

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL
ALAN L. HINSON

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. BACHUS. Madam Speaker, as we prepare to honor our veterans this Memorial Day, it is an appropriate time to recognize the service of Lieutenant Colonel Alan L. Hinson for his dedicated work as the Executive Director of Operation Grateful Heart in Alabama.

Alabama has a proud heritage of supporting our troops in uniform and our returning veterans. Lieutenant Colonel Alan Hinson upheld this tradition when he was appointed by Governor Bob Riley to serve as the Executive Director of Operation Grateful Heart. He has been responsible for ensuring that all military personnel and their families receive appropriate recognition, tangible support, and neighborly care. The program provides caring assistance for our troops, both as they fight terrorism and defend freedom overseas and when they return home and require employment and veterans services in their communities.

Lieutenant Colonel Alan Hinson's concern and compassion have come from his own experiences. He served in the U.S. Army from January 1969 until June 1991. He was a helicopter pilot during the Vietnam War, flying combat aerial missions for the 145th Combat Aviation Battalion, as well as direct support missions in support of ground troops in the III Corps and V Corps regions of South Vietnam. He also served several tours of duty at Fort Rucker, Alabama as both a flight and ground instructor. Later in his career, he returned to his basic branch of Field Artillery, where he served with the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea, 3rd Armored Division in Germany, 2nd Army in Atlanta, and Army Forces Command in Atlanta.

In 1995, Lieutenant Colonel Alan Hinson returned to Alabama, where he served military veterans and their families for nine and a half years as counselor and case manager with the Alabama Intensive Veterans Employment (ALIVE) Program. The ALIVE program helped veterans encountering employment barriers return to the workforce by providing vocational assistance, job-specific training, work experience, and other supportive services. From 2005 through April 2007, Lieutenant Colonel Alan Hinson supplied assistance to Alabama citizens who had lost their jobs either from trade-related layoffs or as a result of disasters such as Hurricane Katrina.

Lieutenant Colonel Alan Hinson is married to the former Celia Marie Sullivan of Troy, Alabama. They have one daughter, Rochelle Hughes, a nursing instructor at Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, Mississippi; one son, Chief Warrant Officer Scott Hinson, currently serving with the 3rd Infantry Division at Forward Operating Base Falcon in Iraq; and five grandchildren.

Lieutenant Colonel Alan Hinson has devoted his life to his family, his country, and our brave men and women in uniform. As he retires from his service as Executive Director of Operation Grateful Heart, it is now our welcome opportunity to salute him for his dedication to the United States of America and to the well-being of our troops and veterans.

IN HONOR OF JUDGE ANN
ALDRIDGE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker and Colleagues, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Judge Ann Aldridge, an accomplished jurist who served as Federal District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio and helped to pave the way for all women lawyers.

Judge Aldridge had a joy for life and a passion for service. She lived around the world, but she found her final home in Northeast Ohio. After World War II, she volunteered to rebuild rail lines in Yugoslavia. She graduated second in her New York University of Law class, in which she was the only woman. She would go on to her earn master and doctoral law degrees from NYU as well. She worked in Washington D.C. for the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the Federal Communications Center (FCC). Later, representing the United Church of Christ, she sued the FCC to make it easier for minorities in the south to own radio stations.

Judge Aldridge moved to Shaker Heights to join the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, where she became the school's first tenured woman professor. She taught one of the nation's first environmental law classes and helped develop minority outreach programs. She was first appointed to the U.S. District Court by President Carter in 1980 and served as an accomplished jurist until her retirement in 1995. She was the first female federal district court judge in Ohio, and even after her retirement she continued to remain active in the law.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor and remembrance of Judge Ann Aldridge, a trailblazer who paved the way for women in the law and enriched our nation through her deft interpretation and application of the law. I offer my condolences to her four sons, James Mooney, Allen Mooney, Martin Aldrich, William Aldrich, and her eight grandchildren.

DEKALB COUNTY POLICE AND
SHERIFF DEPARTMENTS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, the DeKalb County Police and Sheriff Departments have been and continue to be the public safety departments for citizens throughout DeKalb County; and

Whereas, Major Jeffery K. Cato has given of himself for the past 26 years as a law enforcement officer for the citizens of DeKalb County and has given exceptionable and distinguished service to our citizens by providing guidance, protection and leadership; and

Whereas, Major Jeffery K. Cato is a proven leader and decorated officer with a heart of a lion and the spirit of an angel; and

Whereas, Major Jeffery K. Cato is retiring from his career in DeKalb County, he will begin a new career as Chief of Police in West Point, Georgia; and

Whereas, DeKalb County is proud to have been served by Major Jeffery K. Cato, who gave of himself daily without any need for praise and fame, he has always served valiantly and honorably, a modern day knight; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Major Jeffery K. Cato for his outstanding leadership and service to our District;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR., do hereby proclaim May 29, 2010, as Major Jeffery K. Cato Day in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia.

THE EUNICE KENNEDY SHRIVER
ACT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise today in proud support of H.R. 5190, the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Act, which reaffirms this body's support of the goals and accomplishments of the Special Olympics.

For over four decades now, the Special Olympics has improved the health, confidence and self-esteem of Americans with intellectual disabilities. In fact, it has become such an institution now that we sometimes take it for granted, and forget what life was like for the intellectually disabled before the Special Olympics. Too often, these Americans were shuttered away in institutions, sentenced to lives of solitude, emptiness and sadness.

But today, thanks to the hard work of the late Eunice Kennedy Shriver, her son Timothy Shriver, and countless volunteers over the past four decades, Americans with intellectual disabilities are now much more woven into the fabric of community life. Over three million Special Olympians hailing from 180 countries now train and compete year-round in 30 sports and counting.

In sum, the Special Olympics works to break down barriers of prejudice against the intellectually disabled, improve the public health, and bring communities together

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through promoting shared values of dedication, athleticism, perseverance, teamwork, and play.

The good work of the Special Olympics is summed up in its motto: "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." It is a motto that captures the spirit of the organization, and of the champion and visionary who worked so hard on its behalf for so many years, Eunice Kennedy Shriver. And it is only fitting this bill, reauthorizing the Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act of 2004, be given her name.

I encourage my colleagues to be brave today, to stand up for Americans with intellectual disabilities, and to support the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Act and the Special Olympics.

TRIBUTE TO RAMON ALVAREZ,
2010 FATHER OF THE YEAR RECIPIENT

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate an individual from my Congressional District who will be presented with the 2010 Father of the Year Award next week in Riverside, California.

The purpose of the Father of the Year Awards is to honor fathers who have remained a positive role model for their children while also making a positive difference in their community.

Ramon Alvarez is one of those fathers. He is married to his wife Araceli and together they have three children. He is also President of Alvarez Lincoln-Mercury and Alvarez Jaguar, and throughout his successful career, Ramon has made a strong commitment to local and civic activities.

I am proud to call Ramon a fellow community member and American. And today, I add my voice to the many who will be congratulating him on this well-deserved recognition.

AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC DAY

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the people of the Republic of Azerbaijan as they prepare to celebrate Republic Day on May 28.

Azerbaijan's Republic Day commemorates the day that this nation, located on the shores of the Caspian Sea, south of Russia and north of Iran, declared its independence from the Russian Empire in 1918, as the first Muslim democracy.

The new democracy granted women the right to vote in 1919, a year before the 19th Amendment was passed in the United States granting U.S. women that right.

Their independence was tragically short, as the Soviet Union invaded the tiny nation in 1920—altering Azerbaijan's dream of democracy in the 20th Century. That dream re-emerged in 1991 when the brutal Soviet re-

gime finally passed to the dustbin of history, and Azerbaijan declared its independence yet again.

My congratulations to the people of Azerbaijan: congratulations on the anniversary of Republic Day, and for your continued efforts and commitment to build a strong democracy in the critically important region of the South Caucasus.

CELEBRATING ASIAN/PACIFIC
AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 1316, celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. I thank my California Delegation colleague, Congressman HONDA, for his work in bringing this resolution to the floor today.

This is a very exciting time for the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community and I am looking forward to continuing to work with my colleagues in the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus and with the Obama Administration to promote AAPI priorities.

The 37th Congressional District of California, which I am privileged to represent, is home to one of the largest Asian constituencies in the nation, including large communities of Filipinos, Samoans and Cambodians. My district is home to the largest Cambodian population in the United States, and the second largest Cambodian population in the world outside of Cambodia. I am proud to be a member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus which truly represents my Asian Pacific American constituents' interests.

The month of May was chosen to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage for two significant reasons. On May 7, 1843, the first Japanese immigrants arrived to our country and on May 10, 1860, the first transcontinental railroad was completed. The transcontinental railroad transformed our nation and could not have been completed without the inclusion of Chinese immigrants.

Dalip Singh Saund was the first Asian American elected to Congress in 1957. Less than a decade later, Patsy Mink became the first Asian American woman elected to Congress. Both overcame adversity to pave the way for all minorities, including DANIEL INOUE, a Medal of Honor winner who has served in the Senate for nearly a half century. Today, we have seven Members of Congress who are of Asian descent.

Despite the challenges and adversity that Asian Pacific Americans have experienced, many have forged ahead and made significant contributions to this great nation. History was made when we elected a President with such significant personal ties to the Asian Pacific community. President Obama spent his childhood in Hawaii and Indonesia. One of President Obama's first guests to the Oval Office was the Prime Minister of Japan, Taro Aso. Further, President Obama appointed three Asian Americans to his cabinet: Secretary of Energy, Dr. Steven Chu; Secretary of Commerce, Gary Locke; and Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Eric Shinseki.

I have much hope for the future because all Americans are working together hand in hand to ensure the equality and advancement not only of their community, but of all communities.

Mr. Speaker, let me again thank Congressman HONDA, Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, for his leadership in introducing this resolution. I look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of Asian Pacific Americans this year and for years to come! Thank you.

HONORING BAY NEWS ON ITS 65TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. WEINER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize exceptional work of the staff of the Bay News, a newspaper that serves southern Brooklyn, in honor of its 65th anniversary.

Though the hard-hitting reporters at the Bay News cover issues that affect all New Yorkers, they specialize in local news that focuses on the neighborhoods of Bensonhurst, Brighton Beach, Coney Island, Gerritsen Beach, Gravesend, Manhattan Beach, Seagate and Sheepshead Bay. It's not an exaggeration to say that if something happens in this part of the City, the Bay News will know about it.

The groundwork for what is now the Bay News was first established in 1944 when Charlie Peterson started printing the "Sheepshead Bay Service News", a newsletter for the families of troops serving overseas in World War II. Over the years, that small newsletter merged with other local papers from across the borough to become what is now a publication with a circulation of more than 15,000.

As my staff knows, my Thursdays don't truly begin until I've read the Bay News. This storied publication has been on the scene for all of the defining moments that have shaped New York City over the past 65 years, and I know that it will be there for whatever happens next.

Day in and day out, week after week, The Bay News covers everything from local community board meetings to arts and movies to national politics. As I know firsthand, the paper's reporters aren't afraid to ask the tough questions. They work tirelessly to provide the community with the news and information that is so vital to a robust democracy and the civic life we take for granted.

That is why I am pleased and honored to congratulate the entire staff of the Bay News on all their success and contributions on the occasion of the paper's 65th anniversary and I wish them all many successful years to come. We should commend editor Vince DiMiceli, publisher Clifford Luster; assistant editors Shavana Abruzzo, Joanna Del Buono, Meredith Deliso, Courtney Donahue; calendar editor Erica Sherman; reporters Thomas Tracy and Joe Maniscalco; vice president of advertising Ralph D'Onofrio; classified manager Amanda Tarley; and production manager Keith Oechsner.