

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

GUY REYNOLDS' 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Guy Reynolds in celebration of his one hundredth birthday. Thomas Guy Reynolds Jr. was born on November, 30, 1912 in Martinsburg, West Virginia and is the son of the late Thomas Guy Reynolds Sr. and Lora Lenora Stotler.

Mr. Reynolds graduated from Shepherd College in 1933 with a degree in education. He served in the Berkley County school system for a total of 18 years in addition to running his own television and radio repair business; serving as an electro-mechanical designer for Thieblot Aircraft; and working for 17 years at Corning Glass Works where he was appointed to the position of Senior Associate. He was the first person from the Martinsburg plant to receive this honorable position.

Mr. Reynolds has received numerous awards for his outstanding volunteer efforts and community involvement, including Berkeley County's Citizen of the Year, Outstanding Alumni by Shepherd University, and was inducted into the West Virginia Voter Hall of Fame, for having voted in every general election since at least 1942, when records were first kept.

Believed to be the oldest aviator in West Virginia, Mr. Reynolds flies his light-sport airplane as often as he can and frequently attends airport functions. He took his first flight out of Shepherd Field in 1929 in a Ford Trimoter and has been actively involved with the Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport and served as chairman of the West Virginia State Aeronautics Commission for two terms.

Guy Reynolds' wonderful legacy lives on through his children, stepson, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

HONORING U.S. NAVY COMMANDER ANDREW LOUIS FRAHLER

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a former constituent of the Sixth District of Georgia, Commander Andrew Louis Frahler of the U.S. Navy. Andrew was born December 4, 1923 in Oregon. He served one year in the Army during World War II. He entered the U.S. Naval Academy in August 1944. While attending the Academy, Andrew earned a varsity letter every year and was the only person to be captain of the USNA baseball team two years in a row. In his final at bat, he hit a grand slam homerun against West Point. After graduating from the Academy in 1948, Andrew eventually rose to the

rank of Commander in the Navy. During his time in the Navy, he served on six ships, including as Supply Officer on the USS *Okla-homa City*, and was at sea during the Korean War and Cuban Missile Crisis.

After leaving the Navy, Andrew worked at Beatrice Foods in Chicago, ultimately rising to Vice-President. In 1977, he moved to the Atlanta area to teach Management at Baptist University of America. In 1980 he began to teach secondary math and science at Heiskell School and then Providence Academy. He also coached the baseball teams at both schools. Andrew was a deacon in the local Baptist Church, taught Sunday school for many years, helped widows from the church with their taxes, worked at a crisis pregnancy center providing financial assistance, and assisted with an ESL program for Hispanic children.

Mr. Frahler passed away on Wednesday, November 28, a few days before his 89th birthday. He is survived by his beloved wife Mary Claire Jennings Frahler, his four children and their spouses, ten grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Andrew was preceded in death by his parents Andrew William Frahler and Sophia Kish Frahler, and by his brother, William Michael Frahler. Mr. Speaker, we are forever indebted to those great Americans like Andrew Louis Frahler who worked so hard and sacrificed so much for his nation. We will never forget his invaluable contributions to the well-being of his community and fellow citizens.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SEAN PATRICK SMITH, A VICTIM OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2012 TERRORIST ATTACK IN BENGHAZI

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Sean Patrick Smith, an Information Management Officer in the State Department and United States Air Force Veteran, who was slain in the September 11, 2012 terrorist attack on the U.S. Government Mission to Libya in Benghazi along with Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens and former United States Navy Sea, Air and Land (SEAL) Operators, Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods.

Sean Smith was a native of the Clairemont neighborhood of San Diego, California and seemed destined to serve his nation. His father, Rene "Ray" Smith, my constituent from Gulfport, Florida, was a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. The elder Smith often served as a "tunnel rat," crawling deep into Vietcong underground facilities in search of the enemy. In 1970, during a firefight, he was burned over 60 percent of his body after the brush he was in caught fire. He raised Sean to appreciate the freedoms our nation provides and to be willing to fight for them.

Sean enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1995 at the age of 17, so young that he needed a parental release. He served six years as a Ground Radio Maintenance Specialist, which included a deployment to Oman. Sean left the Air Force in 2002 as a Staff Sergeant. At the time of his death, Sean was on temporary assignment to assist in the establishment of the Information Technology infrastructure in support of the Mission to Libya. Before his assignment to Benghazi, Sean had given 10 years of dedicated service to the State Department around the globe in Brussels, Baghdad, Pretoria, Montreal, and The Hague.

A technological guru, Sean's computer savvy was not limited to his United States Air Force and State Department duties. Sean was an avid gamer and well known in the online gaming community of the space fantasy game EVE Online. A leader of the "Goonswarm" guild, his gaming persona "Vile Rat" made use of Sean's skills as a diplomat and he was respected as a skilled competitor. Additionally, Sean was a moderator of the internet forum, "Something Awful," where he posted about football, politics and working with the Foreign Service.

In the lobby of the State Department, the names of those who have fallen in the line of duty are inscribed in marble. Sean's name has been added along with his compatriots, Ambassador Stevens, Glen Doherty, and Tyrone Woods. In the same tradition, a plaque will be placed in the lobby of the Bay Pines VA Medical Center, where Sean's father receives his primary care, to commemorate his life and the daily sacrifices made by our veterans.

Sean is survived by his father Ray, mother Pat, wife Heather, and two young children, Samantha and Nathan. Beyond his family, Sean will be forever mourned by friends, colleagues, and countless online competitors, collaborators and gamers, who shared his passion in the virtual world Sean helped create. They are the true victims of this act of terror. While Sean's pain has ended, they will have to continue life without a beloved son, caring husband, nurturing father, and extraordinary friend.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing Sean Patrick Smith for his dedicated service to his country. He has made the ultimate sacrifice to defend freedom and his fellow Americans and we are forever in his debt. We wish his family all the best as they continue in their life's journey, and hope they find solace in knowing that their beloved Sean shall forever be remembered as a true patriot and hero.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President

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Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,306,713,138,468.87. We've added \$5,679,836,089,555.79 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$5 trillion in debt our Nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE
ELMA TERESA SALINAS ENDER

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Honorable Elma Teresa Salinas Ender, an award recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Laredo-Webb County Bar Association for her accomplishments and services in Webb County of South Texas. Judge Ender is currently completing her term in the 341st Judicial District Court in Laredo, Texas.

Judge Ender, a native Laredoan, is a remarkable and highly respected member of the community who has dedicated her life to promoting fairness and justice. She serves the community as Texas Supreme Court Permanent Judicial Commission for Children, Youth and Families. Judge Ender became the youngest woman and first Hispanic female to serve as a district court judge in Texas. She is also the longest serving district court judge in Webb County in recent history, serving one appointed term and seven elected terms consecutively.

Currently, Judge Ender serves as chair for the Board of Judges overseeing the Auditor and on the Indigent Defense Services Oversight Committee for the Webb County Judiciary. She holds a Juris Doctor degree from St. Mary's University School of Law and a B.B.A. from University of Texas in Austin, with a major in accounting. She holds a Certificate in Commercial and International Arbitration from the University of Houston Law School, A. A. White Dispute Resolution Center and certificates in dispute resolution from the National College for the Judiciary, the Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution at the University Of Texas School Of Law, and the DRC in Austin, Texas. Appointed in 1995 by then Governor George Bush, as an ad hoc committee member, Judge Ender worked to rewrite the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. Appointed by Governor Mark White in 1986, she served on a Task Force charged with drafting professional standards to be used to certify juvenile detention centers. She has served as President, Vice President and 4th Administrative District Representative for the Texas District Judges' Association.

Not only has Judge Ender enjoyed an esteemed and honorable career, she also devotes much of her time to community organizations. She was one of the five Leadership Texas Alumnae who initiated, planned and funded the Leadership Laredo program sponsored by the Laredo Chamber of Commerce. Judge Ender is involved in numerous civic and community activities. Her leadership in organizations includes Leadership Texas, the Laredo Business and Professional Women's Association, and participation in the National Hispana Leadership Institute, which included study at

Harvard University's JFK School of Public Affairs. She has received numerous awards throughout her career, including "Laredoan of the Year" in 2012, Laredo UT Exes Longhorn Legacy Award in 2008, and the 2003 Tejano Achievement Award, to name a few. Additionally, she has been featured in numerous publications due to her influence in Texas. She is married to David Ender and they are the proud parents of two daughters.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored and pleased to have had this time to recognize The Honorable Elma Teresa Salinas Ender on her career and community involvement. She has contributed her time, knowledge, and efforts to the judiciary and to community outreach.

CONGRATULATING MR. EDWARD
SPAR ON HIS RETIREMENT
FROM THE COUNCIL OF PROFESSIONAL
ASSOCIATIONS ON FEDERAL
STATISTICS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Edward Spar on his retirement as Executive Director of the Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics, COPAFS. Since December 1992, Mr. Spar has led COPAFS, a consortium of over 50 organizations and individuals dedicated to increasing knowledge about issues affecting Federal statistical agencies and to encouraging dialogue between its member organizations, federal agencies, Congress, and the public about these issues.

As you may know Mr. Speaker, I am a strong supporter of our nation's federal statistical agencies and the data that they collect, disseminate, and protect. These agencies, which include, for example, the Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Center for Education Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics, and Bureau of Justice

Statistics, are national treasures. Simply put, federal, state, and local governments and American businesses could not function effectively without these agencies which produce high quality, reliable, and accessible data.

As the COPAFS Executive Director, Mr. Spar has shared my passion for these agencies and successfully raised awareness about their often-overlooked needs. He achieved this goal by conducting quarterly meetings and other colloquia for users and producers of federal statistics where they could share information about current federal statistical policy developments and discuss issues important to governmental and non-governmental data user communities. Mr. Spar was also a constant presence at meetings with federal statistical agencies, Members of Congress, and congressional staff, offering his expertise on federal statistical policy issues and suggesting improvements.

Mr. Spar's achievements include an initiative he led for the Bureau of Labor Statistics to update the Consumer Expenditure Survey, which resulted in crucial changes to the survey's interviewing structure, questionnaire design, and proxy reporting. In addition, he served on the National Academy of Sciences' panel on transportation statistics whose recommenda-

tions guide the current collection of key infrastructure data. Mr. Spar has also worked closely with the Office of Statistical Policy of the United States Office of Management and Budget (OMB), particularly to review and improve geographic classifications, as well as to bring statistical policy and research developments to broader audiences.

His efforts have not been limited, however, to domestic statistical issues. Mr. Spar has also been recognized as a leader regarding international surveys and agencies. Major international agencies, including the United Nations, the U.S. Agency for International Development, the U.S. Information Agency, and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, have consulted with Mr. Spar. In this capacity, Mr. Spar advised these agencies and their international counterparts on a range of issues, including data collection and confidentiality standards, the establishment of statistical policy offices, and the development of strategies for outreach to users of federal statistics.

In addition to all of his achievements, Mr. Spar has been a mentor, teaching courses at Georgetown University and the U.S. Census Bureau, leading workshops at national and international scientific and data user conferences, and encouraging the next generation of statisticians and data users. And, as President of Market Statistics from 1972 to 1992, Mr. Spar was one of the pioneers of private sector applied demography.

I am proud to rise in recognition of Mr. Spar, a native New Yorker and a national leader on federal statistical issues. Although he is leaving COPAFS to enjoy a well-deserved retirement, he leaves behind a legacy of stronger statistical agencies and policies and an appreciative cadre of colleagues who have benefited from his dedicated years of service.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Spar and his family.

A TRIBUTE TO THE UNION
LEAGUE OF PHILADELPHIA

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Union League of Philadelphia which will commemorate its Sesquicentennial Celebration on December 27, 2012. This occasion will reflect on the great history and traditions that have helped sustain the League, and have made it one of the great civic institutions in Philadelphia.

In late 1862, during some of the darkest and most turbulent days of America's Civil War, a group of patriotic Philadelphians resolved to create an organization to assist President Abraham Lincoln and the North to save the American Union. By early 1863 The Union League of Philadelphia was diligently printing and distributing anti-secession literature, financing military regiments, and devoting its talent and resources to the protection of southern Pennsylvania and the City of Philadelphia from the menace of invasion. Following the northern victory in April of 1865, the Union League found a new and continuing purpose as it demonstrated its support for Reconstruction legislation and new amendments