

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING THE DILLARD HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ ENSEMBLE FOR WINNING THE ESSENTIALLY ELLINGTON JAZZ BAND COMPETITION

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Jazz Ensemble of Dillard High School in Fort Lauderdale, Florida for their continued achievements and excellence.

Dillard High School was founded in the early twentieth century with funds from noted philanthropist James Hardy Dillard. The music program at Dillard High School gained fame when the legendary Julian "Cannonball" Adderley served as an instructor of applied music in the 1940's. Dillard High School serves as a Performing Arts and Technology magnet school in Fort Lauderdale, Florida with its main areas of focus being dance, voice, orchestra, and band.

There are no limits to the creative spirit at Dillard High School and there are no limits to the success that their students achieve. Earlier this month, the Dillard High School Jazz Ensemble took home first prize honors at the "Essentially Ellington" Jazz Band Competition at Lincoln Center in New York City. More impressive than their performance is the resolve that the students showed in fundraising for their trips. Many students used their own money to pay for their trips as private donations are scarce.

In addition to this most recent achievement, the Jazz Ensemble took first prize at the "Swing Central" Jazz competition in Savannah, Georgia in both 2011 and 2010 and in 2010 they took second place at the "Essentially Ellington" Jazz Band Competition before winning the prestigious competition this year.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that these young musicians represent my district. It is a true privilege to recognize the Dillard High School Jazz Ensemble and their many accomplishments, both on and off the stage.

HONORING AL WANAMAKER

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Al Wanamaker, outgoing president of the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club, located in my congressional district in North San Diego County California.

Under Mr. Wanamaker's leadership, the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club personified its motto of "Building Communities and Bridging Continents." The club has contributed resources and financial assistance to various

causes including: youth and women, student achievement, military, the disadvantaged and humanitarian efforts around the world.

Some of the projects undertaken by Mr. Al Wanamaker and the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club include hosting a Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA), a youth awareness leadership conference, and business and ethics conferences for Advancement Via Individual Determination, AVID, school students. They sponsored a Four-Way speech contest to help develop public speaking skills for high school students and a golf tournament that benefited scholarships for Carlsbad high school students and returning marines. The Hi-Noon Rotary Club provided dictionaries for English and Spanish speaking elementary school children, as well as meals and gifts to needy elementary school children; and finally, the Club actively supports the Carlsbad Boys and Girls Club.

For the greater community Mr. Wanamaker and the club co-sponsored an Oktoberfest fundraiser that benefited the Carlsbad Women's Resource Center; provided support to the Veterans Association of North County, and La Posada, a facility for the homeless; assisted in the distribution of food, clothing and toys to over 400 needy Carlsbad families in conjunction with the Carlsbad Christmas Bureau; as well as refurbishing, relocation and dedication of a city landmark structure for public enjoyment.

In the international arena, Mr. Wanamaker and a team of Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotarians joined with others to build a house in Mexico for a needy family. Through the Paul Harris Foundation, the club co-sponsored numerous other humanitarian projects all over the world including: an effort to eradicate polio worldwide; contributed one hundred goats to needy families in a small village in India for the purpose of providing a source of nourishment, income and an opportunity to develop entrepreneurial skills that promote self sufficiency; participated in the Shelter Box program to help the needy in Haiti and Japan that were devastated by earthquakes; provided support to build a school for girls in Afghanistan and developing a source of safe drinking water for a small village in Africa; finally, hosted several foreign exchange students to promote better understanding of other cultures.

I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the many fine achievements of Mr. Al Wanamaker and his colleagues at the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club. Without question, his leadership and their fine work are worthy of recognition by the House of Representatives today.

TOM McAVOY TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize longtime Colorado political reporter,

Tom McAvoy of Pueblo, Colorado. Mr. McAvoy, currently the editorial research director for the Pueblo Chieftain, has one of the most distinguished reporting careers in Colorado and it is a great honor to recognize him upon his retirement.

Mr. McAvoy was born and raised in Pueblo, graduating from Central High School and what is now Colorado State University-Pueblo. He finished his education with a master's degree in Journalism at Ohio State University, before returning to cover the Colorado political arena. His career spanned 34 years, and he spent the majority of that time covering the Colorado General Assembly and the Governor's office as the Chieftain's Denver bureau chief.

He has received a number of accolades during his tenure with the Chieftain. Most notably the Colorado Press Association gave him its inaugural Shining Star Award. He also served on CSU-Pueblo's alumni board and was chairman of the board for the Boys and Girls Club of Pueblo. Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle have repeatedly acknowledged their respect for Mr. McAvoy and his professional talent.

Mr. Speaker, I am glad to have the opportunity to stand and recognize Tom McAvoy, an institution in Colorado journalism. The people of southern Colorado are fortunate to have had such a gifted writer cover the state's government.

CELEBRATION OF ST. LUKE'S HOUSE 40 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate "40 Years of Excellence" by St. Luke's House (SLH) in Bethesda, Maryland, which I am honored to have located in Maryland's Eighth Congressional District. SLH empowers individuals with mental illness who have been released from psychiatric hospitals to live, learn, work and participate successfully in the community by offering integrated mental health services and access to community resources.

St. Luke's House was founded in 1971 by members of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. The programs offered by SLH include supported living, life skills training and vocational rehabilitation, as well as 24-hour crisis care and services for youth with serious emotional disabilities. SLH currently provides care for over 2,000 youth and adults annually. To accomplish its mission, SLH owns and operates 31 group homes in the community. It has helped thousands of individuals return to active community life.

SLH provides four basic programs for its clients. The Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program offers individuals supported living opportunities, residential rehabilitation assistance, back-to-work skills, and a life skills program. The

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SLH Mental Health Clinic provides mental health services to the public and clients in other SLH programs. Its Fenton-McAuliffe Crisis House is a voluntary community-based residential alternative to inpatient hospitalization. The Career Transition Program is a joint endeavor between SLH and Montgomery County Public Schools that helps high school students with serious emotional disabilities receive counseling and vocational training.

SLH's efforts have raised public awareness about important mental health issues. Its continued success is due to the hard work of SLH staff and volunteers who give thousands of hours to make this program effective for SLH residents and beneficial for the larger community. St. Luke's House is fortunate to have the leadership of Ms. Cindy Ostrowski as President and CEO as it moves ahead in meeting the needs of people in the 20 century. Our community is enriched by the dedicated work of St. Luke's House.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in commending the staff and volunteers of St. Luke's House on forty years of extraordinary work and in wishing them continued success in their service to the residents of our community.

BRUCE BECKMAN TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Commander Bruce Beckman for his lifetime of service defending the United States of America and protecting the people of Colorado. His distinguished military and law enforcement careers make him a model for the community.

Commander Beckman began his highly successful military career in the United States Army. After a three year tour he joined the Colorado Army National Guard, where he remained for over 25 years. He rose quickly through the ranks, becoming Colonel and eventually Deputy Commander. During Operation Desert Storm he was awarded the bronze star for leadership, further distinguishing himself while providing security to over 24,000 prisoners of war.

As he established his exemplary military career, he also became an indispensable member of Colorado's police force. He began as a Littleton City Police Officer in 1974 and was promoted to sergeant only four years later. He would hold a number of other positions in the department, but eventually became Commander in 1999. During his tenure in that position, he would oversee all three divisions of the department: investigations, patrol and support services. He was the clear choice to coordinate the city's preparations for the Democratic National Convention, and serves as the city's emergency planner. Bruce and his wife Susan, an Arapahoe County Commissioner, are both leaders in the Littleton community, devoting much of their free time to service organizations such as the Littleton Rotary Club, of which Bruce is a past president.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to stand and recognize one of Colorado's finest residents. His service to the country and state of Colorado is admirable and we are indebted to his efforts.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION
ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2011

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, the first responsibility of all Members of Congress is to keep our country safe. Critical to fulfilling that obligation is providing members of the intelligence community with every resource they need to do their jobs.

Today, with this Democratic amendment, we address this challenge head-on.

I'd like to acknowledge the leadership of those who introduced this amendment: Congressman NADLER, Congresswoman JACKSON LEE, and Congressman ELLISON.

I thank them for bringing to the floor legislation that: ensures that our top priority in funding our intelligence services is the campaign to disrupt, dismantle, and defeat Al Qaeda and affiliated organizations; honors the extraordinary courage, dedication, and sacrifice of the intelligence officers, analysts, and Navy SEALs who located, tracked, and killed Osama bin Laden; and commends the leadership of President Obama in carrying out this mission and recognizes the commitment of Presidents Clinton and Bush for advancing this fight. As it says, this action "brought a measure of justice to the families of the victims of 9/11."

Strengthening our intelligence capabilities and establishing clear priorities are not partisan issues; they are critical to our national defense.

That is why I urge Republicans to join Democrats to pass this motion and keep the pressure on those who attacked our shores nearly 10 years ago.

TILMAN BISHOP TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tilman Bishop for his longtime service to the state of Colorado as a teacher, public servant and dedicated citizen. He has represented the state's Western Slope in the Colorado General Assembly for just under three decades and now serves on the University of Colorado Board of Regents.

Mr. Bishop was born and raised in Colorado Springs and learned to respect the value of education. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees, both in education, at the University of Northern Colorado, which he attended with scholarships from wrestling and the El Pomar Foundation. His alma mater would eventually award him an honorary doctorate in 1999.

Out of college, Mr. Bishop decided to become a public school teacher in Colorado, a position he held for seven years. His success in that role translated to his managerial talent. He served as a Mesa State College administrator for 31 years and was an important part of the school's academic emergence.

Mr. Bishop is known best for his tenure in the Colorado legislature, though. He served

for four years in the state House of Representatives and another 24 years in the state Senate, the last six of which as president pro tem. His lengthy tenure in the Colorado Capitol ranks as the longest among Western Slope senators and comes as no surprise to those aware of his dedication and political prowess.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor to stand and recognize Tilman Bishop today. He has spent a lifetime serving Colorado and I am grateful for his passion and dedication.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I requested and received a leave of absence on May 13, 2011. For the information of our colleagues and my constituents, below is how I would have voted on the following votes I missed during the day.

On rollcall vote No. 323, Rogers Amendment that would clarify that Section 411 of the bill, which provides certain authorities for Defense Intelligence Agency expenditures, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 324, Gibson Amendment that would require the Director of National Intelligence to submit to Congress a report containing recommendations the Director considers appropriate for consolidating the intelligence community, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 325, Hinchey Amendment that would require the Director of National Intelligence, DNI, to report to the House and Senate Intelligence panels on information it has regarding the human rights violations of the military government in Argentina that resulted in 30,000 disappearances between the mid-1970's and mid-1980's, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 326, Carney Amendment that would establish the sense of Congress that railway transportation should be included in transportation security plans for intelligence agencies, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 327, Reed Amendment that would commend the United States intelligence community for their successful operation in bringing Osama bin Laden to justice and their continued efforts against al Qaeda, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 328, on Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 754, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 329, on final passage of H.R. 754, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011, I would have voted "yes."

CELEBRATING THE HISTORY OF
THE TOWN OF JONESVILLE ON
ITS BICENTENNIAL

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I recently attended a celebration of the bicentennial of the community of Jonesville, NC. Not only was I impressed by the level of volunteerism that