

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, TROOP 1 IN PAOLI, PA

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Paoli Troop 1, Boy Scouts of America, Chester County, Pennsylvania on its 100th anniversary.

The history of Paoli Troop 1 is a long and storied one, starting with its founding as the area's first Scout Troop in 1911 at the Good Samaritan Church in Paoli, Pennsylvania. Troop 1 survived some lean early years and diminished activity during World War I, but proudly endured such challenges and, in 1924, relocated to nearby Wayne. In these early years, the Scout Law and Scout Oath were discussed in detail at the end of Troop meetings, a tradition that has been passed down to the present day.

Travel has also been a long-standing tradition of Troop 1. In 1927 and 1929, the Troop took trips to Europe, which included hiking through Scotland and parts of Brittany. On one of these trips, the Scouts met Baden Powell, founder of the Scout movement. The Troop had three mountain climbing expeditions in the Swiss Alps during 1966, 1970 and 1974, with the Troop flag having flown at the top of the Matterhorn.

Today, the Troop functions under the leadership of Scoutmaster Mike Magnotta, his assistants, and the general supervision of the Troop Committee. Its purpose, as set out in its constitution, is to promote, maintain and carry out the principles of the Boy Scouts of America and to work for the best interests of its members. The institutions and traditions of Paoli Troop 1 are many and deserve to be perpetuated for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating Paoli Troop 1 and its storied history on the occasion of its 100th anniversary and to extend best wishes for the Troop's bright future.

RECOGNIZING WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the sixth annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

In 2006, the International Foundation for the Prevention of Elder Abuse designated June 15 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, which recognizes elder abuse as a public health and human rights concern. Abusive acts toward the elderly can include physical and psychological abuse, physical restraint, deprivation of dignity and the choice of daily affairs, financial

exploitation and neglect. The World Health Organization has reported that between four and six percent of elderly people worldwide have experienced some form of abuse in the home. Additionally, in the United States, thirty-six percent of nursing-home employees have witnessed at least one incident of physical abuse towards an elderly patient, while forty percent admitted to psychologically abusing patients.

The abuse and neglect of older persons is a global problem, and yet it remains largely unrecognized and untreated. I join with the International Foundation for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and encourage all countries, communities, neighborhoods, and organizations to take part in today's efforts to raise awareness of this serious issue, with the goal of bringing about recognition for and ultimately an end to elder abuse and neglect.

HONORING 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST URASENKE TEA GROUP CEREMONY IN THE UNITED STATES

HON. COLLEEN W. HANABUSA

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Ms. HANABUSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 60th anniversary of the first Urasenke Tea Group ceremony in Hawaii, and the first such ceremony held in the United States. This traditional ceremony was brought to the U.S. by Dr. Genshitsu Sen, who has sought to promote peace and cultural understanding throughout the globe. Dr. Sen returned from service in World War II, making a personal vow to promote "Peacefulness through a Bowl of Tea." He is an heir to a family whose leadership in the tradition of the Japanese Way of Tea, or chado, dates back 15 generations to the 16th century.

While Honolulu was the site of the first Urasenke Tea ceremony in the country, this centuries-old Japanese tradition has extended around the world, fostering international goodwill through cultural exchange. Urasenke tea groups have been established in 33 U.S. locations and in 49 countries. Dr. Sen has conducted this ceremony for world leaders and has helped to establish and teach college courses on the tradition of chado. He has led ceremonies at the United Nations, the U.S. Naval Academy and even for members of this esteemed body here on Capitol Hill.

Mr. Speaker, this occasion will be marked by a tea ceremony on the USS *Arizona* Memorial at Pearl Harbor, a most fitting location for this solemn tradition which is founded on the principles of harmony, respect, purity and tranquility.

I call attention to this significant anniversary, and the ceremony marking the occasion, in the spirit of cultural understanding and building bonds of goodwill.

HONORING CLIFTON GUNDERSON LLP

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Clifton Gunderson LLP of Saint Joseph, Missouri. This business has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Employer of Excellence.

Innovate leadership programs for women help create an atmosphere of achievement at Clifton Gunderson LLP. The Women's Initiative Now (WIN) program helps provide leadership skills, business skills and personal growth opportunities for female employees. Flexible work arrangements help the team balance work and family goals.

The St. Joseph office is led by a female partner—the nation's first and only female company CEO—and 50 percent of office partners and 100 percent of senior managers are female. The Career Development Network program strategically pairs an experienced individual with someone in a similar area as a mentorship, and to form an individual career development plan. Through these efforts, Clifton Gunderson LLP demonstrates its commitment to promoting a culture that continually develops female leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Clifton Gunderson LLP. This business is a tremendous asset to the St. Joseph community and I am honored to represent this business in the United States Congress.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. LEONARD L. BOSWELL

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2112) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. BOSWELL. Madam Chair, I rise in opposition to language in the agricultural appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2012.

H.R. 2112 contains a rider that withdraws funding to implement the proposed Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) rule that the authorizing committee directed the USDA to craft in the 2008 Farm Bill.

● This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

Today, the USDA is in the process of conducting economic analyses as well as a comprehensive review of the comments submitted on the proposed rule.

H.R. 2112 would stop the USDA in its tracks and prevent it from completing its year of work on GIPSA.

Two of our Nation's largest member organizations who work to support farmers, ranchers and producers are opposed to the provision which would cut off funding for the GIPSA rule—the National Farmers Union and the Farm Bureau.

Like me, these Iowa members and the national organizations believe that this is an issue under the jurisdiction of the authorizing committee, not the appropriating committee, and that regardless of which side of the regulation you may fall, that the comment review and economic analyses deserve completion.

NFU President Roger Johnson said in a recent statement: "I urge that funds for the enforcement of the GIPSA rule be reinstated in future versions of the agriculture appropriations bill."

The American Farm Bureau Federation sent a letter to my colleague, Congresswoman KAPTUR, on May 31, 2011, the day of the full committee markup, that stated: "We oppose language to preclude USDA from reviewing the comments and completing their economic analysis and are strongly opposed to any action that would stop work on that [GIPSA] rule."

However, appropriators ignored this call to action, and instead chose to move forward on behalf of large processors.

The rulemaking process on the GIPSA rule was started with the issuance of the draft rule on June 22, 2010—nearly one year ago and more than 60,000 comments were submitted on the GIPSA rule docket. To end the process now would equate to an unfortunate waste of government resources.

Thirty years ago there were 1.3 million beef cattle operations. Today there are 740,000. In 1980, there were 660,000 hog farms. Today there are 67,000. Last year alone, approximately 2,300 additional hog producers went out of business.

On behalf of producers and competition in our marketplace, I urge my colleagues to oppose defunding the GIPSA rule, and allow the USDA to complete their work and review on this issue.

SALUTING SERVICE ACADEMY STUDENTS—CORBIN PALMER

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary group of young men and women who have been chosen as future leaders in our armed forces by the prestigious United States service academies. It is a privilege to send such a fine group from the third district of Texas to pursue a world-class education and serve our Nation.

As we keep them and their families in our prayers, may we never forget the sacrifices they are preparing to make while defending our freedoms all across the globe. I am so proud of each one. God bless them and God bless America.

Today I salute Corbin Palmer, a United States Air Force Academy Appointee. Corbin is a graduate of Centennial High School and attended the United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School. Corbin was involved in club gymnastics, and actively participated in Preparatory School leadership and in his church as a Priest Quorum Secretary. Corbin aspires to follow gymnastics through college and eventually enter into a medical career through the Air Force as a surgeon. Corbin also plans to become a fighter pilot for the Air Force. He hopes to continue strengthening his leadership abilities and character, and be challenged not just physically but mentally in the United States Air Force Academy.

BERG CONGRATULATES NORTH DAKOTAN DR. DORI CARLSON FOR BECOMING FIRST WOMAN TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION

HON. RICK BERG

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. BERG. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Dr. Dori Carlson, who will soon be sworn in as the 90th President of the American Optometric Association, the first woman to ever serve in this prestigious position, at their 114th annual meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, on June 18, 2011.

The American Optometric Association represents approximately 36,000 doctors of optometry, optometry students and optometric professionals and is centered on improving the quality and availability of eye and vision care. Doctors of optometry provide two-thirds of all primary eye care in the United States; optometrists serve patients in nearly 6,500 communities across the country and in 3,500 of those communities are the only eye doctors.

Dr. Carlson is a 1989 graduate of the Pacific University College of Optometry. Following graduation from optometry school, she completed a residency in hospital-based rehabilitative optometry at the American Lake and Seattle Veterans Affairs Medical Centers in Tacoma and Seattle, Washington. In 1994, she was honored as the North Dakota Young Optometrist of the Year and as the Optometrist of the Year in 2003.

She is a founding member of InfantSEE, a no-cost public health program developed to provide professional eye care for infants nationwide. Through this program, great strides are being made to ensure that potential eye and vision problems are detected early. Infant eye assessments have been available in North Dakota since the InfantSEE program launched in 2005, and Dr. Carlson has made it her mission to see as many infants as she can.

Dr. Carlson is in private practice in Park River and Grafton, North Dakota, where she provides primary care to rural North Dakotans of all ages. Her advocacy on behalf of optometrists and their patients has earned her the respect of her colleagues, and it is a high honor to be recognized by her peers to lead the profession of optometry in the coming year.

Today I join her family, friends and colleagues in congratulating her on this achieve-

ment and wishing her the best of luck in this endeavor.

HONORING SALLY SCHWAB

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sally Schwab of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Sally is active in the community through her work and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Woman in the Workplace.

As Team Leader and Chaplain for Spiritual Health Services at Heartland Health, Sally is a 25-year employee who is continually described by her coworkers as analytical, caring and loyal. She serves as national president of her professional organization, the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc., and has received numerous awards, including the Buchanan County Medical Society's Humanitarian Award. She also leads the Ethics Committee and works throughout regional hospitals to advise chaplains and provide education toward meeting patients' spiritual needs.

Sally teaches Clinical Pastoral Education students, has led an educational process on advanced directives, and serves on several organizations including the P-20 Council and the Missouri Hospice and Palliative Care Association.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Sally Schwab. She has made an amazing impact on countless individuals in the St. Joseph Community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker. I was not present during the rollcall vote No. 417–419, on June 14, 2011. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: On rollcall vote No. 417 I would have voted, "yes;" on rollcall vote No. 418 I would have voted, "yes;" on rollcall vote No. 419 I would have voted, "no."

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTH LOUISIANA

HON. JOHN FLEMING

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate The Community Foundation of North Louisiana on its 50 years of exemplary service to the people of North Louisiana. Since its establishment on June 26, 1961, by Colonel John Hellums Tucker, Jr., the Foundation has demonstrated exceptional service and leadership throughout the many communities it serves in my district, bettering the lives of countless families and individuals.

Starting out with a modest \$21,000 in funds, The Community Foundation of North Louisiana