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A TRIBUTE TO DR. LAWRENCE E. GARY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Lawrence E. Gary, Ph.D., LICSW, on the occasion of his retirement as a full professor from Howard University School of Social Work.

Dr. Gary has enjoyed a long and distinguished career as a scholar, researcher, educator, author, administrator, and clinical counselor spanning more than half a century. He is recognized as one of the nation's preeminent scholars on the impact of mental health issues on African American males and African American families. Dr. Gary received his Bachelor of Science degree with high honors from Tuskegee University and earned his Master of Public Administration degree, Master of Social Work degree, and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. Dr. Gary has received appointments at the School of Social Work at the University of Michigan and Howard University School of Social Work and was the Samuel S. Wurtzel Professor at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work.

Dr. Gary has received funding for research totaling more than \$8 million, authored and published hundreds of scholarly articles and papers, and has presented lectures at more than 50 universities and colleges throughout the United States and in South Africa. He has provided consultation to scores of public and private entities in the areas of mental health and substance abuse.

Dr. Gary is a devout Christian and has been a devoted member of the Saint Paul African Methodist Church in Washington, DC where he has provided exemplary leadership as a servant leader on the Board of Trustees and the Steward Board for several decades. He is a devoted husband to Dr. Robenia Gary and father to three children: Lisa, Andre and Jason.

Dr. Gary received the 2002 Distinguished Alumni Service Award from the Alumni Association at the University of Michigan, the 2001 Distinguished Alumni Award from the School of Social Work at the University of Michigan, the 2001 Scholarly Contribution to Mankind Award from Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, inc., as well as awards and distinction from numerous organizations, and is listed in Who's Who in America and Who's Who in the World.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the outstanding contributions Dr. Lawrence E. Gary has made to the social work profession and to the well-being of citizens of the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Dr. Lawrence E. Gary.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF NANCY TAKAHASHI HATAMIYA

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the tragically abbreviated life of an extraordinary woman, Nancy Takahashi Hatamiya, who passed on May 15, 2012, at the age of 52. She was a woman of integrity, a great professional, a passionate advocate for human rights, a true and loyal friend, an exceptional mother and a devoted wife. She will be missed by everyone who was privileged to know her, and I count myself among those so blessed.

Nancy Hatamiya was born in Rome, Italy, lived in Pakistan as a child, attended elementary and junior high school in Washington, D.C., and graduated from the Jakarta International School before attending Stanford University, where she studied architecture and urban design. She became a Coro Foundation Fellow and it was from Coro that she was assigned to my 1982 campaign for the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors as an aide. After winning the election, Nancy served as my capable Administrative Assistant for four years. She went on to serve as an advisor to President Clinton, Vice President Gore, Defense Secretary William Cohen, and Assemblyman John Vasconcellos. She was a senior advisor at Manatt, Phelps and Phillips, and with her husband Lon, formed the Hatamiya Group, an economic, strategic and communications firm. She proudly served as a member of the Board of Directors of the California Council for the Humanities for nine years and as the Board's Chair. Her accomplishments were many, and her career was a most distinguished one.

The center of Nancy's life was her family. She adored her sons, Jon and George, and reveled in all of their activities. She was their most ardent supporter and biggest booster. She had a team of her own. From bands to baseball, she was there for them. Just days after Nancy died, her son George played in a baseball game at Sacramento City College. He said,

'Something allows us to fight adversity. My Mom loved watching us play. We were her team. She was a role model for so many, especially to my older brother (Jon) and me. She talked about education, music, sports. She wanted the best for us.'

Just a week before she died, Nancy wrote the following words:

I am convinced that it is the white, healing light, healing thoughts, and prayers that are keeping me uplifted. I feel my role is to appreciate every moment in response to the universal support you are giving me. [. . .] Every visit literally helps save my life and there is nothing more precious than being alive!

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in extending our deepest sympathy to Nancy Hatamiya's beloved husband Lon, her sons Jon and George, her sister Tina Takahashi, her brother Joseph Takahashi, and to all those who were part of her large community of friends. Nancy's life is one of an accomplished, exceptional citizen. Her passion for public service, her abiding de-

votion to her community, her love of our country and her service to it, have inspired everyone who knew her. She deepened our patriotism, and made us better individuals because of her shining example of a life lived exceedingly well.

HONORING DR. WILLIAM S. KNOWLES, NOBEL PRIZE WINNING PHYSICIAN FROM CHESTERFIELD, MISSOURI

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. AKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the late Dr. William S. Knowles.

Dr. Knowles of Chesterfield, MO passed away on June 13 at the age of 95, but not before contributing something of significant value to the world. In the 1960's Dr. Knowles began working as a chemist at Monsanto Co. in St. Louis. After years of research he and his colleagues were able to formulate a process that produces L-Dopa, a molecule that effectively limits the tremors associated with Parkinson's disease. For his successful efforts, in 2001 he was awarded the Nobel Prize in chemistry for having helped open a completely new field of research.

Though he is no longer with us today, Dr. Knowles' legacy lives on. With his discovery, the nearly 500,000 Americans who are afflicted with Parkinson's disease are now able to better treat their symptoms. They and their loved ones are able to live richer, fuller lives than was previously thought possible.

Dr. William Knowles and his research represent the thoughtful innovation that Missouri has to offer the world. His ingenuity and dedication to his field, and the people he has helped, will long be remembered and recognized as an honorable service. It is without question that Dr. Knowles helped make this world a better place. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognition of his contributions.

SGT. WARREN WATTS TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sgt. Warren Watts of Pueblo, Colorado. Sgt. Watts was a highly respected and distinguished 18-year veteran of the Pueblo County Sheriff's Department, who tragically passed away last Saturday at the age of 53, after falling ill during his routine morning jog.

One of Pueblo County's finest, Sgt. Watts spent much of his career in patrol and investigations. He was also the commander of the SWAT unit, and served for two years with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Joint Terrorism Task Force. After years of outstanding service he was appointed to the position of Inspector of Internal Affairs.

Sgt. Watts was recognized for his professionalism and commitment to the people of Pueblo County when he received the Medal of Valor in 2004. Sgt. Warren Watt's was a devoted husband to his wife of 32 years, Lori,

and father to his daughters, Nicole and Britany.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Sgt. Warren Watts for his great service to the people of Pueblo County. His loss is mourned by many and he will be sadly missed.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL ROBERT D.
PETERSON

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Colonel Robert D. Peterson, an outstanding West Virginian who served in our nation's military. Col. Peterson is responsible for overseeing the 300 navigable miles of the Ohio River basin. Col. Peterson employs over 800 staff members to maintain 35 reservoirs, and nine locks and dams. I want to personally congratulate Col. Peterson for his continued success.

Col. Robert D. Peterson is an outstanding soldier, friend, husband and father. He is a 1985 graduate from the prestigious academy of West Point, graduating with a Bachelors of Science and from the U.S. Army War College with a Masters Degree in Strategic Studies. Col. Peterson was awarded the Bronze Star, three Army Commendation Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Master Parachutist Badge, and the Bronze Order of the deFleury Medal.

The awards of Col. Peterson are just a fraction of what he has truly accomplished. Col. Peterson has successfully managed 35 flood projects that prevented over \$11.3 billion in damages while allowing over 30 million visitors to support these regions. In the Huntington District, he has made the most of 3,000 volunteers, doing over \$2 million worth of service. He has also been responsible for 94 tons of commercial traffic with 35,000 lockages valuing at 18.6 billion dollars. He has issued 800 permits for mining, highway construction, flood emergency and more. Of these permits he was responsible for placing the Boy Scout Jamboree within our beautiful state of West Virginia. He has worked and encouraged the support for projects overseas within Afghanistan and Iraq. Col. Peterson's efforts have allowed these regions to thrive.

Col. Peterson's work has greatly enhanced the state of West Virginia and the world around him. Congratulations to Col. Peterson on his numerous accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SERVICES CENTER OF CLEVELAND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the International Services Center of Cleveland, Ohio, which is observing World Refugee Day on June 20, 2012, with an evening of international food, music, friendship, and celebration of all refugees who call Northeast Ohio "home."

The International Services Center (ISC) was founded in 1916. The ISC settles refugees through the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI), of which it is a partner agency. Thousands of refugees are brought to the United States every year because they cannot return to their home countries and do not enjoy basic rights in the countries where they sought refuge. Hundreds are resettled in Ohio.

The International Services Center helps these refugees integrate quickly into the Greater Cleveland community by providing them with the tools of self-reliance: housing, job placement, employment skills, clothing, medical attention, education, English-language classes, and community orientation. The ISC offers other services as well, including immigration consultation and representation, interpretation and translation, citizenship preparation, acculturation classes, anti-trafficking, and urban agriculture for entrepreneurship.

The International Services Center has helped resettle 106 refugees in the past year alone. Since the office opened in 1916, more than 13,000 refugees from many countries have embarked on a path to reach their full potential and enjoy safety, security, and a second chance in life.

World Refugee Day is dedicated to raising awareness of the situation of refugees domestically and throughout the world. Refugees are a testament to the United States' long, proud history as a sanctuary for those who seek lives free from violence and oppression. World Refugee Day is an opportunity for the entire Cleveland-area community to come together to celebrate the contributions of our friends and neighbors who are immigrants and refugees who bring great diversity to enrich the Northeast Ohio region.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in celebrating World Refugee Day and acknowledging the important work of Cleveland's International Services Center.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, May 30, 2012 and part of the day on Thursday, May 31, 2012, I was absent from Washington D.C. due to the funeral of a close friend of the family that I was attending.

If I had been present, I would have voted as the following on May 30, 2012:

Rollcall 294 on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended H.R. 5651, the Prescription Drug User Fee Amendment, I would have voted Aye.

Rollcall 295 on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended H.R. 4201, the Servicemember Family Protection Act, I would have voted Aye.

Rollcall 296 on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended H.R. 915, the Jamie Zapata Border Enforcement Security Task Force Act, I would have voted Aye.

If I had been present, I would have voted as the following on May 31, 2012:

Rollcall 297 on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 667, I would have voted Aye.

Rollcall 298 on agreeing to H. Res. 667, I would have voted Aye.

Rollcall 299 on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended H.R. 3541 Prenatal Non-discrimination Act of 2012, I would have voted Aye.

Rollcall 300, on motion to recommit with instructions to H.R. 5743, I would have voted Nay.

Rollcall 301, on passage of H.R. 5743, I would have voted Aye.

RECOGNIZING THE 5TH MARINE REGIMENT

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the 5th Marine Regiment and Regimental Combat Team 5. The 5th Marine Regiment was activated in 1917 during World War I as the United States made preparations for deployment to France, where the Regiment won the moniker the "Fighting Fifth." The Regiment has served in every major U.S. military engagement since World War I, most recently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The 5th Marine Regiment, deployed to Afghanistan in 2011 as Regimental Combat Team 5, has spent the last seven months in southern Helmand province serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Based out of Camp Dwyer, the Marines of Regimental Combat Team 5 are conducting operations and training Afghan forces in the Marjah, Garmsir, and Nawa districts.

As a nation, we are proud of their courageous service and selfless dedication to defending the ideas that framed our Constitution and continue to sustain our democratic republic. There is no greater debt than that owed by people of this country to those who place their lives on the line for our nation.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Regimental Combat Team 5 as they complete their deployment, and with their families as they eagerly await the safe return of the brave Marines and sailors.

CAPTAIN STANCILO GEORGE
"STAN" JONES

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Captain Stancil George "Stan" Jones who passed away on June 17, 2012. Captain Jones was a Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) Captain who spent more than 55½ years serving the citizens and the communities of Los Angeles. He was the longest serving firefighter in the history of the United States.

The last 37 years of his career were at fire stations serving the communities of San Pedro and Wilmington, where he served at Fire Stations 49, 53, 112 and 38. In his honor, there is a monument outside San Pedro's Fire Station 112, where Stan spent many years. The towering column engraved with his picture overlooks the newly named Stancil G. Jones Fire Plaza.