

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNITION FOR BORDER PATROL AGENT NICHOLAS IVIE

HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to acknowledge today the exceptional life and public service of Border Patrol Agent Nicholas Ivie, who tragically was killed in the line of duty in the early morning hours of October 2, 2012.

Agent Ivie loved to help other people and he always wanted to be in law enforcement. He was dedicated, loyal and brave. After high school, he trained to become a firefighter and later on, became an emergency medical technician. He tended to the sick and injured in his community, ready at a moment's notice to render aid. Having served a two-year mission with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Mexico City, Agent Ivie had learned Spanish and developed a love for the Mexican people.

Agent Ivie followed his older brother, Joel Ivie into the Border Patrol. He joined his brother as a Horse Patrol Agent. Agent Nicholas Ivie took a solemn oath to protect and serve not just the people of Southern Arizona, but those of the United States. He made the ultimate sacrifice in carrying out his oath.

Agent Ivie was just 30 years old at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, two young daughters, parents, three brothers, a sister and countless friends and colleagues. He served his country with distinction and honor and for that we all owe him and his family a tremendous debt of gratitude.

Every day, thousands of men and women of the Border Patrol put their lives on the line in the name of something bigger than themselves. Many across our country have forgotten the dangers that Agent Ivie and other Border Patrol agents face as they selflessly work to secure our borders. They risk everything for an ideal—protecting Americans and our freedoms.

I ask the House of Representatives to join with me in extending our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Border Patrol Agent Nicholas Ivie and in thanking him for his great sacrifice as he courageously carried out his duty to protect and serve. His life is an inspiration to us all and he will never be forgotten. On behalf of a grateful nation, we thank him for his patriotism and dedication and his commitment to the Border Patrol motto—Honor First.

JOSEPH D. CERULLO

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joseph D. Cerullo who received the

Outstanding Italian American of 2012 award from the Hazleton Chapter of UNICO National. Founded on October 10, 1992, UNICO National is the largest Italian-American service organization in the United States.

As a native of Hazleton, I have known Joe and his family for many years. Joe graduated from Hazleton Senior High School in 1965 and started working at PPL Co. at the Hauto Steam Electric Station. Not long after, Joe decided to dedicate his life to the safety of our great Nation by enlisting in the U.S. Navy. His naval career took him many places including San Francisco, CA; Key West, FL; and even Cuba. In June of 1970, Joe was honorably discharged from the Navy and returned to Pennsylvania.

Joe knows what it takes to run a successful business. In 1978, along with three other individuals, he cofounded Micrographics International, Inc. In 2003, Joe's partners at IMF offered him an opportunity of a lifetime—a buyout. This allowed him to retire young and spend more time with his family and friends, most importantly, his grandchildren, Julian and Gianna.

In addition to his work as a small business owner, Joe has always been committed to community service for the betterment of Hazleton, the Commonwealth, and our country. Joe has served as the elected president and devoted his time to several local clubs such as Mountain City Lions, Kiwanis Club of Hazleton, Valley Country Club, and the Hazleton Chapter of UNICO. Currently, he serves as the District Director (PA-1) of UNICO National and is a member of the Board of Trustees for UNICO National.

Overall, it is an honor to recognize Joe and his involvement in an organization that has given so much back to the community. I have had the esteemed privilege of attending many UNICO events in my congressional district, including pig roasts and charity events. I look forward to seeing how Joe will make a positive mark on Italian-Americans across the Nation and, specifically, those of the 11th District of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Joseph D. Cerullo for his years of committed service to the Hazleton Chapter of UNICO National and his readiness to serve the needs of Italian-Americans across our Nation and in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

TO COMMEMORATE THE LIFE AND WORK OF CAPTAIN ANSIL SAUNDERS

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and work of Captain Ansil Saunders, a fifth generation native of Bimini, Bahamas, in recognition of his outstanding contributions in keeping Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy alive in the Bahamas.

Captain Saunders first met Dr. King in 1964 when he traveled to Bimini in search of a peaceful and serene writing environment. Captain Saunders knew the perfect place and took Dr. King deep into the mangroves to a spot called "Bonefish Hole" where Dr. King wrote portions of his famous Nobel Prize acceptance speech. Dr. King returned to Bimini in 1968 where he wrote portions of his Sanitation Workers speech while on Captain Saunders' boat. Dr. King was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee on April 4, 1968, just days after his visit to the Bahamas.

Since Dr. King's death, Captain Saunders has shared his conversations with the civil rights leader with visitors to Bimini as well as with local and international media outlets, including National Public Radio. Plaques marking local sites visited by Dr. King are found throughout Alice Town, Bimini, including the location of a barbershop frequented by Dr. King and the cottage where he stayed during his visits. The local museum also has Dr. King's disembarkation card with his original signature proudly on display.

Captain Saunders' acclaim extends beyond his connection to Dr. King. He is also a bone-fishing world record holder, a 2003 Cacique Award (Minister's Award) recipient and an artistic boat builder, creating custom-crafted vessels out of fiberglass, bronze, and wood indigenous to the Bahamas. Each of his made-to-order boats take about six months to complete and are used by top sports fishermen to ply the flats in search of the elusive "gray ghost."

It is clear that although Captain Saunders' hard work has led to success, his time in the mangroves with the civil rights leader left an indelible mark, which is why Captain Saunders has made it his life's work to honor Dr. King's legacy.

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF HELITECH, HEAD- QUARTERED IN CASEYVILLE, IL- LINOIS

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 25th anniversary of the founding of Helitech, and in congratulating Mr. William J. (Bill) Courtney, Founder, President and CEO.

Helitech was founded by Bill Courtney and a partner in 1987 as a concrete leveling company. Bill bought out his partner in 1992 and embarked on the course of building the company in his vision. A critical step was the addition of basement and foundation waterproofing and repair. Helitech began using the A.B. Chance Helical Pier Foundation Systems and has exclusive rights to use the system in its market. Helitech has also expanded with a Civil Construction Division.

From the humble beginnings with an office in the basement of Bill Courtney's home,

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Helitech has experienced tremendous growth. They now have over 100 employees, operate in five States and had over \$12 million in revenue last year.

Throughout the years, Helitech has won numerous awards, particularly from the Better Business Bureau and the homebuilders associations in the areas where it does business.

In building his business, Bill has always been committed both to his customers and to his employees. He has also been committed to giving back to his community and to many charitable causes. Although Bill does not like to draw attention to his charitable endeavors, there are many organizations that owe a debt of gratitude to Bill Courtney and to Helitech. The Special Olympics, the Poshard Foundation and the Women's Crisis Center in Belleville are benefactors and St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital officially recognized Helitech for 10 years of continuous contributions.

Family is also very important to Bill Courtney and tangible evidence of this is the location of the company headquarters on land where his family owned a farm. Several structures from the farm, though significantly modernized, are still in existence today as a reminder to Bill of his roots.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 25th anniversary of Helitech, to congratulate Bill Courtney and all the employees and to wish them the very best for a bright and prosperous future.

“THE REAL REFERENDUM”

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, Paul Krugman is absolutely correct and every member of Congress should read his thoughtful column before voting on any economic matter.

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THE REAL REFERENDUM

(By Paul Krugman)

Republicans came into this campaign believing that it would be a referendum on President Obama, and that still-high unemployment would hand them victory on a silver platter. But given the usual caveats—a month can be a long time in politics, it's not over until the votes are actually counted, and so on—it doesn't seem to be turning out that way.

Yet there is a sense in which the election is indeed a referendum, but of a different kind. Voters are, in effect, being asked to deliver a verdict on the legacy of the New Deal and the Great Society, on Social Security, Medicare and, yes, Obamacare, which represents an extension of that legacy. Will they vote for politicians who want to replace Medicare with Vouchercare, who denounce Social Security as “collectivist” (as Paul Ryan once did), who dismiss those who turn to social insurance programs as people unwilling to take responsibility for their lives?

If the polls are any indication, the result of that referendum will be a clear reassertion of support for the safety net, and a clear rejection of politicians who want to return us to

the Gilded Age. But here's the question: Will that election result be honored?

I ask that question because we already know what Mr. Obama will face if re-elected: a clamor from Beltway insiders demanding that he immediately return to his failed political strategy of 2011, in which he made a Grand Bargain over the budget deficit his overriding priority. Now is the time, he'll be told, to fix America's entitlement problem once and for all. There will be calls—as there were at the time of the Democratic National Convention—for him to officially endorse Simpson-Bowles, the budget proposal issued by the co-chairmen of his deficit commission (although never accepted by the commission as a whole).

And Mr. Obama should just say no, for three reasons.

First, despite years of dire warnings from people like, well, Alan Simpson and Erskine Bowles, we are not facing any kind of fiscal crisis. Indeed, U.S. borrowing costs are at historic lows, with investors actually willing to pay the government for the privilege of owning inflation-protected bonds. So reducing the budget deficit just isn't the top priority for America at the moment; creating jobs is. For now, the administration's political capital should be devoted to passing something like last year's American Jobs Act and providing effective mortgage debt relief.

Second, contrary to Beltway conventional wisdom, America does not have an “entitlements problem.” Mainly, it has a health cost problem, private as well as public, which must be addressed (and which the Affordable Care Act at least starts to address). It's true that there's also, even aside from health care, a gap between the services we're promising and the taxes we're collecting—but to call that gap an “entitlements” issue is already to accept the very right-wing frame that voters appear to be in the process of rejecting.

Finally, despite the bizarre reverence it inspires in Beltway insiders—the same people, by the way, who assured us that Paul Ryan was a brave truth-teller—the fact is that Simpson-Bowles is a really bad plan, one that would undermine some key pieces of our safety net. And if a reelected president were to endorse it, he would be betraying the trust of the voters who returned him to office.

Consider, in particular, the proposal to raise the Social Security retirement age, supposedly to reflect rising life expectancy. This is an idea Washington loves—but it's also totally at odds with the reality of an America in which rising inequality is reflected not just in the quality of life but in its duration. For while average life expectancy has indeed risen, that increase is confined to the relatively well-off and well-educated—the very people who need Social Security least. Meanwhile, life expectancy is actually falling for a substantial part of the nation.

Now, there's no mystery about why Simpson-Bowles looks the way it does. It was put together in a political environment in which progressives, and even supporters of the safety net as we know it, were very much on the defensive—an environment in which conservatives were presumed to be in the ascendant, and in which bipartisanship was effectively defined as the effort to broker deals between the center-right and the hard right.

Barring an upset, however, that environment will come to an end on Nov. 6. This election is, as I said, shaping up as a referendum on our social insurance system, and it looks as if Mr. Obama will emerge with a

clear mandate for preserving and extending that system. It would be a terrible mistake, both politically and for the nation's future, for him to let himself be talked into snatching defeat from the jaws of victory.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
POCASSET COMMUNITY CLUB

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Pocasset Community Club upon its centennial anniversary.

The Pocasset Community Club traces its roots to seventeen women who lived in the region over a century ago. Together, they formed a club to promote scholarly exchanges amongst themselves. These women had wanderlust for travel but had neither the economic means nor the opportunity to see the world. So, they decided to do the second best thing, and named their group “The Travelers Club.” The members would take turns presenting a report of a travel experience they would like to have, and would then discuss these destinations and the journeys necessary to get there. Before long, the club became quite popular in Pocasset, and it was no longer possible to meet in members' homes. The Travelers Club created a fund to erect their own building, starting the fund with just \$25.90. By 1912, enough money had been saved, and the first Travelers Club meeting was held in the group's new building on October 3rd of that year.

In 1948, ownership of the building was transferred to a group of town residents who renamed it as the Pocasset Community Club. As more and more families moved to the area, the Club's popularity grew quickly. Saturday night dinners, dances for the local teenagers, and family movie nights ensured that the Club was a popular spot for the people of Pocasset. Travelers Club meetings continued to thrive, and other groups found their home in the building as well. Today, the Pocasset Village Association ensures that the original mission of the Community Club remains in place. The building continues to be a beloved location for the town, hosting Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts meetings, 4H events, and countless other town proceedings.

The Pocasset community will celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of its Community Club building by honoring the original founders of the Travelers Club, a group of courageous women who were certainly ahead of their time in establishing their own organization when women's suffrage was over a decade away. The many groups who have since then kept the Community Club an active location in Pocasset will also be remembered during this celebration.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the Pocasset Community Club upon its centennial anniversary, as well as the countless men and women whose work has made the Club a central fixture in the Pocasset community. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring these outstanding organizations.