

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING MS. BEATRICE IVORY

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a longtime healthcare provider, Ms. Beatrice Ivory. She is the daughter of T.J. and Martha Ivory and is the mother of Kayla Beatrice Ivory, an Industrial and System Engineering major at Mississippi State University.

Ms. Beatrice graduated from Henry Weather High School in Rolling Fork, MS in 1974. After working for 13 years with mentally challenged patients at Mississippi Christian Family service, she aspired to continue her education. In 1990, she received her LPN license from Hinds Community College along with specialties in Intravenous certification (IV) and Emergency Medical Technical License (EMT). Since receiving her LPN, she has worked with Skarkey-Issaquena Community Hospital (SICH), Heritage Manor Nursing Home, Delta Regional Medical Center, and Continue Care Home Health Agency.

Ms. Beatrice is a member of the Pleasant Valley M.B. Church where she is an usher and Sunday school teacher. She is also currently serving as Treasurer of the South Delta School District Parent Teacher Organization.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in commending Ms. Beatrice Ivory for her services as a healthcare provider and public servant to the State of Mississippi.

### HONORING KAREN WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT OF THE NEW YORK CITY COMMUNITY GARDEN COA- LITION

#### HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Black History Month 2012, I rise today to recognize a community leader from the Bronx whom I deeply respect, Ms. Karen Washington.

Karen Washington was born and raised in New York City and has resided in the Bronx for more than a quarter century. She attended Hunter College, CUNY where she graduated Magna Cum Laude, with her Bachelor's in Health Sciences. She then attended New York University where she earned her Master's Degree in Occupational Biomechanics and Ergonomics. Since 1985, Ms. Washington has worked to improve the quality of life in the Bronx as a community activist.

Ms. Washington works with residents of the Bronx to turn empty lots into accessible green spaces through her work as a community gardener and as a member of the Board of Direc-

tors of the New York Botanical Garden. Not only has her work brought much needed green space to our neighborhoods but, as President of New York City Community Gardens, she has fought for the protection and preservation of existing community gardens. As a Just Food board member and trainer, Ms. Washington also leads workshops on food growing and food justice for community gardeners throughout the city. She has also worked to increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables in the Bronx that are grown in our community gardens.

Ms. Washington is the Co-Founder of Black Urban Growers, an organization of agricultural volunteers committed to building networks and support for growers in both urban and rural settings. Ms. Washington has achieved these impressive accomplishments while working professionally as a physical therapist for over 30 years.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Washington's work in creating green space in urban areas and in advocating for food equity has touched thousands of lives throughout New York City. Our communities are stronger and more vibrant due to Ms. Washington's unwavering dedication. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to a woman of excellence, who aspires to make her community stronger, Ms. Karen Washington.

### SEQUESTRATION WEAKENS OUR NATIONAL SECURITY

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, this Nation currently faces a clear and present danger to our national security that this body has the ability to defeat: Defense Sequestration. This is an issue that we must address sooner rather than later. Senator JOHN MCCAIN recently stated, "I believe the cuts that would be required by sequestration aimed at the Department of Defense are a threat to our Nation's security. We still live in a very dangerous world and everyone agrees that this kind of sequestration cannot take place."

House and Senate Republicans are determined to prevent sequestration from occurring. Slashing the Army by 80,000 troops, cutting 20,000 Marines, and reducing 10,000 Air Force personnel is risky. The United States does not have the luxury of choosing our enemies or deciding if we will be attacked. Our military must be properly funded, equipped and prepared to protect our families from extremists who carry signs calling for "Death to America."

In conclusion, God Bless our troops and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

### IN RECOGNITION OF THE ACHIEVE- MENTS OF CHRISTOPHER CAN- NING

#### HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. SCHOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of an exceptional young person whose character and accomplishments during his short life of 15 years merit commendation. Chris Canning was an honor student, musician, athlete, humanitarian, and elite martial artist.

In addition to achieving the status of First Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo in only 4 years and playing baseball, basketball and football for his high school, Chris found time to volunteer in his community of Maroa, Illinois, delivering food and clothing to those in need and working in an animal shelter.

Chris has been honored for his service to others and excellence in martial arts by the United Nations Youth Assembly, the World Martial Arts Hall of Fame, the United States Olympic Committee, and the USA Taekwondo Martial Arts Commission, among many others. Despite all of these accolades, the qualities that Chris's family and friends most associate with him were humility and a commitment to service above self. His pursuit in each of life's endeavors, in and out of the martial arts, was to give more than he received, not to gain praise or honor, but to share achievement with others and to set aside his own desires in order to help those less fortunate. His greatest satisfaction came from being there when needed and making a difference.

He was a sincere friend and loving son, and he is missed by all who knew him. His legacy lives on through the Chris Canning Foundation and Awards Program, which has been given to 77 youths from around the world who exemplify the strength of character and excellence that Chris possessed.

It is my honor to recognize the legacy of this exceptional young man from Central Illinois today.

### HONORING JAMES "JIM" SCHRANZ

#### HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor James "Jim" Schranz for his tireless efforts to promote and expand retirement security for all Americans. Jim has played an integral role in the formation of the Employee-owned S Corporations of America (ESCA) and will soon be stepping down from his role as the founding Treasurer to fully enjoy his retirement with his wife Nancy.

After earning his MBA from the Cox School of Business at Southern Methodist University,

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Jim began working at Austin Industries, rising to Vice President of Human Resources. In 1998, he took on the role of Treasurer with ESCA where he used his knowledge of this important and unique retirement savings vehicle to help protect and expand it to other businesses across Texas and the United States. Through ESCA's efforts, Members of Congress have become better educated about retirement savings benefits created by private, employee-owned companies for their employee-owners. Jim has been instrumental in the fight to prevent inadvertent harm to S corporation Employee Share Ownership Plans (ESOPs), particularly in the days of pension reform. His retirement is well-deserved.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Jim Schranz and wishing him all the best as he retires.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL SALUTE TO VETERAN PATIENTS AND HONORING THE JESSE BROWN AND HINES VETERANS AFFAIRS HOSPITALS

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 9, 2012*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the week in which we celebrate the National Salute to Veteran Patients which begins February 12th.

The United States Department of Veterans Affairs annually observes the week of February 14th as our Nation's National Salute to Veteran Patients. This week is our opportunity to honor the more than 98,000 veterans who are cared for day-in and day-out by our Nation's Veterans Affairs hospitals, outpatient clinics, and nursing homes.

Our Nation's veterans have sacrificed much to ensure the safety of our homeland. Their service oftentimes comes at a price to their own personal well-being. When our servicemen and women are injured, our Veterans Affairs hospitals provide vital services that help them heal and return to life in our communities. This week serves as a reminder to thank our veterans for their service to our country while also commending those who treat them with medical care.

I would also like to recognize the Veterans Affairs hospitals that serve the servicemen and women of Illinois's 5th District and the surrounding areas. The Jesse Brown Veteran Affairs Medical Center and the Edward Hines, Jr. Veteran Affairs Hospital admirably serve our veterans throughout the City of Chicago as well as into other parts of Illinois and Indiana. With more than one million outpatient visits between the two hospitals in a single year, the doctors, nurses and staff of both Jesse Brown and Edward Hines, Jr. are to be commended for the care that they provide to our veterans.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring our Nation's veterans during this National Salute to Veteran Patients week.

CELEBRATING THE SESQUICENTENNIAL OF SAN RAFAEL CITY SCHOOLS

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 9, 2012*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 150th anniversary of San Rafael City Schools, an institution with a long and proud legacy of service to the young people of Marin County. San Rafael City Schools dates almost to the foundation of our county itself, and its history reminds us of the powerful role our system of public education has played in shaping the character and direction of our communities.

The first of the San Rafael City Schools—the fourth public school in the county—was opened in San Rafael in 1861, just over a decade after Marin County was founded and California was admitted into the Union. In a city numbering only several hundred residents, this first school counted 25 students in its first year, and it remained the city's only public school for 26 years.

As San Rafael began to assume its role as Marin County's population center, the school system expanded rapidly to meet new demand. A second elementary school was added in 1887, and in 1888 the county's first high school, which expanded further in 1899. New elementary schools were added again in 1904 and 1909, followed by an even more intense series of construction projects mid-century, eventually numbering over a dozen new, expanded, or retrofitted facilities. Today, 12 schools serve San Rafael's nearly 6,000 students, including separate districts for K-8 and high school education.

Since its founding, San Rafael City Schools has been an anchor for local families. It has played an integral role in the strength and success of San Rafael and Marin County, sending generations of Marin young people into the world with the preparation necessary to tackle our country's challenges. More recently, the special role of San Rafael City Schools has been recognized in the bond measures city voters have supported to support extensive infrastructure modernization projects.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating the sesquicentennial of San Rafael City Schools. This is an institution that represents the democratic promise of public education to empower every individual, and in so doing foster and uplift an entire community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MIKE McINTYRE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 9, 2012*

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, an unavoidable conflict required that I miss roll call #45, the Alexander Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 3521, the Expedited Legislative Line-Item Veto and Rescissions Act of 2011. Had I been present, I would have voted in support of this amendment.

HONORING CARY M. MAGUIRE

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 9, 2012*

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Cary M. Maguire, a fellow Texan who exemplifies fortitude, American entrepreneurship, and community service.

Over the past twenty years, Cary's strength of character was tested and proven as he fought for justice in a property rights dispute against the Houston, Texas city government. Despite being dealt a bad hand, court after court, Cary never surrendered. He showed courage and faith that justice would prevail, and his perseverance was ultimately rewarded.

Cary is the founder, Chair, and President of the Dallas-based Maguire Oil Company and Maguire Energy Company. In 1991, Cary's company was given a permit by the city of Houston to drill near the banks of Lake Houston. However, when his crew began the project a city officer patrolling the area stopped the team, citing a city ordinance that prohibited drilling within 1,000 feet of the shore. The city revoked Maguire Oil's permit, and a lengthy court battle began.

The case was shuffled around for fourteen years as courts argued over jurisdiction and how to proceed. In 2009, a Harris County court-at-law awarded Maguire \$2 million in damages, plus \$2.2 million in interest. The City appealed this ruling before agreeing on a settlement, settling a lawsuit that spanned two trials, four appeals and the administrations of four mayors.

While acknowledging that the amount spent in legal fees exceeded the amount of the settlement, Cary stated that he continued the case because he thought it was important to defend the principle that while government has the right to take property for the public good, it does not have the right to do so without compensating the property owner.

Cary proceeded to donate the settlement money to found the Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility that bears his name at Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Dallas, Texas, where he serves as Trustee Emeritus in recognition for his outstanding service to the University as a member of the Board of Trustees from 1976 to 2000.

In addition to his founding grant to create the Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility, Cary also endowed a university-wide professorship in ethics at SMU. He has provided additional funds for programs and facilities in SMU's Edwin L. Cox School of Business, including the Maguire Energy Institute, the Maguire Chair in oil and gas management, and the Maguire Building housing undergraduate programs in the Cox School.

In 1995 he and his wife, Ann, were among the first recipients of SMU's Mustang Award honoring individuals whose longtime service and philanthropy have had a lasting impact on the University.

His national leadership positions include service on The National Petroleum Council, the Executive Committee of Mid-Continental Oil and Gas Association, and membership of the Madison Council of the Library of Congress, where he funded the Maguire Chair in Ethics and American History.