

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## CELEBRATING CLECO RINGING THE CLOSING BELL AT NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

### HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 2010*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Cleco Corporation for ringing The Closing Bell at the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) on Friday, April 16. Cleco used this event to officially kick off its 75th anniversary celebration with more revelry scheduled to follow.

Based in Pineville, La., Cleco is a regional energy company which began operations on January 2, 1935. Today, it serves about 277,000 retail customers across Louisiana. Moreover, Cleco is the only publicly traded company on the NYSE headquartered in Central Louisiana, and the seventh largest NYSE-traded company based in the state.

Cleco has a remarkable track record of success, and I am confident it will continue to provide great opportunities for the residents of this area.

It is with deep appreciation for this company's many contributions to the 5th Congressional District that I commend Cleco and its dedicated employees.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 75th anniversary of Cleco. I offer my deepest congratulations to the devoted individuals who helped Cleco reach this significant milestone.

## MEMORIALIZING DOROTHY HEIGHT

SPEECH OF

### HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 20, 2010*

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I rise this evening with a heavy heart. Yesterday morning, our Nation learned that yet another transcendent leader of our Nation's civil and human rights movement, Dr. Dorothy Irene Height, has gone home to be with God.

I honestly don't know what it will be like to work in our Nation's capital without the esteemed 'godmother' of the Civil Rights Movement in our midst.

Time does not permit me to give a soaring tribute to this 98-year-old woman whose place in our Nation's history was launched when she was denied entry to the college of her choice, in 1929. You see, at that time, despite her academic acceptance, Barnard had set an artificial quota of allowing only two African Americans admittance each year.

Well, well, well, look what "Number 3" did with her life!

Whenever I reflect upon the impact Dr. Dorothy Height had upon our Nation, I will always think of a woman of steely determination

and grit. But I will also remember someone who reveled in the grace of being a pioneering woman, as her many colorful hats will attest!

This Presidential Medal of Freedom honoree leaves our Nation with a literal monument to her accomplishments in the form of the National Council of Negro Women Headquarters Building, at 633 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., a building that they own. And you know what? It's a building that's in the same neighborhood of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.—a home that, right now, is occupied by a President and a First Lady who, like Dr. Height, dared to dream big dreams.

May God bless and keep Dr. Dorothy Height and the men and women of this Nation who loved her.

## HONORING ARMY SPECIALIST RANDALL RAY CHARLES LANDSTEDT

### HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 2010*

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Army Specialist Randall Ray Charles Landstedt from Pollock Pines, California, who was killed April 6, 2010 while on leave in Crestview, Florida. Spc. Landstedt grew up in El Dorado County, attending local schools, including Pinewood, Sierra Ridge, El Dorado High and Independence High. From an early age, Spc. Landstedt was determined to serve his country and after graduation enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was known by his friends and family as kind, generous, considerate and loyal. He is survived by his parents, Joanne and Daniel Landstedt, brother, James Copeland of Pollock Pines; and sister, Rickie Bronstein of San Diego.

I cannot begin to comprehend the pain of losing such a kind and courageous young man and I cannot ease that pain with my words. All I can do is say thank you for Randall's service. He exemplified the highest values of our country, embodying courage, valor and dedication in his service with the Army's 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division. Spc. Landstedt was twice awarded the Army Commendation Medal and also received the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, an Army Service Ribbon, an Overseas Service Ribbon and the NATO Medal with an International Security Assistance Force bar. We will remember Specialist Randall Landstedt for his honor and dedication, and we must never forget the service and sacrifices of the sons and daughters of our great country.

## ALEXANDER FRAZIER

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alexander Frazier. Alex is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Royal Rangers and earning the most prestigious award of the Gold Medal of Achievement.

Alex has grown through participation with the Royal Rangers through his church, Northland Cathedral in Kansas City, Missouri. The Royal Rangers provide young men the character development and leadership formation needed to thrive in today's world. Attaining the Gold Medal of Achievement demonstrates Alex's dedication and commitment to the Royal Rangers. I am sure that Alex will continue to hold such high standards in the future.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Alexander Frazier for his accomplishments with the Royal Rangers and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Medal of Achievement.

## CHARLES A. HELTON

### HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 2010*

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman, Charles A. Helton, as he retires from the Navy.

On November 28, 1983, at the age of 18, Charles enlisted in the Navy. He became among the first in the country to enlist in the Sea-Air Mariner (SAM) Program, which is geared towards high-school, vocational-tech, and college students and allows young men and women to join the Navy without serving extended periods of active duty. Based out of Great Lakes, IL, Charles reported for basic training and on February 24, 1984, graduated. He would report directly to Hospital Corpsman "A" school, where he was taught principles and techniques of patient care and first aid procedures. Upon graduating from "A" school on June 4, 1984, Charles returned to Naval Reserve Center Huntington (NRCHUNT) where he served along side his step father, Norris Troney, and long time friend throughout his Navy career, John Clay.

It was October of 1998 when Charles was called to active duty for Operation Desert Shield/Storm. He would serve at Naval Hospital Portsmouth, VA, working at Manpower Management Personnel Office assisting members with Reserve issues during deployment until June 4, 1999. He returned to Naval Reserve Center Huntington where he would serve until it was decommissioned on February 12, 2006. Charles has spent the last four

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years at the Navy Operational Support Center in Eleanor, WV.

Charles A. Helton, son of John R. Helton and Pamela Troney, plans on retiring to Hurricane, WV, with his wife, Carla S. Helton, and their two daughters, Kelly and Christy. He is currently employed with the Federal Highway Administration in Charleston, WV as an Information Technology Specialist. I would like to thank Charles for his dedication and service to our country from such an early age. Although a native of Chicago, IL, Charles has spent the majority of his career in West Virginia and has represented our state so well. I wish you the best of luck.

HONORING DR. JAMES PARKS  
HITCH

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 2010*

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I have the utmost respect for people in the field of medicine. Those who choose this demanding path must fully devote their lives to it, from the many years of education and training to a commitment to their patients.

I wish to honor today, on the occasion of his retirement, a physician from my district in Knoxville, Tennessee, who stands out even among his distinguished colleagues.

I call to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD the tribute to Dr. James Parks Hitch below, written by his co-workers to show their affection for a great man.

As a physician, Dr. Hitch has worked tirelessly for over three decades. He has found his greatest pleasure through service to others and his greatest reward in the restoration of their health.

Dr. Hitch views his patients, staff, and friends through the eyes of equality; one is no greater or lesser than the other. He is a luminary among his peers, yet he exhibits a life of sincere humility.

"If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he had imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours (Henry David Thoreau)."

As Dr. Hitch retires, he leaves behind the legacy of one man's dream fulfilled, one beloved profession shared, and one successful life to be remembered.

IN HONOR OF REVEREND DR.  
KENNETH L. SAUNDERS, SR.

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 2010*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Dr. Kenneth L. Saunders, Sr., and to thank him for his 21 years of service with the North Stelton A.M.E. Church in Piscataway, New Jersey. His enthusiasm has doubled the size of his congregation and strengthened the larger community.

Before accepting the call to the ministry, Reverend Saunders served in the U.S. Army, where he earned an honorable discharge for service above and beyond expectations. He

later went on to receive his master in theology from the Trinity Theological Seminary in Newburgh, Indiana. In addition, Dr. Saunders holds doctorate degrees in divinity, philosophy in communications, sacred letters, and humanities.

Reverend Saunders's journey towards becoming a man of God started when he began singing in the Youth Jubilee Choir of the Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church in Jersey City. The combination of his love for music and spreading God's word inspired him as a young man to organize a quartet called The Sunset Harmonizers. His love of song continues today, as a member of the Singing Pastors of Piscataway.

Among the many awards and honors he has received, Reverend Saunders was presented with the Excellence in Ministry Award by the New Brunswick Chapter of the Association of Black Seminarians. He was also designated the Humanitarian of the Year in 1998 by the University of Medicine and Dentistry of Rutgers University.

Even with all these awards and accolades, Reverend Saunders considers his loving relationship with his wife Shirley and his son Kenneth Jr. to be his greatest achievement.

Madam Speaker, I would once more like to thank the Reverend Dr. Kenneth L. Saunders for his leadership in the community and service to New Jersey, as well as congratulate him on his 21st anniversary with the North Stelton A.M.E. Church in Piscataway, New Jersey.

ZACHARY LEMUNYON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Zachary LeMunyon. Zach is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Royal Rangers and earning the most prestigious award of the Gold Medal of Achievement.

Zach has grown through participation with the Royal Rangers through his church, Northland Cathedral in Kansas City, Missouri. The Royal Rangers provide young men the character development and leadership formation needed to thrive in today's world. Attaining the Gold Medal of Achievement demonstrates Zach's dedication and commitment to the Royal Rangers. I am sure that Zach will continue to hold such high standards in the future.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Zachary LeMunyon for his accomplishments with the Royal Rangers and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Medal of Achievement.

IN HONOR OF GLENN A. ADAMS

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 2010*

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Glenn A. Adams, the current President of the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA).

Since taking over as NESA President in 2008, Glenn's dedication and leadership has strengthened the organization through innovative outreach efforts and a variety of events, expanding the community of Eagle Scouts. On April 29, 2010, his hard work will be recognized when he receives the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award (DESA).

Since it was first introduced in 1969, the DESA is given to an Eagle Scout that has shown distinguished service in his profession and community for a period of at least twenty-five years. Glenn is most deserving of this great honor and prestigious award for all he has done for NESA and Scouting. His active involvement is notable; he serves on the Longhorn Council Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Foundation Board and as a Committee Member of the National Scouting Museum. He was also the former Scoutmaster for Troop 326 and has made generous financial contributions dedicated to providing scholarships for deserving Eagle Scouts. Glenn has always led by example and his active involvement in his local community speaks loudly of the impact he has had.

Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in recognizing Glenn for all he has done for the Boy Scouts of America and join me in congratulating him as he receives this prestigious award.

HONORING THE SEATTLE TIMES  
AND THE PUGET SOUND BUSINESS JOURNAL

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 2010*

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the wonderful accomplishments and tireless efforts of two of my local newspapers—the Seattle Times and the Puget Sound Business Journal. Both papers captured the attention of their readership by searching for all the details, double checking all the facts and meticulously painting the full pictures of the two most noteworthy stories of 2009. For its efforts in reporting on the financial troubles of Washington Mutual, the PSBJ was recognized by the Pulitzer Committee for explanatory reporting. The Seattle Times took the lead in reporting every aspect of the heinous murders of four police officers in Lakewood, Washington and for their outstanding efforts have been awarded a Pulitzer Prize for breaking news.

When the fall of Washington Mutual first emerged, thousands of people throughout the Puget Sound area searched for the facts; the Puget Sound Business Journal supplied them. The incisive and thorough nature of their reporting allowed interested readers to understand the full scope of the issues at hand and the challenges facing their families, their pocketbooks and their neighborhoods. Although the coverage brought devastating news, it was fair, accurate and held a redeeming value. The Newspaper's journalists provided an invaluable public service and never looked for accolades—they simply did their jobs to the best of their abilities.

Washington residents were greeted with extremely grim news the morning of November 29: four police officers had been shot and