

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DR. JAMES WILSON
MURRAY

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dr. James Wilson Murray's service as the executive director of General Baptist Ministries. Dr. Murray is retiring after 65 years of ministry. His service to our country and his community is unparalleled. I am incredibly thankful for the work he has done and the example he has set in Southern Missouri.

Dr. Murray served more than 20 years in the United State Marine Corps. He saw combat in both Korea and Vietnam and was recognized with three Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star Medal for valor. After leaving military service, Dr. Murray was president of Oakland City College for 33 years. He transformed the university from an unaccredited, declining college to a fully accredited university with more than 2,000 students on multiple campuses.

In addition to these incredible experiences and years of service, Dr. Murray has dedicated his life to the ministry of the General Baptist denomination. While serving as the executive director of General Baptist Ministries in Poplar Bluff, he established financial stability, provided ministerial credibility and implemented Mission One, a five-year initiative to offer new resources and enhanced communications to the people and ministries of the General Baptist denomination.

From the bottom of my heart, I appreciate everything he has done from his service in the Marine Corps to his time as executive director of General Baptist Ministries. I am proud to have Dr. Murray serve as an example in Southern Missouri, and I thank him for his years of dedication.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following remarks regarding my absence, due to travel delays with a lightning storm at Charlotte, from a vote which occurred on July 9, 2012. Listed below is how I would have voted if I had been present.

Roll Number 452—H.R. 4155 To direct the head of each Federal department and agency to treat relevant military training as sufficient to satisfy training or certification requirements for Federal licenses—"aye."

THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF
SOUTH SUDAN'S INDEPENDENCE

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, July 9, marked the one year anniversary of South Sudan's independence. A nation whose self-determination was long in the making, South Sudan had to struggle for its freedom, and millions of its people paid with their lives to reach that milestone. One year later, a country has been established, but its stability and prosperity are unfortunately far from assured.

As we know too well, conflict rages near the border between Sudan and South Sudan. Hundreds of thousands of refugees from Southern Kordofan and Blue Nile states in Sudan have streamed into South Sudan, and their numbers are only increasing. Men, women, and children in the conflict areas have been cut off from humanitarian supplies due to fighting between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and Sudan People's Liberation Movement-North (SPLM-N). Near constant bombing by the SAF has forced families to seek refuge in caves and travel hundreds of miles, sometimes by foot, to reach safety from the barrage.

Add to this the stress of fraught negotiations between Sudan and South Sudan on post-CPA implementation issues—such as border demarcation, oil transit, wealth and debt sharing, the status of Abyei—and you have a volatile situation that has been teetering on the edge of a cliff for months. In April, Sudan and South Sudan exchanged cross-border attacks. While negotiations have since resumed under the auspices of the United Nations High-Level Implementation Panel, they have yet to lead to many concrete developments, or to the implementation of the African Union/United Nations-approved road map.

Internally, South Sudan has its own problems that need attention. Violence and ethnic conflict has ebbed and flowed in Jonglei state over the past few years. Although the Government of the Republic of South Sudan has taken steps to address this, real concerns remain. Demobilization and disarmament must continue judiciously. In addition, the RSS government's laudable attempts to root out corruption and graft at all levels have been met with open hostility and far too much opposition from other officials. I encourage His Excellency President Salva Kiir Mayardit to continue fighting corruption and establish high standards for his government. Such an approach will better serve the people of South Sudan in the long run and will help guarantee a democracy founded on the soundest principles.

The United States must continue to pay strict attention to the needs of South Sudan as it further establishes itself with an eye toward longevity. This means supporting responsible policies put forth by the RSS government and

telling hard truths to our friends when necessary. We must stress the importance of finding a solution to the oil crisis. We must maintain strides made thus far in development in South Sudan and encourage further progress through proper governance, capacity-building, investment, and promotion of agriculture. The American people have invested too much in the success of South Sudan to turn back now.

So, on this anniversary of South Sudan's independence, I join in celebrating the initial achievement, but I also pledge my commitment to seeing South Sudan emerge as a fully competent, robust, and vibrant democracy in the years ahead.

IN HONOR OF KEITH RUNYON FOR
HIS 43 YEARS OF JOURNALISTIC
EXCELLENCE AT THE LOUIS-
VILLE COURIER-JOURNAL

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a newsman and writer whose desire to inform and enrich his community led to a 43-year career in journalism.

Keith Runyon retired from the Louisville Courier-Journal in April, leaving behind a matchless legacy. One of Kentucky's longest-serving and most distinguished journalists, Keith spent 35 years on the newspaper's editorial board, where he skillfully guided the C-J through times of national turmoil and triumph to local controversy and accomplishment.

The landscape of Keith's career is decorated with awards, and earlier this year he received one of the most prestigious: The Society of Professional Journalists' acclaimed Sigma Delta Chi Award.

Keith was the last member of the editorial board to have a direct connection to the Bingham Family, who owned and operated the Louisville Courier-Journal for three generations. The Bingham's two-tiered commitment to solid, fact-based journalism and advocacy for social justice has always remained—in Keith, and in all those who he has advised over the years.

But Keith's field of vision has always been broader than political reporting and commentary. Through most of his career, he also served as editor of the C-J's books page, driving to expand coverage of literature and nonfiction at a time when most major U.S. newspapers are cutting back.

Among the many responsibilities of journalists and commentators is to fully envision the kind of community where you want to live and work to achieve it. We are indebted to Keith for his years spent in service of that cause. His legacy will be the decency, equality, and justice that he fought for and inspired throughout our community.

On behalf of the 3rd Congressional District, I thank Keith for more than four decades of

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contributions to our city, and I wish him years of happiness and continued success in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, due to a delay of my flight to Washington, D.C., I missed rollcall vote 452. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4155, a bill to direct the head of each Federal department and agency to treat relevant military training as sufficient to satisfy training or certification requirements for Federal licenses.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL METRO DETROIT YOUTH DAY

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to rise today to recognize the organizers, supporters and participants of the 30th annual Metro Detroit Youth Day.

In 1982, Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young asked Mr. Ed Deeb to rise to the challenge of restoring relationships between the local business community and the youth of Detroit. From this need, Mr. Deeb, Mr. Tom Fox and the late Mr. Jerry Blocker founded Youth Day, an annual event which strengthened ties between Detroit business owners and youth. Under Mr. Deeb's leadership as chairman and coordinator of Youth Day, it has continued to grow and evolve into an event focused on nurturing the great potential of our youth and community support in the City of Detroit.

Youth Day has grown from eleven hundred participants the first year to over thirty-seven thousand annually, with more than seven hundred thousand youth participants throughout its history. Of equal importance are the more than fifteen hundred annual volunteers who come from more than 320 organizations and 310 businesses and civic groups who supervise sports clinics, games, contests and many other activities that are a part of this daylong event.

Youth Day's evolution included expanding its impact on participants, supporters and volunteers. As part of this expansion, Youth Day began to focus on providing youth with guidance, mentoring, substance abuse prevention and motivational activities designed to allow them to channel their creativity and ideas into positive outcomes, as well as provide the opportunity to pursue higher education. This year, participants will also have the opportunity to attend workshops on anti-bullying and obesity.

To promote higher education, Youth Day began awarding participants with scholarships for youth who displayed outstanding citizenship, leadership and service. Since 1992, over seven hundred scholarships have been awarded to graduating high school seniors in Metro

Detroit, and over eighty will be awarded this year. In addition to the scholarship awards, several colleges will have information booths at Youth Day to showcase opportunities for higher education.

The fifty-person Youth Day Executive Board spearheads volunteer and event organization. Ed's vision speaks for itself, as Youth Day has been awarded numerous accolades including a Point of Light award from President George H.W. Bush and the Physical Fitness Award from the Governor's Council.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 30th annual Metro Detroit Youth Day and recognizing the organizers, supporters, volunteers and participants for working together to build a stronger future for Michigan youth in Metro Detroit.

HONORING THE GRAND HOTEL

HON. DAN BENISHEK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, let it be known it is an honor to commemorate the occasion of the 125th anniversary of the opening of the Grand Hotel in Mackinac Island, Michigan.

The idea for a hotel on scenic Mackinac Island in Lake Huron became a reality when the Mackinac Island Hotel Company was formed by two railroads and a steamship company to promote tourism in the region. On July 10, 1887, the Grand Hotel opened its doors to the world. Using a force of 600 carpenters and 1.5 million Michigan White Pine boards, the original hotel was completed in just 93 days.

In the 1930s, W. Stewart Woodfill, who joined the hotel as a clerk in 1919, purchased the hotel and became its new owner. In 1960, Dan Musser, an employee since 1951, became the president of the hotel. The Mussers purchased the hotel in 1979 and have owned it since that time.

Throughout its history, the hotel welcomed many luminaries and statesmen including Mark Twain and Thomas Edison in addition to Presidents Harry S. Truman, John F. Kennedy, Michigan's own Gerald Ford, George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton.

The Grand Hotel is set on picturesque Mackinac Island. In addition to relaxing or participating in sports such as golf or tennis, patrons of the hotel can explore the Mackinac Island State Park, visit nearby Fort Mackinac, the oldest building in the state of Michigan, or enjoy bicycling or horseback riding. The island has banned motorized transportation since 1898. Although over a century has passed, some things never change, as the hotel still holds afternoon tea and patrons must wear proper evening dress at dinner.

The hotel still holds the record for possessing the longest porch in the world, at 660 feet long. It has been on Michigan's State Historical Register since 1957, was added to the National Historical Register in 1972, and became a National Historical Landmark in 1989. Aside from its historical status, the Grand Hotel has worked to make the facility as green as the forests which surrounds it.

In its 125 years of operation, the Grand Hotel has represented an important link to the Great Lake State's past and its future. I wish

the Grand Hotel and its staff a very happy anniversary. May it enjoy another 125 years of continued success in preserving an important and thriving summer destination.

As a final note, I would like to invite all Members of this body and all Americans to come to Northern Michigan and experience the natural beauty and friendly hospitality that make my home state one of the best places in the country to visit.

FORMER CHARLESTON NAVAL BASE LAND EXCHANGE ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. TIM SCOTT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 9, 2012

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 2061, the Former Charleston Naval Base Land Exchange Act, introduced by Senator LINDSEY GRAHAM. Congressman CLYBURN and I introduced the companion to this legislation in the House, and I want to thank both Mr. CLYBURN and SENATOR GRAHAM for their support on this land swap.

Our bill simply authorizes a land swap between the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the South Carolina State Ports Authority. The 25 acres DHS would receive are in the middle of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center campus and are currently leased from the Ports Authority. In exchange for this land, the Ports Authority would receive 10.5 acres of vacant DHS land to build an access road between Interstate 26 and the new container terminal under construction.

This is a commonsense solution that is a win for both parties involved, and I encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this legislation.

THE ALEH FOUNDATION PAID TRIBUTE TO MIKE SILVERSTEIN AT THEIR 28TH YEAR MILESTONE GALA

HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Speaker, Mike Silverstein was a legendary figure in the shoe industry and co-founded NINA Footwear in 1953. Operating from a loft on Prince Street in New York City, the brothers, Stanley and Mike built Nina Footwear into one of the most widely respected independent companies in the shoe industry. Mike combined a flair for showmanship with true business acumen and was instrumental in developing the shoe industry's presence in New York City.

Mr. Silverstein was also renowned in other circles. To so many who knew Mike Silverstein, as well as to the disabled children that Aleh Foundation helps, Moshe "Mike" Silverstein is unforgettable, and has left his family and friends with warm and happy memories. His charismatic personality was joyously remembered by the Chairpersons, Honorees and the Raine & Stanley Silverstein Family Foundation during the Aleh 28th annual Awards Dinner to "Fulfill a Child's Dream."