

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER JAMIE
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HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 31, 2011

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate native Iowan Commander Jim Otto of the United States Navy on his illustrious 22-year military career that will be coming to a close in April of next year.

Commander Otto began his military career in October 1989, when he received his commission after successfully completing Aviation Officer Candidate School that summer. Commander Otto's interest in the military came to fruition mere months after graduating from Drake University in Des Moines, IA with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology in May 1989. He went on to earn his Master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies at the Naval War College in 2000.

Commander Otto has earned numerous decorations for his service over the last two decades including multiple Defense Meritorious Service, Air Force Aerial Achievement, and Navy Commendation medals just to name a few. Since beginning his career in Iowa, his Naval journey has brought him to all corners of the globe, most recently culminating to U.S. Strategic Command in Nebraska where he continues serving as the Chief, Air and Missile Defense Advocacy Branch.

Mr. Speaker, our country owes Commander Otto, his wife Shelley, and their daughters Sophia and Alexandra a great debt of gratitude for their collective decades of service and sacrifice. Commander Otto's unwavering commitment to serving his fellow Americans embodies the Iowa spirit and I know all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in wishing him a well deserved and fulfilling retirement. I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors as he begins this new chapter in his life.

REMEMBERING DR. HARVE
RAWSON

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 31, 2011

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise along with Congressman TODD YOUNG to honor the life and legacy of Professor Harve Rawson.

Harve Rawson was greatly talented and abundantly generous. He earned a bachelor of arts in psychology from Antioch College, and went on to earn a master of arts and doctorate in research psychology at Ohio State University. For thirty-two years Dr. Rawson served as a professor of psychology at Hanover College, and later served as dean of faculty at Franklin College. He was the first two-time winner of the Baynham Teaching Award, and

he was named the Mary E. Hamilton Distinguished Professor of Psychology at Hanover College.

Dr. Rawson was a two-time Fulbright Scholar in psychology and also spent a year teaching at the College of Health Sciences in Bahrain. His great passion for traveling also took him to more than 100 countries and all seven continents. Throughout his long and storied career, he authored dozens of research articles, gave more than 500 professional presentations, and wrote nine books about his personal experience and interests.

His list of accolades and recognitions include being named a Malone Scholar, a Sagamore of the Wabash by the State of Indiana, a Kentucky Colonel, a Citizen of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers, and a Distinguished Academic Psychologist by the Indiana Psychological Association. Dr. Rawson was also awarded the Golden Quill Award for Outstanding Research and the Outstanding Community Service Award for Psychologists.

But beyond his many academic achievements, Harve Rawson was known as a generous leader who truly possessed a servant's heart. He founded Englishton Park Children's Program, a short-term residential program for at-risk children, where he served as director for 25 years. He was also a founding and long-time board member of the Jefferson County Youth Shelter in Madison, Indiana. Mr. Rawson was a four-time president of the Lide White Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors, a long-time member of the Board of Directors of Englishton Park Presbyterian Ministries, Inc., and a member of the Big Brothers Big Sisters board. His impact on the community will forever be remembered by the many lives he touched during his lifetime of service.

We offer our deepest condolences to his sons Paul and Reed, his brother John, his sister Margaret, and his four grandchildren. During this difficult time, we pray you find solace in faith and family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 31, 2011

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 806 I was delayed in leaving a meeting with a constituent off the House floor during this two minute vote series and was unable to reach the floor to cast my vote before the vote was closed. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT L. TURNER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 31, 2011

Mr. TURNER of New York. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall no. 814: I was in the process of questioning Secretary of State Hillary Clinton at a full committee hearing of the Foreign Affairs Committee. As such, I was unable to make it to the floor of the House to cast my vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

STATEMENT OF REP. JOHN CONYERS ON HIS VOTES ON OCTOBER 26, 2011

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 31, 2011

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, on October 26, 2011, I was absent and unable to vote on two amendments to H.R. 1904 offered by my colleagues Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts and Mr. LUJAN of New Mexico. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on both amendments.

NATIONAL WORK AND FAMILY
MONTH

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 31, 2011

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the observance of October as National Work and Family Month. Last Congress, the House of Representatives passed with unanimous support H. Res. 768, a resolution that I introduced supporting this same goal and requesting the President to issue a proclamation calling for the observance of October as National Work and Family Month. Now that October has arrived this year, I want to call our attention once again to this effort to strengthen America's families, improve our work environments, and create a stronger economy and society.

It is an unfortunate fact that many Americans are unhappy with both their work environments and, even worse, their lives in general. The Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index, an ongoing research project to measure Americans' perceptions of their well-being, has found that 53 percent of Americans are unsatisfied with their work environment. Even more disturbing, the Well-Being Index found an equal percentage of Americans states that their lives as a whole are "suffering" or "struggling," as opposed to "thriving."

In this time of economic hardship, Congress cannot delay any longer. We must work together to find solutions to help rebalance the

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family and work responsibilities of American workers. Such a rebalancing would create a healthier and happier workforce, likely resulting in higher worker productivity and a stronger economy overall. In addition, American families will be strengthened as parents spend more time at home with each other and their children. Countless studies have documented the positive effects that more engaged parents have on their children's development, particularly in terms of education and health. Moreover, studies suggest that children with cohesive and supportive families are less likely to do drugs or commit other crimes, and more likely to excel in school.

Ultimately, this is the type of America we must foster and leave for the next generation. Our workers should be as happy as they are productive. Our parents should be as successful in the home as they are in their careers. Our children should grow up in families that are as nurturing as they are cohesive. Recognizing and celebrating October as National Work and Family Month is the first step to reinvigorate the American worker and family.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE INNESS AND
THE HUDSON RIVER SCHOOL OF
PAINTING

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 31, 2011

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize and honor the accomplishments and cultural contributions of George Inness and the Hudson River School of Painting, an important artistic movement of 19th century America.

The Hudson River School has many connections to places all over the United States, including my district. Born in 1825 and raised in my home state of New Jersey, George Inness began studying painting as a teenager. Inness became very famous for his style, which combined aspects of the Hudson River School's attention to detail and realistic landscapes with techniques he learned from his time in Europe.

In 1885, Inness settled permanently in the town of Montclair, New Jersey in the Eighth Congressional District. He spent almost a decade painting scenes of Montclair before his death in 1894. Today, I am proud to say that many of these outstanding paintings remain on display in my district in the Montclair Art Museum, which boasts the only gallery in the world dedicated to Inness' work.

The Hudson River School of Painting was the first indigenous American school of paint-

ing. George Inness, his colleagues, and the landscapes they created, influenced American art, culture, and the environment. Inness, like other painters of the Hudson River School, was dedicated to accurate, yet powerful scenes that became very important as the environmental conservation movement took shape. Exciting scenes of the pristine American West captured by painters in the School's second generation brought the natural beauty of our nation to all Americans, and led to the creation of Yellowstone and Yosemite National Parks by Congress as part of the new environmental conservation movement. Later, these paintings were used to support the formation of the National Park Service.

The Hudson River School painters also helped found one of the most renowned museums in the world. Inspired by the culture of art they encountered on their trips throughout Europe, these painters joined with other business leaders and academics to create the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Many works by the Hudson River School's painters still hang there today, including several by George Inness.

In light of these contributions, I would also like to commend the Architect of the Capitol for choosing two paintings by Albert Bierstadt, "Discovery of the Hudson River" and "Entrance into Monterey," for public viewing in the Capitol Visitors Center. These works, representative of the Hudson River School, were found in the House Members' Staircase for many years, and will now be seen by thousands of visitors every day as they embark on their discovery of America's representational democracy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my fellow Representatives to join me in recognizing and honoring the achievements and legacy of the Hudson River School of Painting, and of one of its most accomplished artists, George Inness.

ANGELS IN ADOPTION

HON. RANDY HULTGREN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 31, 2011

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor, Deanna and Robert Sader, who have received the "Angels in Adoption" award from my Congressional District, the 14th in Illinois. They have two special needs children with an extra 21st chromosome. Having given birth to a child with Down Syndrome, they decided several years later to adopt an orphan with Down Syndrome from the Ukraine and give little Lucy freedom with a future. Through prayer this couple made a commitment to-

gether to reach across the world to do God's work and as a result, each and every day they feel blessed to have this little girl join their family and our country. In spite of the challenges that are foreign adoptions, Mr. and Mrs. Sader never allowed the "red tape" to deter their mission and always considered Lucy and her sister Ragen to be their "Pots of Gold at the End of the Rainbow."

As an American and Christian, I am grateful I have the opportunity to recognize these two outstanding individuals and the contribution they are making to our World. I congratulate them for this special honor and recognition.

RECOGNIZING BREAST CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 31, 2011

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month draws to a close, I rise today to express my support for those engaged in the ongoing fight against the most frequently diagnosed cancer among women in the United States.

More than 1 in 4 cancers in women are breast cancer, and more than 250,000 cases of breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in American women this year. In my home state of Indiana, more than 4,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year alone.

We can all do our part in reducing the incidence of breast cancer by talking with our family, friends, and loved ones about individual risk factors, prevention, and early detection. A combination of monthly breast exams, yearly clinical breast exams, and regular mammograms is the best way to detect breast cancer in its earliest and most treatable stages.

Mammograms are a particularly important weapon in the fight against breast cancer. Breast cancer is often detected in its earliest stage as an abnormality on a mammogram before it can be felt by a woman or by her health care provider.

I would also like to express my sincere admiration of the 2.5 million breast cancer survivors in this country who have exhibited tremendous courage and vigilance in their personal fight against this disease. Our mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, and loved ones afflicted with this disease deserve all our support and respect in their heroic battles as we strive to find the cure.