

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION STATION, ANGEL ISLAND

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, on January 21, 2010, we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the United States Immigration Station, Angel Island. This national historic landmark, designated as one of America's most endangered historic sites, served as a processing center for immigrants coming across the Pacific from 1910 to 1940. More than one million immigrants, including those from China, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, and Central and South America were processed at the station. This "Ellis Island of the West," also known as "The Guardian of the Western Gate," was designed to control the flow of immigration, especially from China. While many immigrants passed through, many were detained here for lengthy periods of time. Inscribed on the walls of the barracks are their voices of hope, fear and despair.

The facility was used by the U.S. Army during World War II, then abandoned, and became part of the California State Park system in 1963. I was proud to have helped secure federal funding to rebuild the dilapidated barracks which enabled the facility to reopen to the public in February 2009. I will continue my commitment to restoring not just an historic landmark but a symbol of the struggles and courage of people from around the globe who look to America as the land of possibility.

In addition to its unique history, Angel Island is a place of great beauty and breathtaking views. It is imperative that we as San Franciscans and Americans preserve and enhance what Angel Island represents culturally, educationally, recreationally and environmentally for present and future generations.

JOB-KILLING AGENDA CONTINUES

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, sadly the Labor Department said today that claims for unemployment insurance rose last week. The unemployment rate is still at 10 percent with more seeking jobless benefits each day. When will Congress get the message?

The job-killing agenda pushed by liberals in 2009 needs to be scrapped. A national takeover of health care and a national energy tax will only worsen a stagnant economy. The National Federation of Independent Business has sounded the alarm about how the health care takeover scheme will kill 1.6 million jobs.

A national energy tax would be just as devastating, raising gas prices, food prices, and the cost of doing business for millions of Americans. \$3,400 a year is what American families might be forced to pay if this national energy tax passes. American manufacturing would be made non-competitive with foreign manufacturers.

It's time to put these bad ideas to rest and look forward to policies to create jobs and capital. We should heed the counsel of Steve Forbes in his new book, *How Capitalism Will Save Us*.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11 in the Global War on Terrorism.

ACCELERATION OF INCOME TAX BENEFITS FOR CHARITABLE CASH CONTRIBUTIONS

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 4462, to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of the earthquakes in Haiti, introduced by my illustrious colleague Representative CHARLES B. RANGEL, from New York. This legislation will allow qualifying charitable donations for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti that are made between January 11, 2010, and March 1, 2010, to be treated as if such contributions were made in 2009, rather than in 2010. This will give Americans even more incentive to give to the relief efforts in Haiti.

Madam Speaker, the world witnessed the vivid devastation of Haiti's strongest earthquake in more than two centuries on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 which rocked the very core of the Caribbean. With thousands reported dead and thousands more estimated to be counted in that group, it has been the custom and the unstipulated duty of the American people to help our fellow world citizens in their time of desperation and need!

I have the honor and privilege to represent and serve a city such as Houston, Texas, which has, time and time again, shown its generosity and caring spirits, to anyone who is in need. This is why this bill is very significant; notwithstanding our current economic condition, America is STILL doing what it does best, giving much needed aid and hope to whom ever is in need. We are already playing a key role in both security and much-needed funds in Haiti. This bill will identify a qualified contribution as "a cash contribution made for the relief of victims in areas affected by the earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010" and will give much needed tax relief to the many companies and private citizens who have already given millions of dollars to the relief efforts.

The passage of this bill will cultivate more donations for the people of Haiti by "accel-

erating the tax benefit for certain charitable cash contributions made for the victims of the earthquake." We are not reinventing the wheel; similar changes to tax law were done after the tsunami that struck Thailand and Indonesia in December 2004 and other tax considerations were put in place after Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast in 2005. The bill would waive the current law provision that limits charitable deductions to 50% of a taxpayer's income and 10% for Corporations.

It is also in the United States' best interest, especially pertaining to foreign policy, to help, in any capacity, the relief and ultimate recovery of the nation of Haiti; it will also help govern the global message of "goodwill", which our President deems necessary for the prosperity of us all. For these reasons, I deeply support this legislation and implore my colleagues to join me in this endeavor.

HONORING TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MISSIONS TEAM

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, there is not a member of this body who has not been gripped by the graphic stories and images coming out of Haiti since the tragic earthquake on January 12. The human suffering is on a scale we can scarcely comprehend, and its proximity to our country and the need of its victims have rightly roused the charitable spirit of the American people. In the midst of such tragedy, however, we look to stories of hope from the rubble. I would like to share one of those stories today.

On January 9, fifteen members of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Hackettstown, NJ, departed for an eight-day missions trip to Port-au-Prince and Bon Regos, Haiti. This missions team delivered dozens of suitcases filled with medical equipment and personal hygiene items to orphanages, hospitals, and schools in some of Haiti's most disadvantaged neighborhoods. Thankfully, no one on the trip was seriously injured in the earthquake. In the following days, thanks to the tireless work of the State Department and the kindness of strangers, the entire team was evacuated to the Bahamas and is now safe at home with their families and loved ones.

While it was not their intention when they signed up, the members of this team deserve to be recognized for their selflessness and service. Their names are:

Rev. Frank L. Fowler III, Leslie Williams-Wexler, Virginia G. Mitchell, Erica L. Pattky, Frank Proccaccini, Suzanne P. Buchanan, Melissa J. Deibel, Kim M. Koch, Vicki L. Mueller, Virginia L. Thorp, Taylor S. Thorp, Danielle S. Chamberlain, Kathryn A. Stiner, Linda C. Callahan, and Carmen M. Courter.

I join their family, friends, and parishioners in a prayer of thanksgiving for their safe return. I am especially proud of Erica Pattky and

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Taylor Thorp, two teenagers from my district who were part of this team. Their commitment to service at such a young age is a model for people of all ages in our community.

In the coming months and years, American churches, non-profits, and relief-aid organizations will play a vital role in stabilizing and rebuilding the Republic of Haiti. I am convinced that Americans will answer the call to "Love thy neighbor," not due to any government mandate or social obligation, but because it's just what Americans do. In crises both small and large, the United States has proven itself the most philanthropic and charitable nation in the world. I thank the members of Trinity Methodist for providing such a courageous example.

HONORING THE LIFE OF REGINALD "JACK" HORACE FINNEY, JR.

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of a man who generously helped shape his state and community. Jack Finney of Greenville, Texas passed away on January 1, 2010, at the age of ninety-three.

Jack was born to Reginald Horace Finney Sr. and Valma Bracken in Commerce, Texas on August 15, 1916. Finney attended Paris High School in Paris, Texas. He later graduated from Texas A&M in College Station with a degree in agricultural administration.

Jack founded Finney's Holsum Bread Company in Greenville shortly after graduation. At age thirty-six, Jack was appointed to the Texas A&M Board of Directors where he recruited the famous "Junction Boys" football coach Paul "Bear" Bryant. President and CEO of the Association of Former Students at Texas A&M University, Porter Garner, called Finney a great Aggie and states, "He was always there when Texas A&M needed him."

Jack was a proud resident of Greenville, stating in a 2006 interview, "I could've left Greenville when I sold the bakery, but I stayed here. This is where I was meant to be." He donated land to the city where a public library and swimming pool now sit. He was also a major contributor to the nearby Texas A&M University at Commerce and Hunt Memorial Hospital District Foundation.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife, Lou House Finney. He will be missed by his large family and the grateful citizens of Greenville.

Madam Speaker, Jack Finney was my good friend for many years. I could always rely on Jack to give me his honest opinion about any issue—as well as his support. Jack was the heart and soul of Greenville, and he will be greatly missed. As we adjourn today, let us do so in memory of this great American, Jack Finney.

CONGRESSWOMAN JAN MEYERS
POST OFFICE BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wholeheartedly support the naming of the United States Post Office Building located at 9727 Antioch Road in Overland Park, Kansas, as the "Congresswoman Jan Meyers Post Office Building." Congresswoman Meyers represented the 3rd District of Kansas in the United States House of Representatives from January 3, 1985 until January 3, 1997. I had the honor of serving with Mrs. Meyers in the 104th Congress, her last two years in Congress. It truly was an honor to learn from her. The state of Kansas is a better place for her tireless service.

Born Janice Lenore Crilly on July 20, 1928 in Lincoln, Nebraska, Mrs. Meyers was raised in Superior, Nebraska. She attended William Woods College in Missouri and the University of Nebraska, earning an Associate Fine Arts degree and a B.A. in communications, respectively. She then married Louis "Dutch" Meyers in 1953, eventually having two children, Valerie and Philip.

Jan Meyers became active in politics in 1966 on the campaign of Edward Lawrence "Larry" Winn, Jr. for the U.S. House of Representatives. She later went on to become a district co-chairwoman for Senator Bob Dole's first U.S. Senate campaign. Mrs. Meyers went into public service herself as a city councilwoman in the city of Overland Park, from 1967–1972. She left the city council in 1972 when she was elected to the State Senate. Congresswoman Meyers then served in the State Senate until her election to the United States House of Representatives in 1984.

Congresswoman Meyers became the Chairwoman of the House Committee on Small Business in the 104th Congress, becoming just the 4th Republican woman to become the chair of a full committee. As a staunch fiscal conservative, she was dedicated to empowering the small business owners of America by introducing legislation to protect their interests and lower taxes to help them expand. Kansas is strong because of our small businesses and Congresswoman Meyers made them stronger. She believed that government works best when it facilitates, rather than restricts private business, as I do.

Congresswoman Meyers did not run for reelection to the 105th Congress in order to spend more time with her family. She said "There are other things in life I want to do, and being a Member of Congress, if you take the job seriously, simply does not leave time."

During her time in Congress, the Congresswoman was fond of saying "Listen to your conscience and your constituents—both. Most of the time they'll agree." This is truly the best way to represent your constituents and has been my goal during my time in this body.

I would like to thank Jan Meyers for acting as a mentor to me in my freshman year and for her dedicated service to Kansas. This legislation is a fitting tribute to an honorable

woman and a respected member of this distinguished body. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

CONGRATULATING NICHOLAS
YOUNG, MASSACHUSETTS
SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my personal congratulations to Nicholas Young who was recently named superintendent of the year by the state superintendents' association. I would like to express my gratitude for Mr. Young's hard work, dedication and leadership.

Mr. Young has served with distinction as the superintendent for the Hadley Public Schools for nine years and continues to be an exemplary educational leader.

Nicholas Young is a very active citizen as he serves as president of the state superintendents association and has previously served as president-elect and vice president. He is also the acting chairman of the state Task Force on Small and Rural School Districts and a member of the state Professional Development Committee and the state Legislative Committee.

We join with Mr. Young's family, friends, colleagues and students as he is honored next month at the National Conference on Education in Phoenix, Arizona.

NICHOLAS YOUNG NAMED MASS.
SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

(By Diane Lederman)

The program is part of the American Association of School Administrators National Superintendent of the year awards.

In a statement, Thomas Scott, executive director of the state association, stated that Young "is an exceptional educational leader. In addition to his many accomplishments in the Hadley Public Schools, he has been an exemplary model for his colleagues throughout the state, influencing state policy through active research and providing comprehensive and cutting-edge professional development programs."

Young, who has been superintendent here for nine years, said he was pleased and proud to be recognized.

He said it was good for the community anytime someone is recognized in town—be it he or a teacher or administrator.

"It highlights the town having a top-notch school system," he said.

Young is president of the state superintendents association and had previously been president-elect and vice president.

He is also the chairman of the state Task Force on Small and Rural School Districts and a member of the state Professional Development Committee and the state Legislative Committee.

In 2008, he was one of 158 educators from across the country selected to participate in the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Fellowship, spending more than two weeks in that country.

Young and the other state winners will be honored next month at the National Conference on Education in Phoenix, Ariz.

The national winner will also be announced then.