

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THE LIFE OF L.L. POWELL, JR. OF
ASHLAND, OKLAHOMA

HON. DAN BOREN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. BOREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of L.L. Powell, Jr. of Ashland, Oklahoma, who suddenly died on June 29, 2012. I extend my deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and the community of Ashland for their loss.

L.L. will be remembered as a dedicated and thoughtful servant to his community. While he will be missed tremendously by all who knew him, he leaves with us a legacy of service that will inspire others to follow in his footsteps for many years to come.

As an employee of the McAlester Army Ammunition Plant in McAlester, Oklahoma, where he worked for 22 years, L.L. was part of the important effort to produce and field munitions to far corners of the globe for use by the U.S. military. As many will tell you, the ammunition plant is the pride of southeastern Oklahoma, and no one took its mission more seriously than L.L.

He was a man of many roles at the ammunition plant. In his capacity as president of American Federation of Government Employees Local 2815, L.L. was an advocate for his fellow federal employees. A calm and steady hand, he worked effectively to resolve disputes and problems. Each spring he traveled to Washington to brief my staff and me on employee issues at the ammunition plant. I could always count on him to shoot me straight.

Work was but one place where L.L. made his mark. Always answering the call of duty, he provided a valuable public service to his community by working for the Ashland Volunteer Fire Department. He was an avid supporter of local little league athletic programs, including football and basketball, and participated in local activities such as Pittsburg Play Day, Founder's Day, and the Savanna Booster Club, among many others.

Above all things, L.L. was a man who was dedicated to his family. He treasured his wife, Jeannie, and four children. In addition, he enjoyed nothing more than spending time with his twelve grandchildren and close friends.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, L.L. was not only someone with whom I enjoyed working on issues of importance to southeastern Oklahoma, but a trusted friend and confidant. Like his family members, friends, and the community of Ashland, I will miss his presence tremendously.

HONORING JACQUELINE BOWENS,
CHILDREN'S NATIONAL MEDICAL
CENTER

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise and give gratitude to Jacqueline Bowens, who, after serving for 25 years as Executive Vice President and Chief Government and External Affairs Officer, is leaving Children's National Medical Center.

Jacqueline Bowens joined Children's National to make a difference. She established the first-ever government and community affairs program at Children's National. She and her team played a pivotal role in recruiting support from regional and national leaders, as well as federal agencies, to make sure the hospital kept pace with growing demands for more beds and increased specialized services for the region's children. Following 9/11, she spearheaded the effort to build the region's first pediatric decontamination and quarantine facility at the hospital, so that in the event of another national emergency, children and their families could be treated together.

Under her stewardship, facilities at the hospital were built, expanded and greatly enhanced to address a commitment to patient- and family-centered care. The emergency room at Children's National was expanded and the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, NICU, was enhanced and grown, as was the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, PICU, and the Cardio Intensive Care Unit. Additionally, the East Inpatient Tower was built, the Children's Research Institute was established, the Child Protection program was created, and Children's most-recognized logo—Dr. Bear—was born.

Jacqueline's professionalism and graciousness earned Children's National favored reviews from Congress, the White House, and visiting dignitaries and diplomats from around the world who recognize Children's National as an esteemed, world-class pediatric institution.

I will personally miss working with Jacqueline and can't thank her enough for her tireless dedication and commitment to the children and families of the entire metro region, the country, and the world. While we wish her all the best, she will be greatly missed, as she has become Children's most visible and committed advocate. Ms. Bowens has been the voice for those too little to speak and for their families too consumed with the day-to-day trials that go along with caring for a sick or physically challenged child.

IN HONOR OF BARBARA SCHAARS'
DISTINGUISHED CAREER

HON. BEN CHANDLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. CHANDLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and contributions of a Central Kentucky educator and one of my constituents, Barbara Schaars.

After graduating from North Hardin High School in Radcliff, Kentucky, Barbara received both her bachelor's and master's degrees in special education from the University of Kentucky. A proud member of the Kentucky Education Association, she taught special education, gifted education, first grade, and art in the Anderson County School District for over 30 years before finally retiring in 2007. Along the way, she touched the hearts and minds of hundreds of students.

Barbara's accomplishments speak for themselves. She served twice as president of the Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an honor society for women educators. She received a citation for outstanding elementary art program from the Kentucky State Legislature and was honored with the Golden Apple Award from Ashland Oil. As coach of Anderson County Schools' academic teams and creative problem solving teams, her dedication to her students went beyond the classroom.

Since her retirement, Barbara has been pursuing her Masters of Divinity at Lexington Theological Seminary. She is a student minister at Bethany Christian Church, Disciples of Christ and previously served as the president of the Women's Fellowship at the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ in Lawrenceburg.

Barbara's passion for education, whether in the classroom or at church, inspires those around her and challenges all of us to make a positive difference in everything we do. Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing one of Central Kentucky's finest educators, Mrs. Barbara Schaars.

HONORING MARINE SERGEANT
JUSTIN M. HANSEN

HON. DAN BENISHEK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, today, I join all Northern Michigan in extending my greatest sympathies to my constituent Ms. Vickie Hayes, of Vanderbilt, Michigan, as she and her family mourn the loss of Marine Sergeant Justin Hansen. Sergeant Hansen was killed during combat operations in Badghis Province, Afghanistan on July 31, 2012. Justin had previously served in Iraq and was serving his second tour of duty in Afghanistan.

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A gifted athlete, Sergeant Hansen served as captain of the track, wrestling and football teams for the Kingsley High School Stags during his high school career. Sergeant Hansen also enjoyed outdoor activities such as snowboarding and was an avid motorcyclist—often doing these activities with members of his family.

Sergeant Hansen graduated in 2003 from Kingsley High School and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 2005. He attended the School of Infantry at Camp Pendleton, California, where he graduated with honors. In 2006, Sergeant Hansen was selected to participate in and graduated from the Basic Reconnaissance Course in Coronado, California. He was also stationed at Camp Schwab with the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion in Okinawa, Japan. He was later deployed with the 31st Expeditionary Marine Unit and joined the Special Operations Command in 2009. His honors include the Purple Heart, two Combat Action Ribbons, two Good Conduct Medals, certified Corps Parachutist, and a brown belt in the U.S. Marine Corps Martial Arts program.

Sergeant Hansen is survived by his parents, Ms. Vickie Hayes of Vanderbilt, Michigan, and Mr. Richard Hansen, of Williamsburg, Michigan. Sergeant Hansen is also survived by his stepmother, Shawna Hansen; stepfather, Steven C. Cornell; sisters, Adrienne (Matthew) Russell, of Traverse City, Morgan Compton and Veronica Compton of Kingsley; stepbrothers, Jeremy Borey, of Chicago, IL, and Adam Cornell, of Traverse City; stepsister, Jessica Borey, of Elk Rapids; grandparents, Wayne and Ardyce Hansen, of Traverse City, Ken and Sandra Sleder, of Traverse City, and Carol Hays, of Jackson; niece and nephew, Madison Goodwin and Garrett Russell, of Traverse City; aunts and uncles, Steve Hansen of Pacifica, California, Richard and Sue Costlow of Traverse City, USAF Chief MSgt. Erick M. and Mary Hays, of Benton, Louisiana, Lonnie and Valerie Schaub, of Grand Rapids, Dave and LeAnne Sleder, of Traverse City, Jeff and Bev Sleder, of Katy, Texas, and Kathy Sleder, of Fort Collins, Colorado; as well as a large extended family throughout the United States.

I can find no words that can fully express my gratitude for his service to our country or for the sympathy I feel for family, friends, and loved ones by the loss of this young man. I know Justin's memory will live on through our actions and conduct towards others.

To Justin's family, I can offer only the hope that you will find solace in the loving embrace of your family, friends, and the kind providence of God. I am well aware that my words will not soften your overwhelming grief, but I am reminded of the words of President Lincoln, written to a mother during the Civil War, "I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom."

On behalf of the citizens of the First District of Michigan, I would like to express my profound sadness for the loss of Sergeant Justin Hansen. Northern Michigan has certainly lost one of its finest, and his memory and service will not be forgotten.

MARINE DEBRIS ACT AMENDMENTS OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2012

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the House passed H.R. 1171, known as the Marine Debris Act Amendments of 2012.

This act reauthorizes the NOAA Marine Debris Program at currently appropriated levels through fiscal year 2015. It has strong bipartisan support, particularly from my colleague DON YOUNG, who was an original co-sponsor.

Look, nobody wants to go out on the water or to sit on the beach and see trash. But it's not just an eyesore—marine debris is a very critical problem for marine ecosystems, fisheries, and shipping. Marine debris can have devastating impacts on the U.S. economy too. For instance, it is estimated that \$250 million of marketable lobster is lost annually to derelict fishing gear, which can also cause up to \$792 million per year in damages to boat propellers.

Right now, an estimated 5–20 million tons of debris from the Japan's tsunami are floating across the Pacific Ocean toward the United States. As this first wave of tsunami debris—including a 66-ft dock teaming with over 90 non-native species—washes ashore, I am astounded by the magnitude of this disaster's global impact. Cleanup costs can be huge. Alaska has already spent \$200,000 just for aerial monitoring of the local debris field from the Japanese tsunami. While the Japanese tsunami debris resulted from a natural disaster, ocean trash is preventable.

Added to the debris that's already out there—is an average of 7 million tons of new trash dumped into the ocean each year. Solving this problem is going to require:

Local action, national and international coordination;

Unique partnerships between private and public sectors;

Innovative technology;

Education, Research and Prevention.

The NOAA Marine Debris Program has been achieving real successes at sea and on shore, for a modest amount of funding. But this program expired in 2010 and must be reauthorized. Over the past 5 years, funding has ranged from 3.2 million to 4.9 million dollars.

It is clear from the recent tsunami debris events—the boat off the coast of Washington and the dock washed ashore in Oregon—that the problem is growing. There is no doubt in my mind that the Marine Debris Program could effectively spend \$10 million dollars a year—that is the magnitude of the problem. And that is what was authorized in 2006. As this bill moves through the legislative process, I hope we can bring up the funding levels. Most of these funds go to local communities in the form of grants for marine debris cleanup, education, research, and prevention efforts.

Mr. Speaker, NOAA's Marine Debris Program is leading the effort to address this growing problem proactively and I thank my colleagues for passing for H.R. 1171.

HONORING FLORENCE MURNEY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Florence Murney, a lifelong resident of Chicago, who is celebrating her 100th birthday.

Florence Murney née Klein was born on August 9, 1912, on the southwest side of Chicago where she has resided her entire life. Florence is the older of two daughters of Edward and Augusta Klein; her loving younger sister, Dorothy Buhe, recently celebrated her 98th birthday. Florence and her sister grew up in St. Raphael's Parish where they attended Catholic school and developed their lifelong devotion to the Catholic faith.

On May 22, 1937, Florence married Edward Murney at the historic St. Rita's Church. The married couple lived happily in the same apartment building in the Chicago Lawn neighborhood as Dorothy and her husband making sure that Dorothy's children would never be too far away from their beloved "Auntie Florence."

Florence worked as a jewelry and clothing saleswoman at several Chicago stores including Busch Jewelers, Bond's Clothing store, and O'Keefe's Men's Wear. During World War II, Florence served our country as a true "Rosie the Riveter" working in a plant that manufactured airplanes for the war effort.

In 1956, Florence and her husband moved to a house in the Mt. Greenwood neighborhood of Chicago where she still resides by herself with no assistance. Florence remains a devout parishioner at St. Christina's Church and is very involved with Catholic Charities.

Florence Murney is a beloved and cherished aunt, great aunt, and great-great aunt to 15 nieces and nephews. She is also the godmother to several people who are all honored to know her.

I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Florence Murney a happy 100th birthday, and to thank her for being such a great contributor to her community and our country.

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HON. NAN A.S. HAYWORTH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Ms. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the Hudson Highlands Land Trust and the Westchester Land Trust for receiving accreditation from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. Accreditation represents the highest standard of excellence in land conservation, and provides public recognition of land trusts that are engaged in the long-term protection of the land in the public interest.

As a supporter of legislation to make permanent the tax deductions for conservation easements, I am committed to working with organizations to promote responsible stewardship of our nation's most cherished natural resources. The Hudson Highlands Land Trust and the