

COMMENDING J. OSCAR WARD AND MEMBERS OF THE GREATER IRVING REPUBLICAN CLUB

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Mr. J. Oscar Ward of Irving, Texas, President of the Greater Irving Republican Club, and its members for their concern and respect for our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen that are serving in harm's way. I appreciate their efforts in calling attention to the unfortunate extra challenges faced by the surviving family of Chief Warrant Officer Bradley Gaudet of Gladewater, Texas.

Chief Warrant Officer Gaudet was killed from injuries sustained in a helicopter crash on June 5, 2011 in Afghanistan. His surviving family faced significant hurdles and resistance from the military in transferring his body from Ft. Drum, New York to its final resting place in Gladewater, Texas. These are challenges that should never be a concern to a grieving family. I appreciate President J. Oscar Ward and the members of the Greater Irving Republican Club for their firm resolve in calling attention to the burial of Chief Warrant Officer Gaudet.

I would like to further recognize the assistance and kindness of Southwest Airlines for flying the body of this fallen hero from New York to Texas for his final resting place. Without their assistance, this situation could have been even worse for all of Chief Warrant Officer Gaudet's surviving family and loved ones.

We should never allow a situation similar to what happened to Chief Warrant Officer Gaudet to ever be experienced again by a grieving family. I call on my colleagues to help ensure that every possible consideration is made for every surviving family. I am requesting that any rules and regulations that may preclude the proper burial at the location of the surviving family's choosing of a brave American hero be promptly changed. We must avoid anything similar to this ever occurring again.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND MEMORY OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOTS STEPHEN HEARD, JOHN DARDEN, MAMMY KATE, DADDY JACK, DIONYSUS OLIVER, AND PETER OLIVER

HON. PAUL C. BROWN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BROWN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Governor Stephen Heard, Captain John Darden, Mammy Kate, Daddy Jack, Captain Dionysus Oliver, and Peter Oliver for their patriotic service accomplished during the American Revolution.

Stephen Heard, who served as Governor of Georgia in 1781, Captain John Darden, Captain Dionysus Oliver, and Peter Oliver all fought courageously in the American War of Independence. Mammy Kate and Daddy Jack, who were slaves at the time, played a pivotal role as well. When their master, Heard, was

captured at the Battle of Kettle Creek, the British condemned him to die. But on the eve of Heard's execution, Mammy Kate and Daddy Jack rescued him from the British prison at Fort Cornwallis, and for their heroic deeds, Heard awarded them their freedom.

All six of these Revolutionary War patriots are buried in what is currently Elbert County, Georgia. On October 15, 2011, the community will honor the memory of these patriots with a grave marking dedication conducted by the Stephen Heard and Kettle Creek Chapters of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Samuel Elbert, Button Gwinnett, and Washington-Wilkes Chapters of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to pay tribute to these six brave heroes, who with countless other patriots, successfully achieved for us American liberty and made way for our nation to stand as a beacon of freedom and hope to the rest of the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, October 3, I requested and received a leave of absence for October 3 and 4 to attend official business in my congressional district. The President of the United States came to my district on Tuesday, October 4, 2011.

For the information of our colleagues and my constituents, below is how I would have voted on the following votes I missed during this time period.

On rollcall No. 742, to require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall No. 743, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that is subject to ski area permits, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall No. 744, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall No. 745, Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012 (Small Business Program Extension and Reform Act of 2011), I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall No. 746, providing for consideration of H.R. 2681, to provide additional time for the EPA to issue standards for cement manufacturing facilities, and for consideration of H.R. 2250, to provide additional time for the EPA to issue standards for industrial, commercial, and institutional boilers, process heaters, and incinerators, I would have voted "no."

SALUTING MR. LOUIS E. JAMES, PRESIDENT AND CEO SOLUTIONS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY LOGISTICS (SEEL)

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Louis E. James, President and Chief Executive Officer of Solutions for Energy Efficient Logistics (SEEL), recipient of the 2011 Andromeda Star of Energy Efficiency Award. Louis James has done Mississippi and his Alma Mater, Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena, Mississippi, proud.

SEEL, a Detroit-based minority owned enterprise was recognized by the Washington, DC-based organization, Alliance to Save Energy, for advancing energy efficiency. SEEL was selected for the award based upon its unprecedented commitment to provide energy-efficiency services to residents in the city of Detroit, its surrounding communities and throughout the state of Michigan. Specifically, SEEL is responsible for transitioning Detroit jobs from "blue" collar to "green" collar and successfully implementing energy efficiency programs for DTE Energy Neighborhood Energy Savings Outreach (NESO) program. As the facilitator of these programs, SEEL has increased efficiency at more than 25,000 properties and helped to boost neighborhood morale in its service areas and customer satisfaction for its client, DTE Energy. More significant is that Louis James created job opportunities in his area—hiring more than 75 new employees to implement the programs for which SEEL received the award.

Again, I ask that my colleagues congratulate Mr. Louis E. James and SEEL for receiving the prestigious "Star of Energy of Efficiency Awards" and for its outstanding achievements in energy efficiency and savings.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 745, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

A CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SANDY SKINN ON HER INDUCTION INTO THE GREENE COUNTY WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District, I rise today to recognize Ms. Sandy Skinn for her induction into the Greene County Women's Hall of Fame.

Ms. Sandy Skinn, along with five other candidates, was selected from a pool of many worthy women to receive this honor, and thus,

she was nominated for her great endeavors in Girl Scouting.

Ms. Skinn has worked closely with co-leader and fellow inductee Jan Dobo. Sandy has worked for over 30 years to promote the positive qualities of leadership skills, strong values, confidence and conviction about self-worth to young women. The troop led by Ms. Skinn and Ms. Dobo have maintained an open troop, reaching out to girls interested in joining the Girl Scouts from beyond their North Beavercreek neighborhood. Her love of the outdoors has led to many camping trips, both in Ohio and as far as Maine for activities ranging from outdoor survival training, to week-long sailing and adventures. Sandy and Jan have been co-chairs of the Beavercreek North Service Unit, which serves over 500 girls, as a Council area of Greene, Warren, Miami, Montgomery and Clark Counties. Additionally, Sandy has served as the Greene County representative on the Buckeye Trails Girls Scout council Board, which covered a multi-county area, and she has also served on various Council committees.

Thus, with great pride; I congratulate Ms. Sandy Skinn for her exemplary service to Greene County and extend best wishes for the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF FATHER
DANIEL G. CAHILL

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Reverend Daniel G. Cahill. On September 17, 2011, Father Dan will be recognized as Festival Chieftain at the Irish Festival at the Jersey Shore in Sea Girt, New Jersey. Father Dan continues to provide outstanding spiritual guidance for the members of the Monmouth County community. His exceptional service is highly deserving of this body's recognition.

Father Dan, fondly referred to as "Donnie" by his family and peers, was the third of six children raised on a small farm in the village of Gortdarrig, County Kerry in Ireland. At the age of thirteen, Father Dan was enrolled at St. Brendan's Seminary in Killarney, Ireland. His attendance at this prestigious institution later influenced his future decision to become a priest. Upon graduation from St. Brendan's, Father Dan entered All Hallows Seminary College in Dublin, Ireland, an organization recognized for preparing men to serve as missionary priests in foreign countries. During his time in the Seminary, Father Dan also spent a summer abroad working in various New Jersey parishes alongside the late Father Thomas O'Connor, former Pastor of St. Robert Bellermino in Freehold, New Jersey. His positive experience serving in New Jersey later influenced his decision to accept a position as a recruit from the Diocese of Trenton. Father Dan was ordained on June 17, 1973 at the age of twenty-four. He served for many years in the parishes of St. Anthony of Padua in Hightstown, New Jersey and St. Anthony in Trenton, New Jersey. In 1989 he became the Pastor of St. Ann's Church in Browns Mills, New Jersey. Father Dan currently presides as Pastor of the Church of St. Ann in Keansburg,

New Jersey and has held this position since 1995.

In addition to his work with the ministry, Father Dan provides spiritual guidance to various Christian organizations, specifically the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH). He served as the New Jersey State AOH Chaplain for nineteen years during which time his outstanding spiritual leadership assisted the organization in fulfill their motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. He continues to serve as the Chaplain for the Ancient Order of Hibernians Pat Torphy Division—Monmouth 2, located in Middletown, New Jersey, and hosts an annual mass in recognition of those lost during the Great Hunger. Father Dan also serves as the Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Vincent T. Lombardi Council.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating Father Daniel Cahill for receiving the esteemed title of Festival Chieftain at the Irish Festival at the Jersey Shore. His extraordinary spiritual leadership continues to guide Monmouth County Bayshore community, my district, and the State of New Jersey.

HONORING JAMES LENOX

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my constituent, James Lenox, on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

James Francis Lenox was born on June 1, 1931 in Towanda, Pennsylvania. He attended Saint Agnes School through 8th grade, and then went on to graduate from Towanda High School, where he served as captain of the football team. James attended Hamilton College in New York for one year on a football scholarship. After working at Towanda's Sylva Plant, Mr. Lenox began a 25-year tenure with Pennsylvania Electric.

James has been an active member of his community his entire life. Mr. Lenox grew up attending Saints Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church, where he served as an altar boy and still regularly attends. Additionally, James sat on the board of the Wysox Sewer Authority, and has served on the Towanda School Board for 26 years.

Mr. Lenox has been married to his wife Rose nee Homan for 60 years. Together, James and Rose have three children (Kathy, David, and Rosemary) and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, James Lenox, on the occasion of his 80th birthday, and ask my colleagues to join in praising his commitment to his family and country.

CONGRATULATING THE REPUBLIC
OF CHINA (TAIWAN) ON THEIR
100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ANDY HARRIS

MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, it is proper and fitting that the United States offer our sincere

congratulations to The Republic of China (Taiwan) on the 100th anniversary of the origins of their Democracy on October 10, 2011.

Taiwan is a true democracy and a beacon of freedom in a part of the world where it is notably needed. A true strategic ally of the U.S., Taiwan has led the fight for freedom, equal education and advancement of human rights in many areas across the globe.

Taiwan is also a willing partner in helping to respond to the economic melt-down which has so adversely affected the world economy. President Ma Ying-jeou has made stabilizing the world economy a priority, for which he should be congratulated.

RECOGNIZING DR. ADAM G. RIESS,
THE 2011 PHYSICS NOBEL PRIZE
WINNER, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING
ACHIEVEMENTS

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Adam G. Riess, who was recently awarded the Nobel Prize for his outstanding contributions to the field of physics. Dr. Riess is a constituent of mine living in Baltimore, Maryland.

The Nobel Prize is awarded each year to recipients for outstanding achievement in physics, chemistry, medicine, literature, and peace. These prestigious awards, which were established through the generosity and vision of Albert Nobel, are reserved for the most important discoveries and inventions.

Dr. Riess, who is a professor of physics and astronomy at Johns Hopkins University and a senior staff member at the Space Telescope Science Institute, shares the 2011 physics award with two other scientists for their combined discovery that the universe is expanding at an accelerated rate—a concept that Albert Einstein first introduced but could never fully explain or prove. This discovery was made through extensive years of studying the explosions of supernova stars.

Johns Hopkins University is a Maryland institution second to none in the world and Dr. Riess is the fourth member of the faculty to receive the Nobel Prize. Hopkins, the affiliated Applied Physics Lab, the National Institutes of Health, and other premier scientific institutions in our state showcase the best of public-private partnerships and have produced innovations that change the world and power our local economy. Dr. Riess' discoveries, and the many breakthroughs and innovations that are accomplished in partnership with the federal government, underscore the importance of federal funding for scientific research. Dr. Riess indicated that the Hubble Space Telescope, in particular, was critical to his research.

I applaud Dr. Riess' outstanding achievement as it reflects many years of study and hard work and a deep commitment to scientific innovation. Congratulations to Dr. Riess and his colleagues for their groundbreaking work in the field of physics and for their extraordinary contributions to science.