

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING WILLIAM J. DAVIS

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to fellow Minnesotan William J. Davis in honor of his twenty years of service as President and CEO of Community Action of Minneapolis.

At the helm of Community Action of Minneapolis, Mr. Davis has advocated tirelessly for underserved communities; ensuring the concerns of so many, which are often overlooked, are heard. During his twenty years of dedication, innumerable citizens have received critical services vital to their well being: children and family development, weatherization, home electric savings and energy services. Under Mr. Davis' calculated and efficient stewardship, Community Action of Minneapolis has not only grown, but thrived.

Mr. Speaker, the stability of our cherished American life is contingent upon a functional and educated populace. Public servants such as Mr. Davis continue to ensure that opportunities to contribute at any level within our nation are extended throughout our society. The continued pursuit of equality has become a cornerstone of which we, as Americans, are tremendously proud. Our pride would be unwarranted without the profound contributions of public servants such as William J. Davis.

CONGRATULATING BARBARA CLOVER

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Barbara Clover on being named the 2010 National Secondary Art Educator of the Year by the National Art Education Association. She is truly deserving of this honor for her exemplary contributions toward the promotion of art education.

Mrs. Clover has been an art teacher at Holy Savior Menard Central High School in Alexandria, La., for 16 years where she has challenged and inspired students to explore their creative sides.

Beyond the classroom, Mrs. Clover serves as president of the Louisiana Art Education Association. She views this affiliation as a means to further her advocacy for the arts and art education.

In addition, Mrs. Clover has been featured at numerous local art events and has chaired the Youth Art Month program for the Louisiana Art Education Association.

For her dedication to enhancing art education, she has been honored nationally five times for her work with Youth Art Month, in-

cluding four awards of Excellence and one Claire Flanagan Memorial Grand Award, which is the highest award presented by the Council for Art Education, Inc.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mrs. Barbara Clover for being named the 2010 National Secondary Art Educator of the Year. As an excellent teacher and promoter of the arts, she is deserving of this laudable recognition.

RECOGNIZING MRS. LAJUANA MALLOY AS THE 2011 WASHINGTON COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Lajuana Malloy as the 2011 Washington County Teacher of the Year. For nearly two decades, Mrs. Malloy has been an inspiration to her students, motivating and inspiring them to succeed at the highest levels, and I am honored to recognize her achievements.

Mrs. Malloy is a lifelong resident of Washington County, Florida. After receiving her Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education, she worked as a Protective Services Caseworker in the Florida Department of Children and Families. Mrs. Malloy was born to make a positive impact on her community. After her time as a caseworker, she decided to enter into the teaching profession.

Mrs. Malloy sought to motivate her students to succeed and to reach their full potential. With this goal in mind, she decided to continue her education at Florida State University, where she earned a Master's degree and a certification in Exceptional Student Education. She taught at Kate Elementary School for fourteen years and at Vernon Elementary School, where she also served as Reading Coach. For the past three years, Mrs. Malloy has served as a language arts and reading teacher at Roulhac Middle School, where her dedication to her students inspires them to pursue excellence in language arts.

Mrs. Malloy and her husband, Wesley, are the proud parents of two college students. Eli is a junior at Chipola College, and Elizabeth is a sophomore at the University of South Alabama. Mrs. Malloy also spends her weekends teaching at her church's Preschool Sunday School, where she is also the church's pianist.

Mrs. Malloy believes that teaching is a true calling, and that her work as an educator makes an invaluable and lasting impact on her students and community. The Washington County Teacher of the Year award is evidence of her enormous impact; however, her achievement is even better illustrated through the lives of her exceptional students. I am privileged to have her as a constituent in Florida's First Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Lajuana Malloy for her accomplishments and her continuing commitment to excellence at Roulhac Middle School. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating Mrs. Malloy, and we wish her all the best.

HONORING ALFENETTE ROBINSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Alfenette Robinson, born July 10, 1957, to Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Robinson, Jr., a lifelong Bolton, Mississippi, native. She graduated from Sumner Hill High School in 1975 and furthered her education by obtaining her Associate Degree in Education from Hinds Community College. Alfenette has been in education for the past 31 years. She served as an assistant teacher for the Trainable Mentally Retarded classroom in the Clinton Public School District for 20 years. She presently serves as Branch Supervisor at the Annie L. Thompson-Jeffers Branch of the Hinds County Public Library System, where she has been employed since 1987. People in general have been Ms. Robinson's life and passion. She helps all kinds of people on and off the job. She is Chairman of the Bolton Christmas Parade committee, Secretary of Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church Sunday School, lifelong member of Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, active member of the Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church Choir, active member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP, and has dedicated her time towards many local campaign elections. She loves helping the elderly members of the community, no matter how big or small the task. She is known for running errands and assisting the elderly with understanding and completing important documents and forms. In addition to her love for the elderly, she is gifted in working with special-needs children and superbly knowledgeable and passionate in overseeing the operation and functionality of the Bolton community's only library. Alfenette has a twin sister and one brother, along with many community-adopted children.

FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. DAN BENISHEK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1) making appropriations for the Department of Defense and

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the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes:

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Chairman, it is my strong belief that the pre-eminent reason a majority of Northern Michigan's citizens selected me to be their representative in Washington was to do everything possible to rein in out-of-control Federal spending. My focus has been to support such efforts while working to ensure that policies coming out of the Nation's Capital—tax, monetary, and regulatory—serve to encourage private enterprise so Northern Michigan has the chance to experience economic growth.

My first 44 days in office have taught me a great deal about the budget process and the "spending ways of Washington." Each day we have been in session I have typically had 5–10 meetings with organizations, companies and Washington reps all seeking to keep their programs free of any spending cuts. No one in Washington has asked me to spend less. In fact, it seems in every Washington meeting while there occasionally is a recognition of the doom America faces if the current spending continues, each meeting usually closes with an expected refrain "... yes we need to spend less but not our program."

By contrast, during my first visit home, just about everyone in the First District asked me to make sure the Federal Government spends less. In Northern Michigan there seems to be a strong consensus that Federal budget red ink can no longer continue at record pace.

Here are my guiding "spend less" principles in this 112th Congress:

Shared Responsibility: Before there is any comprehensive entitlement reform effort, every Federal department should be prepared to live with less money in 2012 than it received in 2011.

Sunlight and Transparency: All spending decisions should be made in a fully transparent legislative process. No backdoor earmarks, no special interest amendments. If a program has merit its supporters should defend the program in public floor debate.

Tighten the Revenue Spigot: Simply sending more money to Washington is not going to solve the problem of unchecked spending; every year the U.S. Treasury receives more money; every year the Federal Government spends more than it takes in. Consequently, increasing taxes is not the answer.

If not now, when? I have publicly promised to limit my career in Congress to just three terms. America's future is more important than any one of us in Congress, certainly more important than any political job. I'd rather do what I think is right than simply keep this position. I trust the voters.

In my view, the debt is not a Republican issue or a Democrat issue. It is an American issue.

The failure of previous Congresses to act means America now faces a \$14 trillion debt. For every dollar Congress allocates the U.S. Treasury has to borrow up to \$.40 to pay for it. That means indebting ourselves to countries like China and mortgaging our children's future.

Let me be clear, this will not be easy. To stem the tide, many tough decisions will need to be made. Northern Michigan—like the entire country—has a backlog of worthy projects and its people have benefited from admirable public programs. The reductions in H.R. 1 affect

every community in the nation. These are hard decisions for Congress to make, and not everyone will be happy with everything that has been proposed. This is understandable, but I believe these reductions are necessary to show that Congress is serious about returning our country to a sustainable financial path.

The Continuing Resolution to be considered on the House Floor this week is just the first step. Fortunately, the President's budget proposal is merely a suggestion that Congress can improve upon. In my view, Congress needs to offer a more fiscally sound budget for FY 2012.

Additionally, it is my view that Congress will need to consider reforming entitlements programs. Social Security and Medicare are important programs that millions of Americans depend on. Without reform, both of these programs face bankruptcy. In my opinion, Congress needs to consider solutions to avoid this crisis that ensures benefits under Social Security and Medicare are not reduced for those Americans currently receiving benefits.

And I think most of my colleagues agree this is not a time to play politics. The inflamed rhetoric and scare attacks on cutting grand-ma's benefits have no place here. This week's vote will not take away benefits for anyone receiving benefits. Instead, Congress will have completed the first step and as the Constitution dictates, the Senate and the President will have their say.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM "BILLY" LYON

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a longstanding business leader in South Alabama, Mr. William "Billy" Lyon, who recently passed away at the age of 80.

A native of Mobile, Mr. Lyon graduated from Murphy High School in 1944 and attended the Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina before joining the Navy in 1945, where he served on the USS *Chicago*. Following the end of the war, he attended Auburn University and the University of North Carolina.

A natural entrepreneur, Mr. Billy became a homebuilder with a lifelong passion for commercial and residential real estate development in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida and Georgia.

He developed scores of local residential subdivisions, including Brookwood, Blacksher Downs, Tuthill Lane Estates and Carriage Hills, and sold lots to nearly every builder in Mobile. He also partnered and developed numerous commercial shopping centers, including Mobile's Bel Air Mall, which opened in 1966.

He was one of the founding board members of Commercial Guaranty Bank in Mobile, which later became SouthTrust Bank, and also served on the Boards of Bel Air Corporation, Mobile Gas Company, First Southern Federal, Altus Bank, the Drug Education Council, and the Alabama School of Math and Science.

Mr. Billy was the longest active member of the Home Builders Association of Mobile and received the E. L. Jones award in 2002. He witnessed and played a vital role in Mobile for

many years, helping countless individuals, bankers, builders, realtors, friends and associates along the way.

On behalf of the people of South Alabama, I extend my condolences to his wife, Patricia; their two sons, BJ and Jimmy; their four daughters, Tricia, Nancy, Victoria and Ashley; nineteen grandchildren and their entire family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

HONORING DR. MICHAEL COLLINS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of Dr. Michael Collins. For more than 25 years, he has exhibited a drive and work ethic on and off the ice that serves as inspiration to his colleagues and friends.

Dr. Collins, a Chicago native, attended the University of Notre Dame. In South Bend he played varsity hockey and shoveled furnaces to pay the bills, but still graduated in three and a half years. Upon graduation, Michael spent several years driving a cab, and working construction before entering medicine. After returning to college for another two years to take pre-med courses, he attended the Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine followed by five years at the Mayo Clinic. He is now a full-time, board-certified orthopedic surgeon.

In addition to his medical practice, he has written professionally for more than 30 years. His first book, *Hot Lights, Cold Steel*, continues to be a best-seller in the medical memoir field. Since its publication, Michael has lectured extensively on topics relating to medicine and writing.

Dr. Collins' hard work and accomplishments have earned him national attention, and in 2010 he received the American Hockey Coaches Association Lou Lamoriello Award. The Lamoriello Award recognizes a former college hockey player or coach who goes on to a distinguished career in or out of hockey.

Michael and his wife, Patti, have raised 12 children and today he still plays hockey twice a week. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Michael Collins and his life of achievement. His career has inspired many and continues to impress.

RECOGNIZING TIFFANY MCKINNIE AS THE 2011 WASHINGTON COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSON OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tiffany McKinnie as the 2011 Washington County, Florida Educational Support Person of the Year. I am honored to recognize her achievements and her dedication to the students of Northwest Florida.

Mrs. McKinnie is an Exceptional Student Education (ESE) paraprofessional at Roulhac Middle School. ESE paraprofessionals serve an integral role in the development of ESE