

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN
DANIEL BURBANK

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Daniel Burbank of Yarmouth Port, Massachusetts, on his successful completion of Expedition 29/30 to the International Space Station (ISS).

Captain Burbank has a long and distinguished career in service to our nation. He received his commission from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1985 and served with the Coast Guard until 1996, when he was recognized for his elite abilities and selected by NASA for its space program. Following several years of training, he flew on a twelve-day mission on the Space Shuttle *Atlantis* in September 2000, during which he and his fellow astronauts successfully prepared the ISS for the arrival of its first permanent crew. Captain Burbank again flew to the International Space Station on *Atlantis* in September of 2006, this time assisting in the installment of new solar arrays to provide the ISS with one quarter of the station's electrical power, and performing unprecedented robotics activity using the Shuttle and ISS robotic arms. His third and most recent venture to the International Space Station launched on November 13, 2011. After 165 days in space, of which 163 days were spent in research, Captain Burbank safely and successfully returned home this past May.

As a result of his outstanding service, Captain Burbank has been the recipient of several awards and special honors. In particular, he has received a NASA Exceptional Service Medal, two NASA Space Flight Medals, two Defense Superior Service medals, and two Coast Guard Commendation Medals. He was also awarded the Orville Wright Achievement Award by the Order of Daedalians as the top naval flight training graduate during the period of January 1 to June 30, 1988, as well as that year's Texas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Achievement Award as the top Coast Guard Graduate on flight training. Such a long list of awards and accolades certainly are indicative of the level of service that Captain Burbank has given to our nation.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Captain Daniel Burbank on the completion of Expedition 29/30 to the International Space Station, as well as for his long and outstanding career of service. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating him on his successful flight, in applauding his noteworthy career, and in welcoming him home.

HONORING GAIL PENNYBACKER

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Gail Pennybacker, an award-winning, longtime television journalist who has covered local news in the District, Maryland—and especially Virginia—for more than a quarter century. During her time as the Northern Virginia Bureau Chief for ABC7 News, Channel 7, Gail has garnered the respect of law enforcement, lawmakers, and everyday citizens alike.

Gail joined the ABC7 News team in 1986. She has covered many of the capital region's top stories, including the September 11th terror attacks, the Beltway sniper shootings and the Columbine High School massacre. Gail has reported from the Persian Gulf during Iraq War, conducted exclusive interviews with high-profile, nationally known cases, such as Zacarias Moussaoui, and followed hundreds of high profile local crimes and trials including the abduction/murders of sisters Kristin and Katie Lisk, and Sofia Silva in the 1990s.

Along with winning prestigious Emmy and Associated Press awards for her reporting, Gail has also been awarded several Edward R. Murrow Awards, as well as the national Quill and Badge Award from the International Union of Police Associations for “consistent, effective reporting.”

Gail has also been active in several civic associations and community organizations, including the Alzheimer's Association and the American Diabetes Association, where she was awarded a Distinguished Public Service Award. Gail's active involvement shows that she was interested in the entirety of her community—she did not simply just show up to report. Her recognition by the Northern Virginia Victims/Witness Coalition for the “objective, fair and compassionate portrayal of crime victims” is truly a testament to her respect for all persons, no matter their situation.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Gail Pennybacker upon her retirement from ABC7 News, Channel 7. Her ability to bring light to news reporting for countless individuals epitomizes the dedication and excellence that makes news reporting a reliable source of information for so many. Gail's familiar face will be missed by many, but we wish her only the best as she begins the next phase of her life.

COMMEMORATING ELLSWORTH'S
150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of the sesquicentennial celebration of Ells-

worth, Wisconsin. With its origins as a village going back to 1862, Ellsworth serves as the country seat for Pierce County, named after our 14th President, Franklin Pierce. Since a proclamation made in 1984 by Wisconsin Governor Anthony S. Earl, Ellsworth has been known as the Cheese Curd Capitol of Wisconsin.

Originally established with the name Perry, the village immediately began to grow. It wasn't until a number of years later that it was renamed Ellsworth after Colonel Elmer E. Ellsworth, who fought in the Civil War. Still to this day, Colonel Ellsworth's likeness symbolizes the strength of a thriving community.

With a population of 3,284 residents, Ellsworth is proud of its many close-knit community connections. The village boasts two amazing parks, Summit Hill Park and East End Park, where residents can come together to enjoy Wisconsin's great summers and cheer on the Ellsworth Hubbers Baseball Team to victory.

The village also hosts a number of extremely popular events in the area. These include the Ellsworth Polka Fest, the Beldenville Old Car Show, the Pierce County Fair, and of course the annual Cheese Curd Festival.

The beautiful wooded lands surrounding the city make it an excellent destination for outdoorsmen and women of all sorts. With streams filled with trout and miles of premier snowmobile and hiking trails, you can't go wrong in Ellsworth.

On July 4, 2012, Village President DeWolfe, local elected leaders, and Ellsworth residents came together to celebrate Ellsworth's sesquicentennial with music, an art show, food, and fireworks. Today, I recognize Ellsworth's sesquicentennial and join in their celebration.

HONORING GOVERNOR WILLIAM
WARREN SCRANTON

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the Republican Delegation of Pennsylvania to honor former Pennsylvania Governor William Warren Scranton on the occasion of his 95th birthday.

After earning his law degree from Yale Law School in 1946 and serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, Governor Scranton began his illustrious professional career with O'Malley, Harris, Warren & Hill in Scranton. While working in the private sector, Governor Scranton remained active and involved with the Republican Party. In 1959, he was appointed to serve as special assistant to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, in President Dwight Eisenhower's administration.

In 1960, Governor Scranton was elected to the 87th Congress, representing the 10th District of Pennsylvania. As a freshman member, he fought tirelessly for his constituents, representing their needs above all else and building bi-partisan appeal across the state with

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both Democrat and Republican voters. In 1962, he ran successfully for Governor of the Commonwealth, defeating then Philadelphia Mayor Richardson Dilworth. During his four years in office, Governor Scranton commanded one of the most productive state governments, advocating for a strong education system, continued industrial development, and fiscally responsible policy.

After being drafted by many Republicans to seek the Presidential nomination in 1964, Governor Scranton vowed to never again run for public office. He returned to the private sector in 1967, serving on numerous boards and continuing his public service through leadership with many civic organizations including; director of the Boys Club of Scranton, vice president of the University of Scranton's President's Council, director of the Scranton Chamber of Commerce, and vice president of the board of directors for Geisinger Memorial Hospital.

After turning down continued overtures to run again for public office, Governor Scranton accepted an appointment from President Gerald Ford in 1976 to serve as United States Ambassador to the United Nations. Governor Scranton's ability to promote diplomacy and cooperation earned him favor with many nations and promoted a positive world view of the United States.

Governor Scranton embodies so many of the traits, ideals, and values that we, as a delegation, strive to achieve today in the 112th Congress. I am honored to serve as his representative, and I speak on behalf of the Republican Delegation of the Commonwealth to thank him for his service to Pennsylvania and to the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Governor William Warren Scranton, an exemplary citizen, veteran, philanthropist, and public servant, and ask my colleagues to join me in praising his commitment to his family, community, Commonwealth, and country.

WELCOMING THE XIX INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my distinguished colleagues in welcoming the delegates and participants for the nineteenth annual International AIDS Conference, which will convene here in Washington from July 22nd to 27th. This is the first time that the conference has been held in the United States since 1985—a return made possible by our bipartisan efforts to remove travel and immigration restrictions against persons infected with HIV.

This international conference is important not just because of the issues it will highlight and the people it will bring together, but because of the scientific and informational exchange it will make possible. AIDS 2012, as it has been billed, is recognized as the premier gathering for individuals working in the HIV/AIDS field, as well as policymakers, advocates, care providers, people living with HIV/AIDS, and others committed to ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic. It offers a unique opportunity to change the course of the epidemic by capitalizing on scientific advances in treatment

and prevention, building consensus to improve service delivery and maximize outcomes, facilitating global civil society engagement, and accelerating momentum toward a cure.

Even today, the magnitude of the challenge posed by HIV/AIDS is difficult to fathom. Despite the fact that the disease is easily preventable and treatable, almost 2 million people die each year from AIDS-related causes. At last count an estimated 34 million people were living with HIV/AIDS, including 3.4 million children. Sub-Saharan Africa continues to bear the brunt of the disease, accounting for 68 percent of those living with HIV/AIDS — 59 percent of whom are women. Here in the United States, as many as 1 in 5 individuals living with HIV/AIDS is unaware of being infected, and significant disparities persist across different communities and populations with regard to incidence of infection, access to treatment, and health outcomes. Our nation's capital has an HIV prevalence rate of nearly 3 percent, which is comparable to the rate in many parts of the developing world.

The enormity of the challenge calls for a sustained, coordinated and robust response. In 2003, President George W. Bush launched the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, known as PEPFAR, which received bipartisan support in Congress. It represents the largest commitment by any nation to combat a single disease and has saved the lives of millions of people around the world by establishing and expanding the infrastructure necessary to deliver prevention, care, and treatment services in low-resource settings. In 2008, I worked with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to enact the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Reauthorization Act. That bill, which passed the House by an overwhelming margin of 308 to 116, authorized up to \$48 billion over 5 years to combat those three diseases. The authorization will expire next year, and it's time for us to renew the same spirit of bipartisan cooperation that led to this record of success.

With the help of PEPFAR and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the world has seen truly remarkable advances in AIDS research, prevention and treatment over the past decade. What was once seen as a death sentence is now, for those with access to treatment, a manageable illness, and large numbers of people in even the poorest countries are receiving treatment that once seemed out of reach. By the end of 2011, the Global Fund alone had supported antiretroviral treatment for 3.3 million HIV-positive people, anti-tuberculosis treatment for 8.6 million, and 230 million insecticide-treated nets for the prevention of malaria, in all saving about 7.7 million lives. Recently the Fund has begun making comprehensive reforms to its structure and program to ensure that funds are spent in the most efficient, effective and accountable way.

President Obama has articulated a global vision of an AIDS-free generation, which means virtual elimination of new pediatric HIV infections by 2015, as well as a domestic goal of cutting new infections in the United States by 25% by 2015. As the eyes of the world are turned on our nation for the conference, we have an opportunity to step up to the plate and endorse these goals, not just in principle but also by making a commitment to provide

the resources that are necessary to achieve it. We can't do it all by ourselves—each country needs to do its part, with the help of the private sector and civil society organizations—but neither can it happen without us.

DAVID CARPENTER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of David Carpenter on the occasion of his retirement after 14 years of service as President and CEO of North Kansas City hospital.

David arrived at North Kansas City hospital in 1999. Before coming to the great state of Missouri, David served as administrator for Scottsdale Healthcare in Scottsdale, Arizona. He was also President and CEO of Hadley Regional Medical Center in Hays, Kansas.

David's accomplishments exceed those of many in his industry. He was named Northlander of the Year by the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce, and was a recipient of the Missouri Hospital Association Visionary Leadership Award.

David has been a great leader to both the staff and patients at North Kansas City Hospital. He built a positive work environment for his employees and worked toward making the hospital more patient-focused, effectively creating a better experience for all. He leaves the hospital with a strong foundation as a top ranked facility in Missouri. David is a shining example of what it means to be a leader—not only for the hospital, but for our entire community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in commending David Carpenter for his dedicated service to North Kansas City Hospital. I know that his family, friends and colleagues join me in wishing David and his wife all the best in Arizona. I'm confident that he will continue to carry on the values that have made him such an outstanding leader in the northland.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF BRUCE JUN FAN LEE

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues Representatives CHU, HANSEN CLARKE, FALEOMAVAEGA, GRIJALVA, LUNGREN, RICHARDSON, SABLON, and LORETTA SANCHEZ to pay tribute to the life of Bruce Jun Fan Lee.

The 39th anniversary of Bruce's death is this week, on July 20th. Bruce had, and continues to have, an immeasurable impact on American and global popular culture through the important role he played in creating a bridge between cultures; championing values of self-respect, self-discipline, and tolerance in our Nation; and pioneering and cultivating the genres of martial arts, martial arts films, fitness, and philosophy in the United States and the world.