

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO VAN HARDEN AND BONNIE LUCAS

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Van Harden and Bonnie Lucas of the "Van and Bonnie in the Morning" radio show. Van and Bonnie are Iowa radio icons and broadcast their show daily on the legendary Newsradio 1040 WHO. Van and Bonnie are winners of multiple coveted Marconi Awards from the National Association of Broadcasters, including their most recent, which is why I stand before you today. I am honored to announce that Van and Bonnie have been declared the winners of the 2011 "Personality of the Year Award" among medium-sized market radio stations by the Marconi Radio Award Selection Academy.

What makes this award so exciting for Van and Bonnie, and for Iowa, is that it exemplifies the rewards of hard work from humble beginnings. Van Harden was raised in Adel, Iowa, where he developed his passion for the intimate Iowa communities that make our state so great. Van knew he wanted to turn his passion into a career by promoting and informing Iowans on the radio. His dream became a reality after graduating from Drake University in 1973, where he majored in broadcast journalism and got his first on-air job with KDLS-AM in Perry, Iowa. After jobs in Tulsa, Oklahoma at KWEN-FM and KRNT-AM in Des Moines, he became the host of the morning program at 1040 WHO-AM in Des Moines in 1986.

Similarly, Van's co-host, Bonnie Lucas of Monroe, Iowa, has been with the WHO morning program for 17 years. Bonnie's first job in radio began in 1979 at KRNT, where she was a former co-worker of Van's. In the seven and a half years Bonnie spent at KRNT, she worked in the traffic department, served as secretary to the General Manager, worked as the Assistant Sales Manager and finally went into sales for KRNT. After Bonnie started her own small fitness center business and worked for a communications company, she tried out for Van's co-host position in August 1994 and has been with the award-winning program ever since.

Van and Bonnie's commitment to Iowa is virtually unparalleled as they are up every morning by 3:30 a.m. to be on the air by 4:59 a.m. They have made a name for themselves as the most listened to morning show in the state and bolstered an already esteemed radio station with their enthusiasm, knowledge, creativity, and family-friendly humor. They do an exceptional job of utilizing WHO's 50,000 watts to connect with each Iowan who tunes in and leave their listeners with a smile as the day begins.

Van and Bonnie have provided years of sunshine to our state's early risers, and I am honored to recognize the most recent affirma-

tion of their stellar broadcasts. I congratulate Van, Bonnie, their correspondent Mark Allen, and all of their coworkers as they continue to wake up Iowa with a smile.

RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S NATIONAL DAY

HON. DAN BOREN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Mr. BOREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today and ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing an important day for the Republic of China (ROC), National Day, also known as "Double Ten Day". On October 10, 1911, the Qing Dynasty collapsed as a result of the Wuchang Uprising and ushered in the beginning of representative government in China. This year, Double Ten Day holds special significance as the Republic of China marks its 100th birthday. This will be a day of great celebration and thanksgiving throughout the country, and I call on my colleagues to join me in offering congratulations and good wishes to President Ma Ying-jeou and the people of Taiwan.

It was under the leadership of Dr. Sun Yat-sen that over two thousand years of dynasties were brought to an end. The past century has seen tremendous growth and development for the Republic of China on Taiwan. It has developed a dynamic democratic system of government, spurred steady economic growth, and encouraged the flourishing of the arts and sciences with an emphasis on free and open dialogue and debate.

Under the leadership of President Ma, Taiwan has continued to strengthen its economy through extensive foreign trade. The United States recently welcomed another Taiwanese agricultural trade mission, which offers the promise of strong export market for our farmers and a steady supply of food supply for the citizens of Taiwan. President Ma has also helped ease tensions with mainland China through economic agreements which have led to benefits for all.

Because of this, I stand today with the people of Taiwan as they celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of China. May their commitment to freedom and democracy continue to flourish in the decades and centuries to come.

HONORING TREVOR WAYNE PARKER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Trevor Wayne Parker. Trevor is a very special young man

who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 303, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Trevor has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Trevor has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Trevor has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Trevor Wayne Parker for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NAMING OF THE MIDPARK POST OFFICE THE DAVID J. DONAFEE POST OFFICE BUILDING

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and memory of David John Donafée, upon the official naming of the Midpark Post Office, the David J. Donafée Building, and in recognition of his service to our community.

Mr. Donafée had longstanding ties within the Cleveland community. The youngest of four siblings, he was born on April 29, 1965, and raised in Brook Park, Ohio. He graduated from Berea High School and Polaris Career Center and went to work as a steelworker prior to his employment with the U.S. Postal Service. Mr. Donafée was tragically killed while delivering mail on his route in Parma Heights, Ohio, on February 14, 2008.

Mr. Donafée's legacy in the Greater Cleveland community, and with his colleagues at the postal service, is that of a genial and positive spirit. In addition to his fourteen years of service to the community through the U.S. Postal service, he was well-known in the local hockey community for his support of and involvement in his children's youth hockey league.

David Donafée was the kind of employee that anyone would have wanted to have as a colleague. He was always on the lookout for ways to help his customers. In the office, he was conscientious and willing to go above and beyond to help fellow employees. With customers and coworkers alike, he was always courteous. He was dedicated to family and friends. What made him unique and set him apart was that, regardless with whom he interacted, he would add a little bit of humor that would make the day a little easier.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and memory of David John Donafée, upon the official naming of the Midpark Post Office, the David J. Donafée Building on September 18, 2011. Mr. Donafée's service to his

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family, friends, and the community greatly influenced the lives of everyone he has known. He will forever be remembered along the streets of Parma Heights and throughout the Greater Cleveland community.

IN RECOGNITION OF
INTERDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 2011 Interdependence Day, celebrated annually on September 12th. Interdependence Day is a global celebration targeted at raising awareness of the interdependent character of global society.

Interdependence Day began in 2000, when a small group of international artists, political activists and scholars came together and began a dialogue about the possibilities of interdependence between nations. Following the tragic events of September 11, 2011, this small group's idea began an international movement, the Interdependence Movement. Today, the Interdependence Movement is comprised of a global group of citizens known as Citizens without Borders. This group is focused on "creating a constructive interdependent consciousness that facilitates global cooperation and global governance."

Every year since the 2003 Interdependence Day celebration in Philadelphia, the world's citizens have come together in Rome, Paris, Morocco, Mexico City, Brussels, Istanbul, Berlin and most recently, New York City. The 2011 Interdependence Day celebration coincided with the 10th anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001 and was especially important to the kick-off of the Interdependence Movement as a year long project.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of the 2011 Interdependence Day, which was celebrated on September 12th in New York City. I wish the Citizens without Borders my best as they strive towards an international community that comes together for global peace and understanding.

ON PALESTINIAN STATEHOOD AND
THE U.N. BID FOR RECOGNITION

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, this week, the Palestinian Authority (P.A.) will seek recognition of a Palestinian state on 1967 borders at the United Nations (U.N.). The United States has reportedly given the P.A. private assurances over opposing future Israeli settlement building in the West Bank and has urged the P.A. to return to the negotiating table. Yet the threats by this Congress to cut off aid to the P.A. for making such a move fail to recognize that the efforts of the P.A. to seek recognition from the U.N. and from other states are born directly of the failure of the so-called "peace process" that has allowed settlement construction in the West Bank to continue and that threatens to destroy any hope of the very two-state solution we advocate for.

In July, I opposed a one-sided resolution that condemned any attempt by the P.A. to seek recognition from the U.N., but made no mention of the continued settlement building in the West Bank and East Jerusalem that led to the breakdown in negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. By only holding one side accountable for such unilateral actions, we undermine the very negotiations we claim to support. A just solution and good faith negotiations will not succeed as long as the United States allows settlement building to continue. We cannot be an honest broker or claim to act in Israel's best interests while turning a blind eye to actions that undermine its security.

True, long-term stability and security for Israel is dependent on peace with its Palestinian neighbors. I unequivocally support a negotiated solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. But a just, negotiated solution can only be achieved when both sides are held accountable for actions that undermine the reality of a two-state solution on the ground.

ERNEST HOUSE SR. TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the former Ute Mountain Ute Tribal leader from the Weeminuche Tribe, Ernest House Sr. Over the past 30 years, his influence, dedication and leadership to the Ute Mountain tribe has grown the tribe's influence in the state of Colorado and in the United States.

Mr. House is the grandson of the Ute Mountain Ute tribe's last hereditary Chief, Chief Jack House. In the last years of Chief Jack House's life, Mr. Ernest House Sr. cared for him, learning much about the tribe's history and potential for future plans.

Mr. House was first elected to the Ute Mountain Tribal Council in 1979. Three years later, Mr. House became chairman for the first time, beginning the first of his four non-consecutive four-year terms as chairman for the Ute Mountain Tribe—his last term ending in 2010.

As chairman, Mr. House helped the Ute Tribe accomplish several projects that widened the tribe's economic and natural resource development. Between 1986 and 1988, Mr. House worked to complete two major water compacts to provide water throughout the Ute territories. In addition, Mr. House oversaw several building projects, including a tribal health center and casino. In his last term as chairman, Mr. House Sr. focused primarily on tribal safety, widening the Tribe's police force from two officers to more than 12 officers.

On Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011, Mr. House was tragically taken from us after a motorcycle accident outside of Cortez, Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Ernest House Sr. His leadership and dedication to the Ute Tribe has benefited thousands, and he will be greatly missed by the Ute Tribe and the state of Colorado.

KEVIN WODLINGER TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Kevin Wodlinger for his work with the local Colorado Honor Flight Network, an organization that flies veterans to Washington to see the World War II memorial.

The Honor Flight Network was founded in 2005 by retired Air Force Captain and physician assistant Earl Morse. Mr. Morse retired from the United States Air Force in 1998, and recognized the need for an organization to help World War II veterans fly to see their memorial in Washington. In May of 2005, the first World War II veterans were flown from Springfield, Ohio to see their memorial.

When Mr. Wodlinger received news of this organization, he knew he needed to help to get this program to Colorado's Western Slope. In 2009, the first Western Slope Honor Flight took off.

In April of 2011, Mr. Wodlinger was honored with the Red Cross Hero nomination for his efforts to start the Western Slope Honor Flight. After receiving this nomination, Mr. Wodlinger claimed he only wanted to make sure that the World War II veterans from Colorado's Western Slope, the "real heroes," were recognized.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Kevin Wodlinger. His work with the Honor Flight Network has provided hundreds of World War II heroes the ability to see the memorial America erected in their honor.

TIM JACKSON TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Tim Jackson, president of the Colorado Automobile Dealers Association and advocate for Colorado drivers and Colorado auto dealers.

Mr. Jackson has spent his professional life advocating on behalf of small businesses and Colorado consumers. As the State Director of the National Federation of Independent Business, Mr. Jackson pursued the Colorado legislature on behalf of small businesses.

As President of the Colorado Automobile Dealers Association, Mr. Jackson has urged the Colorado state legislature and the United States Congress to implement policies that help local Colorado new car and truck dealers to maintain their businesses while selling environmentally-safe cars to the Colorado public.

In 2009, Mr. Jackson won the Outstanding Automotive Trade Association Executive from the National Automobile Dealers Association.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Tim Jackson. The state and people of Colorado are lucky to have such a determined, entrepreneurial-minded leader advocating on their behalf.