

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING GEORGIA SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ALLIANCE

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation:

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service; and

Whereas, the Georgia Sustainable Communities Alliance was created to build an alliance of professionals with various skill sets to build Green sustainable communities throughout the state; and

Whereas, Mr. Derold McIver, BB&T's CRA/Community Development, and many others held its first meeting of the Georgia Sustainable Communities Alliance on November 5, 2010; and

Whereas, this unique board has given of themselves tirelessly and unconditionally to preserve integrity, advocate for the betterment of citizens as it relates to Economic Development, Housing Development, Education and Healthcare; and

Whereas, the Georgia Sustainable Communities Alliance consists of members from the Not For Profit Sector, For Profit Sector, Commercial Lenders, Corporations, Government, Educational Institutions and many more; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Georgia Sustainable Communities Alliance for their outstanding service to our District;

Now Therefore, I, Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr. do hereby proclaim December 8, 2010 as Georgia Sustainable Communities Alliance Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 8th day of December, 2010.

### COMMEMORATING THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, each year on April 24, we gather to honor the memory of those lives that were destroyed in the events of the Armenian Genocide. Because this year a Congressional recess coincided with that date, I take the opportunity today to commemorate the atrocious acts of genocide that occurred 96 years ago.

It is notable that today also happens to be Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. The history of these two genocides remains tragically intertwined by the world's intransigence at the suffering of the victims while

the atrocities took place and the ongoing efforts of those who seek to deny what happened.

It is said that the trajectory from Armenia to Auschwitz was direct. It is said that when asked if the world would tolerate the "Final Solution" to annihilate the Jews, Hitler remarked "Who remembers the Armenians?"

We remember the Armenians. More than 1.5 million men, women and children systematically murdered, chased from their communities and in many cases marched to death. The suffering of the victims, the courage of the survivors, and the battle of their descendants to preserve this history deserves full recognition. Silence only inflicts more pain and leaves those who suffer to suffer alone. Silence encourages those willing to engage in genocide to believe their actions will be met with impunity.

Nearly 100 years later, we are still learning from this tragedy. The United States must embrace and encourage international recognition of the Armenian genocide not only for the peace of mind of those who suffered, but to reaffirm our commitment to preventing the genocides of the future.

Let us raise our voice so that the Armenian Genocide will be mourned and remembered for generations to come.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL MICHAEL PATRICK GOYNE

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Lieutenant Colonel Michael Patrick Goynes, who is retiring from the United States Army Reserves after 29 years of active and reserve service.

LTC Goynes was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Administration of Justice at the Pennsylvania State University. He then went on to earn his Master of Public Administration degree from Marywood University, and his Master of Science degree in Community Counseling from the University of Scranton. LTC Goynes has also attended many military schools, including Telecommunications Operator School, the Air Assault School, the Quartermaster Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Ordnance Officer Advanced Course, Combined Arms Services and Staff School, and Command and General Staff School.

LTC Goynes's non-active duty has taken him across Pennsylvania. While serving on active duty, LTC Goynes was deployed to Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. For his second deployment, LTC Goynes served in Iraq as a part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

LTC Goynes has earned the Bronze Star (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Meritorious

Service Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster), the National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star), the Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Silver Hour Glass, M Device and number 2 numeral), the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal (with 3 Bronze Service Stars), the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon (with number 3 numeral), the Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia), the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Kuwait), the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Combat Action Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.

Mr. Speaker, Lieutenant Colonel Michael Patrick Goynes has served our country with distinction. His 29 years of commitment to protecting our freedom should be honored and respected. Mr. Speaker, today, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Lieutenant Colonel Michael Patrick Goynes for his service, and in recognizing his retirement from the United States Army Reserves after 29 years of active and reserve service.

### HONORING THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MARIN COUNTY

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a valued institution that has been part of the fabric of life in Marin County for 75 years—the local chapter of the League of Women Voters.

A nonpartisan organization of women and men with over 200 members, the Marin League has worked for many years to encourage informed participation of citizens in government, to increase the understanding of public issues, and to influence policy through education and advocacy.

Over the years the League has hosted hundreds of Pros and Cons presentations on ballot measures for the public, organized live, televised and webcast debates for almost every elected office in the county, sponsored voter registration drives in local high schools and colleges, and mailed thousands of postcards advising voters on how to evaluate negative candidate mailers. In addition, it has been involved in supporting local ballot measures and hosting guest speakers from a variety of organizations to help educate the public as well as continuing a tradition of monthly Action meetings.

The League has worked with local organizations dedicated to improving life in Marin

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County and has actively studied many issues crucial to the community. These include affordable housing, transportation and land use measures, early childhood education, college scholarships, health care, and water supply.

As a Congressional candidate, I have participated in the League's debates and have truly appreciated its balanced, non-partisan approach. Questions from League moderators are invariably thoughtful, balanced, and germane, allowing voters to hear positions on the important issues of the day.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the League of Women Voters of Marin County on this important anniversary. For 75 years, it has encouraged voter participation and education while promoting good government for Marin.

HONORING GLENDA F. BRITTON

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation:

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service; and

Whereas, Mrs. Glenda F. Britton has answered that call by giving of herself as an educator at Edward L. Bouie, Sr., Traditional Theme Elementary School, and as a beloved wife, daughter, mother and friend; and

Whereas, Mrs. Britton has been chosen as the 2011 Teacher of the Year, representing Edward L. Bouie, Sr., Traditional Theme Elementary School; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents for the betterment of our community and our nation through her tireless works, motivational speeches and words of wisdom; and

Whereas, Mrs. Britton is a virtuous woman, a courageous woman and a fearless leader who has shared her vision, talents and passion to help ensure that our children receive an education that is relevant not only for today, but well into the future, as she truly understands that our children are the future; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Glenda F. Britton for her leadership and service for our District and in recognition of this singular honor as 2011 Teacher of the Year at Edward L. Bouie, Sr., Traditional Theme Elementary School;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim April 22, 2011 as Mrs. Glenda F. Britton Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 22nd day of April, 2011.

DEDICATING THE CORETTA SCOTT KING MEMORIAL

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a special event that occurred on

April 28, 2011—the dedication of the Coretta Scott King Memorial Garden at Sojourner Douglass College in Baltimore, Maryland.

With this dedication, brought about through the hard work of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Committee and Maryland's Office of the Attorney General, we celebrate the legacy of Coretta Scott King. We reflect upon the life of this visionary leader and her efforts to advance the ideals that she shared with Dr. King, including advocating for equality and spreading the doctrine of pacifism in her work for world peace.

Sojourner Douglass College first opened as a branch of Antioch College, Mrs. King's alma mater and one of the first schools in the country to admit women and African-Americans for undergraduate degrees. It is only fitting that such a magnificent memorial be located there. As one of the first memorials in the country honoring Coretta Scott King, this garden will be a testament to values that we hold dear—civil rights, non-violent social action, and human compassion—values that Mrs. King championed.

Mr. Speaker, this memorial is a fitting tribute to an extraordinary woman. Just as we did at her funeral, which I was honored to attend, we must use this opportunity to celebrate her life and legacy and to recommit ourselves to preserving and honoring the values and ideals of Mrs. Coretta Scott King.

CELEBRATING THE LEAGUE OF BLACK WOMEN'S "BRING A GIRL INTO YOUR WORLD" MENTORING PROGRAM AND EIGHTH ANNUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the extraordinary efforts of the League of Black Women on their annual leadership conference that commences on May 17, 2011. The conference will commemorate the amazing work this organization continues to do in order to equip women with strong leadership skills and invaluable life experiences.

The League of Black Women was founded in the 1970's by Dr. Arnita Young Boswell, and in the intervening years it has set itself apart as a powerful vehicle for lasting impact by evolving to fit the needs of its membership as they navigate a world in flux. Indeed, our globalized society is anything but stagnant, and neither is the League. With nearly 10,000 members worldwide, each decade has ushered new service themes for the organization. From a higher education and community service focus, to career development, to networking, to its current concentration on leadership research, education, and joyful living, it takes a pervasive approach to promoting leadership and success amongst its membership.

Mr. Speaker, I am most impressed with the League's efforts to reach youth through its "Bring a Girl into Your World" mentoring program. This initiative pairs middle school girls in low-income, at-risk school districts with league members to help broaden their minds, horizons, and visions for the future. So many young people underperform through crucial

high school years, because they have not been challenged to consider the reality, let alone the opportunity, of their future career paths. Through their strategic focus on this age group, the League provides young girls with this invaluable insight at a critical juncture in their lives.

I am firmly committed to serving the underserved and to promoting diversity in all avenues of society. This program falls perfectly in line with those objectives by opening doors for African American girls to reach their full potential. Our society has so much to gain from the unique talents and perspectives of these remarkable young women, and I offer my heartfelt gratitude to the League for their enduring work to raise their chances at leading full, successful lives.

Important initiatives like the "Bring a Girl into Your World" program facilitate the League's goal of achieving global impact and leadership through the development of strong, genuine interpersonal relationships and networks. This aim is showcased in the theme of its eighth national strategic leadership conference entitled "Black Women 2011: New World Power . . . When Your World Is Not Enough." This conference will be held in May 17–20, 2011 in Tampa, FL and promises the continued empowerment of the League's membership through nuanced and expert guidance in a host of vital topics that address both professional and personal betterment.

Again, congratulations to the League of Black Women on their strides toward bringing equality and opportunity to the disadvantaged youth of this nation, and on this year's conference. Your efforts are truly inspiring.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE VICTOR ALFIERI SOCIETY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge the Victor Alfieri Society of Scranton, Pennsylvania, on its 100th anniversary.

The Victor Alfieri Society was started by eight men in 1908, and it received its charter three years later. The Victor Alfieri Society was founded to help Italian immigrants become citizens of the United States while preserving their Italian heritage. The society did serve as a social club, but its primary mission was to help immigrants newly arrived in America.

The Victor Alfieri Society has grown to include more than 600 members, and it boasts diverse membership and leadership. Originally a men-only club, the Victor Alfieri Society today counts both men and women as its members. Additionally, members of other ethnic groups have joined its ranks. The society is dedicated to helping the entire community while continuing to honor and spread Italian culture.

Mr. Speaker, the Victor Alfieri Society has become a well-known place of fun, values, culture, and community outreach. What began as a small gathering place for Italian immigrants is now a large and vital part of Scranton, and it benefits countless residents. Mr. Speaker, today, I ask my colleagues to join