

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF LIONVILLE FIRE COMPANY

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2011

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lionville Fire Company on its 100th anniversary of selfless dedication and commitment to the community.

This is a great milestone and a momentous accomplishment and I take great pleasure in being able to honor the men and women of the Lionville Fire Company for their dedication and outstanding service.

For 100 years, the officers, firefighters, and fire police of Lionville Fire Company have proudly and capably served and protected the thousands of citizens of Chester County, including the Townships of Upper Uwchlan, Uwchlan, and West Pikeland. They have always answered the call to help their neighbors in distress, whether it is putting out a fire, aiding those whose homes have flooded, or rescuing animals. During these years of service, the Company has also lost the lives of fallen firefighters as they have answered the call. Special tribute needs to be paid to these brave servants: Charles Martin, Jonathan Windle and David Good.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Lionville Fire Company on its 100th anniversary and to honor this exemplary organization for its commitment, dedication, and outstanding history of service to the community.

RECOGNIZING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2011

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the 40th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to honor his legacy and recognize the innumerable Americans who continue along the path he paved towards justice and liberty for all citizens.

It is rare that one person can change the fate of our Nation; however Dr. King was able to do just that. Dr. King relied on his relationship with God and his faith in justice to articulate his vision for America in a way that touched the hearts and minds of the American public.

Dr. King called on all of us to no longer stand alone in silence, but to stand up together as a voice against injustice. He inspired us to fight for change through nonviolent means, and paved the road for us to continue that fight even after his death.

Few people would sacrifice time and energy for loved ones, fewer for strangers, yet Dr.

King humbled himself to do just that. He ultimately sacrificed his life and his family sacrificed their patriarch for the struggle towards political justice for all Americans. Today we pay homage for their selflessness and publicly thank them for their commitments to humanity.

Dr. King left us with the challenge to courageously fight and secure the civil rights for all, from the impoverished and disenfranchised underclass to the politically and economically endowed. Although his challenge was issued 40 years ago, we still have not fully realized his noble request.

Today, that legacy is as much about the past as it is about the future. Dr. King's dream is truly timeless, and I hope that our next generation will find inspiration in his faith and vision.

RECOGNIZING THE ORGANIZERS OF "LZ: RGV"—A FITTING WELCOME HOME TO VETERANS OF VIETNAM WAR

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the important work of Manuel Cantu, Jr., Judge Ramon Garcia and the American Legion Post 408 of Edinburg, Texas. These gentlemen, along with the Legion Post, are planning a remarkable and poignant event for this Saturday in McAllen, Texas, that pays a debt 38 years overdue.

Four years ago, Judge Ramon asked Mr. Cantu, then Legion Post commander, if the Vietnam Veterans in South Texas had ever gotten a proper homecoming celebration after their service in the war. No such recognition had ever been given and the good people of South Texas have worked to correct that omission.

Their efforts culminate in the three day "LZ: RGV"—Landing Zone: Rio Grande Valley—a sincere welcome home to the veterans of the Vietnam conflict.

The honor, duty and sacrifice of these veterans could not be clearer. Of the two and a half million men and women who served in Vietnam, six hundred and sixty spent time as prisoners of war, three hundred thousand were wounded—seventy-five thousand suffering permanent disability, over two thousand remain missing, and fifty-eight thousand died in service to their country.

However, when these servicemembers returned home, they were overshadowed by the crossfire of public debate over our nation's involvement in the Vietnam War. As a result, these brave men and women never received the welcome home, salute and gratitude they justly deserved.

Today, thanks to the efforts of Post 408, as well as other veteran organizations and fellow Texans, there will be a spectacular and fitting recognition of the Vietnam veterans. Centered

around the McAllen, Texas Convention Center and stretching from Thursday, April 7 to Saturday, April 9, LZ: RGV will feature the traveling Wall That Heals (a half scale replica of the Vietnam Memorial), dedication of a new memorial to Texans who died in the Vietnam War, a day of education and exhibits, dramatic presentations, and a motorcycle procession headed by the Warriors Watch Riders.

I am heartened by the support of the whole community in making this event special and meaningful for Vietnam Veterans. Five countries, several cities, and the Texas House and Senate in concurrent resolution, have proclaimed Saturday, April 9 as Welcome Home South Texas Vietnam Veterans Day. The list of sponsors is long and filled with public agencies, businesses, nonprofit groups, and private individuals. Several individuals have given their time and talent to produce a first-class experience.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have had the time to recognize LZ: RGV, which so fittingly and joyously acknowledges, appreciates, and celebrates the sacrifice of Vietnam veterans and provides the welcome home they deserved.

A CELEBRATION OF 90 YEARS OF THE LIFE, LEGACY, LEADERSHIP AND LOVE OF DR. THELMA DAVIDSON ADAIR—VILLAGE MOTHER OF HARLEM "EDUCATOR, PIONEER, ACTIVIST, MOTHER, GRAND & GREAT GRAND-MOTHER"

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the Life, Legacy, Leadership and Love of our Village Mother of Harlem and my longtime friend and confidant, Dr. Thelma Davidson Adair.

On Sunday, April 3, 2011, the Mount Morris Ascension Church and the Greater Harlem community join together to celebrate the wonderful legacy and work of our "Educator, Pioneer, Activist, Mother, Grand & Great Grand-mother," Dr. Thelma Davidson Adair.

Dr. Adair, a Harlem icon and matriarch, is a graduate of Barber-Scotia Jr. College, Concord, North Carolina and Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina. She earned a Master's Degree and Doctorate of Education from Teacher's College, Columbia University. This outstanding remarkable woman has been an outstanding educator, world-renowned church leader, advocate of human rights, peace and justice issues, writer and public speaker.

Beginning her life in the "Jim Crow South," in North Carolina, she refused to let social limitations stand in the way of sharing her gift for teaching with the world. Thelma Davidson met and married the Reverend Dr. Arthur Eugene

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Adair, founder and Senior Pastor of the landmarked Mount Morris Ascension Presbyterian Church. Eugene and Thelma through God's unyielding hand contributed their talent, energy, generosity and educated minds in service to the children and families of Harlem, New York City and beyond. They are responsible for organizing many of Harlem's first Head Start programs, including the Mount Morris New Life Children's Day Care Center.

In 1976, Dr. Thelma C. Davidson Adair became the first African-American woman to be elected Moderator of the Presbyterian Church 188th Assembly. Her efforts and involvement with the Presbyterian Church have been nationally recognized by foreign and national heads of states and United States presidents.

An expert in early childhood education, Adair is Professor Emeritus of the City University of New York's Queens College, where she taught for 31 years. She also taught religious education at Union Theological Seminary, was a lecturer at the University of Ghana and Columbia University, and trained members of the U.S. Peace Corps for service in Africa, South America and the Caribbean.

Through all her tremendous efforts and achievements, Dr. Adair has been duly honored, receiving countless awards and numerous Honorary Doctorate Degrees. Her impressive resume of accomplishments does not speak to the deep connections the community feels for her as a mother to all. Dr. Adair shares her wisdom and love with so many people in unofficial contexts, providing mentorship and friendship to Harlem's youth. Her role as a community leader does not end when she leaves the church and her life of service to the world in the face of very real social challenges sets an example for us all.

The Arthur Eugene and Thelma Adair Community Life Center, Inc. Head Start serves over 250 children and their families annually in five Head Start Centers in Harlem. Dr. Adair's publications on early childhood education have become an authoritative guide for early childhood educators throughout the United States. Today, Dr. Adair is an ordained elder in the Mount Morris Ascension Presbyterian Church of New York City, the church founded by her late husband the Reverend Arthur Eugene Adair.

Her numerous awards and degrees include: The Thelma C. Adair Award on Presbyterian Senior Services; Barber-Scotia Alumni Award for Meritorious Service in the Field of Education; Columbia University, Teacher's College Distinguished Alumni Award; United Negro College Fund Distinguished Award for Outstanding Service and Commitment of Higher Education; and Woman of the Year Award.

Her current affiliations include: Chair, Presbyterian Senior Services; Advisor, Church Women United, National Board; Board of Visitor, Davidson College; Advisory Council, National Council of Churches; Member, Harlem Hospital Community Advisory Board.

During her prestigious career of service, Dr. Adair has worked closely with leaders, including the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Presidents John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson and Jimmy Carter, to bring about social justice and economic empowerment. She even was a part of President William Jefferson Clinton's delegation that attended the historic inauguration of South African President Nelson Mandela.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in tribute of the living life, legacy, leadership and love of our

beloved Village Mother of Harlem, Dr. Thelma C. Davidson Adair's 90 years of service to a very grateful nation.

IN HONOR OF BERKS COUNTY
CHAPTER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
SPORTS HALL OF FAME

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Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the seven new members of the Berks County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame and to honor them on their outstanding athletic careers.

Charlie Engle has been an outstanding softball pitcher for 60 years and he famously pitched a no-hitter in 2010 at the age of 79. For his career, he has pitched 13 perfect games and 18 no-hitters. In addition to pitching in more than 2,000 games and receiving 31 MVP awards, Charlie led the Honey Brook Comets to county, district, state, regional and national American Softball Association titles in 1968 and 1969.

Doreen Kase Larson, one of the top swimmers in Berks County history, won seven District 3 gold medals, setting records in the 100-yard and 200-yard freestyles. She also won five PIAA golds, three in the 100-yard and two in the 200-yard freestyles, setting marks in both events. She was inducted into the Berks County Aquatic Hall of Fame in 2000.

Mike Reedy was a basketball and baseball standout, helping to lead the 1977 Wilson Bulldogs to the Berks County basketball title. He is fourth on the school's career scoring list. Mike also batted .531 in baseball and went on to standout careers in both sports at Albright College. He has been inducted into the Wilson and Albright Sports Halls of Fame.

Mike Reitz was an All-State football player for the Wilson Bulldogs, leading them to its first undefeated season in 1967 when he rushed for 1,274 yards to set the school career record of 2,257 yards. He was also the Berks heavyweight champion in wrestling. Mike went on to play college football at Penn State and Maryland. He has been inducted into the Wilson Sports and Berks Football Halls of Fame.

Joe Stallone, an outstanding gymnast, won 48 gold, silver and bronze medals in PIAA competition and was the national high school champion in rings and vaulting. After graduating from Holy Name in 1976, Joe went on to an All-American career at Penn State. He has coached at many levels, including the USA Olympic Festival team three times, and he directed the U.S. Junior National team to four world titles.

Ken Thomason, Reading High Class of 1958, was a football and wrestling standout. He was an All-Central Penn League and Big 33 selection in football and went on to play for the semi-pro Reading Keystones. Ken was also a District 3 champion in wrestling and has been inducted into the Berks Wrestling Coaches and Berks Football Halls of Fame.

Ross Tucker, Wyomissing Class of 1997, was an All-Berks selection in football and basketball for the Spartans. He went on to start in football for four years at Princeton where he earned All-Ivy League and Academic All

American honors. Ross then played for seven seasons as an offensive lineman in the NFL with the Redskins, Bills, Cowboys and Patriots.

Mr. Speaker, in light of the outstanding athletic careers of these seven individuals, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing their outstanding achievements on the occasion of their induction to the Berks County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame.

CELEBRATING THE 89TH BIRTHDAY OF GEORGE N. ZENOVICH

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2011

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Honorable George N. Zenovich on the occasion of the celebration of his 89th year.

George N. Zenovich was born of Serbian ancestry on April 29, 1922 in Fresno, California. Raised in his beloved San Joaquin Valley, in 1955 he wed Vera Sarenca in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. To their great joy, they became the parents of two children, Ninon and Marina. George proudly served a tour of duty for our Nation as a member of the U. S. Army Air Force during World War II. Mr. Zenovich embodies what has become known as the "Greatest Generation" and indeed all that is honorable about our esteemed veterans. As journalist Tom Brokaw wrote in his 1998 book, "The Greatest Generation," he defended our country neither for fame nor recognition, but because it was the right thing to do. That sense of honor would stay with George Zenovich throughout his entire career.

A calling for public service would continue to run deep within George Zenovich. When his military service to our country concluded, Mr. Zenovich continued his education in the area of law, becoming a noted attorney; a calling which would later serve as the foundation for democratic representation of the people of the State of California.

In 1963, George Zenovich was elected to serve in the California State Assembly. As a testament to his leadership, he earned the distinction of serving in the post of Assembly Majority Leader, a position second only to the Assembly Speaker. This service marked the first time that two San Joaquin Valley legislators from the same political party had held high positions simultaneously in the state legislature. In 1968, his passion for representing those under the democratic umbrella led him to be selected as a delegate for the 1968 Democratic National Convention. Shortly thereafter, George Zenovich was elected to the position of State Senator for California, providing representation for all those in his cherished Central Valley.

During his tenure in the State Senate, George was instrumental in passing several landmark pieces of legislation. It was during his time in the California Senate that the notable California Arts Council was created by the Dixon-Zenovich-Maddy California Arts Act of 1975. This legislation was enacted to encourage artistic awareness, participation, and expression; to assist independent local groups develop art programs; to promote the employment of artists in both the public and private