

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING THE GATOR  
BOWL CHAMPION MISSISSIPPI  
STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL  
TEAM

### HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 18, 2011*

Mr. HARPER. Mr. Speaker, the Mississippi State University Bulldogs concluded their 2010 football season with a crushing 52–14 victory over the University of Michigan in the 66th annual Gator Bowl held on January 1, 2011. This commanding win marked Mississippi State's fourth consecutive bowl victory and capped the Bulldogs' 9–4 season as the No. 15 ranked team in the Associated Press Top 25 Poll.

Second-year Mississippi State head coach Dan Mullen crafted an explosive offensive performance led by junior quarterback Chris Relf, who completed 18 of his 23 pass attempts for 281 yards and three touchdowns. Relf also punched the ball in from the one-yard line bringing his totals to 311 yards and four touchdowns. The junior from Montgomery, Ala. honored defensive end Nick Bell by wearing his No. 36 jersey. Bell lost his short battle with cancer after starting two games this season, including his final game against Georgia where he tallied seven tackles.

Mississippi State junior running back Vick Ballard carried the ball for three scores, making the Pascagoula, Miss. native the first MSU player to record 19 touchdowns in one season.

Although Michigan led at the break, the Bulldog defense did not allow the Wolverines to score in the second half. The dominating defense held Michigan's Heisman hopeful quarterback to just 59-yards on the ground though he entered the post-season game averaging 136.9 rushing yards.

When it was all said and done, the Bulldogs finished 4–4 in the Southeastern Conference with wins over No. 22 Florida and their in-state rival Ole Miss. To boot, the four losses were to top-twelve teams.

I congratulate all of the players, coaches and fans for a phenomenal season and look forward to many great years of football in Starkville, Miss. I am extremely proud to represent Mississippi State University in the U.S. House of Representatives.

### EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE REGARDING ARIZONA SHOOTING

SPEECH OF

### HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 12, 2011*

Ms. DeGETTE. Madam Speaker, it is under somber circumstances that this body gathers here today. On behalf of the people of Colo-

rado and the constituents I represent in the First District, we send our prayers and compassion to all who are mourning the events of last weekend and trying to come to terms with the grief this incident has caused.

As two of three women in the U.S. House of Representatives from the Rocky Mountain West, GABBY and I spoke often about the sometimes difficult task of staying close with family and loved ones, while shuttling back and forth across long distances between our homes and Washington. She has always been enormously dedicated to her family, and in the wake of this tragedy we see the love her family and community has shown her in return.

While GABBY was the victim with whom I shared a personal connection, the tragedy of last weekend runs far deeper than just reflecting on the attack on our colleague. What happened to GABBY and 19 others on that sunny Tucson morning, happened to all of us—to all Americans. The victims came from all walks of life, each one representing their own unique story, yet each one also reflecting in many ways, people we all know and love. From the young girl with dreams of changing the world; to the dedicated staffer committed to serving his country and helping the people of hometown; to the man willing to give his own life to save the life of the woman he loves; to the federal judge devoted to the cause of justice and law; to the retired woman escaping cold, snowy winters for warmer climes; to the wife of a former Marine quietly living out her Golden Years with her husband—all these brave souls unite us all in the common dreams and blessed experiences we hold as Americans.

Last Saturday, that unity was assaulted as a single, deranged gunman attempted to cut through the very bedrock of our democracy, by attacking an event at which a Member of Congress was performing her most fundamental responsibility—meeting with her constituents. The attack felt particularly heinous against a Member of this institution in which each of us have been asked by voters to serve largely because of its proximity to the people.

And while these events have understandably renewed discussions about congressional security, we must ensure that these efforts do not leave us insulated from our constituents. We each have an obligation to protect ourselves, our constituents, and our staff. But our professional obligation mandates that we remain accessible and inviting, because it is through us that the every American from Tucson, Arizona, to Portland, Maine, has a voice in the corridors of Washington, D.C.

Finally, it is important to remember that these were the actions of one individual clearly in need of mental health assistance. While it is too early to know what motivated him to violence, no one can deny that the level of political discourse in this country is not meeting the standard to which we should hold ourselves, nor meeting the standard our country's founders envisioned for our great nation. Far too often we have failed to find a way to, as Speaker BOEHNER put it last week, "disagree without being disagreeable."

It is my hope that the events of the past weekend serve as a wake-up call for everyone and remind us all that we need to reject extremism and violence, respect those who answer the call to public service, and strengthen our country with our every deed—just as those in Tucson have done since that fateful day.

GABBY is a friend and treasured colleague, and my deepest condolences extend to her family, as well as the friends and family of the constituents and staff members wounded or killed in the unspeakable attacks of January 8, 2011. God bless them; God Bless this Body, and God Bless the United States of America.

### RECOGNIZING MAJOR GERARD ACOSTA

### HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 18, 2011*

Mr. LUJÁN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize and pay tribute to MAJ Gerard "Gerry" Acosta, United States Army, on the occasion of his departure from the Army House Liaison Office to pursue Command and General Staff College studies at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. I, and many other members of this chamber, have had the pleasure of working with him over the past 3 years that he has served as a part of the U.S. Army Office of Legislative Affairs and as a Liaison Officer in the Army Liaison Office in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Major Acosta has had a remarkably varied and successful career. He was born in the Panama Canal Zone, Panama. As a military brat, Major Acosta grew up in Central and South America, eventually residing in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. In 1997, after completing the United States Military Academy Preparatory School and Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, and 2 years at the United States Military Academy, Gerry had to transfer to the University of Florida to support a family emergency. In 1999, Gerry graduated, with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and a minor in Chemical Engineering Design. After completion of the Reserve Officer Training Corps, Major Acosta was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Quartermaster Branch and branch-detailed to the Infantry.

Major Acosta's initial assignment was to Fort Lewis, Washington, where he served as a Motor Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, and later Assistant Brigade Logistics Officer (S-4) in the 3d Brigade, Second Infantry Division. Major Acosta then attended the Combined Logistics Career Course and Petroleum Officer Course in Fort Lee, Virginia. Upon completion of his courses, Major Acosta served 13 months as an Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General of Army Material Command, Southeast Asia in Camp Arifjan, Kuwait and Bagram, Afghanistan.

Upon his return to the United States, Major Acosta served 31 months as a Quartermaster Direct Support Company Commander in the

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593d Sustainment Brigade, Fort Lewis, Washington. He deployed again in late 2006 for 14 months with the 1st Marine Expeditionary Forces at Camp Al-Asad, Iraq. After his return from Iraq, Major Acosta was selected as a Congressional Fellow and served a year in the personal office of U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss of Georgia.

Following his fellowship in the Senate, Major Acosta was assigned to the Army House Liaison Office. I have come to know Major Acosta well during his assignment to the House of Representatives through his work with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and with Wounded Warriors. He has never failed to impress me with his energy and dedication to soldiers, their families, and the U.S. Army. He is a superb representative of Army values.

It is my great honor to congratulate MAJ Gerard "Gerry" Acosta on his service to the Army and our Nation and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of this soldier, citizen, and friend.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM D. JAMES, MD, FAAD, OUTGOING PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY

### HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 18, 2011*

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take the opportunity to revise remarks I included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD previously and submit the following remarks in their stead.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. William James, a University of Pennsylvania dermatologist who will conclude his term as President of the American Academy of Dermatology in February. He will have held office for one year and also held the same position for the American Academy of Dermatology Association.

After beginning his academic career at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Dr. James earned his medical degree from Indiana University School of Medicine. He completed a medical internship at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, in Washington, DC, and his residency in dermatology at the former Letterman Army Medical Center in San Francisco. He is the Paul R. Gross professor and vice chair of the department of dermatology at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. He also serves as the residency and fellowship program director.

An active member of the American Academy of Dermatology, Dr. James has served as a member of the board of directors, the council on member services, and numerous task forces and committees. He is the past chief of dermatology service at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He has authored more than 310 publications, including co-authorship of the last three editions of Andrews' Diseases of the Skin. Additionally he served as founding editor-in-chief of the dermatology section of Emedicine.com, a clinical reference developed by WebMD. He lives in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Ann. They have two children and are expecting a grandchild in early 2011.

GREATER VALPARAISO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS AWARD WINNERS FOR 2010

### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 18, 2011*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I stand before you today to recognize the Greater Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce business award winners for 2010 and to congratulate the 2010 Distinguished Community Leader Award recipient, Mr. Bruce Leetz, and the 2010 Legacy of Service Award recipient, Mr. Larry Klemz. These outstanding recipients were honored during the Chamber's annual "Salute to Leadership" dinner that took place on Saturday, January 15, 2011, at Strongbow Inn in Valparaiso, Indiana.

The Greater Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce utilizes members of the community in order to improve the quality of life within the community of Valparaiso through business development and community service. Each year, Chamber members and friends gather together to honor the recipients of the Distinguished Community Award and the Legacy of Service Award.

This year, the Greater Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce honored its 2010 Business Award Winners. Peoples Bank and Urschel Laboratories were honored with the 100 Years in Business award. The 75 Years in Business award was given to Lincoln Office, L.L.C., and the recipient of the 50 Years in Business award is G.E. Marshall, Inc. Each business is dedicated to providing excellent business to the community and for that reason, they are to be commended.

The 2010 Distinguished Community Leader Award recipient is Bruce Leetz. A graduate of Valparaiso High School and Ball State University, Bruce is the President and Chief Executive Officer of North Coast Distributing and has been employed with the company for over 45 years. A local, family-owned beer wholesaler since 1939, North Coast, formerly Valpo Beverages, Incorporated, has become one of the premier distributors in the Midwest under Bruce's leadership. In addition to his successful career, Bruce has continuously been an active participant in his community, having served on the boards of the Northwest Indiana Forum, the Greater Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce, and the Northwest Indiana Entrepreneurship Academy. He is also a past president of the Porter County United Way and the Valparaiso Rotary Club, and he is a Ruling Elder at First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso. For his outstanding dedication to serving his community, Bruce is worthy of the highest praise.

Larry Klemz is the recipient of the 2010 Legacy of Service Award. Larry received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business from Valparaiso University. During school and following graduation, Larry worked for Home Mountain Publishing, which he purchased in 1978. He previously bought a small printing company in Valparaiso named the Herald Press and merged the two businesses together. Larry serves as President of his company, which is known today as Home Mountain Printing. Larry's leadership and dedication to his company has made Home Mountain Printing an industry leader in Northwest Indi-

ana. Additionally, Larry spends much time and effort giving back to the community. He has served on numerous boards including: The Family and Youth Services Bureau, Porter County United Way, Valparaiso Rotary Club, Valparaiso YMCA, and the Greater Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce. Currently, he serves with the Porter County Museum Advisory Council and the Public Education Foundation of Valparaiso. Larry's continuous devotion to his community is to be admired.

Mr. Speaker, clearly Bruce and Larry have not only been wonderfully successful in their chosen endeavors, but they have lived selfless lives. They know, as Charles Dickens wrote "the common welfare was [their] business; charity, mercy, forbearance, benevolence, were all [their] business."

At this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the Greater Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce 2010 Business Award Winners, as well as Bruce Leetz and Larry Klemz. For their dedication and commitment to the community of Valparaiso as well as Northwest Indiana, they are all worthy of the honors bestowed upon them.

CONGRATULATING TCU HORNED FROGS

### HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 18, 2011*

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to the TCU Horned Frogs football team for their 21-19 victory over the Wisconsin Badgers in the 2011 Rose Bowl. Quarterback Andy Dalton was named the Rose Bowl's Most Valuable Offensive Player, while linebacker Tank Carder was named the Defensive MVP.

The Rose Bowl attendance of 94,118 was the largest crowd to ever attend a TCU football game. Excluding the NFL, the 2011 Rose Bowl Game was the most-watched event in ESPN and cable television history. In addition to an outstanding performance in the Rose Bowl game, TCU posted its third straight top-10 ranking this season, and its fourth top-10 in the last six seasons. TCU's 13-0 overall record was the second undefeated season in program history.

The 13 wins mark the most victories in a single season for TCU. As any college football fan knows, breaking into a BCS game is a huge accomplishment for a non-automatic qualifying school, and I am proud that the Horned Frogs became the first non-automatic qualifying school to play in and win the Rose Bowl. With this feat, TCU has proven once again that they can play with any college football team in the Nation.

TCU had five first-team All-Americans: linebacker Tank Carder, defensive end Wayne Daniels, safety Tejay Johnson, return specialist Jeremy Kerley and center Jake Kirkpatrick. Jake Kirkpatrick won the Rimington Trophy as the Nation's top center.

Congratulations to the team, the coaches, and the staff for an outstanding year and an incredible performance in the Rose Bowl game. The Horned Frogs have made TCU and the entire Fort Worth community proud.