

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THANKING REPRESENTATIVE HINCHEY FOR HIS SERVICE TO NEW YORK STATE AND AMERICA

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of my colleague and fellow New Yorker, Congressman MAURICE HINCHEY, who will not be seeking reelection. As members of the New York Congressional Delegation, I have seen firsthand the contributions MAURICE has made to the people of the 22nd Congressional District, New York State and our entire nation.

A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Congressman HINCHEY rose from humble beginnings to serve in both the New York State Assembly and the House of Representatives. As an important member of the Appropriations Committee, Congressman HINCHEY has created good paying jobs, invested in New York and America's infrastructure, protected middle-class families, championed for local farmers and has been a great protector of our environment.

I wholeheartedly thank Congressman HINCHEY for his service, leadership and friendship. He has shown inspiring strength and resolve in battling cancer while upholding the highest level of commitment to his constituents and country. I wish Congressman HINCHEY both health and happiness during the next chapter in his life.

RECOGNIZING WILL TRAVIS

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues, Congressman PETE STARK, Congresswoman LYNN WOOLSEY, Congresswoman ANNA ESHOO, Congresswoman ZOE LOFGREN, Congresswoman BARBARA LEE, Congressman MIKE THOMPSON, Congressman MIKE HONDA, Congressman JERRY MCNERNEY, Congresswoman JACKIE SPEIER, and Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI to recognize Will Travis, Executive Director of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) of 17 years, as he retires after 42 years of public service.

Will "Tray" Travis, holds a Bachelor of Architecture and a Master of Regional Planning degree from Pennsylvania State University. From 1970 to 1972 he served as BCDC's first Bay Development Design Analyst, after which he spent 12 years with the California Coastal Commission, holding a number of positions, including heading the agency's offshore oil drilling permit staff, directing its public access program, and overseeing its budget and administrative functions.

He returned to BCDC in 1985 as Deputy Director and was later appointed Executive Director in 1995.

Travis has written many articles on coastal issues, has provided advice on coastal matters to other states and nations, and has been a university lecturer throughout North America. He was appointed Chairman of the Shell Oil Spill Litigation Settlement Trustee Committee, which administered a multimillion dollar settlement fund to settle claims resulting from a 1988 oil spill. In that capacity, he spearheaded the public acquisition of 10,000 acres of privately owned salt ponds along the northern shoreline of the San Francisco Bay in one of the largest coastal wetland restoration projects in California's history.

Over the years Travis has been a tremendous leader in protecting San Francisco Bay while balancing the difficult roles of conservation and development. He has established himself as a leading advocate for a regional strategy to address climate change and sea level rise in the Bay Area. My colleagues and I, as well as over 7 million residents in the Bay Area, owe him a great debt of gratitude for protecting our quality of life.

Travis was the 2009 recipient of the Jean Auer Environmental Award and is a member of the National Research Council Roundtable on Climate Change Education. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Bay Area Council Economic Institute, the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association, the EcoAdapt Climate Change Adaptation Innovation Center, the Executive Management Committee of a Joint Policy Committee of four regional agencies, the Community Advisory Board of KB Home Corporation and Friends of One Bay Area. Furthermore, Travis is a member of Lambda Alpha, the honorary society for the advancement of land economics, he has chaired a special committee established by the City of Berkeley to work with the University of California to develop a new plan for downtown Berkeley, and has served on the project team of "Saving the Bay," a public television documentary film.

Mr. Speaker, we invite this chamber to join us in honoring Will Travis for his tireless and dedicated service to the people of California and the San Francisco Bay Area. We also join his family, colleagues, and friends in congratulating him on a successful and fulfilling career at BCDC and wishing him well on his new initiative as a senior policy advisor for the Bay Area's Joint Policy Committee.

SECOND TIME AS SWEET AS FIRST
FOR NORTHERN GUILFORD

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, for the second consecutive year, a high school located in the

Sixth District of North Carolina has captured a Class 3-AA state championship. The Northern Guilford Nighthawks won the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state championship, defeating Boiling Springs Crest, 31-7, on December 3, 2011.

Northern Guilford scored first but only had a six point lead going into the second half. Nineteen unanswered points, in the third quarter was too substantial for Boiling Springs Crest to overcome. "I know I get credit," Northern Guilford Coach Johnny Roscoe told the Greensboro News & Record, "But it's the assistant coaches and the players. They're the ones who really do it, and I can't say enough about them."

The Northern Guilford Nighthawks finished their season with a 14-1 record and went undefeated, 7-0, in league play. The NCHSAA offensive and defensive players of the game were Nighthawks Daniel Downing and Scooter Mooney. T.J. Logan received the game's Most Valuable Player award with a five touchdown performance. None of these accolades would have been obtained without the hard work and determination from teammates Tre Purcell, Cameron Harris, Brett Welch, Austin Hoke, John McBeth, Ryan Dirks, Nick Jones, Austin Coltrane, Mark Mitchell, Avery Cooper, Shaquille Fields, Burney Sindab, Justin Timmons, Chris Ripberger, Malik Parker, Robert Wilcox, Rory Bergen, Bernard Sindab, T.J. Ruff, Trip Dunn, Trevon Cooper, Frankie Lollis, Ryan Johnston, Trevor McKee, Austin Simmons, Max Klietsch, Tripp West, Blaine Jones, Eric Hong, Josh Steele, Kamen Smith, Chris Forlano, Trevor Beck, Rashad Martin, Sam Parker, Andrew Keen, Bryan Iddings, Taylor Rumley, Molick Scott, Josh Moore, Alex Hasler, and Carlos Williams.

The Nighthawks could not have achieved the state championship without the leadership of Head Coach Johnny Roscoe and his outstanding staff, including J.R. Troutman, Brian Thomas, Lee Meekins, Ben Hepler, Justin Davis, Todd Sharp, Tim Bagamary, Richard Burton, and Chris Shaffer. In addition, those aiding the title hunt were Stacy Come (Cheerleading), Ed Kimbrough (Band Director), Ashlyn Thomas and Jenna Livingston (Video), Britt Thomas (ball boy), Kirstin Shepperson (Team Physician), Justin Ollis (Trainer), Kalyn Wadsworth and K.T. Song (UNCG Athletic Training Interns), Mercedes Wigglesworth, Sydney Monroe and Taylor Phillips (Student Trainers), Perry Johnson (Manager) and a special thanks to Mrs. Jane Roscoe.

Congratulations are also deserved for those who supported the football program at Northern Guilford throughout its successful season including Principal Will Laine, Assistant Principals Doug Foutty, Kris Vecchione, and Travis Ward, as well as Athletic Director Brian Thomas.

Once more, on behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we congratulate the Northern Guilford High School football team, along with the faculty, staff and students for their championship season. While everyone remembers the first time they achieved a

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major accomplishment, the Nighthawks proved that the second time is as sweet as the first.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, on January 31, 2012, I was absent from the House and missed rollcall vote 12.

Had I been present for rollcall 12, on agreeing to H. Res. 522, providing for consideration of H.R. 1173, a measure to repeal the CLASS program, I would have voted "no."

CONGRATULATING MARION GRAY

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Marion Gray on being named Knight of the Legion of Honor by France. In the course of his service in World War II Marion Gray became the first Franklin County man to be wounded on the beaches of Normandy on D-Day.

Throughout our nation's history, courageous men and women have selflessly fought time and again to secure our liberty. Marion Gray is one of those courageous men.

A true patriot, Sergeant Gray enlisted one day after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Gray then was sent to Camp Roberts to learn Combat Intelligence. He later transferred into the Medical Corps which allowed him to serve his country with the education in pharmacology and pre-medicine that he gained at The Ohio State University.

As a combat medic, Sergeant Gray travelled as part of the 29th Division of the 116th Regiment to the beaches of Normandy, where he was part of the first wave to land on D-Day.

Sergeant Gray's regiment was one of the hardest hit and during the course of that day Gray was injured twice. Thankfully, he survived but had to spend 30 days recovering in a hospital in South Hampton, England before being returned to his original company. He later went on to help liberate St. Lo, France, and served admirably until the end of the war in Europe.

It is because of the sacrifices made by Marion Gray and those he served with, that we continue to enjoy the freedoms that we do today. I am deeply thankful for Sergeant Marion Gray's heroism and sacrifice, and I congratulate him on earning the Knight of the Legion of Honor.

HONORING MORTIMER SULLIVAN

HON. KATHLEEN C. HOCHUL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HOCHUL. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas: Mortimer Sullivan is a resident of Erie County and is married to Maryanne Calella. They are the proud parents of two children, Mark and Michael; and

Whereas: In 1954, Mortimer graduated from the University of Buffalo where he earned a degree in Psychology and completed Western New York's first college-accredited certificate-granting law enforcement training program. He also was the first commander of the University's Air Force ROTC Corps of Cadets; and

Whereas: After graduating from College he reported to active duty in the Air Force, and later served in the Air Force Office of Special Investigations Mobilization Reserve Program from which he retired in 1987; and

Whereas: Colonel Mortimer Sullivan earned the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army and Air Force Commendation medals, and the New York State Conspicuous Service Cross during his service; and

Whereas: Mr. Sullivan was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1964; and

Whereas: Rising to the rank of Lieutenant, Mortimer is a founding charter member of the Erie County Sheriffs Scientific Reserve with 40 years of service; and

Whereas: For 25 years, Mortimer Sullivan chaired the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York Committee on Constitutions and Canners and received the Bishop's Award for Ministry of the Laity; and be it further

Resolved, That we pause in our deliberations to honor Mortimer Sullivan for his dedication and service to the Erie County Sheriff's Department and our community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FORMER PENNSYLVANIA STATE REP. TERRY VAN HORNE

HON. MARK S. CRITZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Mr. CRITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of a selfless community leader, accomplished lawmaker and skilled statesman. Former Pennsylvania state representative Terry Van Horne died on Monday, January 30, 2012, at the age of 65. Terry was a gentleman who used his talents as a legislator to enhance the lives of the people of the Allegheny-Kiski Valley. He was known as an independent-minded public servant who never allowed partisan politics to stand in the way of doing what was best for his constituents. Terry's unwillingness to compromise his core convictions for the sake of political expediency gained him the love of his constituents and the respect of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

Terry began his principled and distinguished career in public service on the Arnold City Council in the late 1970's. From there, he went on to represent Pennsylvania's 54th House District for nearly 20 years. By all accounts, he was a dynamic, yet congenial legislator who could defuse even the bitterest of political scuffles with his quick wit and radiant smile. After leaving office in 2000, he worked as a consultant and practiced law before returning to public service in 2007 to serve as

municipal manager for Penn Hills, Pennsylvania, a position he held until February of 2009. Just this past December, Terry was hired by the Arnold Council to be its new city clerk.

While tragedy cut his life short, Terry will be remembered not for how he died, but for how he lived—as a steadfast champion of the people.

Mr. Speaker, who can explain why great men like Terry are taken from us prematurely? The reality that Terry will no longer be able to pursue his life's passion of public service is truly a tragedy for everyone who calls the Alle-Kiski Valley home. I hope that his wife, Jacqueline, and all of his family and friends find comfort in knowing that Terry's legacy will continue to inspire generations of public servants to come.

IN CELEBRATION OF MARY CLARE HIGGINS

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the accomplishments of former Mayor of Northampton, Massachusetts, Mary Clare Higgins. Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Mary Clare Higgins was the eldest girl among her six siblings. Mayor Higgins later settled in Northampton in the late 1970s where she followed in the footsteps of her father and became involved in local politics.

Ms. Higgins' first involvement in local government came in 1990 when she was appointed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to the Massachusetts Housing Authority. Distinguishing herself through her various roles in municipal government, Ms. Higgins was first elected to the Northampton City Council in 1994 and later as president of the council in 1998. Since her election as mayor in 2000, Ms. Higgins has dually served as President of the Massachusetts Mayors' Association and was a member of the Municipal Finance Task Force of Metro Mayors Coalition.

During her tenure as mayor, Ms. Higgins has served as an advocate for the preservation and expansion of Northampton in the twenty-first century. With her initiative for growth within the community, Mayor Higgins saw promise in the development of Hospital Hill and the ongoing preservation of open space throughout the city. Her accomplishments as mayor have been recognized by a number of local, statewide, and nationwide organizations for her distinguished service.

Mary Clare Higgins has been an important part of the history and the further advancement of Northampton in the years to come. She in her role as a civil servant has placed her responsibility as a municipal leader first. Her contributions to the well-being of those whom she had the privilege to represent for over a decade is a testimony of the quality of leadership Mayor Higgins has displayed. I am honored to have known Mary Clare Higgins and I offer her my warmest regards and wishes for her future endeavors.