

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO JIM QUAIL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 13, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Quail for his distinguished career of exemplary educational services to the District 14 community. Mr. Quail retires having vastly improved the quality of education for the students in his community.

Mr. Quail grew up in Astoria, Queens, and is the son of Irish immigrants. With ambitions of going to law school, Mr. Quail always had an affinity for the importance of education to promote ones wellbeing. After graduating from Fordham University he decided to follow in the footsteps of his sister and pursue a career in teaching.

Mr. Quail subsequently began his illustrious career as a student-teacher in the District 14 community. His first assignment at the then Board of Education was to report to P.S. 132 on Metropolitan Avenue. Mr. Quail spent five years at P.S. 132, while also earning educational administration degrees in his out-of-school time that enhanced his professional development. With such experience and dedication, Mr. Quail was promoted to Assistant Principal at P.S. 250 and served in that capacity for five years.

At P.S. 250, Mr. Quail would have the biggest impact on the students he encountered as well as in his personal life. With the support and confidence of student parents, school administration, and the community; Mr. Quail was selected to serve as the Principle of P.S. 250. Mr. Quail would spend the next 25 years in this post as the educational leader of P.S. 250. During his tenure, Mr. Quail accomplished many notable achievements which include leading P.S. 250 to become one of the top schools in the district.

In 2003, Mr. Quail was named superintendent of District 14. In this capacity he has served as the top education official in our community, overseeing all 26 schools and the 15,000 children they serve. Mr. Quail has led the efforts to implement a number of new initiatives in the district. Among them includes the Federal 21st Century grant which supports schools in their effort to create specialized programs in the community. Additionally, he has increased the visibility of the District's involvement in community activities.

Over the past four decades, Mr. Quail has been fully committed to ensuring a quality education for the students of the District 14 community. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mr. Jim Quail on his retirement and for leading the charge of education reform in his community.

SENATOR ROBERT SHANKLIN
WHAM TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 13, 2012

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Colorado State Senator Robert Shanklin Wham. Mr. Wham, a long time resident of Colorado was an active and giving citizen of our State.

Following his graduation from the University of Illinois School of Law, Mr. Wham joined a law firm in Montrose, Colorado. It did not take him long to become involved in Colorado Government, accepting a position as an Assistant U.S. District Attorney and moving to Denver where he later served as Deputy City Attorney, and later the City Attorney. In 1976, he was elected to the Colorado State Senate. Mr. Wham remained active in the practice of law until 2009.

Mr. Wham loved to spend time in the Colorado Mountains with his family. A passionate outdoorsman, you could find Mr. Wham throughout the year driving through the mountains, skiing, hiking and sailing.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Senator Robert Shanklin Wham. I rise today in memory of his devotion to his family and to the State of Colorado.

IN HONOR OF THE BARRINGTON
BAND

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 13, 2012

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the centennial anniversary of the Barrington Band and commemorate its many contributions to the cultural community of South New Jersey. This community band comprised of approximately thirty members ranging from teenagers to seniors has delighted audiences with their patriotic and seasonal repertoire for one hundred years, and today we thank them for the joy they have brought to their many listeners this past century.

The Barrington Band formed on January 1, 1912 when four townsmen rang in the New Year parading through the streets with cowbells, whistles, a clarinet and drum. They had such fun that they decided to form a community band. Recruitment proved to be easy, as many members of the Barrington Improvement Association were eager to join despite a lack of musical knowledge. This was soon remedied as local musicians were hired to teach the new band, and this day July 4, 1912 the band held their first performance at the flag-raising of the Barrington Fire Company.

Since that day, the Barrington Band has been marching and playing at all sorts of community building events including 17 Philadel-

phia Mummers Day Parades, the inauguration of New Jersey Governor Harold Hoffman in 1935, on the way to the shore on the Wildwood Boardwalk, and at the annual Concert at the Gazebo in Cape May.

Through decades of excellent musicianship, the Barrington Band has built an unparalleled reputation for providing a fun and entertaining show comprised of marches, patriotic and Broadway songs. Beyond being a staple at Barrington civic events and nursing homes, the band has established the Harold Houck Award for musicianship and academic achievement, to be given to a member of the Woodland School eighth grade graduating class. The award was named after Harold Houck, son of the original band director, who played with the band from fourteen to eighty-nine years old. He started a tradition of life-long participation that continues to this day, a unique legacy for this talented band.

Mr. Speaker, the Barrington Band has been an integral part of the South Jersey community for one hundred years, bringing people together through the shared joy of music. I join the township and all of South Jersey in paying tribute to this exceptional band on its one-hundredth anniversary.

THE LEGACY OF REVEREND JOHN
LAWSON VAUGHN

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 13, 2012

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, the theme of the Civil Rights Era, "Road to Freedom," honors the legacy in Leadership exemplified by Rev. J.L. Vaughn. While riding the bus to Main High School, the students witnessed Reverend Vaughn walking across the South Rome Bridge in Rome, Georgia, daily at 7 a.m. carrying a Bible under his arm. He was going to City Hall, the Courthouse, and to business owners in the downtown district to advocate for equal rights. The lunch counter sit-ins took place in Rome on March 28, 1963. When the Civil Rights Bill was passed in 1964 and the Voting Rights Act was passed in 1965, Reverend Vaughn used his pulpit to speak to the citizens and allowed white politicians to give a campaign speech in his church. The voting ballot was unfamiliar to black citizens and they had to be taught how to use it. He stressed the importance of exercising the right to vote.

The legacy of Reverend Vaughn began long before he crossed over the bridge in the 1960's through times of racial struggles in Rome to be a voice for the Black community. He died in 1979, and Rome's first African American was appointed to serve as a public official on the City Board of Commissioners in 1980. Reverend Vaughn's funeral service was held at the First Baptist Church on East 4th Street, Rome, Georgia.

John Lawson Vaughn was one of twelve children, born in 1881. He worked hard helping his father make a living for the family. As

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a boy, his father sent him to Tuskegee Institute to study in the farm educational and vocational academy. He studied for four years; helping in the wheel shop during his spare time. He began his ministerial career on February 11, 1911.

His first pastorate was the Shiloh Baptist Church of Alabama City, Alabama. In 1917, Reverend Vaughn came to Rome as Pastor of the Lovejoy Baptist Church, where he served for over fifty years. During three summers he studied in Gadsden, Alabama working toward his degree and then entered Morehouse College. He returned to Rome in 1923 with his degree and once again took over the pastorate of the church. Reverend Vaughn also served as pastor of Flint Hill Baptist Church of Gaylesville, Alabama, where he served for 25 years. While in Rome, he also served Matthew Chapel Baptist Church for 4 years, Friendship Baptist Church of Adairsville, Georgia for 9 years, and the Hopewell Baptist Church of Dalton, Georgia for 14 years.

In 1948, Reverend Vaughn was elected as Vice President of the Rome Ministerial Alliance, composed of both black and white ministers. This was the first time an African American had been elected to an office. Reverend Vaughn's interests did not stop with problems of just his own congregation. He was constantly being called on to help solve outsiders' problems and to aid needy families, and he also posted bail to get people out of jail. During the Christmas Season, he was one of the leading figures in the Empty Stocking Fund, and also one of the prime forces in helping Rome Black Leaders procure a band for Old Main High School. He was looked upon as a leader in all civic drives and campaigns benefiting both races, and he freely gave of his time and monies to help build a better Rome.

TRIBUTE TO THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF BLACK PRIDES' ANNUAL MEETING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MEETING

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 13, 2012

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the International Federation of Black Prides' Annual Meeting and Technical Assistance Meeting, which will be held in Washington, D.C., from January 13–16, 2012.

The International Federation of Black Prides, Inc. (IFBP)—a 501(c)(3) with offices in Washington, D.C., Jacksonville, FL, and Los Angeles, CA—is a coalition that promotes a multinational network of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Black Prides and community-based organizations dedicated to: promoting grassroots organizing around issues affecting the Black LGBT community; promoting community health and wellness; providing technical assistance to its member Prides; promoting unity; and ensuring educational development, economic empowerment, and individual and collective self-determination.

The mission of the IFBP is to build awareness of and pride in the diversity of the black LGBT community. Each local Black Pride is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the mission of the IFBP. Each Black Pride hosts year-

round services and activities in addition to a multi-day festival that celebrates the rich cultural heritage of the black LGBT community through educational workshops, health seminars, artistic events, and activism on the local level. Since its formation in 1999, the IFBP has grown to include 32 domestic member- and affiliate Prides and three international Prides. D.C. Black Pride, which will celebrate its 22nd anniversary in May 2012, was a charter member of the IFBP.

The IFBP is led by a national board comprised of eight members—four officers, three At-Large members and one Ex-Officio member. The board consists of: Dwayne Jenkins, Chair; Kimberly Jones, Vice-Chair; Anthony Hardaway, Secretary; Elizabeth Burch, Treasurer; Victoria Kirby, Member At-Large; Rev. Eric P. Lee, Member At-Large; Charles E. Nelson II, Member At-Large; and Earl Fowlkes, Jr., Ex-Officio Member.

I ask the House to join me in welcoming all who are attending the IFBP's Annual Meeting and Technical Assistance Meeting.

HONORING TEXAS CENTENARIAN CLESPIE WEST CARR

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 13, 2012

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Ms. Clespie West Carr of Houston, Texas, on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Ms. Carr celebrated her 100th birthday on January 4, 2012, and hers is a life rich in history and life experience.

Ms. Carr's childhood was not easy, and from an early age she had the strength of character that would carry her throughout her life. At age 2, Ms. Carr was orphaned and placed under the care of her grandmother. Just a few short years later, when she was not attending the Marquez School four months out of the year, she was hard at work in the fields picking cotton and vegetables.

Having lived for 100 years, Ms. Carr has seen so many of our Nation's historic events. When Ms. Carr was only 23, the Great Depression was in full swing. A young mother, she cared for her small children during the harsh economic realities of the time. Her resilience and strong work ethic helped carry her family through one of the toughest periods in American history.

She too has witnessed our country's decades-long struggle for civil rights. She lived through a time of segregation and violence motivated by hate, and decades later she would see the first African American elected to the highest office in the land.

If there was one thing in particular that enduring these hardships and struggles did for Ms. Carr, it was to forge unbreakable bonds with her children and family. Ms. Carr recalls the happiest time in her life as watching her children grow up and being able to attend school. Her constant and enduring desire to work hard so that her children could live a better life and her duty to family is as selfless as it is noble.

But Ms. Carr's selflessness extended far beyond her own family; the benefits of her service and generosity poured out into the commu-

nity. Ms. Carr served as Secretary for the Robinson Chapel Baptist Church for 40 years. There, she was one of several members of the Sick Committee who would aid the sick by cooking, cleaning and running errands for the needy.

Mr. Speaker, Clespie Carr is now part of the small number of centenarians in the U.S. but her determination and dedication to her family and friends only make her that much more unique. I am pleased to acknowledge this monumental occasion and Ms. Carr's tireless efforts for the sake of others this past century, and I wish her continued health and prosperity.

HONORING GREG HAMILTON

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 13, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the extraordinary achievements of my constituent, Mr. Gregory V. Hamilton. Greg is dedicated and he is passionate, and he has devoted his entire life to serving our country, his community, and the causes he champions so well. Many Montgomery County residents know him by his signature braids and his colorful garb that reflect his love of country, his Native American heritage, and his pride as a Vietnam veteran.

Unfortunately, Greg's braids are gone now, a victim to the cancer that is ravaging his body because of his exposure to Agent Orange during his service in Vietnam in 1969 and 1970. Greg served in the U.S. Navy and was honorably discharged in 1970. He received numerous medals and ribbons for his service, including the Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon and the Combat Action Ribbon for his service on the USS *Hickman County LST 825* in the Brown Water Navy in Vietnam.

Despite his lifelong fight against the effects of Agent Orange—or maybe because of it—he is passionate about improving the lives of veterans nationwide, and he has dedicated himself to doing so. A lifetime member of Vietnam Veterans of America and a committed member of Rolling Thunder Maryland Chapter 1, Greg has for many years been a part of the Wall Washing Crew, volunteers who wash and maintain the Vietnam Veterans Memorial from April to November each year. He also participates in the arrival of "Honor Flights," greeting and escorting World War II veterans to the Memorial in Washington, DC. Greg has been active in assisting those affected by military life ever since his own discharge 40 years ago. He supports military families by sharing with them his own experiences and offering advice. He was critical to the creation of the Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs and, most recently, he has been involved in the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County's initiative "Serving Together: Troops, Veterans, and Family Care Project." He has tirelessly provided support and care for military families throughout our community.

Greg is of African-American and Cherokee descent. He maintains a strong connection to his Native American heritage, having spent much of his life working with Native American organizations. In 2002, he was elected Council