embodies the entrepreneurial spirit, one of Mrs. Treviño's greatest accomplishments in her life is the founding of El Mirador Restaurant. This restaurant has been the means by which Mrs. Treviño's passions for sharing great food and good company have had a way to express themselves. El Mirador is a place that has contributed to the community of Texas' 20th District for more than 40 years, and like Mrs. Treviño, it is still going strong.

Madam Speaker, that is why I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the 100th birthday of Mrs. Mary Treviño; for a life well lived and years more to live well. I wish Mrs. Treviño all the best and hope that our nation's great City of San Antonio can be blessed by her presence for many

more years to come. May her days be filled with life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, for her and her loved ones.

CARLOS GUERRA DAY IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2010

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent, friend, supporter, community activist and long-time columnist for the San Antonio Express-News, Carlos Guerra. On Friday, September, 24, 2010, friends, family members and loved ones will gather at El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel in San Antonio, Texas, to pay respect and honor to a man who has done so much for so many of us. On this day, Texas A&M University—Kingsville has designated September 24 as "Carlos Guerra Day in San Antonio."

Guerra grew up in Robstown, Texas, which happens to be my hometown, too. His parents were educators and owned a family restaurant. After graduating from Robstown High School, Guerra enrolled at then-Texas A&I University in Kingsville where he quickly became involved in the rising civil rights movement for Mexican Americans. In 1969, he earned his bachelor's degree in history. While enrolled at Texas A&I University in Kingsville, Guerra was a member of the debate team as well as on the staff of the student newspaper.

He helped found the Mexican American Youth Organization (MAYO) and Raza Unida Party, two of the primary civil rights organizations for Mexican Americans. Guerra's civil rights activist days lasted from the 1960s through the 1980s, and he was a pallbearer in the funeral of United Farm Workers founder and civil rights icon Cesar Chavez in 1993.

Guerra started his newspaper career in 1991 when he was a front-page columnist for the San Antonio Light. When that newspaper ceased publication, he moved to the San Antonio Express-News where he was a metro columnist for more than 18 years.

Guerra has worked for several philanthropic foundations on the East Coast and has traveled extensively throughout the United States and Latin America. He has led all by example and continues to be a leading voice in the Hispanic movement.

During his time as a columnist for the San Antonio Express-News, Guerra's opinion columns were syndicated in other newspapers throughout the country.

In 2009, Guerra retired from the San Antonio Express-News. Today, he is a communications consultant and continues to be involved in civic engagement. Most recently, he helped launch a scholarship at Texas A&M University—Kingsville in the Communications Theater Arts Department.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the work, dedication, vision, leadership and commitment of a respected role model, friend and mentor, Carlos Guerra.