

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN LEIDE
WILLIAM DEFUSCO

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Leide William DeFusco of Pueblo, Colorado. Capt. DeFusco served as a police officer, SWAT team member and field training officer for over twenty years. Capt. DeFusco was tragically killed in the line of duty, while conducting a narcotics investigation over the San Isabel Forest.

Born in Pueblo on September 15, 1968, Capt. DeFusco attended Trinidad State Junior College, where he was elected Student Body President and graduated with a degree in criminal justice. Capt. DeFusco then accepted a position at the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office, and excelled as a dedicated officer, trainer and detective.

Later, Capt. DeFusco achieved the rank of Commander in the SWAT team and succeeded as a lead instructor. Capt. DeFusco leaves behind his wife, Wendy, four beloved children and a host of family and friends, including those fellow officers with whom he was proud to serve.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Capt. Leide William DeFusco. I rise today on behalf of the citizens of Colorado's 3rd Congressional District, who are proud to call such a courageous man one of their own.

IN RECOGNITION OF NAVY WEEK
2012

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of 2012 Navy Week, held from August 27th through September 4th in the Greater Cleveland, Ohio area—just one of 15 cities selected from across the nation.

In each of the 15 cities, Navy Week events for local residents will include the Blue Angels Navy Flight Demonstration Team; the Leap Frogs Navy Parachute Team; visiting ships from the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, and the Royal Canadian Navy; Navy Band musical performances; Admirals and several other senior leaders within the Navy who will interact with local business, government, and educational leaders; Navy simulator and interactive displays; visits to area schools; community service projects; and visits with local veterans.

Navy Week in Cleveland was a special event as it ran in conjunction with the commemoration of the bicentennial of both the War of 1812 and our country's national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner." Cleveland Navy Week included a special ceremony held

on Sunday, August 26th aboard the USS COD Submarine Memorial to honor two local Ohioans, World War II veteran James Tedrick and Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran Michael Dobec, with combat medals presented by Senator Sherrod Brown. A few of the other special events included a performance at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame by the Navy Band, a Navy diver demonstration in the shark tank at the Greater Cleveland Aquarium, and Navy sailors working together with Habitat for Humanity to help build a home in Lakewood, Ohio.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the celebration of the 2012 Cleveland Navy Week.

THE DEATH OF LARRY GRANT

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, it is my regrettable duty to report the death of a great American, Larry Grant. Mr. Grant died on August 22, 2012 in Torrance, California. He was 86. Perhaps more than any other person, Mr. Grant was responsible for founding the parade commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King that was the first in Los Angeles and became one of the largest in the nation.

Mr. Grant was instrumental in starting the Kingdom Day Parade where thousands of spectators lined the streets to celebrate civil rights leader Dr. King. With a deep love for his country, Mr. Grant was driven by passion to create a platform to showcase past and present black leaders in the community and hopefully inspire the youth. Mr. Grant traveled the three-mile route in South Los Angeles with a procession of colorful floats, marching bands and dance troupes trailing behind.

Mr. Grant created the yearly event as an entertaining way to unite the community. It also became a means of mending wounds. In the aftermath of the 1992 Los Angeles riots, when tensions were still thick between Korean store owners and black residents, Grant appointed a Korean taekwondo master to serve as co-chair.

Mr. Grant was one of the pioneers of Black bankers in the State of California. After serving 20 years in the Army, including World War II and the Korean War, he earned a degree in banking from the University of Maryland. He was the President and CEO of Pacific Coast Bank in San Diego, California where he started banking in 1964 until his retirement in 1984.

In 1979, his colleagues encouraged Mr. Grant to form the nonprofit National Cultural Corp. A year later Mr. Grant threw the first King parade in San Diego, before the civil rights activist's birthday was recognized as a national holiday. Mr. Grant was eager to bring the parade's success to Los Angeles. On January 20, 1986, Los Angeles hosted the first

Kingdom Day Parade. It was also the first year that King's birthday was celebrated as a federal holiday.

I remember fondly Mr. Grant's devotion to keeping the legacy of Dr. King alive through the annual Kingdom Day Parade in Los Angeles. He earned the love and respect from countless people through his selfless acts. Mr. Grant was a leader in the community and was instrumental in sharing Dr. King's philosophy with future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for a moment of silence in memory of Larry Grant.

IN HONOR OF MAYOR VINCENT
SCRIBONI

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Vincent Scriboni for his years of tireless public service to the Borough of Oaklyn, New Jersey. Mayor Scriboni was a pillar of his community who devoted his time to the community as a Councilman and Mayor.

Mayor Scriboni dedicated his life to serving his community members and our country. As a Navy veteran from World War II, Mayor Scriboni served with distinction in order to protect the freedoms that all of us as American citizens cherish.

Serving in the U.S. Navy was only the beginning of Mayor Scriboni's service to the Nation. He served as a Councilman for seventeen years and Mayor of Oaklyn for eight years. During his time in office, Mayor Scriboni was known as the "People's Mayor" because of his can-do attitude and willingness to volunteer to take on community projects. Among his many accomplishments, Mayor Scriboni managed Oaklyn's budget and was able to renovate the public works department without creating a deficit. In addition, Mayor Scriboni combined the two fire companies of Oaklyn, making the fire company more efficient and cost effective while still meeting the needs of residents. In concert with these efforts, Mayor Scriboni organized a coalition of local mayors that could share equipment and services. The coalition also saved the town money because the townships could make joint purchases on new equipment. Mayor Scriboni's excellent budgetary skills allowed him to increase the police force from six members to eleven members, which increased safety in the town.

Furthermore, Vincent Scriboni was a member of several organizations dedicated to giving back to the Oaklyn community, including serving as commander of his VFW Post 4463 and participating in the Oaklyn chapter of American Legion Riders, Post 84. Mayor Scriboni led the efforts to help fellow veterans get the care they needed by providing transportation to the VA Hospital. Along with his VFW Post, the Mayor also participated in Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy, which are

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dedicated to providing scholarships to high school students in the local community.

Mr. Speaker, Vincent Scriboni's endless commitment to Oaklyn Township and the United States of America should not go unrecognized. I join the township and all of South Jersey in honoring this exceptional man.

**CULLMAN AREA TEENAGE
REPUBLICAN CLUB**

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the outstanding young men and women of the Cullman Area Teenage Republican Club for being named the Most Outstanding Teenage Republican Club in the Nation for the second year in a row at the National Teenage Republican Leadership Conference. These fine young men and women should be applauded for their dedication and hard work. Together, they spent over 2,300 hours participating in special projects, grassroots outreach, and community activities.

This organization has also had some outstanding leadership. Under the guidance of Republican State Executive Committee member Rebecca Branch, conservative teenagers in Cullman formed the Cullman Area Teenage Republican Club and found an avenue by which they could impact elections at all levels. Rebecca has been a shining example and has provided real leadership to these students over the years.

In addition, Daniel Robinson, a 2012 graduate of Cullman High School, has been recognized as the Most Outstanding Republican in the Nation. Daniel not only worked to increase membership in Cullman, but also helped start new Teen Republican Organizations in Baldwin, Shelby, Madison and Morgan counties. Daniel plans to continue his education at Auburn university this fall and looks forward to having the opportunity to work with Auburn's Young Republicans this fall.

These exceptional young people have worked diligently to recruit Alabama youth, involve them in the political process, and promote the understanding of the conservative philosophy. It is encouraging to see these young students from Alabama's Fourth District do such great things and I applaud them for their accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to honor the members of the Cullman Area Teenage Republican Club for their achievement and unwavering resolution in building this organization for the conservative youth of Alabama. I join their family, friends, and colleagues in congratulating them on receiving this award.

**TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN JOHN
ALTEE BARGER**

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain John Altee Barger of Pueblo, Colorado. Capt. Barger was a thirty-two

year veteran of the Pueblo Police Department and an avid pilot. Capt. Barger was tragically killed in the line of duty, while conducting a narcotics investigation over the San Isabel Forest.

Born in Goodland, Kansas on April 17, 1948, Captain Barger served as a Patrol Officer in the Pueblo Police Department, and achieved much success there as a Commander in the SWAT team. A detective at heart, Capt. Barger also served in the Investigations Division for eleven years, where his instincts for solving crimes were put to great use.

Additionally, Captain Barger, with the help of his fellow SWAT officers, won the Soldier of Fortune shooting competition in Nevada—an award he cherished. Capt. Barger leaves behind a son and numerous other family and friends, including the officers with whom he served.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Capt. John Altee Barger. I rise today on behalf of the citizens of Colorado's 3rd Congressional District, who are proud to call such a courageous man one of their own.

**IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF DUBLIN BOROUGH**

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dublin Borough in my home of Bucks County, Pennsylvania as it celebrates its 100th Anniversary this month.

Dublin's history reaches back to before the Revolutionary War and our declaration of independence from Great Britain.

The first Scotch-Irish settlers began settling what is now Upper Bucks County as early as 1681, and in 1832, the people of this community began an eighty-year process of petitioning the state of Pennsylvania to become its own municipality.

In September 1912, the people of Dublin earned their autonomy and have built a community of which they can be proud.

Since the formation of the Borough of Dublin 100 years ago, the population has exploded and a rich diversity of small businesses and families have come to add to its proud history.

While they have faced the same trials and challenges each of our communities have faced over the course of the last century, the people of Dublin have persevered and continue to build a welcoming place to live, work and raise their families.

I commend Dublin Borough for its perseverance and success in these first 100 years, and wish them the best of luck in the years to come.

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE UNITED
WAY OF DENTON COUNTY**

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the United Way of Denton County and

their 61 years of service. The local chapter aims to improve the quality of life in the critical areas of education, income, and health. The organization estimates that more the 33,000 students in the area are at risk of dropping out of school and approximately 15% of the County's adults over the age of 24 did not graduate from high school. Furthermore, the Texas Food Bank estimates that more than 90,000 individuals in Denton County are food insecure, and the Texas Department of State Health Services reports that \$713 million dollars were spent on preventable hospitalizations over a four-year period in the county.

The United Way of Denton County and partner agency volunteers and donors decided they could overcome these discouraging statistics. Volunteers donated 221,000 hours, valuing a \$4.8 million staff cost savings in 2011. Through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, United Way of Denton County staff and volunteers have generated more than \$1,782,899 in Federal Tax Returns to Denton County residents since 2007. In addition, to improve the area's quality of life, 7,361 donors gave a total of \$1,562,851 to the United Way of Denton County in 2011.

The organization's worthwhile efforts have positively impacted the communities it serves, offering assistance to more than 4,500 Denton County residents through United Way of Denton County and their non-profit partner agencies. With the support of the citizens of Denton County, the United Way will continue to flourish and unite the community through its mission of improving lives by affording individuals and organizations opportunities to give, advocate, and volunteer. It is my pleasure to recognize the United Way of Denton County and their 61 years of service, and I am privileged to represent them in the U.S. House of Representatives.

**CROATIAN SONS LODGE NUMBER
170 OF THE CROATIAN
FRATERNAL UNION HOLDS GOLDEN
MEMBER BANQUET**

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate the Croatian Sons Lodge Number 170, of the Croatian Fraternal Union, on the festive occasion of its Golden Member banquet on Sunday, September 16, 2012.

This year, the Croatian Fraternal Union will hold its gala at the Croatian Center in Merrillville, Indiana. Traditionally, the celebration entails a formal recognition of the Union's Golden Members, those who have achieved fifty years of membership. This year's honorees who have attained fifty years of membership include: Judith Louise Aubuchon, Joan Clavin, Jacqueline Ann Donohue, Judith Ann Hanson, Virginia Mae Luketich, Carol Ann Magliola, Henryetta Massack, Mary Ann Matolin-Mancilla, Frank V. Morzlock, Kata V. Mrzljak, James Gabriel Popovich, Steve Prahovich, Mary Sajin, Joyce L. Schenher, Paulette Ann Smith, and Phyllis Stefankiewicz.

In addition to paying tribute to its Golden Members, the Lodge will honor George Rubick and Lou Chelich for their dedication to the