

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CATARION SANCHEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April, 26, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Catarion Sanchez who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Catarion Sanchez is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Catarion Sanchez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Catarion Sanchez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.

HONORING ISRAELI
INDEPENDENCE DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. McMAHON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend Israel on her 62nd Anniversary since her founding.

Likewise, it is the 62nd Anniversary of the U.S.-Israel bond, which remains strong and indissoluble.

Israel is our fellow democracy, our tried and true ally. Supporting it is essential to the stability and future of the Middle East. In fact Israel is the only true democracy in the Middle East.

In just 62 years a people that suffered at the hands of Hitler and European anti-Semitism built a nation. From the ashes of 6,000,000 who died in the Holocaust a people a nation rose to make a desert bloom. In 62 years Israel has made tremendous strides becoming a world leader in technology, agriculture, water resource management, healthcare, pharmaceuticals and so many other areas. The first generation of Sabras from Europe quickly welcomed new immigrants who were forcibly evicted from Arab lands. Further waves of immigrants came from the breakup of the Soviet Union, from Ethiopia and most recently from France. Israel has held steadfast to the principles of its founding fathers and been a welcome source for any Jew anywhere in the world seeking refuge.

From the creation of Israel 62 years ago and its immediate recognition by the United States, the ties between our two countries continue to be strong. A democracy like ours, Israel's politics have been robust with many participants and many parties represented. Consistently throughout its history through wars and in times of relative peace, the Israeli people have made their democracy stronger and the relationship between the world's largest Jewish community and the world's largest diaspora community stronger.

And any nation or group that chooses to treat Israel as a suspect state and threatens Israel, particularly with violence, should know that its actions ultimately do damage to the shared values that all democracies espouse.

Following the failed Iranian elections in June, the Iranian regime has had its legitimacy wounded and its paranoia increased. Iran now takes a posture of increased repression at home and antagonism abroad. In that dangerous environment, Israel's leaders have every right to be concerned for their country's safety.

While hope still exists for a free Iran, Europe, Israel and the United States must undoubtedly prepare for a more dangerous Iranian regime in the near term. We must prevent Iran's increased pursuit of nuclear weapons through hard-hitting sanctions, after all, I personally look forward to celebrating many more anniversaries with Israel.

There seems to be a certain line of thinking in the international community that Iran poses no threat.

It is this very failure to prepare that puts Israel and the entire international community at risk. Now is the time to prepare.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this Congress and the United States to make the Iranian regime pay a higher cost for its nuclear weapons pursuit.

If we needed any further reminder, the protests in the streets of Tehran have made clear that words mean very little to Ayatollah Khamenei.

The threat from Iran demands an effective policy response and our Israeli friends must see clear action from their age-old ally that, we are in this together.

If the Iranian regime faced damaging economic pressure from a significant reduction in gasoline supplies, it may change course.

And an ever present threat to Israel, and to global security, may be alleviated. Nothing endangers peace more than a refusal to face facts.

Even as we set deadlines that are never met with Iran might begin, let's remember that they continue to enrich uranium and that a deadline with real consequences must be considered along with engagement—otherwise engagement will be manipulated as a mere tactic for delay.

I am glad that this House chose to face Iran today through voting to instruct conferees on the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act and support Israel,

the Middle East and even the Gulf states against a growing threat in the region.

I have high hopes that the international community will do the same.

Once again, I congratulate, Prime Minister Netanyahu and the people of Israel our friend and ally on this momentous occasion.

The U.S. was there ten minutes following Israel's founding and will be with her for many, many more years to come.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2010

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support House Resolution 1257, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Financial Literacy Month.

In these tough economic times, increasing financial literacy is one of the best ways we can accomplish a complete recovery and take significant steps to prevent another crisis.

Every day, many Americans struggle with their finances. These problems are especially prevalent among young adults and minorities.

In fact, the FDIC found in a recent study that approximately 60,000,000 people in the U.S. are underbanked.

These numbers are more disturbing when we look at the percentage of underbanked people among minorities: 43.3 percent of Hispanic households and close to 54 percent of Black households are either unbanked or underbanked.

We must do more to educate every American on how to safely manage their wealth and build a stable foundation for themselves and their family's future.

In the fall, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mrs. McCARTHY, and I introduced an amendment that would create a new consumer education office within the proposed Consumer Financial Protection Agency.

This office will operate programs and develop initiatives to ensure that all financial institutions are doing their part to come up with innovative ways to increase financial literacy among their consumers.

Throughout my time in Congress I have been a consistent supporter of improving financial literacy efforts and I am committed to remaining one as long as I hold office.

I want to commend Mr. HINOJOSA on his hard work on this issue and for bringing this resolution to this floor.

I urge my colleagues to vote in support of House Resolution 1257, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Financial Literacy Month, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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SUPPORTING THE MISSION AND GOALS OF 2010 NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1104, which supports the mission and goals of 2010 National Crime Victims' Rights Week and promotes public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of victims and survivors of crime. This is an important measure that helps to ensure that all victims are treated with dignity, fairness, and respect, and that victims have access to the support and treatment that they need and deserve.

I thank Chairman CONYERS for his leadership in bringing this bill to the floor. I also thank the sponsor of this legislation, Congressman JIM COSTA, for his dedication to ensuring that our society is committed to the rights and compassionate treatment of crime victims.

Mr. Speaker, over 25,000,000 individuals are victims of crime every year; more than 6,000,000 of them are victims of violent crimes. In my district, nearly 7 out of every 1,000 residents of Long Beach, California suffered a violent crime in 2008. Over the past 40 years, the United States has made significant progress in expanding rights, services, and support for crime victims. However, as this resolution appropriately acknowledges, there is still work to be done.

Crime victims in underserved and low-income communities often do not have access to the support and services needed to help them move past their traumatic event and achieve normalcy in their lives. Access to services for crime victims should be available in every community across the country. Observing the rights of all victims is not only a fundamental requirement of a just society, but also serves the public interest by engaging victims in the justice system, inspiring respect for public authorities, and promoting confidence in public safety.

Additionally, every year, thousands of crimes go unreported to law enforcement. However, the victims of an unreported crime are no less deserving or in need of professional support than those of reported crimes. We must ensure that victims of all crimes—reported or unreported—have equal access to services. Our communities, neighborhoods, and homes are made stronger, safer, and healthier by guaranteeing that all crime victims are treated with dignity, respect, and fairness.

Mr. Speaker, victims of crime suffer traumatic experiences that alter their lives and those of their family members. A just society acknowledges that crime victims have unique needs and provides the proper support services. National Crime Victims' Rights Week reminds us of this important obligation.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 1104.

CHARLES COLLINS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Charles Collins who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Charles Collins is a 12th grader at Standley Lake High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Charles Collins is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Charles Collins for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF CONGRESSMAN BOB FRANKS

SPEECH OF

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of former Congressman Bob Franks. Bob heard the call to serve the State he loved, and did so faithfully, throughout his illustrious career. Congressman Robert Douglas Franks was born on September 21, 1951. It is true that until Bob was taken away from us, following a hard-fought battle with cancer, he still served the people of New Jersey as the President of the Health Care Institute of New Jersey . . . a position he loved as much for the work he was doing, as for the time he could spend with his close-knit family.

Bob's stellar career as a New Jersey Republican began very early on when he organized political movements such as the New Jersey Teenage Republicans. Bob was as principled as he was outspoken and he soon became a force to be reckoned with in New Jersey politics.

Bob is widely considered to be the primary catalyst behind the New Jersey Republican resurgence in the 1990s. However, he is equally as well-known for his willingness to be bipartisan—especially in working with former political rivals. Bob's wisdom and grace far outpaced his age and it could not be more true that this loss is felt deeply across party lines.

His influence in New Jersey is well-known and stands as a testament to the best aspects of elected office. An ardent supporter of voluntary term-limits, Bob practiced what he preached and left Congress after 4 dedicated terms. His desire to serve our State was unfaltering.

Bob is not only survived by his adoring family, but by a State that remains thankful for his years of devoted service as well as a Con-

gress of peers who will remember him as a man of conviction and principle.

HONORING FLORENCE AND HAROLD PAYNE

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, Harold and Florence were both born in Charleston, South Carolina where Florence attended the prestigious Avery Institute and graduated from Burke High School in that city. Florence moved to New York City where she attended Washington Business Institute. During his high school years at Burke High School in Charleston, Harold Payne excelled in athletics, in particular baseball and basketball. He was a star member of the Burke High School Senior Basketball team which won the South Carolina State Championship in 1949. Harold obtained a tryout with the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1953. Harold later attended Bronx Community College.

Mrs. Payne's professional pursuits took her to various organizations including the New York Telephone Company, Jujamcyn Theatres, Fine Arts Pillows Inc. as well as a private attorney, Donnaree Banton, Esq. In 1997, I asked Florence to work for me. She fulfilled her dream of helping other on a daily basis.

Harold served in the Army during the Korean conflict in the 8th Army Honor Guard. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant and in 1956 began a career with the United States Postal Service while simultaneously working as a paraprofessional for 17 years with the NYC Board of Education. After 34 years with the Postal Service, Harold retired and became Director of the Tilden Towers Senior Citizens Center. It is there that he fulfilled his dream of serving his community. He retired from Tilden Towers Senior Center in January of this year.

Both Harold and Florence donate time to charitable and civic organizations, it being their belief that one must give back to the community in a meaningful way. This they did by actively participating in many endeavors including: the Office of Black Ministry for the Catholic Archdiocese of New York, the Parent Teacher Association of Public School 16, NIA: A Minority Women's Professional Network, The Incarcerated Mothers Program, the Food Pantry at the Edenwald-Gun Hill Neighborhood Center and other worthwhile endeavors.

They are most proud of their 50 year commitment to one another in addition to their role as parents and grandparents. The Paynes met each other through Florence's late sister Anna and her husband, Henry. On April 23, 1960, the Paynes were married in St. Aloysius Church in Harlem. They set up residence in the Bronx and have lived there for their entire married life. They are the loving parents of Lisa and Harold Jr. with a son-in-law, Terrance. They are also the proud grandparents of granddaughter Yiesha Danielle and grandson Malcolm.

I ask everyone who believes in love to join me in celebrating Harold and Florence's Golden Wedding anniversary and in wishing them every happiness.