

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO MR. OLEG  
SMURYGIN

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 9, 2011*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Oleg Smurygin for his continued contribution to the health care initiatives of his community.

Mr. Smurygin was born to a middle class Jewish family to Yuriy and Bella Smurygin on April 7, 1966, in Kiev, Ukraine. He attended school in Kiev from 1973 until 1983, when he was recruited into the army for two years. Mr. Smurygin served as a Sergeant in the army from 1985 until 1987 under Special Forces by the border of China, Khabarovsk City. Once Mr. Smurygin was discharged in 1987, he attended the University of Kiev, where he graduated with a Bachelors Degree in the Arts in 1991.

In 1992, Mr. Smurygin and his family decided to relocate to the United States as refugees. He supported his family working at Victory Memorial Hospital in Brooklyn, New York as a full time regular security guard. With more experience, Mr. Smurygin was promoted to shift supervisor and eventually to Director of Security in 2006. Spending over 10 years at Victory Memorial Hospital, he was awarded Victory Memorial Hospital 10 Year Award of Excellence.

When the Victory Memorial Hospital closed its doors in 2009, Mr. Smurygin headed to the PAIN Institute as a Business Manager.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life and accomplishments of Mr. Oleg Smurygin.

A TRIBUTE TO KDLS

### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 9, 2011*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50-year anniversary of local radio station KDLS 1310 AM in Perry, Iowa.

The result of a joint venture between local newspaper publishers G.E. Whitehead and Willard Archie, KDLS was first launched on May 10, 1961. Since then, the radio station has become the voice of Perry while covering birthdays, anniversaries, local news and sports, weather, obituaries, interviews with the local community members and many other topics.

To many, the local radio station provides a sense of pride and identity that many rural communities around Iowa and the United States seem to be losing at an increasing rate. If you talk to any of the staff at KDLS, they will attribute their success to keeping everything as local as they can. In an era of media conglomerates and corporations, it is important to

remember that local content is responsible for the 50-year success of KDLS.

KDLS has demonstrated that locally owned radio stations can really bring out the personality of the community and can be the driving force behind helping businesses and other organizations reconnect with their local citizens. KDLS is characteristic of what Iowa is all about—local citizens motivated and dedicated to improving their communities and maintaining what they see as an important part of their daily lives.

I consider it an honor to represent this radio station and all members of the Perry community in the United States Congress. I know my colleagues in the House of Representatives will join me in congratulating KDLS for its 50 years of success and wish them continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL URBINO

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Michael Urbino for his service to and excellence throughout his community as a model citizen.

Mr. Michael Urbino is a well-rounded, results-oriented, innovative, and persevering man, who fervently upholds the belief that there is no finish line, but a constant struggle that keeps one challenged.

A native of the Philippines, Mr. Urbino was a pioneer of a business conglomerate in New Jersey and New York. Since a young age, Mr. Urbino professed an interest in business and as such, he went about to complete a Bachelor of Science in Commerce with a major in Business Administration at the University of Santo Tomas, followed by a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Maryland.

From 1985 to 2001 he accumulated substantial experience in sales and marketing of pharmaceutical products while working for multinational companies like Mead Johnson-Bristol Myers, American Home Products, Abbot Laboratories and Novartis. As an executive at ABN-AMRO and at Philippine Savings Bank, prominent banks in the Netherlands and in the Philippines, respectively, Mr. Urbino became exposed to financial services.

After much experience, Mr. Urbino founded his first of three corporations, Axis Point Alternative Solutions, Inc, in 2006. Axis Point operated as an employee leasing and certification company to healthcare professionals with the State of New York and the State of New Jersey. Shortly after, in 2007, Mr. Urbino registered American Healthcare Facility Management Group (AHFMG). A three-division entity, AHFMG offers licensing, administrative, and managerial services to health professionals.

Mr. Urbino also values the importance of educating and training health providers from

grass roots. This longing gave birth to Adriland Institute, which offers vocational medical courses covering various medical specialties.

Mr. Urbino has had a long professional career purposed to provide people the tools necessary to carry on an optimal future for themselves as well as society.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the work of Mr. Michael Urbino.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF  
PRIVATE DONALD D. OWENS

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 9, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Private Donald D. Owens, a loyal son and true patriot of the United States of America. Private Owens lost his life on October 9, 1944 during World War II when his M-10 tank was attacked outside of Luneville, France. His life reflected an unwavering devotion to his country and his sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Pvt. Donald Owens was raised in Navarre, Ohio where he attended elementary school. He later relocated to Cleveland, Ohio with his father prior to starting high school. He attended James Ford Rhodes high school, where a yearbook and numerous school events have been named in his honor. Before receiving his diploma, Pvt. Owens opted to enlist in the army.

He fought with the 773rd Tank Battalion in France, and tragically lost his life during the final battle for Parroy Forest. For sixty-six years following Owens' death his remains were unable to be located. Pvt. Owens' name can be found among the 443 others on the Tablets of the Missing in the Lorraine American Cemetery.

Sixty-six years after Pvt. Owens lost his life, a French farmer, Gerard Louis, discovered a set of dog tags in the countryside. After contacting Sue Bennis, a Westlake, Ohio librarian, efforts to reconnect with Owens's family began immediately. His closest living relative is his sister-in-law, Lori Owens, who lives in Mobile, Alabama, the widow of Donald's late brother Gerald Owens. On May 16, 2011 Lori was greeted by two Army officers with a folded American flag and a bronze urn containing Donald's remains. A funeral ceremony will be held on August 23, 2011 at Arlington Cemetery to remember Donald's efforts during World War II.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Mr. Donald D. Owens, a true hero that embodies the American spirit. I offer my deepest condolences to his family and friends. He will always be remembered by those who knew and loved him.

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A TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL  
GOLDBERG

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Michael Goldberg for his continued activism in the community.

Mr. Goldberg was born and raised on Manhattan's lower east side as the youngest of three in a blue collar family. He grew up working part time for his family's store, while also attending school in Brooklyn. Mr. Goldberg's interest in journalism and passion for local politics encouraged him to stay in Brooklyn to attend Brooklyn College. Pursuing a political science degree and working for local newspapers, Mr. Goldberg was exposed to many in the legal profession which served as a springboard for his career.

After attending Brooklyn Law School, Mr. Goldberg held a position with a landlord-tenant law firm in Central Brooklyn. His success propelled him to form Goldberg & Lustig with Harvey Lustig who has been his law partner for the past 26 years. This became one of the premier landlord-tenant firms in Brooklyn, establishing a loyal roster of clients over the years.

Mr. Goldberg's success in the area has given life to the local community's businesses and has been critical in its economic vitality. Protecting many local small business owners and tenants from losing their locations, Mr. Goldberg has gained a positive relationship with his community.

Mr. Goldberg is happily married to his loving wife Jeryl, and together they have raised two bright children: Lee and Lyssa. In his hometown of Long Island's South Shore, Mr. Goldberg remains heavily involved in the local synagogue as the Men's Club President for the past five years.

Mr. Goldberg strongly believes that lawyers hold a special responsibility for improving our society and furthering our democratic way of life.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life and success of Mr. Michael Goldberg.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN  
CLARENCE ELLSWORTH MILLER

**HON. STEVE AUSTRIA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 9, 2011*

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District to honor the life and memory of Congressman Clarence Ellsworth Miller.

Congressman Miller began his extensive and prolific public service career in 1963 when he was elected mayor of Lancaster, Ohio. During that time, he was also very active in the National League of Cities and the Ohio Municipal League. Congressman Miller was also a member of the executive committee of the Mayors Association of Ohio.

In 1967, Congressman Miller was elected to represent Ohio's Tenth Congressional District where he served for 26 years. Congressman

Miller always represented his constituents with pride and integrity. He understood his southeastern Ohio district and fought vigorously to ensure that his constituents' needs were constantly being met.

Congressman Miller was well known for being a staunch fiscal conservative. While in Congress, Congressman Miller gained respect for introducing bills that were aimed at reducing spending but still meeting the obligations of our Nation. He was awarded a Treasury watchdog award every year he was in Congress because of his great concern with regard to the national debt and overspending at the federal level.

Throughout his time in the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Miller served on several House committees including Appropriations, Agriculture, and Public Works and Transportation. Additionally, he served as vice chairman of the Office of Technical Assessment and served on a special committee which forced other countries to reimburse the United States for costs associated with the 1991 Gulf War.

Congressman Miller dedicated much of his time in Congress to the Armed Forces. The Congressman worked tirelessly to ensure that all branches of the military had the resources they needed to protect this great Nation. He respected all men and women in uniform and admired their dedication and bravery.

Representative Miller further impacted Lancaster and Fairfield County by serving on the Board of Directors for the YMCA and Red Cross, and devoting time and support to public officials in the area.

In honor of Congressman Miller's influential and selfless efforts to the community, the Lancaster Post Office was renamed after him as well as the county health department building.

Congressman Clarence Ellsworth Miller truly was a fine example of what all members of Congress and those in public service should strive to become.

After a long life of dedicated public service, Clarence Ellsworth Miller, 93, passed away on August 2, 2011. Congressman Miller was preceded in death by his wife, Helen, and left behind a son, Ron, daughter, Jackie, five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and two stepgrandchildren.

A TRIBUTE TO CAROLYN  
FAULKNER

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 9, 2011*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Carolyn Faulkner for her activism in her community among the youth and with her Church.

Ms. Faulkner has been the loving wife of Melvin Faulkner for the past 48 years and have three beautiful children: Lenora, Tasheba (Nikki) and Leonard. They also have had the joy of raising eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Ms. Faulkner attended school in Brooklyn, New York, at P.S. 83, P.S. 54, and Bushwick High School. She always had a passion for business and was poised to have a career within the business community. With her husband, Ms. Faulkner began catering and co-

ordinating weddings in her church, Pilgrim Church. She and her husband were successful at their craft and decided to open One Stop Wedding Corporation, which handled everything from invitations, to designing bridal wear, and honeymoon traveling.

Together they have been in business for over 38 years, but have now focused their attention to planning wedding travel. Ms. Faulkner, however, has continued to be an instrumental voice in her community and has been a part of many organizations. Currently Ms. Faulkner is a member on the Executive Board for Community Board 5, and is an active member of the following groups: Rosetta Gaston United Democratic Club; Rehoboth Cathedral under Bishop Gerald Seabrooks; Brooklyn Clergy/N.Y.P.D. Task Force; and a former member of Churches United For Worldwide Action, Inc.

Among all else, Ms. Faulkner's greatest passion is working with youth. In February 2004, she started workshops in schools which enlightened children and parents on gang awareness. If necessary, Ms. Faulkner would attend Family Court and the Supreme Court with the youth to recommend these teens to enter into a preventative program.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life and accomplishments of Ms. Carolyn Faulkner.

IN MEMORY OF REVEREND DR.  
HOWARD W. CREECY, JR.

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 9, 2011*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great man and child of God, the Reverend Dr. Howard W. Creecy, Jr. His passing is a great loss to his family, his congregation, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the Christian community.

Dr. Creecy was a paragon of what a devout servant of God should be. He was a third generation gospel preacher, teacher and community leader. His family's legacy of leadership has exceeded over 100 years of continuous commitment to the Christian ministry. Rev. Dr. Creecy was born in Mobile, Alabama, to Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Howard W. Creecy, Sr. The family later moved to Dothan, Alabama, before settling in Atlanta, Georgia, where he pursued his education.

In celebrating and acknowledging the outstanding achievements of Dr. Creecy, I am also paying homage to a family friend and someone who I considered to be one of my leading role models. The bond that my family enjoys with the Creecy family transcends different generations and is long-standing.

Like me, he was a proud Morehouse Man. He began his ministry at Morehouse College and completed his graduate work at the Morehouse School of Religion of the Interdenominational Theological Seminary. He also holds a Doctor of Divinity from Abotra Bible Institute and Seminary.

For 26 years, Dr. Creecy served as senior pastor of Saint Peter Missionary Baptist Church in Atlanta. There, under his leadership, the church experienced tremendous growth, including a staff of ministers, administrators,