

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

OFFICER DANIEL FAULKNER CHILDREN OF FALLEN HEROES SCHOLARSHIP ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I strongly support the families of the brave men and women who fight every day to keep our communities safe and that is why I believe the Officer Daniel Faulkner Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act is such an important piece of legislation.

Inspired by the heroic service of Philadelphia Police Officer Daniel Faulkner, this legislation would offer financial assistance for higher education to the children of police officers, firefighters, and other first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Officer Faulkner's own life was tragically cut short when he was murdered performing a simple traffic stop.

Officer Faulkner is one example of the countless first responders who put themselves into harm's way every day. Tragically, since 2006, seven police officers from my district have died in the line of duty: Officer John Pawlowski, Officer Gary Skerski, Officer Chuck Cassidy, Officer Isabel Nazario, Sergeant Patrick McDonald, Sergeant Tim Simpson and Officer Stephen Liczbinski. These men and women selflessly risk everything so the rest of us may live in peace and safety. This Act will help the children of fallen heroes to be all they can be. It is yet another way for us to honor their service and their sacrifice.

This legislation is one way to meet our shared debt of gratitude to our police officers, firefighters, and other first responders, to their families and to their children.

RECOGNIZING THE BODE TECHNOLOGY, GROUP, INC. OF LORTON, VIRGINIA FOR RECEIVING THE PRESIDENT'S "E" AWARD

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Bode Technology Group, Inc., of Lorton, Virginia. The Bode Technology Group received the President's "E" Award today in recognition of its achievements in supporting export growth in the U.S. business community. The "E" Award is the highest honor the Federal Government can give to a U.S. company or organization for exporting or facilitating export activity.

The recognition of Bode for this honor highlights the importance of the President's National Export Initiative (NEI), which aims to

double exports over the next five years to support two million American jobs. Given the region's innovative technology base and strong international business community, Northern Virginia especially stands to benefit from the NEI.

Bode, which is located in Virginia's 11th Congressional District, specializes in DNA collection and analysis. It provides services to law enforcement agencies in all 50 states and more than 30 countries worldwide. It also provides critical assistance in identifying victims of mass disasters and missing persons. In addition, Bode has been a partner in helping to reduce human trafficking. Last year, the company was awarded the Virginia Governor's Award for Excellence in International Trade by Governor Tim Kaine.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Bode Technology Group on this honor and for its leadership on export activities.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CRAIG NOEL

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an icon in the theater community and a treasured member of the San Diego family. On April 3, 2010, Craig Noel, the Founding Director of the Old Globe Theatre, passed away after 94 full years of life.

Craig Noel was a tenacious, witty, and warm-hearted man with a tireless commitment to the arts. San Diego is forever in debt to this talented man. He told a reporter in 2005, "I had a vision. I wanted to make San Diego a theater town." And that he did.

Without Craig Noel, the San Diego arts community would not be the flourishing creative environment it is today. In addition to his directorial and artistic contributions, Craig Noel was a World War II veteran. While serving in the Army, he directed the Ernie Pyle Theater for service members in Tokyo.

When Craig returned to San Diego, his work as Artistic Director took the Old Globe to heightened levels of excellence. During his distinguished seven decades with the theater, Craig Noel staged over 225 productions of all styles and periods. These performances engaged and entertained theatergoers of all ages and backgrounds.

The Old Globe is nestled within Balboa Park, the nation's largest urban cultural park. The theater itself is actually one of the oldest nonprofit theaters in the country. Modeled after Shakespeare's Old Globe in London, San Diego's Old Globe was built in 1935 to present abridged versions of Shakespeare's plays during the California Pacific International Exposition.

After the exposition ended in 1937, a nonprofit production corporation, the San Diego

Community Theatre, leased the theater from the City of San Diego and remodeled it for continued use. On December 2, 1937, the renovated Old Globe opened with a production of John Van Druten's "The Distaff Side." In the cast was a young actor named Craig Noel. His entrance was the beginning of a long and fruitful relationship with the Old Globe. Craig Noel's presence as an actor, director, and artistic leader guided the theater's growth through decades of artistic development and community outreach. The loyalty and dedication with which he served San Diego and the Old Globe is unparalleled.

Sadly, on March 8, 1978, an arson fire destroyed the Old Globe. I remember watching the news coverage with a heavy heart and then rushing to view the actual destruction the following day. I also vividly recall Craig Noel's passion and leadership to literally raise the theater from the ashes. Craig was pivotal in the reconstruction of the theater. He started a fundraising campaign and the people of San Diego donated more than \$6 million dollars, which was a lot of money in those days given the economic conditions people were facing. In 1982, the new Old Globe re-opened with a production of Shakespeare's "As You Like It."

On Nov. 15, 2007, Craig Noel was awarded the National Medal of Arts. This honor is the highest award given to artists and arts patrons by the United States Government, and is awarded by the President to those who "are deserving of special recognition by reason of their outstanding contributions to the excellence, growth, support and availability of the arts in the United States." Craig Noel was truly deserving of this acknowledgement. His nurturing spirit and supportive presence were an inspiration to everyone with whom he worked.

While we grieve the loss of Craig Noel, we take comfort in the legacy he has left behind. You cannot walk the grounds of the Old Globe without feeling and seeing his strong hand of influence. On May 24th, the Old Globe Theatre is holding a public memorial in his honor. At that time, the Globe's lower courtyard will be renamed the Craig Noel Garden. I am confident his legacy will live on for generations to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN J. FLYNN

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate retiring President of the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers, John J. Flynn, for his lifetime of service to the St. Louis and International union community.

As President, Flynn understood the priorities of the International Union and consistently worked to support and improve employment,

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training and educational opportunities for BAC contractors. Moreover he supervised the International Unions programs and ensured that all activities were in accordance with policies established by the International Unions conventions and constitution.

For more than 60 years, Flynn used the discipline and persistence that he learned during his early years as a boxer to help him become a true advocate for the members of the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers and all workers.

Although he has been honored with numerous awards for his service, no award can accurately reflect the tremendous impact he has had made on the union movement. I am pleased to congratulate John Flynn for his lifetime of service and unwavering dedication to the labor community. I wish John and his wife, Joyce, the very best.

**HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF MR. DON AMMERMAN**

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Military Appreciation Month. This month, I would like to recognize a phenomenal service member from central Florida who is making a distinguished contribution to my district, the great State of Florida, and to our Nation as a whole. Today, I honor former Orlando City Council Commissioner Don Ammerman.

Mr. Ammerman graduated from Indiana University with a BS in Real Estate & Marketing and an MBA in Real Estate Marketing/Finance. He is a recipient of two Ford Foundation Grants for overseas study while in graduate school. He also completed the John F. Kennedy School of Government for senior Executives in State and Local Government at Harvard University.

Mr. Don Ammerman began his military career in 1968 at Fort Jackson in South Carolina and from there served with the 83rd ARCOM in Columbus, Ohio. He completed his service in the reserves in Orlando in 1974. He was hand selected by the U.S. Navy Academy to serve as a Blue and Gold Admissions officer at Annapolis. His dedication to our country and our military is shown through his volunteering spirit. Mr. Ammerman continues to mentor hopeful academy members by offering young adults with aspirations of attending an academy his guidance and support. Currently, Mr. Ammerman serves as a board member for the 8th District Veterans Advisory Board and Military Academy Nominations Board.

Mr. Ammerman has contributed greatly to the central Florida community. He has served on the municipal Planning Board (1983–1989, 2 terms as Chairman), Chairman of the Orlando Growth Management/Concurrency Implementation Committee and Chairman of the 1991 Orlando Redistricting Committee. Mr. Ammerman successfully ran for the office of District 1 City Commissioner. Mr. Ammerman also served as a Board Member of the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority and he is a past member and Chairman of the Sunshine State Governmental Finance Commission for 20 years. Nationally, he served on the Leadership

Training Council for the National League of Cities. Mr. Ammerman finished his City Council service in June of 2002.

Mr. Ammerman's commitment to community service is unyielding. He served as Philanthropy Chair and active member of the Board of Directors for the Orlando Regional HealthCare Foundation. He is a trained volunteer with the Neo Natal Unit for 22 years at Arnold Palmer Hospital for Women and Children. He serves as a teacher at the First Presbyterian Church. Additionally, Mr. Ammerman is a member of the Florida Citrus Sports Association, the Greater Orlando Leadership Foundation, a graduate of Leadership Orlando and Leadership Florida, as well as the Dr. Phillips Foundation Grant Review committee. His other involvements include past National Admissions Chairman/Society of Industrial & Office Parks Realtors and past President of the Central Florida Chapter of the National Association of Industrial/Office Parks (NAIOP).

Madam Speaker, during Military Appreciation Month, it is my honor to recognize this remarkable public servant whose dedication to our country and community can be shown through his great achievements in the State of Florida. Commissioner Ammerman has been working for the people of Florida since 1972 and I applaud his civic and military accomplishments in our central Florida community, our great State and our Nation.

**NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH
WEEK**

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a cosponsor of H. Con. Res. 268, which supports the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week and requests that the President of the United States issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States and interested groups to observe National Women's Health Week with appropriate ceremonies and activities. This is an important measure that will increase public awareness of the critical issue of women's health.

I thank Chairman TOWNS for his leadership in bringing this bill to the floor. I would also like to thank the sponsor of this legislation, Congressman HINCHEY, for his dedication to ensuring that women's health is a national priority.

Mr. Speaker, it is important that our nation adopt a heightened focus on the issue of women's health. Women of all backgrounds should be encouraged to reduce their risk of common diseases through preventative measures, such as engaging in regular exercise, eating a nutritious diet, and visiting a healthcare specialist to receive regular check-ups and preventative screenings. These healthy habits begin at a young age and so we must stress the importance of preventative health measures to children in homes and schools across the country.

Unfortunately, there is a high prevalence of disease and health complications among minority women. African-American women, Asian-American women, and American Indian

women all face a high risk of contracting diseases. As the representative of a district that is home to large African American and Latino populations, as well as the largest Cambodian population in the country, I understand the crucial importance of improving public awareness about women's health and the unique health challenges for minority women.

Thanks to the historic passage of health care reform, we have taken a giant step in the right direction for women's health. All Americans will have access to affordable, quality care and no longer will women be discriminated against by insurance companies. We owe it to all women in this country—now and in future generations—to continue this effort to increase awareness regarding women's health.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Con. Res 268.

**RECOGNIZING THE HONOREES OF
THE 63RD ANNUAL ANNANDALE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
AWARDS BANQUET**

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the honorees of the 63rd Annual Annandale Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet.

The Annandale Chamber of Commerce is a thriving volunteer organization with more than 200 active members. The members represent businesses, industries and professionals who work together to maintain a favorable business climate while improving the quality of life for all residents.

Each year, the Annandale Chamber of Commerce honors a few select individuals who have distinguished themselves as exemplars of the community. It is my honor to recognize these fine recipients and the contributions that they have made to the community:

Student Achievement Award for Falls Church High School: Dennis Nolasco. Dennis is a marketing student who was instrumental in the development and promotion of the School's Jaguar Joe Coffee Project. Dennis has an outstanding work ethic and serves as an effective role model to his peers. After graduation from Falls Church High School, Dennis plans to major in finance or business administration at George Mason University.

Student Achievement Award for Annandale High School: Emma Dorothy Whitmyre. Emma is an International Baccalaureate Diploma candidate and has served as president of both the National Honor Society and the Jewish Culture Club. Emma has a strong commitment to social action. She volunteers at a homeless shelter, tutors, and runs a winter coat drive for those who are less fortunate. This fall, Emma will be attending New York University where she plans on majoring in anthropology or psychology.

Student Achievement Award for Northern Virginia Community College: Jacquelyn Shanahan. Jackie, as she is known by her friends and family, has nobly served our nation in the United States Marine Corps. She recently received the Liberal Arts Division academic award and has completed the Honors