

HONORING FORMER NORTH CAROLINA SENATOR JOSEPH BRYANT RAYNOR, JR.

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Senator Joseph Bryant Raynor, Jr. for his continued service to his community, county and State.

Born and raised in Fayetteville, NC, Senator Raynor learned early the value of hard work. Joe, like myself, grew up working on a farm and in his father's store stocking farm supplies and groceries. While attending 71st School in Fayetteville, Joe was active in Future Farmers of America (FFA) and also worked an after school job as a baggage boy at Efrid's Department Store. After graduation he pursued a career in business, eventually leading him to start Raynor Business Supply Company, which has thrived for over 60 years.

In addition to being a successful businessman, Joe Raynor served in the North Carolina General Assembly for 22 years. First in the House, and then in the Senate, Joe strongly supported the criminal justice system and advocated for law enforcement and first responders. Serving as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Law Enforcement and Crime Control, he introduced bills to benefit law enforcement, including subsidizing losses for families of police officers slain in the line of duty. He also found innovative, fiscally responsible ways to help the community, supporting halfway houses with his "nickel a bottle tax" on liquor sales, and expanding community efforts treat those suffering from alcohol addiction. After more than two decades of focusing his energies on serving police officers, the mentally ill, and the elderly, Joe Raynor retired from the General Assembly in 1992.

Throughout his life Senator Raynor has served on a number of boards, commissions and committees in North Carolina, notably his position as Cumberland County Special Deputy Sheriff and Chairman of the Cumberland County Board of Elections. He has served the people of Cumberland County, the Sheriff's Department and the first responder community for over 50 years and has made a lasting impression on his county and the face of the North Carolina criminal justice system.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the service and achievements of a good friend and former colleague of mine, Senator Joseph Bryant Raynor, Jr. He is a hard-working man and a beacon of justice and service. Like many of my fellow North Carolinians, I am proud to call Joe Raynor my friend.

CONGRATULATING TRENT STEELE

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kearney High School's Trent Steele, who has recently been named assistant principal of the year by the Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals.

Trent supervises and advises the senior class, curriculum, and is in charge of teacher evaluation and supervision. In addition, he co-chairs the Kearney High School Behavior/Safety Committee, which is responsible for development and implementation of school wide behavior policy.

Prior to his service at Kearney High, Trent served as assistant principal at Beatrice Middle School, and as K-12 principal at Anselmo-Merna Public School.

With a background in education myself, I know the dedication and responsibility required by Trent and other educators. He is a credit to Kearney High and the people of Nebraska.

JESSICA BOWLER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

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

The dedication demonstrated by Jessica Bowler is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential 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 Jessica Bowler for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. GOODLATTE. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 1208, which expresses support for World IP Day.

April 26, 2010 was the 10th annual World IP Day. This day was designated by the member nations of the World Intellectual Property Organization in order to raise awareness of how patents, copyright, and trademarks impact daily life, to raise understanding of how protecting IP rights helps promote creativity and innovation, to celebrate the contributions of creators and innovators to societies around the world, and to encourage respect for the IP rights of others.

When the Founders of our great Nation crafted the U.S. Constitution, they saw fit to include provisions to provide for the protection of intellectual property. They believed that if authors and inventors had the exclusive ability to use and reap a return on their creations for a limited time, then those artists and inventors

would have the financial incentive to create new and exciting products that would benefit society and our economy. And it worked!

Today, America is the world leader in innovation and creativity precisely because of our Founders' foresight and our Nation's exceptionally strong intellectual property laws. Furthermore, the IP industries in America are a major driving force and job-creating engine of our economy.

Recently I had the opportunity to talk with a famous American author who told a story that hammered home how much the creative ideas of one man, if properly protected by intellectual property laws, can multiply into real jobs for real people. He wrote a best-selling novel. That novel then needed to be edited, reviewed, printed, marketed and distributed. The novel then became a movie, which needed to be produced, reviewed, distributed and shown in movie theatres, then in movie rental shops all across the country. The protected idea of one man helped to create all these jobs down the line. It is stories like this that need to be told on World IP Day.

In today's digital world, the Internet's fast connections can be used to download, upload and otherwise share illegal copies of songs, movies, games, and software at unprecedented levels. As we continue our journey into the digital age, it is even more important that we continue to jealously guard creators' intellectual property rights in order to foster new content, innovative products, and American jobs.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SILVER DOLLAR CITY IN SOUTHERN MISSOURI

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the 50th Anniversary of Silver Dollar City in Southern Missouri. On May 1, 1960, this attraction was established in Branson, Missouri, and a whole community has grown up around the many visitors who are drawn to Taney County every year. Not only is Silver Dollar City a mainstay of the local economy, the park is also an annual destination for families throughout the region.

Silver Dollar City owes its success and its continuation as a family business to the leadership of its co-owners and co-founders, Mr. Jack Herschend and Mr. Peter Herschend. Since the founding of their company 50 years ago, they have always stayed true to the principal values of our State and our Nation. By being diligent in their business, kind to their employees and loyal to the customers who return to them year after year in increasing numbers, Herschend Family Entertainment is a great example to aspiring entrepreneurs in every sector of our economy.

As this House of Representatives labors in the best interests of Americans like the Herschends and ideas like Silver Dollar City, we must keep in mind the policies that will enable others to achieve similar success through their good ideas and hard work. I'm honored to congratulate all of the employees and guests at Silver Dollar City, past and present, on their 50th Anniversary. Each of them is a

participant in a special enterprise with a long tradition. We have good reason to note and to celebrate all of their great efforts and achievements today.

TRUE BLUE

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the men and women of law enforcement, who put their lives on the line every day for us. In this past year, seven of our heroes from the State of Washington have been lost in the line of duty. Officer Deputy Sheriff Stephen M. Gallagher Jr., Officer Timothy Q. Brenton, Officer Tina G. Griswold, Officer Ronald W. Owens II, Sgt. Mark J. Renninger, Officer Gregory J. Richards, Deputy Sheriff Walter K. Mundell Jr.

Madam Speaker, most of us get up every day and expect to come home to our families. Unfortunately, these men and women of law enforcement do not have such blessings. I ask that this poem in honor of these splendid men and women, and their magnificent families who in quiet courage, penned by Capitol Guide Albert Caswell be placed in the RECORD. And in memory of all the fallen this year.

TRUE BLUE

True!
True Blue
All in their most Heroic Hues!
All out there, On That Thin Blue Line . . . so True . . .
All out there, on their own! All, so all alone . . . on death's edge, so very all alone!
Living and dying, with only micro seconds to react . . . to find . . . to somehow so decide!
All in that moment of truth, when who lives or dies . . . as so brilliantly in time, so lies the proof!
With, but only their most courageous of all hearts to use! As so selflessly, they so do what they must do!
Leaving home, as this might be that one last kiss. . . All in their hearts of love, as so as this . . .
With families, who live from day to day . . . knowing that death, but before them lays!
As they pray, as she or he walks out that door!
As it may be but that one last time, together, as so for sure!
All because they so stood, so stood!
So stood for something! For something so much more . . .
For What Is True . . . for What Is TRUE BLUE!
To SERVE and PROTECT, for all of us. . . This, and nothing less!
As all of their fine lives, have ours so blessed!
Ready to die for you and me! All in their most Heroic of Hues, we see!
Is that but not what Heaven is for? One and all, The Kind of Quiet Heroes the Angels adore!
As up in Heaven, their new beat for sure! All out there, On That Thin Blue Line . . .
Could such courage, we all so find? Approaching death, as it's out there they so feel its cold dark breath!

To save precious life, all in time! Oh so very fine, are but all of these Heroes . . . who now so come to mind!
It's for them, we now so pray! As they start each new night or day . . . all out there, On That Thin Blue Line!
Families hugging and crying, still intact . . . all because heroes lay dying . . .
As this day, death came so very close!
As it's for us they all so died
As their precious gifts, their lives so mean the most!
All For What Is True!
True Blue!

JENNIFER OLMSTED

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

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

The dedication demonstrated by Jennifer Olmsted is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential 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 Jennifer Olmsted for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week, we celebrated Global Youth Service Day—an annual campaign which celebrates the millions of young people who improve their communities each day of the year through service and self-discovery.

Established in 1988, GYSD is the largest service event in the world and is now celebrated in more than 100 countries.

As part of this effort, I have the pleasure in recognizing two young people who are making a difference in Nebraska communities.

Sydney Swanson, a senior at Alliance High School, organized the first “Coats for Kids” drive in Alliance. This year, she expanded it to three additional cities, collecting a total of 875 coats for children in need. Sydney also created a website with instructions for teens to start “Coats for Kids” drives in their own communities.

Jordyn Lechtenberg, a senior at Ainsworth High School, founded and directly recruited 20

other high school students for the Youth Community Development Force, a group interested in community and economic development. She also served as interim executive director of the North Central Development Center while the director was on maternity leave.

Young people like Sydney and Jordyn are essential assets and resources not only for their communities, but for our entire country. They have set a high benchmark, and I challenge every American to follow their example.

TRIBUTE TO WALTER J. BISHOP,
GENERAL MANAGER OF THE
CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT
IN CALIFORNIA

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Walter J. Bishop on the occasion of his retirement after 18 years as the general manager of the Contra Costa Water District in California.

Wally Bishop has served as the general manager for the Contra Costa Water District, which supplies water to 550,000 people, during some very important and critical periods. Over this time, he has been a tireless—some might even say relentless—leader for the Contra Costa Water District, making significant contributions not only at the local and regional level but to statewide and national water policy as well.

He has worked throughout his tenure to improve our region's drinking water quality, to secure a sustainable water supply, and to restore and protect the Bay-Delta ecosystem. I am pleased to be able to say that I have worked with him on many of his successes, and as some of my colleagues know, he can be a formidable adversary as well.

Although nothing comes easily in California water, Mr. Bishop has succeeded in putting Contra Costa Water District at the forefront of responsible and sustainable water management in the State. Under his direction, the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Project was the first major reservoir to be permitted and constructed in California in more than a decade, and the water district's ongoing reservoir expansion project, intake relocation, and screening efforts will not only improve Contra Costa's water supply but provide important statewide economic and environmental benefits as well.

A registered civil engineer, Wally Bishop has been honored many times by his profession and by the larger water and engineering communities. In addition to the awards presented to Contra Costa Water District under his leadership, he has personally been honored with the American Society of Civil Engineer's Award for Achievement in Environmental Engineering/Government Service and the American Public Works Association's Charles Nichols Award for Leadership and Innovative Management.

He has also served with distinction in national leadership roles, including as the chair of the Water Research Foundation and on the