

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

LETTER OF COMMENDATION FOR
MR. WILLARD "SMITTY" SMITH,
USN (RET.)

HON. E. SCOTT RIGELL

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2011

Mr. RIGELL. Mr. Speaker, it is a high honor and privilege to commend Mr. Willard Smith of Virginia Beach, a patriot known to his friends and peers affectionately simply as "Smitty."

Smitty is not only recognized for his notable military service in the United States Navy, but for his commitment to the wellbeing and recovery of more than 500 of our nation's brave but now homeless veterans. After five tours of duty in Vietnam as a Navy Seabee, Smitty serves as Executive Director at Vetshouse, a unique nonprofit organization serving homeless veterans in the Tidewater area in Virginia. Vetshouse is not a shelter, but a 12-month program providing contemporary living quarters in a group environment, assistance in job hunting, transportation, personal skills and development guidance.

For having the courage not only to turn his own life around, but for having the compassion and commitment to help his fellow man do the same; For bringing health, hope, and happiness into the lives of so many around him; And for his discipline, dedication, and devotion to our nation's treasured veterans; I hereby commend Mr. Willard "Smitty" Smith.

TRIBUTE TO MR. DARRYL ANTHONY PANDY, INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED HOUSE MUSIC PIONEER

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2011

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life and labor of Mr. Darryl Anthony Pandy who made his heavenly transition on Friday, June 10, 2011. Darryl was a gifted vocalist who elevated the House music genre to international status in the mid 1980s.

One of the most sought-after voices in the House music world, the Chicago native with a 6-1/2-octave voice range was the lead vocal on "Love Can't Turn Around," a track by Chicago's Farley (Jackmaster Funk) Keith. The record was a United States club hit, but crossed over into the mainstream in the United Kingdom on London Records in August, 1986 and peaked at number 2 on Billboard's charts five weeks later. The song's surprising European success earned Darryl a coveted British Phonographic Industry (BPI) Award for dance music. In 1997, "Love Can't Turn Around" was re-released in the UK and peaked at number 40.

Other music hits included "Animal Magnetism", "Climax", "I Love Music", "Heaven's In Your Heart", "Love Turns To Pain", and "Work Your Body". In 1999, Darryl teamed up with CZR to record "Bad Enough", and reunited with Farley on the gospel house hit "He's My Best Friend". He released "Joy" with Dutch Johnson in 2003, "Dancing" with Laurent Wolf in 2004 and in 2005, he teamed up with René Süss to release "Clap Your Hands on the Dancefloor" on German imprint Tiefenrausch Records.

Darryl, who grew up in the Cabrini-Green public housing development, was a long-time member of Chicago's Life Center Church of God in Christ under Pastor T. L. Barrett.

Mr. Speaker, I was privileged to know Darryl and I want to encourage his mother, Beverly Garrett, his siblings William Harold Washington III and Krystal Garrett and his many friends and fans to always remember to look to the hills from which comes all of their help. Darryl's talent will be missed but through his music his legacy will live on. I am honored to pay tribute to this gifted music legend.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE LATE COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR JAKE BREWER

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2011

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the life and achievements of the late Command Sergeant Major Jake Brewer.

Throughout the entirety of his life, CSM Brewer epitomized the American spirit and exceptionalism. He committed himself and his career to this nation. His love of country and pursuit of helping others made him a beloved figure around central Ohio.

CSM Brewer, a two-war veteran who earned a bronze star for valor, served this nation valiantly during the Battle of the Bulge in World War II as a combat medic and was wounded fighting in Korea. His role in these historic conflicts represented a foreshadowing of his life's mission. Akin to the way he aided others on the battlefield in Europe and Korea, CSM Brewer went on to become a famed veterans' advocate in central Ohio.

During his stellar career serving veterans, CSM Brewer held many influential positions and acquired many distinct honors and accolades. He was a state commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and executive director of the United Service Organization (USO) of Central and Southern Ohio. Quite fittingly, the USO lounge at Port Columbus bears his name. Also, he helped construct the Military Veterans Education Foundation which assists in running Columbus' Veterans Day Parade

and Armed Forces Luncheon. In my opinion, Jake was a human being of immeasurable quality, one who possessed a winning character and benevolent nature. I and many other Ohioans were proud to have known him.

After 87 years of life, Jake Brewer recently passed away leaving a legacy of unwavering service to his country and to central Ohio. In light of his contributions and service, I believe he remains worthy of immense respect and admiration. He will be a sorely missed member of our community and his influence will resonate for years to come.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT COMMANDER STEPHEN A. MARTY, UNITED STATES NAVY

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2011

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Lieutenant Commander Stephen A. Marty as he prepares to leave the Navy's Appropriations Matters Office (FMBE) after three years of dedicated service to my distinguished colleagues of the House Appropriations Committee. Lieutenant Commander Marty's high energy approach and solid effort to foster relationships with Members of Congress and Congressional Staff ensured my staff received timely and accurate information on the Department of the Navy's medical programs. This account is especially important to me because it directly impacts our nation's wounded warriors.

I have worked with Lieutenant Commander Marty throughout his tenure in FMBE. His expertise in representing Navy Medical programs worth over \$6 billion annually helped the Department of the Navy achieve strategic and budgetary objectives for all medical accounts, including critical supplies and equipment for our nation's war fighters and wounded warriors. Additionally, Lieutenant Commander Marty meticulously planned and executed several challenging international Congressional Delegations for the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. Throughout each trip he ensured that the Subcommittee achieved its aims.

Lieutenant Commander Marty's outstanding tenure in FMBE exemplified the dedicated leadership, superb professionalism, and unwavering integrity that is the hallmark of a fine Naval officer. Through his duties as a Congressional Appropriations Liaison, he has had a positive influence on the Navy, its Sailors and Officers. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues today in saying thank you to Lieutenant Commander Stephen A. Marty for his dedication and service throughout his distinguished tour in FMBE.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF LOUIS
BEECHERL

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2011

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Louis Beecherl, a great Dallas businessman, political activist, philanthropist, and community servant. Mr. Beecherl, who passed away on July 5th, 2011, was a founding member and CEO of Texas Oil & Gas Corp. from 1957–1977, was appointed chairman of the University of Texas Board of Regents in 1987, and was most recently the owner of Beecherl Holdings.

In 2002, Mr. Beecherl was inducted into the Texas Business Hall of Fame and is recognized as being a leader in expanding Texas' economy. He also devoted his time and resources as a GOP benefactor, supporting various political campaigns, and the National Republican Congressional Committee. Furthermore, Mr. Beecherl will be remembered as a community servant and has been involved in countless organizations. He has served as President of the Boy Scouts of America Circle Ten Council, was as an Advisory Board Member of the Salvation Army in Dallas County, and has served as the Chair of the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) Capital Campaign Advisory Committee.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise to remember the life of Louis Beecherl; a great Texan, businessman, and above all, a devoted husband and father. It is my privilege to have this opportunity to honor his life and legacy.

REAFFIRMING COMMITMENT TO
NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF
ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

SPEECH OF

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I voted for H. Res. 268 because I believe in the bill's underlying premise of a negotiated two-state solution to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and bring enduring stability to the region. I have always used my voice and my vote to promote peace in the Middle East. Too many lives have been lost and too much violence has been wrought to do anything else. Citizens throughout the region deserve better.

However, my vote is not without reservations about the provisions in this resolution. At this moment of incredible regional volatility, we should be encouraging the President to deploy America's full diplomatic capacity to pursue peace in the region not discourage recognition of a Palestinian state, as this resolution does. We should be encouraging the promotion of stability and dialogue with all parties involved, not discouraging assistance to the Palestinians, as this resolution does. And we should be calling on every actor involved to be a serious broker for peace.

I just traveled to the Middle East and saw firsthand the need for a sustainable two-state solution. The question I came away with is: What can be done to bring a just and lasting

peace? While I hope that this resolution can bring us closer to a peaceful solution, I fear that it leaves too many hard questions unanswered and too many issues unaddressed.

While I voted for this resolution, I will also continue to support a constructive dialogue that can bring this conflict to a permanent end. The time for peace is now. We cannot wait a moment longer.

IN HONOR OF ROAD RAGE
AWARENESS WEEK

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Road Rage Awareness Week—a week created by Reaching Out Against Road Rage, Inc. to encourage safer driving practices and to prevent unnecessary violence on the roads.

Reaching Out Against Road Rage, Inc., or R.O.A.R.R. is a nonprofit organization located in Muskegon County, Michigan. R.O.A.R.R., was established by Kay Foster-Shabazz, two years after the death of her twenty year-old daughter, Diyaamond, in a road rage related incident in 2002. Since its establishment, the mission of R.O.A.R.R. has been to prevent road rage, protect and support victims of road rage and to promote the saving of lives.

R.O.A.R.R. has been working to reduce the number of road rage related incidents by promoting awareness and providing educational tools. In addition, R.O.A.R.R. pledges to assist victims and their families throughout the recovery process by providing a multitude of resources.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in recognizing Road Rage Awareness Week, July 10–16, 2011. The hard work of Reaching Out Against Road Rage, Inc. has made the roads safer for everyone.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. GIBSON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2219) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. GIBSON. Mr. Chair, I rise today to address an important issue affecting the domestic renewable energy industry. As the House continues consideration of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act of 2012, it is important to carefully examine the Department's investment in renewable energy products, and what effect their investments have on the U.S. economy.

The U.S. Department of Defense is required to abide by the Buy American Act when purchasing goods and equipment, including solar panels. However, the Department is utilizing alternative financing vehicles, such as Power

Purchase Agreements, PPA's, to fund renewable energy technology installations on its bases and buildings. Under such agreements, a private developer finances, installs, and maintains the solar installation for the life of the technology and leases the power to the military facility. This financing structure is beneficial to the Department, as it allows the Department to meet its renewable energy goals, requires no upfront capital costs, and allows a private entity to take advantage of tax incentives not available to government purchasers, all with little risk to the taxpayer.

However, PPA's allow the private entity to purchase the solar technology and the Buy American Act does not apply. This is a loophole in the Buy American Act that foreign manufacturers, in particular highly subsidized Chinese solar panel manufacturers, have quickly exploited to deploy foreign-made solar technology on U.S. government property.

For this reason, DOD should review their procurement and payment for power policies. These decisions impact the U.S. solar industry, and our nation's energy security. Installing highly subsidized foreign solar technology on DOD property or a facility owned by the Department had the unintended consequence of pushing domestic solar manufacturing technology offshore and puts our nation in the position of remaining dependent on foreign energy resources. We must ensure our military does not unintentionally transition our country from one dependent on Middle East oil to one heavily reliant on Chinese renewable energy. I look forward to working with my colleagues on this important issue.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2011

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, we are here today to mark a great day in the history of democracy, a great day for Africa, and a great day for the United States.

On Saturday, July 9th, the Republic of South Sudan becomes Africa's 54th country and the world's newest nation. This is an outcome that would likely have been inconceivable for most Sudanese only a few years ago. South Sudan's declaration of independence is a testament to their resolve and determination to be free.

The United States should also be proud of this momentous achievement, and I would like to congratulate the Obama Administration and the Bush Administration for maintaining the vision and unwavering commitment to stand with the people of this great new country through their struggle. I am thrilled that the White House has sent a high level delegation, led by Ambassador Susan Rice, to the burgeoning new capital of South Sudan, to celebrate with our newest ally.

Former Secretary of State Colin Powell will accompany Ambassador Rice. I'm pleased that our colleague Congressman DONALD PAYNE, a leader of the Sudan Caucus and a forceful advocate for Sudanese self determination, will be with the delegation, as will the senior diplomats Johnnie Carson and Princeton Lyman who have worked to make this day