

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ON THE LAKE WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2012

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the 100th anniversary of the Lake Worth Public Library. This library is a symbol of what a community can accomplish when it comes together for a common goal and embodies the American hunger for knowledge and education.

In 1912, as the city of Lake Worth was being built, the women of this new city recognized the need for a library. That year, the local newspaper sent out an appeal for book donations. As the donations came in, Mr. and Mrs. John L. McKissock would ride their bicycles the seven miles to West Palm Beach to pick up the donated books and bring them back to the new library in Lake Worth. A point of pride for the Lake Worth community is that the Lake Worth Library was established five months before the first school and almost two years before electricity was brought into the city.

As the library outgrew its room in the Lake Worth City Hall, plans were made for the library to be established as a memorial library in honor of General William Jenkins Worth, the man credited with ending the Seminole Wars. However, the bill that would have made this possible was vetoed by President Roosevelt after passing Congress.

The citizens of Lake Worth never gave up though. They worked together, and through fundraising and smart investment, they were able to complete the new library in 1941. Thanks to a sizable donation from James and William Strait, the Lake Worth Public Library was able to even open an art wing which was later converted to a children's library.

To this day, the Lake Worth Public Library is not your average community library. In addition to being a hub of educational activity for adults and children alike, the library is home to unique treasures such as the only known collection of historic paintings by R. Sherman Winton, and wood carvings by Sam J. Schlappich, a Lake Worth artist who exhibited at the Century of Progress Fair in 1933 and the 1939 World Fair.

Libraries like the Lake Worth Public Library and others around the country serve a vital role in our communities. They provide access to computers, books, and research material, host cultural events, and offer technology training essential in today's job market to people from all walks of life. Libraries break down barriers and bring communities together, and the Lake Worth Public Library is no exception.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the Lake Worth Public Library, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure that despite cuts to Federal, State, and municipal

budgets, libraries across the United States receive the support they need to continue their vitally important work.

TRIBUTE TO ELDON FFA KNOWLEDGE TEAM

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2012

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Eldon FFA knowledge team of Eldon FFA Chapter for winning the National FFA Knowledge Career Development Event.

This team and their advisor should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the national title to their chapter and their community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing the Eldon FFA knowledge team for a job well done!

A TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT BRADY GARDEN

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Brady R. Garden of Charles City, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. For his project, Brady chose to demolish a crumbling wall at the World War I Memorial at Sunnyside Cemetery in Charles City and replaced it with a new wood structure with vinyl siding. In total, this project took more than 150 hours of hard work to complete. The work ethic Brady has shown in his Eagle Project and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Brady and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House

will join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career. Thank you.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MAYOR MILBURN GRAVLEY

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2012

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I stand to honor the life of Milburn Ray Gravley, the former mayor of Carrollton, Texas, who passed away on October 13, 2012, after courageously battling cancer for much of this year.

Milburn was born on January 3, 1931, and was the youngest of nine children. He was a great-grandson of Alexander Wilson Perry, one of the founding landowners of Carrollton, Texas. Like his ancestors before him, Milburn dedicated his life to rigorous and faithful service of his community. He served on several civic boards and committees, including the city council. He was also a member of the Carrollton Lodge #1400 in Carrollton, Texas, and the James A. Smith Lodge #395 in Farmers Branch, Texas. Milburn was a 33° Mason. Most notably, Milburn served as the mayor of Carrollton for twelve years, from 1987 until 1994 and again from 1996 to 1999. Later in his life, and up until his passing, he was the Chairman of the Trinity River Authority, and a member of the Valwood Improvement Board, the Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce, and the Old Downtown Carrollton Board. Multiple bodies duly recognized Milburn's exceptional and enduring service over the years, and he was even named Metrocrest Citizen of the Year in 1989.

Milburn married and is survived by Sylvia McInnis Gravley. Together they had a daughter, Lynda, and two sons, Gary and Alan. He is survived by them and also his six grandchildren, Cristi, Casey, Lori, Matthew, Nicole, and Christopher; four step-grandchildren, Richard, Ashley, Kristen, and Preslee; and four great-grandchildren, Madison, Sydnee, Reece, and Juliet. Milburn was preceded in death by two of his brothers and four of his sisters. Two more brothers, Joe and Wilton, survive him.

It is a great professional honor for my son, Matthew, and I to have held the same office that Milburn did as mayors of Carrollton, Texas. Yet, the greater and more profound honor and joy was to have known Milburn personally. I think that I speak for the entire Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex community when I say that he will be deeply missed.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring the great life and passing of Mayor Milburn Ray Gravley.

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RECOGNIZING THE ADKISON FAMILY AS THE 2012 WASHINGTON COUNTY OUTSTANDING FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the Adkison family for being selected as the 2012 Washington County, Florida Outstanding Farm Family.

Jarrold Adkison, a proud third generation farmer, takes to heart the value of hard work, dedication, and the love and support of family. Today, the Adkison family incorporates the lessons learned from generations worth of farming experience to grow peanuts, corn, soybeans, wheat, hay and oat crops. They also raise brood cows and purebred Charolais, and this year they also expanded their growing operation to include cotton. Jarrod, his wife Tara, their children Chelsea, Nathan, MaryBeth, and Harrison, along with his cousin Philip and two full time employees, are the brains and brawn behind the impressive 1,180 acres that make up the family farm.

Jarrold is set on ensuring the farm is in a position to allow future generations of his family the opportunity to carry on the family farming legacy. He understands this goal is possible only with the invaluable support of his family, and he receives tremendous support from the entire Adkinson family. Tara, in addition to her duties as a wife and mother to their four children, is also a Registered Nurse at Jackson County Hospital. Jarrod's cousin Philip is a tremendous asset and lives and works on the farm as well. Jarrod and Tara's love of education, farming and community has transferred to their children's hearts. They are more than willing to help out on the family farm, eager to get a feel for the land that may one day be theirs to live and work.

The Adkison Family belongs to the Washington County Farm Bureau Board of Directors and the Washington County Cattlemen's Association Board of Directors and serves as FSA County Committee members. Recently, MaryBeth and Harrison, eager to make their mark on helping the community, joined the

local 4-H Club. Jarrod Adkison is a blessed man. He thanks the good Lord for the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of his grandfather Floyd, father Ken, and Uncle Tim Adkison. His gratitude also goes out to the Washington County farming community, of which he is thankful to be a part.

Mr. Speaker, our great nation was built by farmers and their families. The Washington County Outstanding Farm Family of the Year Award is a reflection of the Adkisons' tireless work and their dedication to family, faith and farming. On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to offer my congratulations to the Adkison family. My wife Vicki and I extend our best wishes for their continued success.

TRIBUTE TO THE CENTRALIA
LADY PANTHERS SOFTBALL TEAM

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2012

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Centralia Lady Panthers softball team of Centralia High School for winning the Class 3 Missouri State Softball Championship.

The Centralia Lady Panthers and their coaches should be commended for all of their hard work throughout the regular season and for bringing home the state title in Class 3 to their school and their community. This is their second straight state title.

I ask that you join me in recognizing the Centralia Lady Panthers softball team for a job well done!

IN APPRECIATION OF DAVE HILL'S
SERVICE TO THE IDAHO NATIONAL LAB

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2012

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say thank you to Dave Hill for his exceptional

service at the Idaho National Laboratory and to wish Dave and his wife Georgia all the best as they begin the next chapter of their life in Boise, Idaho.

Dave Hill came to the United States by way of the United Kingdom where he received his doctorate degree in mathematical physics from Imperial College, London University. As an expert in nuclear reactor and fuel cycle issues, Dave assumed leadership positions at Argonne National Laboratory and Oak Ridge National Laboratory. In 2005, Dave joined the Idaho National Laboratory as deputy lab director for science and technology.

Dave brought a wonderful vision and talent to INL and his imprint is visible in the new and improved facilities that INL scientists and engineers now use. Dave saw the unique role INL can play as our National Nuclear Laboratory and he helped demonstrate how INL's capabilities could support important nuclear energy, nonproliferation and national security programs. Dave also helped bring an unmatched collection of world-renowned technical experts to Idaho to lead the Nation's nuclear energy programs. While serious budget challenges are staring every federal program in the face, Dave will leave the Idaho National Laboratory with a firm foundation. I also understand we will continue to benefit from some of Dave's time and talents in the future.

While Dave Hill's leadership skills and vision have made INL a stronger lab, Dave's good humor and his laugh have made INL a better place to work. On his many trips to Washington, DC, Dave would often come by my office, at my request, to update me on nuclear energy programs and issues. Dave would always paint me the picture I needed to see along with a laugh and a smile at the challenges we were tackling together. I always enjoyed working with Dave Hill and I will miss those meetings.