

HONORING JUDGE JOSEPH P.  
CRONIN JR.

**HON. PATRICK MEEHAN**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, August 2, 2012*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a great American, legal scholar and friend—Judge Joseph P. Cronin, Jr. Judge Cronin has shown a lifelong commitment to public service and to Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Judge Cronin first served his nation as a Marine and following law school he joined the District Attorney's Office in Delaware County where he prosecuted cases in the Juvenile Court. Following his service as a prosecutor, he went on to become Partner at the law firm of Cronin, Emuryan and Breen. Although in private practice at the time, Judge Cronin still remained dedicated to the community by serving his township as commissioner.

On November 5, 1991 Judge Cronin was elected to his first 10-year term to the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas. During these years as a trial Judge he earned a reputation as a fair-minded and wise jurist. Judge Cronin was retained for a second term and in January 2008 he was elected President Judge by the 19-member Board of Judges to serve a five-year term. In that role, Judge Cronin showed tremendous skill in leading a busy Court System with significant responsibilities. Recently, Judge Cronin was instrumental in helping Delaware County establish a veteran's treatment court to aid those heroes who now suffer from substance abuse and mental illness. Judge Cronin will retire from his position on the Court of Common Pleas on August 31, 2012.

Judge Joseph Cronin's service to Delaware County has been invaluable and he has our enduring gratitude. I join the citizens of Delaware County and the 7th Congressional District in wishing him and his family the best for the future.

**RECOGNIZING MARK JOHNSON**

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, August 2, 2012*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mark Johnson, the first African-American in history to capture both a World Flyweight and Super Flyweight championship twice in his career. Also known as "Too Sharp," Mr. Johnson was a top pound-for-pound fighter during his sixteen-year career from 1990 to 2006. He perfected finesse, power, and speed. Attesting to his athleticism, his perseverance, and his well-developed skills, Johnson attained twenty-one knockouts before his matches made it to the fourth round.

Mr. Johnson had more than execution; he had an array of intangibles that set him apart from the rest of his profession. In his pursuits, Mr. Johnson left his natural division to take a Super Flyweight title and then go on to chal-

lenge bantamweights. While Mr. Johnson did not reach significant popularity due to his weight class and lack of defining fights, he went on to become one of the top pound-for-pound fighters in boxing for several years.

During his career, Mr. Johnson won forty-four professional boxing matches and lost only five. He had twenty-eight knockouts. During Mr. Johnson's amateur career, he won 125 boxing matches and lost only six. He won the first Junior World PentaContinental title in 1993. He held the International Boxing Federation Flyweight title from May 1996 to September 1998, the International Boxing Federation Super Flyweight title from April 1999 to November 1990, and the World Boxing Organization Junior Bantamweight title from August 2003 to September 2004. Mr. Johnson was the first African-American in history to capture both a World Flyweight and Super Flyweight boxing championship, and he did that not once, but twice.

Since 2008, after retiring from professional boxing in 2008, Mr. Johnson, along with his father and lifelong trainer, Abraham "Ham" Johnson, has been training underprivileged boys and girls in their gym located in Southeast Washington, D.C. Today, Mark Johnson is employed as a Roving Leader within the D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation, and in that capacity, he conducts home and school visits, and teaches at-risk children to read and write. He also is heavily involved in gang violence prevention. Mr. Johnson serves as a positive and accomplished role-model for troubled youth within the Washington, D.C. area.

Mr. Speaker, on June 10, 2012, Mark "Too Sharp" Johnson was the first Boxer from Washington, D.C. to be inducted into the Boxing Hall of Fame, and, at 40 years old, he is the youngest ever to have received such an honor. "I have known Mark since he was 6; he deserves it and he's the best bantamweight ever," former world-champion Sugar Ray Leonard said of Mark Johnson's induction into the Hall of Fame. I ask the House to join me in commending Mark Johnson for his outstanding accomplishments as a boxing champion and his ongoing commitment to the youth of the District of Columbia.

**TRIBUTE TO MERCERDESE CLARK**

**HON. CORRINE BROWN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, August 2, 2012*

Ms. BROWN of Florida. On behalf of the constituents of the Third Congressional District of Florida, I rise now to offer heartfelt condolences and pay tribute to the life of an extraordinary accomplished woman, Mrs. Mercereese Clark, a humanitarian, healer, life activist, and friend.

We are moved and encouraged when recalling the life achievements and service of Mrs. Clark as a nurse, community leader, and social activist. She has been an advocate for social service, health awareness and a role model and mentor to youth and entrepreneurs in the Central Florida community for many years. An Orlando native who received her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from Hampton

University in Virginia, Mrs. Clark served as a nurse at Orange Memorial Hospital and Winter Park Memorial Hospital. Shortly after, she became the first African-American female to be the Director of the Orange County Health Department in Orlando, Florida. At the time of her retirement, she worked as a Nursing Care Coordinator at Orlando Veteran Administration Outpatient Clinic.

As a community activist, she gave of herself and her talents to benefit both the individuals and the many organizations she served. Mrs. Clark became chairwoman of the Parramore Heritage Renovation project which was responsible for assessing the needs and defining solutions for existing conditions within this historic neighborhood. She worked tirelessly to maintain the goal of the agency to preserve, develop and improve the economics of the area; improve the educational level of the residents; and preserve the cultural heritage of the community. She took special pride in the area because she had close ties to the community having grown up there as well as her own personal and historical connection her family had to the neighborhood. Mrs. Clark's parents, Leroy E. Richardson and Rosa James Richardson, her paternal grandmother, Adeline Richardson, and other family members were among Orlando's earliest residents in Central Florida. Mrs. Clark could recall the early days of the founding Orlando community where needs of families were often provided from the surplus of another. It was those memories that inspired and motivated her to become president of the Parramore Heritage Foundation, president of the Carter Street Neighborhood Association, and Board Director for the Orlando Neighborhood Improvement Corporation. She also became a business owner in the area to contribute to the economic development of the vicinity by opening a women's boutique, Clarks' Ladies Fashion. Mrs. Clark had a very successful career and received numerous awards through her continuous involvement of various community, social and civic groups in Central Florida including the Orlando Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated where she was recognized for 15 years of outstanding service and commitment.

A virtuous woman and mother of two, we embrace her children and her family. She was a loving and caring mother who nurtured not only her children, but the community. We honor Mrs. Clark for the many contributions and the impact she had on the lives of many. She was truly an invaluable member of our community and an outstanding servant. The life of Mercereese Clark was one of accomplishment, excellence and service. In her passing, we pay tribute to a consummate professional woman for her life of service and we pray that by her example each of us become the bearers of her spirit and humanitarian legacy of passion for service and excellence. We come now to join in prayer for, son, Kenneth Clark and daughter Kim G. Clark and a host of loving relatives, Sorority Sisters, and friends whose lives have been forever changed by this woman of God. We thank Our Heavenly Father for allowing us to be blessed with the time spent with Mrs. Mercereese Clark.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MARTIN HEINRICH**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, August 2, 2012*

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. Speaker, on July 31, 2012, I unfortunately missed three votes, which included rollcall Nos. 537, 538 and 539.

If I had been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote 537.

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EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS  
ON GOVERNANCE OF THE INTERNET

SPEECH OF

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, August 1, 2012*

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join Representative ESHOO, Representative BONO MACK, Representative UPTON, and Representative WALDEN as an original co-sponsor of this resolution.

The Internet has been a unique and powerful driver of social and economic progress. A critical element of that success has been the open manner in which the Internet is governed. Rather than relying on centralized control by governments, the Internet instead adopts a multi-stakeholder model in which all who have an interest can have a voice in the Internet's operation.

Lately, however, the multi-stakeholder model towards Internet governance has been under assault on the global stage. In a few months at the World Conference on International Telecommunications in Dubai in December, the International Telecommunication Union may consider proposals that could fundamentally alter the way the Internet operates. Some of these proposals, if adopted, would undermine the successful decentralized approach to Internet governance and impose a government-controlled management regime, thereby threatening citizens' access to content and information via the Internet as well as the global free flow of information online.

We cannot allow this to happen.

The Obama Administration has worked diligently to ensure that the Internet remains a tool for the global dissemination of ideas, information, and commerce. In doing so, the Administration continues the work of previous Administrations of both parties in protecting a global open Internet as a tool that benefits citizens around the world.

In May, the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing to examine proposals that would change the Internet governance model.

At that hearing we heard from witnesses from the Administration and experts with a long history of working on issues relating to Internet governance. The witnesses all agreed that the United States must continue to resist

any proposals that would undermine the multi-stakeholder model. Their testimony reinforced my belief that Democrats and Republicans in Congress must stand united with the Administration in its efforts to resist proposals that would undermine the existing multi-stakeholder approach.

I am pleased that so many Democrats and Republicans have signed on as co-sponsors of this resolution.

This large, bipartisan coalition of co-sponsors demonstrates that there is support across the political spectrum for continuing the multi-stakeholder model that allows the Internet to thrive. We urge the Administration to continue to resist international efforts to allow greater government control of the Internet, and I urge my colleagues to vote for this resolution.

RECOGNIZING FLEX-A-LITE ON  
THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, August 2, 2012*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Flex-a-lite company, a Fife, Washington manufacturer for their 50 years of American manufacturing. The company has continuously set itself apart from its competition in the automotive industry by promoting strong domestic sales and rarely outsourcing manufacturing abroad.

Eddy Davis, along with his son-in-law, Rainer Willingham, founded Flex-a-lite in 1962. The company dramatically changed the automotive world, by inventing the very first flexible fan created from hand-cut fiberglass roofing material. In 1978, the founders patented the first electric fan and three generations later, the company continues to prosper.

The current president of Flex-a-lite and granddaughter of Eddy Davis, Lisa Chissus, has said that the business has been able to overcome hardships during tough economic times because Flex-a-lite remained loyal to three key factors: innovation, quality, and smooth succession.

The company has consistently produced new, innovative products and continues to bring new ideas to the table. Flex-a-lite takes great pride in their top quality products that are made and sold in the United States. It is clear that the business's family-owned values have helped to successfully guide the company for a half century.

Mr. Speaker, it is with honor that I recognize the Flex-a-lite company. I am confident that Flex-a-lite will flourish for years to come.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT INGRAM,  
BALDWIN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, August 2, 2012*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Robert Ingram, who is retiring as Presi-

dent and CEO of the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance. Under his leadership Baldwin County became the top "micropolitan statistical area" in the state and the 27th out of 576 in terms of economic strength ratings for the United States.

Robert's record in economic development is considerable. He is a Past Chairman of the 17-state Southern Economic Development Council, and in 2001, 2003, 2006 & 2007 received the organization's highest award, the Chairman's Award of Distinction. Robert is a past president of the Mississippi Jaycees, past National Vice President of the United States Jaycees, and past International President of the University of Southern Mississippi Alumni Association. He previously served as President of the Mississippi Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives and President of the Mississippi Economic Development Council. Robert holds the Professional Community Economic Developer designation, is a graduate of the Community Development Institute, and served on the National Board of Directors of CDI. In 2010, he was named by Janus Economics, an international economic development consulting firm, as the first Janus Fellow, in recognition for his service to the profession.

Robert has also served as Senior Vice President of Economic Development for the Metro-Jackson Chamber of Commerce, has coordinated the marketing/recruitment effort of the three-County, Metro Economic Development Alliance, served as President/CEO of the Greenwood/Leflore Industrial Board and served as Economic Development Assistant to the President of the University of Southern Mississippi. Robert holds both a Bachelors and Masters Degree in Business Administration from Southern Miss.

On the volunteer side Robert has served as president of a chamber of commerce and chairman of an economic development foundation. In the private sector he has been a senior business developer and commercial lending officer in a major financial institution and made multi-million dollar business loans. In the public sector he has worked in economic development for the State of Mississippi and has created a comprehensive county economic development agency and 501(c) 6 subsidiary "from scratch". He also served as Mayor of the City of McComb, Mississippi, where he both reorganized local government and helped consolidate local economic development agencies. On the entrepreneurial side, he was one of seven organizers and a charter director and officer of Pike County National Bank.

In his current position, Robert oversees the day to day operation of the Alliance and works closely with private and public sector leaders on countywide and regional community/economic development related issues critical to the future of south Alabama. Robert was active in the regional work of the Coastal Recovery Commission and currently serves on the Board of the Coastal Alabama Leadership Foundation.

On behalf of the people of Alabama and my colleagues in the Alabama Delegation, I would like to extend my personal appreciation to Mr. Ingram for his service to Alabama's past, present, and future through his leadership with the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance.