

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMENDING MR. CLARENCE
OWEN BROWN

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to commend Mr. Clarence Owen Brown, who is being honored tonight for 50 years of teaching excellence. He has influenced and inspired hundreds of students in Central Louisiana, and his exemplary contributions and dedication to enhancing the countless young minds should be celebrated.

Born January 19, 1936 in Ball, La., to Clarence Walter and Hazel Elba Bailey Brown, he is the brother of Howell Brown, Aubrey Brown and Norma Brown Simpkins.

He attended grades 1–12 at the “old” Tioga High School, where he later returned to instruct. Mr. Brown continued his education at Louisiana College graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree with a minor in music. He then received a Master of Science degree in biology from Northwestern State University (NSU), as well as post-graduate degrees from NSU, Louisiana State University and Louisiana Tech University.

Mr. Brown has devoted half a century to educating students in Central Louisiana. His lengthy service includes teaching high school in Rapides Parish Public Schools for 30 years with 28 years at Tioga High School, one year each at Cheneyville High School and Peabody High School. Since 1991, he has been an educator at Alexandria Country Day School.

Beyond the classroom, Mr. Brown has been the director of television ministries at First United Methodist Church from 1983 to present, and has served as interim music director on several occasions.

In addition to his professional and service contributions, Mr. Brown is a caring husband, father and grandfather. He and his lovely wife, Miriam Jordan Brown, are the proud parents of Paul David Brown and Stacy Brown Wolf and grandparents to Mary Rose and Owen Hayes Wolf.

With 50 years of teaching underneath his belt, Mr. Brown has definitely left his fingerprint on the world. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Mr. Clarence Owen Brown for the indelible impact he has had on his students’ lives.

IN RECOGNITION OF STEVE
SIMMONS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Steve Simmons for his years of service to the State of Texas.

Mr. Simmons worked as the Deputy Executive Director for the Texas Department of

Transportation since 2001. After earning his degree in civil engineering from the University of Houston in 1981, he began his career with TxDOT as a project manager in 1982. He then went on to serve as the deputy district engineer for TxDOT’s Houston District and was named the Forth Worth district engineer in 1998. During this time he also served on the Regional Transportation Council of the North Texas Council of Governments. Under Mr. Simmons’ leadership, the Fort Worth District received the Design Excellence Award for a Metropolitan District in 1998, 1999 and 2000.

Mr. Simmons’ service also includes time on the civil engineering advisory boards for the University of Houston and the University of Texas at Arlington.

Mr. Simmons received the University of Houston’s Engineering Alumni Association’s Distinguished Young Engineering Alumnus Award in 1997 and the Distinguished Engineering Alumnus Award in 2005, making him the first University of Houston graduate to attain both awards. He was one of the university’s inaugural inductees into the Cullen College of Engineering’s Academy of Distinguished Civil and Environmental Engineers. His ability to help make projects a success dates back to his youth when he earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

There are numerous transportation projects in the 26th District and I have been grateful for the efforts of Mr. Simmons. Whether weighing in on a highway in need of expansion or coming to North Texas to update my constituents on the state of our transportation system, his willingness to serve has equaled his professionalism.

It is with great honor that I recognize Steve Simmons for his years of hard work and dedication given to the citizens of Texas.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FOR
THE SAFE RETURN OF SPACE
SHUTTLE “ENDEAVOUR”

HON. SANDY ADAMS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to welcome home the Space Shuttle *Endeavour* and its crew of six from the STS–134 mission. The Space Shuttle *Endeavour* landed safely in the early morning hours today at Kennedy Space Center located in Florida’s 24th Congressional District. The astronauts of STS–134 spent a total of 16 days in space and delivered the Alpha-magnetic Spectrometer-2 to the International Space Station, which will be a critical tool for analyzing cosmic particles traveling through space.

This is the final flight of the Space Shuttle *Endeavour* and now with its 25th successful mission since 1992, including the first servicing mission for the Hubble Space Telescope, numerous Space Station assembly missions, and the delivery of the AMS–2, the orbiter will

be retired to the California Science Center. *Endeavour* has carried over 170 courageous astronauts to space and honorably fulfilled the legacy of its namesake, the 18th century ship chartered by explorer James Cook to travel throughout the south pacific.

I offer my congratulations on a job well done to Commander Mark Kelly, Pilot Greg Johnson, Mission Specialists Mike Fincke, Drew Feustel, Greg Chamitoff, and European Space Agency Mission Specialist Roberto Vittori.

They are heroes and courageous explorers for all of humanity. Welcome home team.

HONORING MR. KENNETH
AHLSTROM

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the death of United States Navy veteran Mr. Kenneth Ahlstrom.

Mr. Ahlstrom served in the Navy during World War II aboard the USS *Phoenix* in the southwest Pacific, and participated in 25 landings in New Guinea, New Britain, the Philippines, and Borneo.

Mr. Ahlstrom was devoted to his local Buffalo community, and held offices in the American Legion, the Dunkirk High School Maudrauder Booster Club, and Willowbrook Cemetery.

Mr. Ahlstrom was also a family man. He leaves behind a widow, Mrs. Nancy Ahlstrom, 8 children, 17 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

It is with great pride that I rise today to remember Mr. Kenneth Ahlstrom, a veteran of our Nation’s armed forces, and a proud member of my own Buffalo community.

STATEMENT IN OPPOSITION TO
THE PATRIOT SUNSETS EXTENSION
ACT OF 2011

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the PATRIOT Sunsets Extension Act of 2011.

The bill that is under consideration today would again extend authorities under the USA PATRIOT Act known as the “roving wiretap” provision, the business records, or “library,” provision, which provides authority to compel production of business records or “any tangible thing” deemed related to a terrorism investigation, and the so-called “lone wolf” provision.

These provisions continue to raise serious privacy concerns and potential threats to our civil liberties, which is why I have voted

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against extending these provisions in the past. We simply cannot continue to forgo Congressional oversight and simply extend these authorities, without amendment or debate, because we are told that these provisions are critical to our national security. It is incumbent on Members of Congress to consider the potential overreach of these provisions and the potential threat to our most basic freedoms.

In the wake of the attacks of September 11th, we rightfully committed to do what we must to protect ourselves from future terror attacks. But we must balance our security with the need to protect ourselves against unnecessary federal intrusion into our private lives, which is an essential part of what it means to be an American and must not be sacrificed.

Simply reauthorizing these provisions, without careful and deliberate debate about their potential impact, is a disservice to the American people and threatens our fundamental liberties.

That is why I vote against the extension before us today.

JANET ROUNTREE TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Janet Rountree for her lifelong commitment to community service and activism. From a young age, Ms. Rountree has played an integral role in young, conservative groups in Colorado, and in a number of state offices. Her devotion to public television, education and curing disease is a truly exemplary trait.

Among many other pursuits, Ms. Rountree currently serves as a precinct committee woman in Arapahoe County, is a member of the Cherry Creek Republican Women's Club, and the Colorado Lincoln Club. Since Ronald Reagan, she has volunteered on every Republican Presidential campaign and several Senate, Congressional and local races. For a decade, she was a legislative aid in state Senator Paul Schauer's office and ran numerous fundraisers for the state Republican Party.

Ms. Rountree is also immensely dedicated to the education and health of children in Colorado. She is a volunteer Trail Guide for the Denver Aquarium, a special events coordinator at Colorado's Museum of Nature and Science and has volunteered at several fundraising events for the state's Children's Hospital. She also has volunteered over 5,000 hours to the Rocky Mountain PBS Television station.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to stand and pay tribute to Janet Rountree. Her dedication and service to public office in Colorado is admirable. The time she has given to volunteer efforts throughout the state is equally commendable. I am grateful for her commitment to the people of Colorado and her community and have no doubt that her impact will be felt for many years.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. HELEN
GOTTLIEB

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Helen Gottlieb, Chairwoman of the Middlesex County Democratic Organization in New Jersey, upon the occasion of her retirement. Chairwoman Gottlieb is a strong Democratic leader in Middlesex County who has made immeasurable contributions to her community and the Democratic Party. Ms. Gottlieb's service is undoubtedly deserving of this body's recognition.

In addition to her public service, Chairwoman Gottlieb has amassed an impressive professional resume. Helen served as a dedicated teacher of English as a Second Language with the South Plainfield school district from 1970 through 1994. Beginning in 1980, as a member of the Edison Township Board of Adjustments, Helen faithfully served the local residents. She later served as President of the Edison Menlo Oaks Democratic Club and was a member of the Edison Township Planning Board. Her outstanding mentoring and leadership led to her appointment as Assistant Principal of South Plainfield High School in 1994, where she served for ten years. Helen also served as co-chair of the Middlesex County Clinton/Gore Presidential Campaign and Edison, New Jersey Democratic Vice-Chair. She currently serves as New Jersey State Committee Member and Middlesex County Democratic Chair, having previously serving as Vice Chair. I commend Helen for her continued service on behalf of the residents of Middlesex County.

As a result of her exceptional work, Helen has received countless awards and honors for her achievements. She was awarded the "Woman of Achievement" Award and Commendation from the New Jersey General Assembly, 18th District, in 1999 and 1997, respectively. Helen was also the recipient of the Middlesex County Woman of Excellence Award in Education in 1993. She was featured in The News Tribune "Applause" Section in 1991 and was the New Jersey ESL Teacher of the Year in 1990, and most recently was the recipient of the Federation of Democratic Women's Peg Roberts Award. Helen currently resides in Edison, New Jersey with her husband, Judge Joel Gottlieb. They have two children and two grandsons.

Mr. Speaker, once again I would like to extend my gratitude to Chairwoman Helen Gottlieb for her exceptional contributions to the residents of my district and wish her well in her retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO THE CITY OF BURBANK

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Burbank upon its 100th anniversary.

The land occupied by the present City of Burbank was part of two colossal Spanish

land grants—the Rancho San Rafael and Rancho La Providencia. In 1867, Dr. David Burbank, who was extraordinarily active in Los Angeles real estate, purchased segments of both ranchos, and merged them to create a large ranch where he built a ranch house, raised sheep and sporadically sold off diminutive portions of land.

In the late 1800s, Dr. Burbank sold a stretch of right-of-way to the Southern Pacific Railroad, and subsequently sold his property to a group of land speculators, which led to the establishment of the Providencia Land, Water and Development Company. As speculators designed a business district and subdivided the property into residential lots and small farms, the formation of the City of Burbank began.

The City of Burbank flourished over the years, and its continuous progress has been extraordinary. In the 1920s, the real estate market boomed, the Magnolia Park sector was developed, and the area boasted a shopping center, a bank, and Burbank's very own radio station. Burbank's sought after location and available space also attracted the aviation and entertainment industries. In the mid-1920s, the Lockheed Aircraft Company purchased a portion of Burbank farmland, and built a plant for the production of its planes. Lockheed employed 94,000 individuals by the time the United States entered World War II. As a testament to their success, Lockheed's Burbank-built aircraft helped win the Battle of Britain. Additionally, the motion picture business moved to Burbank in the 1920s. A 78-acre site was originally home to First National Pictures, and later to the Warner Bros. Following its footsteps were Columbia Pictures and the Walt Disney Company.

The year of 1943 marked the opening of the new Burbank City Hall, which has been named to the National Register of Historic Buildings. In the 1960s and 1970s, Burbank attracted more key players of the Hollywood entertainment industry. By 1962, Burbank became the permanent home of the National Broadcasting Company. In 1978, the airport was purchased from Lockheed, and today, the Bob Hope Airport, governed by the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority, is the largest privately owned community airport in the country. The 1980s highlighted the revitalization and evolution of Burbank's downtown area, with its collection of numerous restaurants and multi-screen movie theatres. In the 1990s, the Burbank Recycle Center and the Regional Intermodal Transportation Center were opened.

I am honored to represent the great City of Burbank, which is thriving with multi-dimensional industries, and yet has not lost its small-town atmosphere. I ask all Members to join me in congratulating the residents of Burbank on its centennial anniversary.

HONORING DR. ROBERT CARR

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Dr. Robert Carr. A long-time leader, activist and researcher in the prevention of HIV/AIDS and the promotion of