

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN CELEBRATION OF MISS SADIE THOMAS' 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 27, 2011

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to stand before you today to celebrate the 100th birthday of one of my constituents, Miss Sadie Thomas.

Sadie Thomas was born on July 27, 1911 in Jeffersonville, Georgia. Aunt Sadie to her family, Sadie spent most of her life on her family farm with her brother John. Sadie and John began their lives as sharecroppers, eventually moving on to their own plot of land. As a small farmer, she worked hard all her life, picking cotton and growing tomatoes, corn, squash and other crops.

From the very beginning, Sadie has remained a deeply religious woman, devoted to her family. When her sister passed away, leaving two children behind, Sadie helped raise both children on her farm with her mother.

To this day she remains a lifelong member of the Lizzie Harrell Baptist Church in Jeffersonville. She now resides near her family in a nursing home in my district.

As her friends and family celebrate her 100th birthday, we are all thankful that she is of sound mind and body. Mr. Speaker, my fellow colleagues, I hope you will join me today in wishing Miss Sadie Thomas a very happy birthday. May God continue to bless her with a long life.

IN HONOR OF CHURCHILL GRIMES

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 27, 2011

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Churchill "Church" Bragaw Grimes, who on August 31 retires as the Fisheries Ecology Division Director of the Southwest Fisheries Science Center in Santa Cruz, California. The Fisheries Ecology Division of the Southwest Fisheries Science Center provides research focused on Pacific Coast groundfish and Pacific Salmon. Results of their research help to manage fisheries as well as threatened and endangered species in the area. Churchill has made very important contributions to resource conservation and management as the Director of the Fisheries Ecology Division.

Church has been active in the field of fishery science and management for over 40 years. He received both his B.S. and M.S. in biology from the East Carolina University at Greenville, North Carolina and his Ph.D. in Marine Sciences from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In 1977 he became the Assistant Professor of Marine Fisheries at

Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey and was promoted to Associate Professor in 1983. The following year he joined the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) as a Fishery Ecologist in Panama City, Florida. He has since been with the NMFS serving as Chief (acting) Resource Survey Division in Pascagoula, Mississippi; Leader, Fishery Ecology Investigations and Laboratory Director in Panama City; and Laboratory Director and Fisheries Ecology Division Director in Santa Cruz.

Some of Church's many contributions to the field of fishery science and management are his countless publications from his many years of "hands on" research in the lab and at sea. He has received numerous honors and awards including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Bronze Medal in 1996 and again in 2006.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House as I commend Churchill "Church" Bragaw Grimes for all he has done and all he will undoubtedly continue to do. I extend my most sincere thanks and warmest wishes for his success and much happiness in his retirement.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2584) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Chair, I want to speak in favor of Mr. BASS' amendment to restore funds to the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

More than 40 years ago, Congress made a commitment to the American public—a commitment to use a small portion of revenues from offshore drilling toward natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation programs—a commitment to partially offset the depletion of limited natural resources that belong to us all.

Diverting these funds goes against the promise that Congress made to the American public back in 1965 and the American public doesn't support it.

A new bipartisan poll released today by the LWCF Coalition shows that 85 percent of Americans support full funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

The nation's primary tool to conserve land for parks, wildlife refuges, forests, rivers, trails, historic and cultural sites.

Cuts to the LWCF undermine the economic asset that our Federal, State, and local public lands represent in this country.

And rob the American public of the opportunity to enjoy and recreate in these special places.

According to the Outdoor Industry Foundation, outdoor recreation activities, including hunting, fishing, camping, and other activities contribute a total of \$730 billion annually to the economy.

Supporting 1 of every 20 jobs in the U.S. and stimulating 8 percent of all consumer spending.

Support jobs, support our natural treasures, and keep our commitment to the American public.

Vote "yes" on the Bass Amendment to restore funds to the LWCF.

HONORING MONSIGNOR GABRIEL GHANOUR

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 27, 2011

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Monsignor Gabriel Ghanour for his dedicated service to the Miami area. Monsignor Ghanour has been a fixture in the community since 1994, and currently serves as pastor of the St. Nicholas Melkite Greek Catholic Church in Delray Beach, Florida.

In 1999 Monsignor Ghanour started the Spanish Ministry at St. Jude's Melkite Catholic Church, and served as its pastor until 2010. He still celebrates mass with St. Jude's, often given to a standing room only crowd consisting of people from all over the state of Florida, and all over the world. He also provides mass for the homeless community of Miami, the JFK Medical Center and his current parish, St. Nicholas'. It is through his homilies that Monsignor Ghanour gives his parishioners strength, motivation and insight into the power of prayer and devotion to God.

Throughout his time in Miami, Monsignor Ghanour has established diverse programs for the needy and homeless, assisted at Miami Children's Hospital, and has served as a Victim's Assistance Coordinator for Child Abuse, among various other programs and services. Currently, he assists the sisters of the Missionaries of Charity of Mother Teresa in the archdiocese of Miami. Along with his work in Miami, he has been a stalwart supporter of the Mexican Association of Aid to Children with Cancer. It is through programs such as these that Monsignor Ghanour truly shines, and impacts the lives of countless human beings.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Monsignor Gabriel Ghanour for his continued service to the Miami community. As a true servant of the Lord, he has dedicated himself to his faith and his community. He has gone beyond the call of duty, and has consistently demonstrated the high values of priesthood. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding individual, and I wish him continued success and happiness in the future.

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HONORING THE WORK OF NANCY
MERCER AND JILL EGLE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 27, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Nancy Mercer and Jill Egle, co-executive directors of The Arc of Northern Virginia, for their tremendous work on behalf of the disabled in our community.

As my colleagues know, The Arc is a leading advocacy and service organization for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, serving more than 7,000 families in Northern Virginia alone. I am sad to share that after 5 years of collaboration, Nancy and Jill have decided to move on, but they have left The Arc stronger than ever.

Under Nancy and Jill's leadership, the local Arc staff, volunteers and community partners have been successful in promoting and protecting the rights of people of all abilities to live comfortably in the community. One of The Arc's primary missions is to provide full inclusion for intellectually and developmentally disabled individuals in all aspects of the community.

Through their combined efforts, The Arc has been expanded its advocacy efforts to become one of the strongest grassroots organizations in the Commonwealth. They spearheaded the formation of the Virginia Ability Alliance, creating a more unified voice for people with disabilities. Thanks to the compelling public awareness campaign, "A Life Like Yours . . . Take a Walk in Our Shoes," Nancy and Jill helped hammer home the message that community support is essential for The Arc to succeed. With the resulting increase in community and financial support, The Arc has been able to help more people with disabilities live comfortably within our community.

Their voice also is being heard by state and national policy makers. The Arc of Northern Virginia helped lead a statewide campaign to eradicate use of the degrading "R" word in Virginia's State Code. They worked with community partners to launch a successful Get Out the Vote campaign that buoyed the participation rate of disabled voters in the 2008 Presidential election, and they recently have used their influence in the international arena to educate representatives from Russia, China, and Korea on the necessity of improving the rights of the disabled globally.

It has been my pleasure to work with both Nancy and Jill, and I have a personal relationship with each of them. As Chairman of the Fairfax Board of Supervisors, I always looked forward to Jill's expert testimony. She successfully raised the level of public discourse on the struggles of the developmentally disabled in Northern Virginia. Nancy's desire to better the lives of those affected by intellectual disability also has been inspiring. She will continue her mission this August as the President and CEO of the PHILLIPS program, an organization dedicated to furthering the lives of the developmentally disabled throughout the National Capital Region.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the invaluable work of Nancy Mercer and Jill Egle to improve the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and wishing them continued success

in their future pursuits. While their presence will be missed at The Arc, we are glad to know their influence will continue to be felt in our community.

RECOGNIZING SUZANNE STEWART
POHLMAN, FOUNDER OF INTER-
FAITH COMMUNITY SERVICES

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 27, 2011

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished tenure of a constituent in my district, Ms. Suzanne Stewart Pohlman, on the occasion of her retirement as the founder and executive director of Interfaith Community Services located in Escondido, California.

As the creator, Ms. Pohlman has transformed Interfaith Community Services from a small food pantry into North San Diego County's most comprehensive social service agency and a nationally recognized model organization. Assisting over 35,000 individuals last year alone, Interfaith Services has been dedicated to serving and empowering the low-income, homeless, and underserved in North San Diego County for nearly 30 years.

Ms. Pohlman has established unique collaborations between faith centers, businesses, government and other not-for-profits to successfully achieve Interfaith's mission of providing resources to help persons in need attain self-sufficiency. Additionally, she has pioneered many housing programs, creating emergency, transitional, permanent supportive and permanent affordable housing stock for the North County community. Under Ms. Pohlman's innovative management, Interfaith's programs have received multiple awards and now serves as a not-for-profit incubator to help emerging organizations develop the capacity to grow and succeed.

Time and again, Ms. Pohlman has demonstrated her passion for helping people realize their own potential. I commend Ms. Pohlman for her commitment to educating the community on ways—big and small—that we all can work to make a difference. Her hard work and dedication is seen through the lives she has touched.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Ms. Pohlman's nearly three decades of service and leadership to the San Diego community as she retires as the Executive Director of Interfaith Community Services.

A TRIBUTE TO ORLA O'HANRAHAN
ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 27, 2011

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in honoring Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Ireland, Orla O'Hanrahan, for her outstanding service here in Washington, DC.

Building on her years of experience in the Irish Foreign Service, Orla has brought to her

position here tremendous skill, knowledge, diplomacy and enthusiasm.

Her past accomplishments include serving as a popular Consul General in Boston and Joint Director General of the International Fund for Ireland. She held the position of Press Officer for the Irish Embassy in Paris, and also was stationed in London during a time of great conflict and violence between Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Having visited Northern Ireland myself during that period, and as a member of the Congressional Friends of Ireland Caucus, I appreciate the important role that diplomats like Orla played during that difficult time which culminated in the successful Good Friday Accord.

Orla is a wonderful public servant and I know my colleagues join me in wishing her continued success and happiness as she returns to Ireland with her family.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 25, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2584) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, Environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to the FY 2012 Interior Appropriations. At a time when Congress should be preventing a default crisis and working on job creation, the Majority has chosen to endanger our environment and public health by threatening the air we breathe, the water we drink, the national parks we play in, the wildlife we treasure, and the museums we explore. We cannot ignore the jobs that would be lost as a result of the cuts to the agencies this bill funds.

This bill would overturn 40 years of bipartisan environmental and public health protections. Gutting rules and regulations such as those in the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act would harm our Nation's health just as cities and towns across the country are struck by a record breaking heat wave. Instead of trying to reduce emissions and improve air quality, the House Majority wants to give a carve out to some of the biggest contaminants contributing to global warming.

It is shocking that in the aftermath of several disastrous oil spills, instead of fully funding oversight and enforcement for oil and gas extraction, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have reduced that funding while increasing the budget for the oil and gas extraction programs that benefit big oil. Instead of punishing the flagrant polluters, the Majority chooses to reward them. In addition to reducing oversight capabilities, this legislation cuts important programs that promote clean and efficient energy solutions that would help America reduce its dependence on foreign oil.

If enacted, this bill would result in very steep cuts to programs that are important to keeping New York happy and healthy. These include