

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING SERGEANT LEE GRAGG

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and honor that I rise to share with you the inspiring story of one of my constituents. Sergeant Lee Gragg is a police officer in the Palmetto Police Department, and last September, he was injured in the line of duty.

On Sunday, September 12th 2009 at 10 o'clock at night, Sgt. Gragg and his team were conducting a routine road safety check. An uncooperative driver was discovered to have a suspended license and an arrest warrant. Recognizing that the suspect was reaching for something on the floor of the car, Sgt. Gragg feared for the safety of his team and grabbed the driver's arm.

When the driver attempted to escape, Sgt. Gragg was dragged alongside the vehicle. After the driver lost control of the car, he was thrown 20 feet into the air. He was flown to Grady Hospital, where he was treated in the intensive care unit for 5 weeks. Today, I join his wife Michele Gragg in thanking God for his survival.

I was astounded to hear that a mere four months after this incident, Sgt. Gragg returned to work. Despite losing vision in one eye, suffering severe nerve damage, and undergoing more than 10 surgeries, he maintains a positive attitude. He teaches children about safety and is dedicated to community outreach. He is ever eager and determined to return to active duty. Sergeant Lee Gragg is an honorable man—a hero to his fellow police officers and a role model to his community. Madam Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in honoring this great public servant.

A TRIBUTE RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of Calvary Baptist Church in Bellflower in the 34th Congressional District. I ask my colleagues to please join me along with the church's pastor, Dr. Michael Melton Kalapp, and his nearly 800 parishioners, in celebrating this significant milestone. In honor of the occasion, I would like to submit into the RECORD a detailed historical overview provided by the church chronicling its incredible growth throughout Calvary's many years of spiritual service to families in Bellflower and throughout the world.

A HISTORY OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN BELLFLOWER

(By the Calvary Baptist Church)

In September, 1935, a group of 14 believers, led by Reverend True H. Maxfield, sought to start a place of worship in the Bellflower area after holding a successful tent meeting. A lot located at Santa Ana and Mayne was purchased for \$275. Two months later, on November 11, 1935, a group of men began erecting a small building that would become The First Fundamental Church of Bellflower.

In 1943, the church changed its name to Calvary Baptist Church of Bellflower. By 1949, the church boasted 175 members and new property was purchased—"way out in the country"—on Ardis Avenue. It was there that volunteers built the new church, which held its first service on December 23, 1949. A farming community at the time, Bellflower would not become the 59th city in the County of Los Angeles until 1957.

In 1950, the church membership nearly doubled to 340 and additional property around the church was purchased. Seven years later, in 1957, Calvary expanded its ministry to support the Baptist Bible College in Springfield, MO. The church also supported the Pima Indians in Arizona.

On June 16, 1963, after several years of leadership changes, Dr. H. Frank Collins and his family began their ministry at Calvary. Building on the church's rich history of reaching out to the community, Dr. Collins led the church to purchase a bus to provide members without transportation the opportunity to come to Calvary to worship. At its peak, this effort would grow to include 17 buses, transporting nearly 600 people to church weekly.

During Dr. Collins' 26-year ministry, he led the church through its largest expansion in buildings, membership and outreach. Unfortunately, rising costs would eventually end the church's bus ministry, as well as its television (Channel 9) and radio programming (on KGER 1390 AM).

Calvary, however, continued to grow in other ways.

In 1984, the completion of the H. Frank Collins/Calvary Baptist Church Family Center enabled the church to expand its ministry for its members and the community. This multi-purpose facility contains classrooms, a board room, counseling rooms, office space, a full-service kitchen, showers, gymnasium, and banquet seating for approximately 400 people.

Upon Dr. Collins' retirement in May 1990, Dr. Michael Kalapp became Calvary's new pastor. Under his leadership, Bible-centered life groups, and one-on-one mentorship programs were launched.

Four years later, when Calvary purchased the last remaining parcel of property on what is today the church campus, Calvary realized its dream of having a Missions home. Today, the facility serves as a Missions House and Missions Apartment, giving the church's missionaries a place to rest while in the United States. During the first decade of this century, Calvary was instrumental in the planting of new churches in Sauharita, AZ; Banning, CA; and Boston, MA. Calvary has also given more than \$1.5 million to missionary work in far reaching places such as Africa, China, Japan and the Philippines.

Calvary's growing ministries encompass a wide variety of community programs and

initiatives. On a weekly basis, Calvary provides the facilities and works with other local churches to feed, shower, and cloth people who are homeless. Church members donate food for its food pantry that serves more than 100 families a year. This Thanksgiving, church members will serve dinner to more than 500 people in the community. To help individuals fighting addictions, Calvary operates a "Celebrate Recovery" church-based spiritual support program. The church also provides space for weekly Nicotine and Narcotics Anonymous meetings. This past October, more than a thousand people from throughout the area enjoyed a free fun-filled day of games, face painting and other activities at its annual Harvest Festival. The church also hosted the Children's Summer Spectacular—a day camp for more than 60 children from throughout the community that includes Bible study, field trips and other activities. Parishioners also donate the labor, supplies and funds each year to "makeover" homes to members in need.

To raise funds for its missionaries, Calvary holds a Christmas boutique in late October. Handmade items by parishioners are sold at the annual boutique to raise funds for the church's mission work in this country and around the world. This year's boutique raised more than \$7,000. Calvary also holds a parking lot sale featuring donated items by church members to raise funds for its missions. This year's event generated \$3,000.

As Calvary celebrates its 75 year anniversary, the church is extremely proud that its central message to its congregation since its founding "way out in the country" has always remained devoutly the same: to "LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE AND CHANGE THE WORLD."

HONORING THE LIFE OF PEDRO SYPINGCO CASTRO

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Pedro Syppingco Castro, a son of Guam and veteran of the United States Navy, for his dedication and service to our community and country. Pedro passed away on September 26, 2010 at the age of 80. I commend him for his dedicated service to his community and our nation.

Pedro was born on June 29, 1930 to Jose Rosario Castro and Maria Syppingco Evangelista of Sinajana, Guam. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He served on the USS Proteus AS-19, USS Crockett PG-88, USS Haverfield DER-393, USS Lucid MSO-458, and USS Goss DE-444. He attained the rank of Boatswain's Mate Chief Petty Officer, and his awards and medals include the American Spirit Medal, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy Good Conduct awards, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal.

Although Pedro may no longer be with us, he will be remembered by his loving wife Ana,

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daughter Carmilita, three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and many loved ones for many years to come. I offer my condolences, sympathies, and prayers to Pedro's family and loved ones and to all who knew him.

TRIBUTE TO MR. GEORGE M.
SCALISE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. George M. Scalise, a longtime constituent, friend, and industry advocate, who retired as President of the Semiconductor Industry Association this year. His exemplary leadership in the high-tech sector has improved our technical capabilities and enriched our country.

George Scalise's father worked on the railroads, but George dedicated his life to the conduits of the future, ultimately moving from the steel mills of Pennsylvania to the semiconductors of Silicon Valley. Growing up in Warren, Pennsylvania, George Scalise was a go-getter from an early age, working a paper route, cleaning pots and pans in a bakery, and performing other odd jobs. He followed his older brother to Purdue University, graduating in 1956 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, and then joined the Army as an engineer for the next two years. After leaving the military, George Scalise met and married his wife of nearly fifty years, fellow engineer Dot McDonald, and moved into the growing field of semiconductors, where he began to make his mark.

From his early days at CBS Electronics and Motorola, George Scalise has left a lasting imprint on the semiconductor industry. Among his many positions and responsibilities, he served as Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of Apple Computer, Inc., and as Senior Vice President of Planning and Development and Chief Administrator Officer of National Semiconductor Corporation. His abilities have earned him the respect and trust of his colleagues, who selected him to be President of the Semiconductor Industry Association, the nation's leading microelectronics trade association, which brings together more than 60 companies accounting for over 90% of American semiconductor producers. Serving from 1997 to 2010, George Scalise brought his deep understanding of the complexities of international trade and workforce issues to bear on a wide array of industry matters, including educating and recruiting a skilled workforce, promoting environmental and safety standards, protecting intellectual property, and ensuring American competitiveness abroad.

As civic-minded as he is silicon-minded, George Scalise has brought his business acumen to his public service endeavors. He served on the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco from 2000 to 2005, including two years as Chairman, and spent eight years on President George W. Bush's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating George Scalise's extraordinary leadership and service. In his business career, in his personal relationships, in his

service to his community, George Scalise conducts himself as impressively as the microchips he loves, I'm proud to consider him a friend and honor the outstanding contributions he has made through his innovation and inspirational industry leadership.

A TRIBUTE TO WALTER T.
MOSLEY III

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Walter T. Mosley III.

Walter T. Mosley III was born and raised in the Clinton Hill and Crown Heights sections of Brooklyn.

After he graduated from high school, Mr. Mosley attended Pennsylvania State University. He graduated with honors, earning a degree in Criminology with minors in African Studies and American History. He received a law degree from Howard University in 1998.

Mr. Mosley was exposed to community activism and public service at an early age, which had a great effect on his sense of responsibility and ownership of his community. Throughout his life, he has worked to serve the downtown and central Brooklyn community. He has served as an advisor to elected officials on political, legislative, and public policy issues related to local and statewide initiatives. Through this work, he has had the opportunity to work in various capacities, including: legislative analyst for the New York City Council, Chief of Staff to New York State Assemblyman William F. Boyland, Jr., and currently as Special Counsel to New York State Majority Conference Leader John L. Sampson.

Mr. Mosley also learned early the importance of developing a broad range of experience in government and politics so that he would be able to give back to his community. He had the opportunity to work on the national political scene in 2004 through work for Senator John Kerry's presidential campaign. He continued this work in 2008 as a Pledged Delegate for Senator Barack Obama.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the many contributions of Walter T. Mosley III.

CELEBRATING THE 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF CRANFORD UNITED METHODIST CHAPEL

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 110th Anniversary of the Cranford Memorial Chapel. Today's celebration reflects the strength and continuity of this Congregation, and it also highlights the historical significance of this location in Fairfax County.

The site of today's Cranford United Methodist Church was first home to one of the earliest religious institutions in the area, Pohick Church, which was built in 1730. Founding fathers George Washington and George Mason

both counted themselves as members of this congregation. Although Pohick Church was moved, a Methodist church was constructed on this site in 1830, continuing the historical significance of this location as a place of worship. In response to the passage of time and the growing community, the church was expanded, incorporating the old church with a new building. Today we are celebrating the 110th Anniversary of the "newest" building, which dates to 1900.

Although Fairfax County is a dynamic area which has seen many changes over the years, it is equally important to remember the rich history which has helped to define our nation. Cranford Memorial Chapel is a touchstone of Fairfax's historical significance, and it is a living reminder of the humble roots of a community which has grown and prospered since this church was founded.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the 110th Anniversary of the Cranford Memorial Chapel and in celebrating the rich history of our vibrant community.

IN HONOR OF THE 6TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAYO SOCIETY OF GREATER CLEVELAND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, and colleagues, I rise today in honor and recognition of the 6th Anniversary of the Mayo Society of Greater Cleveland, as they hold their 6th Annual Mayo Society Charitable Ball & Banquet, on October 2, 2010. This year's honorees are: Kevin O'Donnell, the Mayo Person of the Year; Michael Burke, Chairman of Mayo County, Ireland; and, Keynote Speaker, Michael Feeney, of the Mayo County, Peace Park, Garden of Remembrance.

Since its inception in 2004, the mission of the Mayo Society of Greater Cleveland has been to strengthen bonds that connect the people of our community and our nation with the people of Ireland—with a special focus on County Mayo, where a large number of American citizens in the Cleveland area trace their ancestral origins.

The Mayo Society of Greater Cleveland promotes exchanges with Ireland that center around cultural, scientific, literary, and artistic exchanges between the two countries. The Society also seeks to research and analyze Irish immigration and the impact that Irish immigrants had in shaping our nation's history. In addition, charitable work is also a priority. Fundraisers and other volunteer efforts are organized, in Cleveland, and in Ireland, to assist impoverished individuals and families whenever in need.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the members and leaders of the Mayo Society of Greater Cleveland, whose heritage originated across the ocean to the Emerald Isle, remains alive in Cleveland through the history, culture and tradition of Ireland. Irish Americans are a significant component within the brilliant mosaic of diversity that is the foundation of our community. Contributions made by Irish Americans within our city and across our nation are immeasurable, and will forever be connected—