

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO KYRIE HILLS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Kyrie Hills for her passionate devotion as a leader to inspire others through the performing arts.

Ms. Hills is the daughter of Harold and Patricia Hills and the second oldest of three siblings. Ms. Hills and her family are active members at Berean Baptist Church in Brooklyn, NY where Dr. Arlee Griffin, Jr. is their Pastor and Rev. Byron Benton is the Youth Pastor.

Ms. Hills is currently a sophomore at Clark Atlanta University where she is pursuing a degree in psychology with the aspiration to become a psychotherapist. One of her greatest passions is dance and the performing arts, where she strives to bring her community together. During the summer of 2011 Ms. Hills worked as a camp counselor at Inspired, a performing arts camp in Brooklyn, NY. That same summer she was recruited to perform in the acclaimed play "For Christian Girls", written and directed by Termaine Price at Berean Baptist Church.

Ms. Hills also attends Chapel on CAU campus, and is a member of the choir and sings praises. Currently Ms. Hills is the CCO Rep of CAU Dance Theater and aspires to be President of the Dance Theater next academic year. Ms. Hills has previously served as the section leader of BCD "Royal Dame" dance line and she is the former Vice President of the Ministry of Sacred Dance at Berean Baptist Church.

Ms. Hills has been awarded several awards and was recognized for her performing arts throughout Brooklyn. In 2009 Ms. Hills performed in Dance Africa at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, was recognized by the National Council of Negro Women, and received the Joseph A.E. Jones "Youth of the Year Award" for outstanding and dedicated service to the Youth Ministry at Berean Baptist Church.

Aside from her extraordinary accomplishments in the performing arts, Ms. Hills also performs community service in Atlanta with the NAACP, while also mentoring children at the Booker T Washington Middle School with a group called Lady B Fly.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of Ms. Kyrie Hills.

MR. WALLACE L. BOYLE

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Wallace L. Boyle Jr. of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, for his faithful and dedicated service

to the United States of America through turbulent times.

Wallace Boyle joined the Army Air Corps in 1940. At that time, there was no draft, so an enlistee could choose where he wanted to be stationed. Mr. Boyle selected Hawaii as his duty station, and he was sent to Wheeler Air Field. This put him about 24 miles from Pearl Harbor on the morning of December 7, 1941. The Japanese flew over and attacked Wheeler Air Field on the way to the naval base. The Japanese attack on Wheeler destroyed two-thirds of the aircraft at the field.

On that morning, Wallace Boyle was in the mess hall. He was just handed a plate of pancakes when the first bomb struck. Mr. Boyle ran outside and began helping his wounded comrades. More than 2,400 American lives were lost on that day, and almost 1,300 were injured.

During World War II, Mr. Boyle served at Andover Airfield in England, in France, in Belgium, and in Germany. He was discharged from the Army in 1945.

Mr. Speaker, Wallace L. Boyle Jr., who is only months away from his 90th birthday, is a fine example of the faithful and dedicated men and women that make up our Armed Forces. His selfless actions, and those of his generation, should forever be remembered and cherished by a grateful Nation.

BILL LIVINGOOD, HOUSE SERGEANT AT ARMS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POE of Texas. "Mr. Speaker, the President of the United States."

The announcement of the President at the State of the Union is how Americans have come to know the House Sergeant at Arms, Bill Livingood.

This duty is just one of many responsibilities of the House Sergeant at Arms.

He most importantly ensures the safety of Members, staff, and visitors as the chief law enforcement officer in the House.

And sadly Mr. Livingood, the third longest serving Sergeant at Arms, is retiring.

Bill is a wonderful person and accomplished public servant.

He has served the House since 1998 through some of the most trying times in our history and previously served our country as a member of the Secret Service.

I've known Bill for over 25 years beginning when I was a Judge in Texas, and he was the head of the Secret Service field office in Houston. His agents would file cases that were sometimes heard in my court.

I am sad to see him go but he has made a mark on this institution with improvements in security and steadfast leadership that is a model for all who serve in the people's house.

Congratulations on your retirement, Bill, and thank you for your service to the House of

Representatives and the United States of America.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING BRENT BAIR

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man that needs no introduction in Michigan, nor the transportation and intelligent transportation network in the country.

After 34 years of public service to the Road Commission for Oakland County, Brent Bair will be retiring at the end of the year. A pillar of the community, Mr. Bair has a long and distinguished resume.

Serving as the Managing Director of the Road Commission for Oakland County, his department is responsible for the largest county road system in Michigan, second in size to the state highway system, and currently operates the second largest system of adaptive traffic signals in the nation. He is widely respected as a leading expert on road funding in Michigan and has been an advocate on behalf of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and ITS funding. He is a founding member and past president of the Intelligent Transportation Society of Michigan as well as an active member in and former chairman of the national ITS association, ITS America.

As the Chairman of the Intelligent Transportation Systems' Caucus in the House of Representatives, I have long looked to Brent for advice and guidance on good governance and ITS policy. Early on I recognized the benefits to including technological advances in our cars, highways and infrastructure. Through educational programs and ongoing efforts by Brent and ITS Michigan, Congress has recognized that in this economic climate of doing more with less, ITS solutions are an important step towards fiscal responsibility and more importantly, smart solutions.

A tireless advocate for his community, Brent Bair will be missed. I wish him and his family all the best in the years to come.

HONORING SUPREME COURT JUSTICE FRANK A. SEDITA, JR.

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a moment to have the House pause in its deliberations this morning to honor New York State Supreme Court Justice Frank A. Sedita, Jr., whose three decade judicial career will end this year. The Judge, best known to friends and family as "Chickie," is among the most

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lovable and well-respected legal figures in the Western New York community.

A lifelong Buffalonian, Judge Sedita is the scion of one of the most famous and well-respected 20th century Buffalo political families. While the Judge's father was one of Buffalo's most well-liked 20th century political figures and someone looked back upon nostalgically as one of Buffalo's most favorite mayors; Judge Sedita's career as an attorney and a jurist has been tremendously substantial, as have been the Judge's contributions as a public servant to the hometown region he loves so much.

Born and raised in Buffalo, Judge Sedita was graduated summa cum laude from the Canisius College of Buffalo, and in 1960 earned his J.D. at the University at Buffalo Law School. During extensive legal practice in the office of the City of Buffalo's Corporation Counsel, Judge Sedita developed substantial expertise in the area of education law, serving for many years as the counsel to the city's Board of Education.

Judge Sedita's career on the bench began in the mid-1970s, upon his election as an Associate Judge of the Buffalo City Court. Following successful service as a Judge of the Erie County Family Court, he was elected as Chief Judge of the Buffalo City Court, administering the city's court system within the very building named for his late father. During this period, Judge Sedita assumed responsibility for the city's Housing Court, raising that court's profile and restoring its work to its rightful level of prominence. His work in that court was probably among the most impactful judicial work performed in Western New York during that period, and resulted in Judge Sedita's selection as a Buffalo News "Citizen of the Year."

For the better part of the past two decades, Judge Sedita has served with tremendous distinction as a Justice of the New York State Supreme Court, continuing to bring honor to not only his own career but also to his storied family name. Notwithstanding his retirement, all residents in Erie County are fortunate that the Sedita family's tradition of effective public service will continue—hopefully for many years to come. In 2012, the judge's son—Frank A. Sedita III, will complete his first term as Erie County's District Attorney. Frank Sedita III has proven a tenacious and effective prosecutor throughout his legal career, and he too, like his father the judge, continues to be a credit to his family, and to the community that he serves with such effectiveness.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I ask that the whole House join with those of us in Western New York who wish good luck and Godspeed to New York State Supreme Court Justice Frank A. Sedita, Jr., upon the occasion of his retirement from the bench.

HONORING THE SEVENTH CYCLE
BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY OF
KING BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the people of Thailand in celebrating the seventh cycle birthday anniversary

of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej on December 5th. During his reign of over 65 years, Thailand continues to be the United States' long-term military ally, trade and economic partner, and friend in southeast Asia.

King Bhumibol holds a special relationship with our country beginning with his birth in Cambridge, Massachusetts while his father was attending Harvard University. As part of his continuing efforts to strengthen the ties between the United States and Thailand, the King visited America in 1960 and 1967. Under King Bhumibol's stewardship, Thailand has become a model of democracy and economic development in the region. Thailand's role as a regional democratic leader is a critical factor in the development of a stable Bangkok-Washington relationship.

I had the distinct honor and privilege of visiting King Bhumibol on my past visits. His continued efforts to provide guidance to improve the lives of his people were evident. Fittingly, he was awarded the United Nations Development Programme's first Human Development Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my best and warmest wishes on his 84th birthday and for a long life of good health. I am pleased to join our Thai friends in recognizing this special day.

IN SUPPORT OF THE 16 DAYS OF
ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER VIOLENCE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence. This campaign draws attention to the impact of violence against women around the world.

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence is an international campaign of activism. It lasts for 16 days and starts on November 25, which is the International Day Against Violence Against Women, and ends on December 10, International Human Rights Day. The campaign highlights the links between violence against women and human rights, and stresses that this type of violence is a violation of human rights.

Since 1991, over 3,700 organizations in approximately 164 countries have participated in the 16 Days of Activism campaign.

Violence against women remains a serious problem both domestically and throughout the world. It has been estimated that nearly a billion women globally will be beaten, raped, mutilated or otherwise abused during their lifetimes. That is 1 in 3 women. Those statistics are extremely frightening for both men and women and are simply unacceptable.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join the call to end violence against women and girls around the world.

A TRIBUTE TO KEITH HICKS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Keith Hicks for his leader-

ship throughout his community and focus on education and professionalism.

Mr. Hicks was born the youngest of five children, to his parents John Henry and Marie Antoinette in South Jamaica, Queens. As a child Mr. Hicks learned to cultivate a strong sense of leadership that would transcend into his future career.

In his early career, Mr. Hicks joined the Private Industry Council, an organization committed to youth development. As a program monitor, he completed his BA degree at John Jay College. He would also serve as instructor before moving to the Fortune Society, focusing his efforts on developing both the educational and professional lives of former prisoners. His career focus of providing resources to assisting the economically disadvantaged and at risk youth would continue with stops at the Hope Program where he served as Learning Center Director and the WAY Program where he served as Assistant Director, and Director.

Mr. Hicks' continued leadership role would extend to the YMCA, when he served as Director of the Cross Island branch in Queens. At the YMCA, Mr. Hicks ascended to serve as the Assistant Executive of the Northern Brooklyn branch and now as the executive Director of the Greenpoint Brooklyn branch, where he continues to serve. In this capacity, Mr. Hicks manages a budget in the millions, over 100 professional staff members, and offers services to thousands.

While serving at the YMCA, Mr. Hicks had the opportunity to pursue his Masters Degree from Queens College, further providing a great example to those he has influenced over the years. Mr. Hicks' accomplishments at the YMCA and throughout his career are extensive, but professionally he remains most proud of the role he has been able to play in the lives of our youth.

Mr. Hicks is the proud father of a daughter Tyler Marie Hicks who is presently a senior at Townsend Harris School and will enter college next year. Mr. Hicks' favorite scripture serves as a guiding force in his life, Hebrews 12:1: "wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us".

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

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH
BIRTHDAY OF RUBY HARTLEY
BARTON

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to the special life of Ruby Hartley Barton of Talladega, Alabama.

Mrs. Barton was born on December 15, 1911 in Georgia to James and Victoria Hartley. Mrs. Barton's father died while she was a baby, and her mother raised her and her six brothers and sisters. Mrs. Barton grew up in a fanning and textile family.

She was married to the late B.W. Barton for over 50 years and was blessed with two sons,