

HONORING EMILY MISCHKE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Emily Mischke. Emily is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Emily's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Emily has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Emily can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Emily Mischke for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

IN HONOR OF JACK HINES, JR.

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jack M. Hines, Jr. of Marshallton, Chester County, Pennsylvania on his retirement after 33 years of service as Municipal Manager of West Bradford Township and to honor him on his outstanding career of accomplishment.

In addition to his service as Municipal Manager of West Bradford Township, Jack has served on various committees of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Officials. He has been an instructor for both the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors and the Governor's Center for Local Government Services. Jack has served as Chairman of the Legislative Committee, Chester County Association of Township Officials, and has been a member of the Advisory Board for Connect Care3, which serves members of the Pennsylvania Municipal Health Insurance Cooperative.

Further, Jack is a former Fire Chief and President of the West Bradford Fire Company, as well as being a former Fire Service Instructor and Director of the Chester County Fire School. He is a former Board Member and President of the Chester County Crime Victims Center, Chairman of the Environmental Management Center, Executive Committee Member of the Brandywine Conservancy, and Trustee of the Chester County Historical Society.

Mr. Speaker, in light of his incredible years of service to his community and litany of outstanding accomplishments almost too long to record, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Jack M. Hines, Jr. for his invaluable contributions to the quality of life of the citizens of West Bradford Township and Chester County.

JAMES BILLINGS, SR. TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to rise and pay tribute to the life and career of Mr. James Billings, Sr. of Pueblo, Colorado. The community has lost a great firefighter and a man, who led a life that was dedicated to family, public service and leadership.

Mr. James Billings, Sr. comes from a family of police officers and fire fighters, and it is no surprise that he followed in the honorable footsteps of his father and brother. Born and raised in Pueblo, Mr. Billings was compelled to serve the city, and joined the Pueblo Fire Department in 1953. Serving honorably and with distinction for twenty-five years, the last six of those years as the assistant fire chief. Mr. Billings was so respected as a firefighter that many have described working with him as one of the highlights of their careers. Mr. Billings' own son, James, Jr. said that the greatest memory of his long career as the Pueblo Chief of Police was the first time he was on the job with his father. For all the achievements of Mr. Billings' career in public service, he was an even more determined family man. With his loving wife Rose, he raised five wonderful children, and was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

The life of Mr. James Billings, Sr. is one that should be celebrated and recognized. This was a man who endlessly devoted himself to public service and to his family. Mr. Speaker, it has been my sincere privilege to rise and honor Mr. James Billings, Sr.

TRIBUTE TO MAYOR TED JENNINGS

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the remarkable example and service of a true leader in South Alabama, someone who has taken the roles of successful businessman, trusted medical adviser, and local and national civic leader for more than 30 years.

In 2012, Mayor Ted Jennings of Brewton, Alabama, will end nearly a quarter century of service as his town's chief executive.

For many, this accomplishment alone would be the epitome of a life's work. And, indeed, Mayor Jennings has confidently guided his community for four terms.

But Ted's body of accomplishments does not begin nor end with holding public office.

A graduate of Auburn University's School of Pharmacy, a successful business owner and Director of Pharmacy at D.W. McMillan Memorial Hospital, Mayor Jennings has also made an indelible mark through his compassion and devotion to the well-being of his community. And his contributions don't stop there.

While Ted Jennings may be known to the people of Brewton as their long-time mayor and trusted pharmacist, to his colleagues in Alabama and across America, he is an

indispensable resource of wisdom and experience.

A former member of the board of the National League of Cities, Mayor Jennings has held about every post one can within that important national organization, tirelessly defending the principles of good government at forums around the country. In Alabama, Mayor Jennings has also led his peers as president and long-time officer in the Alabama League of Municipalities where he has been a strong, steady voice for issues vital to local and state economic development.

A man gifted with a vision for our nation's—and region's—economic future, Mayor Jennings has for decades promoted the development of telecommunications on the local and state level, leveraging the resources of businesses and universities.

A supporter of both electronic and paved highways, Mayor Jennings also helped establish the Florida-Alabama Strategic Task Force to improve transportation between the two states to enhance both public safety and economic growth.

I have had the pleasure of working with Mayor Jennings for more than two decades and I can say, without hesitation, that his devotion to public service is without equal. I was fortunate to be a co-chair on the Alabama Rural Action Committee with Mayor Jennings, and I believe there is a no more passionate and informed voice for rural economic development than his.

As Mayor Jennings steps off the stage from a remarkable civic career, I know he will continue to have a positive impact on his community and state. To his family and close friends who have shared Ted with us for all these years, we offer our heartfelt thanks. And to the Mayor, himself, I am privileged to speak for all of South Alabama in offering our heartfelt thanks to a true servant leader, a real partner for progress and a man who leaves behind a legacy of goodness as well as success.

Thanks, Mayor Jennings, for a job well done.

HONORING WOMEN'S MONTH

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, as we work through the rigors of this congressional session, it is important that we take the time to recognize this March as National Women's History Month. The theme for 2011 is, "Our History is Our Strength," and this is understood by looking back on the challenges that women faced throughout the course of history and realizing that it has only made us stronger and more tenacious going into the future.

This month, we acknowledge those women in history who braved the fight for equal rights and paved the way for myself and many of my colleagues here today. We honor the strong women in the military who are everyday helping to ensure our safety and freedom in this world. And we honor all women for the important role that they play in their communities.

But, despite all the challenges and hurdles that we have overcome, the efforts for equality continue. As the proud representative of the

47th district of California, I will continue to strive for increase and advancement of opportunities for women all around the world. And I challenge young women everywhere to do the same and continue with even greater strength and force into the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 163, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 570, the Dental Emergency Responder Act of 2011, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

IN HONOR OF THE VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER JULIA GILLARD OF AUSTRALIA TO CONGRESS

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that this poem by Albert Carey Caswell, commemorating the historic address by Prime Minister Julia Gillard of Australia, be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in honor of the great friendship between our two countries.

ACROSS THE GREAT OCEANS

Across the great oceans
Over the deep blue seas
And all of the most distant shores
And throughout the miles we see
But lies . . .
But lies, such a great love, a bond between
America and Australia so indeed!
For when we look into the mirror, a mirror
image we so see
For we are so much alike, are but you, are
but so you and me
As such a great bond, so very special across
those seas
So very strong, so very deep
That even time and distance, cannot so de-
stroy.
As is such a great bond between Australia
and America,
That our hearts of love have so received
For we are such fine friends, so are all of we!
And throughout the generations, and
throughout all of those wars
All throughout all of those dark storms
As we have so stood together, as one, as one
have all of we!
As throughout all of those dreadful wars
As we have sent our fine son and daughters,
off together, off to die, off to death and
war
And 'Oh, what a burden bore!
To lose all of our most precious loves, that
which we have all so adored!
All of those tears, those heart broken tears,
that together we have so poured!
As all together we've so stood, so stood
throughout the generations as one so
for very sure!
For Down Under, no greater loves adorned!
Then, that bond between Australia and
America
From all across those most distant shores
As we even speak the same language, all the
more
And on this day, a prayer we say as so sent
across those most distant shores

That this great bond, that this warm love
and so friendship, as will live on for ev-
ermore!

And together as one, as out into the future
we walk hand in hand, as we have done
before!

'Oh across those great oceans, "It's a good
day" . . . all because of our love that
we have so poured!

THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT DAM

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Theodore Roosevelt Dam, an engineering marvel that is celebrating its centennial of service to the people of Arizona, including a majority of constituents in my own District.

When Federal engineers built Roosevelt Dam on the Salt River in the beginning of the 20th Century, they did not have the conveniences of a nearby town, an existing power supply or a locally skilled labor force. Several engineering feats needed to be accomplished even before construction could begin at the site 80 miles east of Phoenix.

A road was cut into the sides of mountains so supplies could be hauled from the Phoenix area to the dam site. Members of local Apache tribes helped build the road, and they continued with the construction effort for the dam. Federal engineers also constructed a 20-mile canal to develop hydroelectric power at the dam to power a cement mill, aerial trams and cableways, and other equipment.

Stone masons cut massive blocks from the sides of the canyon. Cranes were used to lower the stones, some weighing as much as 10 tons, to the riverbed. They were laid in a stair-step fashion, which gave the dam a distinctive appearance.

Federal engineers ensured the strength of the dam by requiring the mortar joints on the upstream face not to exceed 1 inch in width. Following the laying of the cornerstone in 1906, crews worked nearly nonstop, with strings of electric lights suspended above the site allowing men to work through the night. Five years later, Roosevelt Dam had risen 280 feet high, with a base 184 feet thick that narrowed to 16 feet at the top. On the day of its dedication on March 18, 1911, it was the largest rubble-masonry thick-arch dam in the world.

Due to its engineering and construction excellence, Roosevelt Dam stood nearly unchanged for more than 80 years. In the 1990s, a new generation of engineers needed to address dam safety, regulatory water storage and flood control in central Arizona. During this construction effort, the entire face of the dam was overlain with concrete, ranging in thickness from 10 to 50 feet. The concrete extended upward to create a new crest and spillways were constructed deeper and narrower, allowing for greater water releases during floods. Renovations used nearly 450,000 cubic yards of cement, enough to pave a two-lane road between Phoenix and Tucson. The additional 77 feet of height effectively doubled the capacity of the reservoir, enhancing its role in managing water supplies for the growing greater Phoenix metropolitan area.

Mr. Speaker, as Roosevelt Dam embarks on its second century of service, it deserves special recognition for its engineering marvel and being an economic engine for central Arizona.

HONORING SPECIALIST DAVID R.
FAHEY

HON. NAN A.S. HAYWORTH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Ms. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Specialist David R. Fahey, who lost his life on Monday, February 28, 2011, while courageously serving our nation in Afghanistan. He was killed by an IED explosion. Yesterday he was laid to rest.

Specialist Fahey enlisted at the age of 20, in August, 2007. He was deployed to Afghanistan in June, 2010. He is mourned by family, friends, and fellow soldiers from Yorktown Heights, New York, to Washington State, Korea, and Afghanistan. He has been honored for his service with the Combat Action Badge, the Purple Heart, and the Bronze Star.

Specialist Fahey's dedication to protecting his fellow citizens extended to his plans to join the New York City Police Department after the completion of his tour of duty. His sacrifice for our nation will be remembered through the family he loved and freedom he protected. I ask the House to keep in their thoughts and prayers Specialist Fahey and all the other brave men and women in our armed services who have lost their lives, as well as those who continue to serve abroad.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN
THOMAS F. MCGOVERN, AS HE
PREPARES TO RETIRE AFTER 25
YEARS OF COMMISSIONED SERV-
ICE TO THE UNITED STATES
NAVY AND TO OUR NATION

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Captain Thomas F. McGovern, as he prepares to retire after 25 years of Commissioned Service to the United States Navy and for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States of America. I have worked with Captain McGovern personally in his role as the Deputy Director of the Navy Appropriations Liaison Office, and I would like to share with you some highlights of this fine officer's career.

Captain Thomas F. McGovern received his commission from the United States Naval Academy in May 1986, and was designated a Naval Aviator in March 1988. He has served in operational assignments with Patrol Squadron Forty at Naval Air Station Moffett Field, California, flying the P-3C Orion; Patrol Squadron Thirty-One as an Instructor Pilot; aboard both the USS *Constellation* and USS *Saratoga* as a Catapult and Arresting Gear Officer. Captain McGovern also served with distinction as Flag Lieutenant to the Commander, Pacific Fleet Patrol Wings and Anti-Submarine Warfare Force, at Naval Air Station Barbers