

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO MAYOR WILLIAM ROBERT HOLCOMB

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 3, 2010

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I join today with my colleague JERRY LEWIS to pay tribute to an outstanding leader, family man and civil servant, former San Bernardino Mayor William Robert Holcomb. Mayor Holcomb passed away at the age of 88 on November 29, 2010.

Bob Holcomb was born on March 1, 1922 in San Bernardino, California, and dedicated his life to his home town. He was a passionate advocate for the city, and is well remembered as the champion who preserved the local water supply.

The Holcomb family has deep roots in San Bernardino County. William F. Holcomb, Bob's great-grandfather, was a pioneer who discovered gold in the 19th century and led a gold rush in the San Bernardino Mountains. His father, Grant Holcomb, served as the city mayor from 1925 thru 1927.

Bob Holcomb graduated from San Bernardino High School, and later received a law degree from the Hastings College of Law at the University of California-Berkeley. He interrupted his studies during World War II to serve in the U.S. Army Air Corps. As a co-pilot, he flew bombing missions from England to Germany.

A practicing lawyer for 14 years, Bob began his political career by winning the fight to maintain San Bernardino's water independence. The giant Metropolitan Water District of Los Angeles made a concerted effort to take control of the extensive groundwater basin under San Bernardino. Holcomb led the campaign against the plan, and voters ultimately decided to retain the San Bernardino Municipal Water District, which protects the local water supply to this day.

As a result of his leadership, Holcomb was appointed as a city water commissioner, and served in that role until his first election as Mayor in 1970.

Considered one of the most dynamic mayor's in the city's history, Bob Holcomb is credited with luring both the Little League Western Headquarters and a California State University campus to San Bernardino. His administration saw the founding of the Norman Feldheym library and a new City Hall. He was instrumental in the creation of the regional transportation agency, Omnitrans.

Over three decades, Bob continued the family tradition of public service with a career as Mayor from 1971 until 1985, and another term from 1989 through 1993. With 18 years, Bob is the city's longest-serving mayor.

He was recognized for both his international interests and a passion for civil rights. He helped create a sister-city partnership with Tachikawa, Japan that has lasted for 51 years. And he was a strong supporter of desegregation of San Bernardino schools. He

was also the first elected official in the area to support Tom Bradley, the first African American to run for California governor.

As a family man, Bob shared 64 years with his wife and partner Penny. They had four children—Jay, who passed away in 1977, as well as daughter Terri Lee Holcomb-Halstead, and sons William Holcomb and Robert Holcomb.

On a personal note, I always appreciated Bob's friendship and his support of local athletic teams. I remember one specific incident during his tenure as mayor, when our softball field was too wet to play on due to rain. Bob had seen how hard our team had worked to get where it was, and wanted to make sure that the game was played—so he brought in helicopters to dry the fields, and the game went off without a hitch. That story exemplifies the type of man that Bob was.

Madam Speaker, Congressman LEWIS and I ask our colleagues to join us in remembering a superb citizen and great community leader. My wife Barbara and I, and JERRY and his wife Arlene, will greatly miss the man who will always be known as Mayor Holcomb, and we extend our sincere condolences to Penny and his extended family.

CONDEMNING NORTH KOREA FOR ATTACK AGAINST SOUTH KOREA

SPEECH OF

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn North Korea's unprovoked artillery attack against the Republic of Korea. We stand with our treaty ally during this challenging time.

The artillery attack against Yeonpyeong is part of a recent pattern of aggressive and violent behavior by the North. Earlier this year, a North Korean submarine attacked the South Korean ship Cheonan, killing 46 sailors.

I commend the Administration for standing side by side with South Korea. South Korea is a strong trading partner and ally in the Asia-Pacific region. South Korea, and all countries around the world, must know that the U.S. stands with its friends.

Our nation has been steadfast in our support of our Korean allies for over 60 years. We will not waver now.

It is time for all nations interested in a stable and denuclearized Korean peninsula to denounce the recent aggression by North Korea and work for continued peace and prosperity in the region.

ASIAN CARP PREVENTION AND CONTROL ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 1421, The Asian Carp Prevention and Control Act.

This bill bans the importation of bighead carp, more commonly known as "Asian carp." These fish have voracious appetites and can grow to weigh more than 100 pounds while eating everything in their path. Making them yet more dangerous is that when agitated by sounds such as boat engines, these fish leap out of the water and have been known to harm boat passengers, resulting in broken bones or worse.

The real nightmare, however, Madam Speaker, is the impending devastation these fish can potentially wreak over the Great Lakes fishery. Asian carp eat up to 40 percent of their body weight every day, and would likely out-compete native species in this \$7 billion fishery. This would result in the decimation of recreational and commercial fishing in the Great Lakes, which is currently known worldwide for its plentiful perch, walleye, whitefish, salmon, and much more.

While I'm happy to vote today in favor of S. 1421 to prevent more Asian carp from being imported into the country it will do nothing to stop the carp already here from entering the Great Lakes.

The fact of the matter is that the Federal Government's response to Asian carp has been woefully inadequate. What is really necessary is an ecological separation of the Great Lakes from the Chicago Waterway System, which is the waterway by which bighead carp are making their way toward the Great Lakes. Bighead carp DNA has already been found in Lake Michigan, and this separation must occur before it's too late and the fish get into the lake and take hold. I urge the President to move faster to address this threat as well as passage of more comprehensive legislation that would do more to prevent this dangerous invasive species from entering the Great Lakes.

The bills I sincerely wish we were voting on today, H.R. 4472: Close All Routes and Prevent Asian Carp Today Act of 2010 and H.R. 5625 Permanent Prevention of Asian Carp Act of 2010, both sponsored by my colleague from Michigan, DAVE CAMP, and of which I am a proud co-sponsor, which would enact a much stronger attack against the Asian carp which poses an imminent threat to our magnificent Great Lakes.

I urge passage of the Asian Carp Prevention and Control Act.

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TRIBUTE TO MERLE REED POST
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HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 3, 2010

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the American Legion Merle Reed Post 124 of Delano, California on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of their charter. In honor of this momentous occasion, the Post will celebrate at the Past Commanders and Past Presidents of the American Legion Family dinner on December 4, 2010 at the Legion Hall in Delano, California.

The roots of the American Legion in Delano began with John Robertson Quinn, a World War I veteran from Delano, California. After finding that the nearest American Legion Post was located in Bakersfield, California nearly a day's drive from his home, John Robertson Quinn organized an American Legion Post in Delano to ensure local veterans had a site to gather closer to home. The Post was named Merle Reed Post 124 in memory of Private Cyrus Merle Reed, United States Army, who was the only soldier from Delano, California killed in action during World War I. Merle Reed Post 124 received its charter on September 17, 1920. John Robertson Quinn served as the first Post Commander, and was later elected to serve as American Legion State Commander in 1921. John Robertson Quinn was also elected as the first National Commander from the State of California and west of the Mississippi River in 1923.

After years of meeting at several locations throughout Delano, John Robertson Quinn's family donated the property at the corner 8th Avenue and Kensington Street in Delano, California to the Post for a building. The first Merle Reed Post 124 building was completed in 1924. American Legion National Commander John Robertson Quinn dedicated the building in June 1924 during an official visit to his home Post. Today, the American Legion hall in Delano still hosts many American Legion activities and serves as a hall for community purposes.

Merle Reed Post 124 has continued to be an integral part of the Delano community since its inception, and is the only veterans' organization in the Delano area. Currently the Post has 110 members and continues to grow and attract new members through its active participation in community service. The Merle Reed Post 124 Legionnaires, as well as the Merle Reed Post 124 Auxiliary, chartered in 1921 and the Sons of the American Legion Squadron, chartered in 1999, share the positive attitude that has made this veterans' organization strong and responsive to the needs of the veterans in North Kern and South Tulare County.

Each year, the Post participates in the Annual Memorial Service at North Kern Cemetery in Delano. Merle Reed Post 124 has sponsored over 100 high school juniors to attend California Boys State, where participants learn the functions of our government. In addition, the Post participates in community events and festivals, always providing a positive image of our veterans. For years, Merle Reed Post 124's 1917 Hinckley Army Truck and 1921 Model T Ford Car have been crowd favorites in local parades.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing American Legion Post 124 and its members on its 90th anniversary.

I also ask that you join me in honoring its membership for their service to their community and its veterans, and for their commitment to the ideals of the American Legion.

THE DEFICIT

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 3, 2010

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise to discuss one of the most important issues facing our country today: the deficit. We all acknowledge that our current path is unsustainable. Revenue is at its lowest level in 60 years. Continuing with trillion dollar deficits year after year is an untenable position. The interest alone on this debt is over \$400 billion for FY2010.

However, I have the privilege of serving in this House for the distinct purpose of looking out for the most vulnerable in our society. I represent Milwaukee, which is the fourth most poverty stricken nation in the country. Looking down the road, it is clear to me that if we make permanent \$3 trillion in Bush era tax cuts it will be those families that don't even have enough tax liability to benefit from that policy who will pay the consequences.

Consider this: the annual deficit for 2010 is approximately \$1.3 trillion. Simply adding an additional \$3.7 trillion over the next decade, which will be the total bill when we enact all of the Bush tax cuts, is completely irresponsible. I know for a certainty that if we continue down this fiscal path we will be forced into a position in which programs such as homelessness prevention, school lunches for the poor, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, unemployment benefits, and even Medicare for the elderly will be slashed. I simply cannot stand by and help advance that agenda.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 3, 2010

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 596 on H. Res. 1745, on Ordering the Previous Question, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 4853) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding & expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, I am not recorded because I was absent because I was giving birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 597 on H. Res. 1745, on Agreeing to the Resolution, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 4853) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding & expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, I am not recorded because I was absent because I was giving birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 598 on H. Res. 1638, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, supporting the goals and ideals of National GEAR UP Day, I am not recorded because I was absent because I was giving birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 599 on H. Res. 1598, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, expressing support for the designation of the month of October as National Work and Family Month, I am not recorded because I was absent because I was giving birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 600 on H. Res. 1598, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a National Day of Recognition for Parents of Children with Special Needs should be established, I am not recorded because I was absent because I was giving birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 601 on H.R. 6469, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, to amend section 17 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to include a condition of receipt of funds under the child and adult care food program, I am not recorded because I was absent because I was giving birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 602 on S. 3307, on Motion to Recommit with Instructions, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, I am not recorded because I was absent because I was giving birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 603 on S. 3307, on Passage, the Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, I am not recorded because I was absent because I was giving birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 604 on H.R. 4853, on Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendment with an Amendment, Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2010, Part III, I am not recorded because I was absent because I was giving birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 605 on H. Res. 1313, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, Expressing support for designation of May as "Child Advocacy Center Month" and commending the National Child Advocacy Center in Huntsville, Alabama, on their 25th anniversary in 2010, I am not recorded because I was absent because I was giving birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 606 on H. Res. 1737, on Agreeing to the Amendment offered by Mr. Butterfield of North Carolina Amendment, I am not recorded because I was absent because I was giving birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 607 on H. Res. 1737, on Agreeing to the Resolution, In the matter of Representative Charles B. Rangel of New York, I am not recorded because I was absent because I was giving birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."