

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF BERNIE EPWORTH

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mr. Bernie Epworth upon the highly successful completion of his term as the Department Commander for the State of New Jersey Jewish War Veterans. He was appointed to this position in June 2009 and throughout his term, has been extremely dedicated to New Jersey's veterans community.

Mr. Epworth was born in Brooklyn, New York. He is a graduate of New York University and served as a First Lieutenant in the Armored Calvary and in the New York National Guard. While serving as Vice President with Temple Beth Shalom in Fair Lawn, NJ, Mr. Epworth earned several awards, including the Centennial Award of Honor from the Jewish Theological Seminary and the Jewish Community Relations Council's 'Community Relations Award.'

Mr. Epworth has achieved many great things throughout the past year in his position of Department Commander for the State of New Jersey Jewish War Veterans. Some highlights of his administration have been organizing the sending of packages to overseas troops through the JWV-SOS Program, helping organize the NJ Coalition of Veterans Organizations, working on the consolidation of inactive posts, and incorporating programs and outside speakers on topics of interest for DCA meetings.

Additionally, he helped to organize this year's 'March on the Hill,' Co-chaired the Veteran's Concert, a fundraiser, and set up a Thanksgiving Dinner for the troops. He lobbied for and accomplished free package shipping to troops via military transport, and assisted in the inauguration of Operation Slam Dunk, which is a project that provides veterans and troops to participate together at Philadelphia 76ers games.

His Commander's Project this year was the furnishing of a Day Room at the Wounded Warrior Building at Fort Dix. This is currently a work in progress and is to be dedicated as the "NJ-Jewish War Veterans Day Room" in June 2010.

Mr. Epworth has given so much of his time and effort for the Jewish War Veterans of New Jersey and I am very proud to have him as a constituent. Madam Speaker, I hope you will join me in congratulating this honorable man for his contributions to his community and to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE PASSING OF
ANTHONY J. "TED" CIANO

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to recognize the passing of one of Pensacola, Florida's most respected residents, Mr. Anthony Ciano. His life will not soon be forgotten. Instead, his life will be remembered as one embodying the purest virtues of loyalty, hard work and selflessness. For that reason, Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the life and deeds of Anthony Ciano on this day.

Born in Akron, Ohio as the son of Italian immigrants, Mr. Ciano moved to Florida to begin his career. Starting out as an automobile mechanic in a new environment, it could have become very easy for him to lose heart and become discouraged. However, never losing sight of the American Dream, Mr. Ciano worked hard and eventually became the manager of several automobile dealerships. In 1968, Anthony Ciano moved to Pensacola and purchased his first automobile dealership. With much diligence and commitment, Mr. Ciano built his Ford dealership into one of the most successful in the region and in the entire country.

In addition to understanding the importance of hard work, Mr. Ciano also knew the value of community service and charity. With an always grateful heart, Mr. Ciano eagerly looked for ways to give to others and contribute to the community. He was involved in numerous civic and charitable organizations throughout Northwest Florida. Whether it was his work to begin the Boys' Club of Escambia and his participation in the Rotary Club, or his support of local law enforcement and the Miracle League Baseball Park for handicapped children, Mr. Anthony Ciano was a leader who was ready to give selflessly of himself for the betterment of those around him and in his community.

Madam Speaker, though Mr. Ciano may have passed, the impact of his life, actions and deeds will forever remain. My wife Vicki and I express the deepest sympathies to his loving wife Natalie and his children.

IN HONOR OF GRAYSON JAMES

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a young man that I have known his entire life, Grayson James. He is a Cub Scout with Pack 437 and saved his father's life on the evening of Thursday, February 11, 2010.

After an afternoon of sledding with his daughter, Mr. Joe James began experiencing

shortness of breath. Upon his return home, Grayson listened carefully as his father, Joe, described his symptoms—shortness of breath, sweating, pain, and being thirsty. With his Readyman training in first-aid, Grayson recognized that his father was having a heart attack and insisted that his mother call 911. The paramedics arrived and quickly rushed Mr. James to the hospital for surgery to repair the blockage in his heart. Grayson's quick thinking, presence of mind, and the utilization of his scouting skills saved his father's life.

For this courageous act, the Boy Scouts of America are awarding Grayson with the Medal of Merit. This prestigious award is given to those who have performed a significant act of service that is deserving of national recognition. He handled the situation with a great sense of calm and confidence, reassuring his family in the midst of this urgent situation. I am tremendously proud of Grayson for applying the principles and skills he learned in Scouting and for being prepared.

Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in congratulating Grayson for receiving the Medal of Merit and in recognizing him for his courage.

WE THE PEOPLE: THE CITIZEN
AND THE CONSTITUTION NA-
TIONAL FINALS

HON. ROB BISHOP

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Madam Speaker, from April 24–26, 2010 more than 1,200 students from across the country visited Washington, D.C. to take part in the We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution National Finals.

I am proud to announce that a class from Sky View High School represented the State of Utah at this prestigious national event. These outstanding students, through their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution, won their statewide competition and earned the chance to come to our nation's capital and compete at the national level. At the National Finals, Sky View High School won the Unit One Award by earning the most points in that unit of the textbook, which discusses the philosophical and historical foundations of the American political system.

I also wish to commend the teacher of the class, Mike Rigby, who is responsible for preparing these young constitutional experts for the National Finals. Also worthy of special recognition are Kathy Dryer, the State coordinator and Shanna Futral, the district coordinator who are responsible for implementing the We the People program in my district.

I congratulate these young "constitutional experts" on their outstanding achievement at the We the People National Finals.

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HONORING JAMES E. McERLANE
FOR HIS SERVICE TO SCOUTING**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor James E. McErlane, who has earned the 2010 Distinguished Citizen Award from the Chester County Council of Boy Scouts of America.

Scouting has been a part of Mr. McErlane's life since he joined Troop 7 in Malvern, Pennsylvania as a youth. He achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and earned his Parvuli Dei Catholic Scouting Award. A man of tremendous character, Mr. McErlane epitomizes the principles of leadership, self-discipline, hard work and a duty to serve his country and community that Scouting instilled in him.

Mr. McErlane has worked to promote the traditions and enhance the experience of Scouting for area youth, serving on the Chester County Council's Executive Board of Directors and as a member on several Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner committees. He also chaired the Eagle Scout Alumni Committee.

In addition to being a Senior Partner at Lamb McErlane Law Offices, Mr. McErlane continues serving as an active member of the Chester County Library Trust and the Chester County Food Bank.

His extremely successful legal career and tireless work in the community have earned Mr. McErlane the respect and admiration of his peers and all who know him.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing James E. McErlane for his valuable contributions to improving the quality of life in his community and his exemplary commitment to the values of Scouting.

HONORING MS. DIANE COLLINS

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the tireless service of Diane Collins for her remarkable dedication as a volunteer at the Loch Raven VA Community Living and Rehabilitation Center and Chapter 451 in Dundalk. To salute her service, Ms. Collins was awarded the 2009 Congressional Volunteer Recognition Award by the Veterans Advisory Council for Maryland's 2nd District.

Veterans of the United States Armed Forces have dedicated themselves to protecting the lives of every American. Their service to our Nation deserves the highest level of gratitude. It is important that we take the time to recognize the individuals who give of their time and talents to support veterans and ensure their comfort, care, and well-being.

As a member of the Disabled American Veterans Representatives for the Loch Raven VA Community Living and Rehabilitation Center, Ms. Collins is an active fundraiser and friend, giving 506 hours of volunteer service to date. She makes certain she is aware of all patient

needs and makes requests to the Disabled American Veterans to purchase items not routinely supplied by the VA. Once a month, Diane creates a fun activity for the residents, including parties with watermelon, cupcakes, fried chicken, strawberry shortcake and hot dogs. Through her chapter, a juke box was donated to the center.

Ms. Collins does things simply because she believes they are "the right thing to do." She exceeds expectations in all respects. To the veterans' delight, she brings young people with her to visit with them and regularly babysits for a severely disabled neighbor. Her colleagues say she exemplifies the VA's mission statement of creating an environment that fosters respect, compassion, and excellence.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Diane Collins. Her compassion and dedication to veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces are an inspiration to us all, and are deserving of the utmost gratitude. It is with great pride that I congratulate Diane Collins on her exemplary service as an advocate and a volunteer.

HOME STAR ENERGY RETROFIT
ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 6, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5019) to provide for the establishment of the Home Star Retrofit Rebate Program, and for other purposes:

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Chair, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5019—Home Star Energy Retrofit Act of 2010. I want to thank my colleague Representative WELCH for bringing this important bill to the floor.

In our current economic crisis we need to seize on opportunities to create jobs, and with our need to find the energy to power our country, we need to find every kilowatt of savings we can. This bill will help accomplish both of those goals.

Home Star is a short-term program to create jobs, save energy, and lower families' energy bills. Home Star will restart the assembly lines at factories that manufacture energy efficiency technologies and will put construction workers back on the job installing these improvements in the homes of millions of American families.

There are huge energy savings available through basic retrofits, which will save people money and reduce our dependence on foreign oil. By encouraging people to help themselves through the installation of specific energy-saving technologies, including insulation, duct sealing, windows and doors, air sealing, and water heaters, we will all benefit.

Home Star is expected to allow 3 million families to retrofit their homes to be more energy efficient. Consumers are predicted to save \$9.2 billion on their energy bills over the next 10 years as a result of Home Star's energy efficiency investments. And Home Star will create 168,000 new jobs here in the United States. Construction jobs cannot be outsourced, and more than 90 percent of energy efficiency technologies are manufactured here in America.

We also must do everything we can to continue to encourage the development of an energy efficiency industry in this country. Foreign countries are threatening to take our market share in manufacturing energy efficient technologies and we cannot let this huge market go offshore. This bill will help create a larger market for these products and solidify our position as a market leader.

This bill is a win-win-win, and I urge all of my colleagues to support it.

CELEBRATING THE DESIGNATION
OF THE EASTERN BAND OF
CHEROKEE AS AN ADVANTAGE
WEST CERTIFIED ENTREPRE-
NEURIAL COMMUNITY**HON. HEATH SHULER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Eastern Band of Cherokee in Cherokee, North Carolina on becoming a Certified Entrepreneurial Community by the AdvantageWest Economic Development Group. AdvantageWest, an economic development commission which serves 23 Western North Carolina counties, created the "Certified Entrepreneurial Community Program" to train local communities to encourage small business start-ups in the mountain region and to help such businesses thrive.

The Eastern Band of Cherokee, North Carolina has an over 11,000-year history rich with culture, arts, and a heritage of magnificent storytelling. Being designated as a Certified Entrepreneurial Community is just one example of the continuation of the remarkable history, and a tribute to the vision of the Eastern Band of Cherokee. The focus on youth and education as integral components of their Certified Entrepreneurial Community vision ensures that the future leaders of the community will have the tools to continue their strong legacy.

The Certification, developed by the AdvantageWest Economic Development Group, contains a strict set of guidelines that highlight a community's enthusiasm and readiness to support entrepreneurship and small business. While several communities throughout Western North Carolina have become certified as entrepreneurial communities, the Eastern Band of Cherokee is the first nation to receive this designation. This designation showcases the Eastern Band of Cherokee's foresight in creating and fostering an environment in which prosperity can be achieved. As a Certified Entrepreneurial Community, the Eastern Band will build upon the success of its marketing campaign to further promote the potential of its people to the United States and abroad.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues today to celebrate this remarkable honor bestowed on the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Cherokee, North Carolina, and their commitment to the future of their people. I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating their outstanding achievement.