

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF GERARD AND LILO LEEDS' COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING EDUCATION FOR AMERICA'S YOUTH

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2011

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two people who have dedicated their lives to improving the educational outcomes for our Nation's youth. Gerard and Lilo Leeds are a shining example of two people who are giving something important back to a society that once offered them the opportunity to experience so much success in their own lives.

The Leeds came to the United States in 1939 as refugees from Hitler's Germany. After launching a successful media corporation, Mr. and Mrs. Leeds founded the Institute for Student Achievement—an organization that partners with low-income middle schools and high schools to improve student achievement for at-risk youth. They also created the Campaign for Fiscal Equity, Inc, a coalition of concerned parents and education advocates seeking to reform New York State's school finance system. The Leeds also established the Caroline and Sigmund Schott Foundation—an organization that works on early childhood education and care, gender equity, and education financing issues.

The Leeds continued their philanthropic efforts on behalf of adolescent youth by founding the Alliance for Excellent Education in 2001 and charged it with reducing the nation's high school dropout rate and preparing each secondary school student to graduate ready for success at the college level.

Gerard and Lilo Leeds are recipients of many civic awards, including Socially Responsible Entrepreneurs of the Year, the Long Island Association Humanitarian Award, and Outstanding Philanthropists of the year for the Long Island chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives.

The couple also has been honored by the Urban League of Long Island, the New York State chapter of the NAACP, the New York State United Teachers union, and the American Jewish Committee. They were cited by *Newsday* in its report on "100 Who Shaped a Century," and were among the ten honorees selected by WCBS-TV for recognition in its annual "Fulfilling the Dream" celebration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Their spirit is filled with humanitarianism, kindness, and commitment to serve others. As displayed by their social ventures, they are fully dedicated to helping disadvantaged youth achieve and exceed expectations. When asked where their sense of responsibility comes from, they said the only thing that allowed them to succeed, especially as immigrants fleeing Germany during World War II, was a quality education. As lifetime learners earning both a bachelors and masters degree,

they believe the same academic experience they received should be the standard—not the exception—for every boy and girl in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Gerard and Lilo Leeds for their tremendous leadership and dedication to helping students across the United States receive a quality education.

HONORING SERGEANT MAJOR
HENRY WELFORD JACKSON II'S
33 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE
UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Sergeant Major Henry Welford Jackson II for 33 years of exceptional service to the United States Army. Sergeant Major Jackson plans to retire from active duty on December 3, 2011.

Henry W. Jackson II entered the United States Army on July 5, 1977. His extensive military education and training has allowed him to excel as both a soldier and a teacher. He received an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Hawaii in Honolulu, Hawaii, a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from Park University in Parkville, Missouri and is currently pursuing a Masters in Criminal Justice with Troy University.

Since 2004, Sergeant Major Jackson has served as the Inspector General Sergeant Major with the Office of the Inspector General, where he worked with utmost distinction as the senior enlisted advisor and assistant to the Inspector General, Senior Noncommissioned Officer, and Senior Assistant Inspector General.

His outstanding leadership during his final tour of a distinguished 33-year active duty career exemplifies the highest traditions of service while positively influencing virtually every major aspect of the Army. During this period, Sergeant Major Jackson's record of accomplishments set a standard of excellence in keeping with the proudest traditions of military service. As the principal enlisted advisor, his candid and insightful counsel was essential in informing senior Army leadership on issues impacting the force and representing the Soldier's perspective on these issues.

Within the Agency, he supervised readiness and training of IG offices worldwide for attendance in the Army's premiere training institution—the Inspector General School; and he was instrumental in the selection of senior non-commissioned officers for Inspector General assignments across the Army. He also served as a trusted confidant to the Sergeant Major of the Army, advising him on all aspects of Army and Soldier issues. During his time with the United States Army Inspector General Agency, he personally mentored and inspired over 4,230 officers, non-commissioned offi-

cers, and civilians to graduate from the Inspector General School. He meticulously ensured that Inspectors General across the Army provide only the finest support to the Army's senior leaders, and that those personnel selected to be Army Inspectors General were only soldiers and civilians of the highest caliber. He has continuously trained and mentored Inspector General Personnel across the Army, ensuring they maintain the highest degree of professionalism and expertise in their assignments as Army Inspectors General.

Prior to his current assignment, SGM Jackson served as the Chief Operations Sergeant and the Assistance and Investigations Non-Commissioned Officer for Headquarters, Fifth United States Army at Fort Sam Houston.

SGM Jackson has served in a variety of staff and leadership positions both in the states and overseas. Throughout his military career, he has served in a variety of units such as Airborne, Light & Mechanized Infantry assignments. Additionally, he has served as a Rifleman, Drill Sergeant, Senior Drill Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant, Operations Sergeant, and as an S-2 Non-Commissioned Officer.

He has honorably been decorated with numerous awards and decorations, all of which are a true testament to his hard work and commitment to making our country a safer, more peaceful place.

I would like to give my utmost sincere thanks to Henry for his 33 years of service. SGM Jackson's decisive leadership and mentorship has left a lasting impression on the thousands of Soldiers he has interacted while in service, helping to develop Army Values and Warrior Ethos within all of them. Throughout his entire career, he has embodied the Noncommissioned Officer Creed and ensured mission accomplishment while always taking care of soldiers. I congratulate Sergeant Major Jackson on the completion of an exemplary active-duty career and wish him and his wife Jennifer well on the next phase of their life.

COMMEMORATING BOBBY THOMSON,
A BASEBALL LEGEND AND
COMMUNITY ACTIVIST

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and accomplishments of Bobby Thomson, a baseball legend and pillar of his community.

Bobby Thomson was born in 1923 in Glasgow, Scotland, the youngest of 6 children and emigrated to the United States with his mother and siblings in 1925 to join his father in Staten Island, New York. He grew up in Staten Island and quickly became a baseball standout both in school athletic leagues and on the city's sandlots. After graduating from high school in 1942, he signed with the New York Giants for \$100 a month.

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Despite his fledgling professional baseball career, Bobby Thomson left the Giants in 1943 to enlist in the Army Air Corps and trained as a bombardier in Victorville, California, and served until 1945. After leaving the Army Air Corps he rejoined the New York Giants and became a starter by 1947. He played with the Giants through 1953 with a batting average of .279 and an average of 25 home runs and 94 runs batted in (RBI) each season. He had a career-best season in 1949 with a .309 batting average, 27 home runs, and 109 RBI.

On October 3, 1951, Bobby Thomson hit what became known as "The Shot Heard 'Round the World." It was in the bottom of the ninth inning in the deciding game of a playoff for the National League pennant. The New York Giants were trailing the Brooklyn Dodgers two runs to four and there were runners on second and third. Thomson stepped up and proceeded to knock Dodger pitcher Ralph Branca's second pitch down the left-field line and over the fence for a game- and pennant-winning three run home run. The "Shot Heard 'Round the World" was so spectacular that it caused WMCA-AM broadcaster Russ Hodges to famously exclaim, "The Giants win the pennant! The Giants win the pennant! The Giants win the pennant! Bobby Thomson hits into the lower deck of the left-field stands! The Giants win the pennant and they're goin' crazy, they're goin' crazy!"

Forever the humble hardworker, Bobby Thomson continued his baseball career through 1963 and thereafter worked as a sales executive in order to, in his own words, "stay home more with my wife and daughter and live a normal life." His integrity, work ethic, and positive outlook helped him excel in private business and led him to become involved in nonprofit foundations, such as New Jersey Arthritis Foundation, Tomorrow's Children Fund, and the Optimist Club. In 2006, he moved to Savannah, Georgia, to be closer to his daughter and he quickly made friends in the community due to his warm demeanor and he continued to live the life of a humble living legend, father, uncle, and grandfather.

After a long and fruitful life, Bobby Thomson passed away during the evening of August 16, 2010, in his Skidaway Island home in Savannah at the age of 86.

We commend Bobby Thomson on his outstanding baseball career and his famous three run home run known as the "Shot Heard 'Round the World" and express admiration for the devotion of Bobby Thomson to various charities and nonprofit foundations after his retirement from baseball.

IN RECOGNITION OF CONNIE
CORVELO

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize a faithful and tireless volunteer in the Atwater community, Connie Corvelo.

Connie grew up in the Visalia area on her family dairy in Goshen where her parents, Joseph Pereira and Balvina Orique Pereira, were dairy farmers dating back to 1935. Connie's

father immigrated to the United States from the Azores Islands and her mother was born in California. She attended schools in Goshen and graduated from Mt. Whitney High School in Visalia in 1955.

Connie married her loving husband George Corvelo in 1988. George farmed and Connie worked for the Merced Sun Star as an Administrative Assistant to the General Manager for 10 years. Connie and George purchased "Out to Lunch" in 1993 and started a catering business. As Atwater Chamber members, Connie and George have catered meals for organizations, reunions, birthdays and many other events. Connie and George retired from the restaurant business in 2000 but have continued their catering company to this day. Their catering company was named Business of the Year in 2004–2005 by the Atwater Chamber of Commerce.

Shortly thereafter, Connie embarked on a cookbook writing adventure. Her first cookbook, titled *My Portuguese Mother's Kitchen*, was published in 2010. Her second cookbook, *Out to Lunch: Memories and Recipes*, has recently been released.

Connie is an active member of the Atwater community. George and Connie have been members of the Atwater-Winton Lions club for many years. In 2006, as a member of the Atwater Women's Club, Connie volunteered to share her prized chicken salad recipe and expertise as a fundraiser for the restoration of the clubhouse and yard. Within a few years, this spirit of volunteerism has spread throughout the community and the historic building has been painted, fenced, landscaped, air conditioned and much more. Connie and George continue to help with the salad event twice a year. It is this selfless volunteerism that has earned Connie the Atwater Women's Club Volunteer of the Year Award.

Connie has three children whom she adores spending time with. Her son, Dr. Jon Nunes, is a scientist with Roche and is married to Kelly Tanner Nunes. They have two daughters, Jordan and Julie. Connie's daughter, Annemarie Nunes Cousino, lives with her husband Richard "Rick" Cousino in Maryland. Rick recently retired from the United States Air Force after serving as Crew Chief for many years on Air Force One. They have two children, Gabrielle and Zachary. Connie's third child, Allison Nunes, is a meeting and event planner for an international company in Phoenix.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me, and the Atwater Women's Club, in honoring a truly wonderful member of the Atwater community, Connie Corvelo.

ARTICLE OF CHINESE TELECOM
FIRM HUAWEI'S ROLE IN EN-
ABLING IRAN'S STATE SECURITY
NETWORK

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I submit an October 27 Wall Street Journal article that summarizes Chinese telecom firm Huawei's role in enabling Iran's state security network. At the same time that the U.S. and its allies are increasing efforts to support pro-democracy and

human rights activists, Huawei is empowering the Iranian regime to suppress these groups.

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CHINESE TECH GIANT AIDS IRAN

(By Steve Stecklow, Farnaz Fassihi and Loretta Chao)

When Western companies pulled back from Iran after the government's bloody crackdown on its citizens two years ago, a Chinese telecom giant filled the vacuum.

Huawei Technologies Co. now dominates Iran's government-controlled mobile-phone industry. In doing so, it plays a role in enabling Iran's state security network.

Huawei recently signed a contract to install equipment for a system at Iran's largest mobile-phone operator that allows police to track people based on the locations of their cellphones, according to interviews with telecom employees both in Iran and abroad, and corporate bidding documents reviewed by The Wall Street Journal. It also has provided support for similar services at Iran's second-largest mobile-phone provider. Huawei notes that nearly all countries require police access to cell networks, including the U.S.

Huawei's role in Iran demonstrates the ease with which countries can obtain foreign technology that can be used to stifle dissent through censorship or surveillance. Many of the technologies Huawei supports in Iran—such as location services—are available on Western networks as well. The difference is that, in the hands of repressive regimes, it can be a critical tool in helping to quash dissent.

Last year, Egyptian state security intercepted conversations among pro-democracy activists over Skype using a system provided by a British company. In Libya, agents working for Moammar Gadhafi spied on emails and chat messages using technology from a French firm. Unlike in Egypt and Libya, where the governments this year were overthrown, Iran's sophisticated spying network remains intact.

In Iran, three student activists described in interviews being arrested shortly after turning on their phones. Iran's government didn't respond to requests for comment.

Iran beefed up surveillance of its citizens after a controversial 2009 election spawned the nation's broadest antigovernment uprising in decades. Authorities launched a major crackdown on personal freedom and dissent. More than 6,000 people have been arrested and hundreds remain in jail, according to Iranian human-rights organizations.

This year Huawei made a pitch to Iranian government officials to sell equipment for a mobile news service on Iran's second-largest mobile-phone operator, MTN Irancell. According to a person who attended the meeting, Huawei representatives emphasized that, being from China, they had expertise censoring the news.

The company won the contract and the operator rolled out the service, according to this person. MTN Irancell made no reference to censorship in its announcement about its "mobile newspaper" service. But Iran routinely censors the Internet using sophisticated filtering technology. The Journal reported in June that Iran was planning to create its own domestic Internet to combat Western ideas, culture and influence.

In winning Iranian contracts, Huawei has sometimes partnered with Zaeim Electronic Industries Co., an Iranian electronics firm whose website says its clients include the intelligence and defense ministries, as well as the country's elite special-forces unit, the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps. This month the U.S. accused a branch of the Revolutionary Guards of plotting to kill Saudi