

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW CELEBRATES 45 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 17, 2012

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, this year, the Texas Tech University School of Law marked its 45th anniversary, and I rise today to congratulate the faculty, staff, students, and alumni on this milestone.

The School of Law was the first graduate professional school at Texas Tech, and it owes its existence primarily to the efforts of one man—Alvin Allison of Levelland. As Texas evolved from an agricultural state to one with a greater focus on industry and professional services, there was a growing need for lawyers. Mr. Allison saw an opportunity for Texas Tech to fulfill that role, and the idea for the law school was born.

The first class consisted of 72 students, who were trained to practice law, “in accordance with the highest traditions of professional responsibility,” according to an early history of the school. Today, students are still taught to fulfill their greatest potential as they serve their communities.

Texas Tech Law has grown tremendously since its founding in 1967, but it has remained true to its core principles. Although today’s incoming classes are nearly three times as large as the first class, they maintain a focus on practical instruction to prepare students for professional success.

Students can take advantage of joint degrees and nationally recognized programs in advocacy, law and science, military law, and health law. Alumni have consistently high rates of employment and bar passage, and work throughout the state and the nation as lawyers and judges, public servants and executives.

Today, Dean Darby Dickerson is leading Texas Tech into the 21st century with an ambitious strategic plan. Thanks to her hard work, and the vision and dedication of her predecessors, generations of students will continue to flourish at Texas Tech Law. And our country will benefit from the expertise and passion that Tech’s lawyers bring to their work.

I hope you’ll join me today in congratulating Texas Tech Law on this milestone, and wishing them well for many years to come.

Guns up.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT CODY GULDNER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 17, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Cody Guldner of

Altoona, 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, Cody saved the City of Altoona nearly \$3,000 in labor costs by moving four planting beds with a total of eighty plants to a new site along a bicycle tunnel. This project involved extensive labor and took nearly 60 hours to complete. The work ethic Cody 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 Cody 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.

ASTHMA INHALERS RELIEF ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2012

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I support the Asthma Inhalers Relief Act, H.R. 6190. This bill is simple; it will allow remaining stocks of Primatene Mist to be made available to asthma patients. This is a drug that was on the shelves for decades, but was removed due to environmental concerns regarding CFCs. Primatene was not removed due to safety concerns.

Limiting releases of CFCs is important and we must make sure that consumer products do not contain these harmful chemicals. However, the small remaining amount of Primatene poses no real threat to the environment and could potentially save the lives of Asthma patients in the midst of an attack. Right now there are no over-the-counter rescue inhalers available.

Releasing the remaining doses of Primatene is a temporary solution until a non-CFC inhaler is approved by the FDA. I have heard from constituents of mine who would greatly benefit from access to this medicine. If these inhalers endangered their safety, of course, it would not be appropriate to put them back on the shelves, but that is not the case.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF CHESTER E. GORDON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 17, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember Chester E. Gordon, a resident of Lakewood, Ohio, for the last 50 years and a constituent of Ohio’s 10th Congressional District. Chester, who was 81, died on September 15, 2012.

Chester Gordon was an attorney, scholar, soldier, and citizen. A 1948 graduate of Cleveland Heights High School, a 1952 graduate of Harvard College, and an alumnus of the 1955 class of Western Reserve (now Case Western Reserve University) School of Law, Chester started practicing law in 1956. He assumed the practice of his uncle, Harry Hemple, in Lakewood in 1963. He served in the U.S. Army on active duty in Washington, DC as an attorney from 1956 through 1958, and then practiced as a reserve officer until receiving his honorable discharge in 1963.

Chester was a lifelong Democrat and political enthusiast. He met his wife Stephanie, who shared his enthusiasm, on the presidential campaign trail of John F. Kennedy. They married soon after Kennedy’s victory. They worked on and supported many candidates for political office. Their children learned politics alongside their parents. Their daughter Merle, whose first baby-steps were on door-to-door political campaigns with Chester and Stephanie, went on to serve several terms as a Cleveland city councilwoman representing Cleveland’s Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre neighborhoods in the 10th Congressional District. I am proud to be among the candidates for office for whom the Gordons campaigned.

Chester was a man of diverse interests. He was a long-time member and past president of Beth Israel the West Temple in Cleveland and a member of Beth El—The Heights Synagogue in Cleveland Heights. He was a subscriber and supporter of the Cleveland Orchestra for over 60 years. A wood turner, Chester was a member of the North Coast Woodturners. A loyal member of the City Club of Cleveland, Chester could usually be found at its Friday Forums each week. On Saturdays, Chester was a faithful shopper at Cleveland’s West Side Market with his son David. Chester was also active in his alumni associations, was a long-serving member of the Harvard Scholarship Committee, and attended his 60th Harvard College reunion this summer.

In addition to Merle, David, and Stephanie, his wife of 51 years, Chester is survived by his son Abram and daughter-in-law Bess and their daughters Annie and LuLu of Cincinnati; daughter Rachel and son-in-law Joseph of Israel; son Derek and daughter-in-law Jen and

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their children Sam, Henry, and Sophie of Tuscon, Arizona; and sister Sue Wintner of Pepper Pike, Ohio. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembering Chester Gordon and joining with his family and many friends who are mourning his loss.

CELEBRATING COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK

HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 17, 2012

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I express my support of Computer Science Education Week, which occurs this week to celebrate the teaching and learning of computer science in our public schools. The week highlights activities and advocacy to elevate computer science education for students at all levels.

Computer science is central to our Nation's global economic competitiveness. Half of the estimated 9.2 million STEM jobs that will be created by the year 2020 will be in computing. Major U.S. companies—Microsoft, Oracle and others—have such jobs available now but can't fill them because our schools aren't offering them. Despite this employment need, public schools in two-thirds of the states treat computer science as an elective and only 9 states require computer science for high school graduation. Meanwhile, very few states have computer science teacher certification and professional development, and public schools lack coherent computer science standards and assessments.

My bill, the Computer Science Education Act (H.R. 3014) would address these problems through supports to states, local school districts and higher education. So I urge you to cosponsor this bill, while joining advocates and businesses across the country in honoring Computer Science Education Week and supporting a concrete effort to increase American jobs.

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT (ASTD)

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 17, 2012

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the American Society for Training and Development (ASTD) as the largest association dedicated to the training and development profession, recognizing them for their annual Employee Learning Week, held December 3rd through the 7th, 2012.

Members of ASTD come from more than 100 countries and connect locally in 120 U.S. chapters with 16 international partners. They work in thousands of organizations of all sizes, in government, as independent consultants, and as suppliers.

Established in 1943, ASTD is a leader in the training and development field. As businesses seek competitive advantages and growth, learning and development professionals make sure an organization's best asset, its employees, have the skills they need to help achieve business growth. ASTD serves this important

community of professionals with research and resources.

To further these goals, ASTD has declared December 3rd through December 7th, 2012, as "Employee Learning Week" and designated time for organizations to recognize the strategic value of employee learning. I applaud ASTD and its members for their dedication to developing knowledgeable and skilled employees during Employee Learning Week.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting policies that commit to maintaining a highly skilled workforce.

RECOGNIZING DR. MICHAEL OCHS'S 25 YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 17, 2012

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Michael Ochs has announced his retirement from the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, also known as the Helsinki Commission, which I chair. So at this time I'd like to pay tribute to him for his 25 years of service to the Commission. Michael began his work as a member of the professional staff on October 1, 1987, a time when the changes to come in what was then the Soviet Union were unimaginable. Yet within a few years, the Soviet Union had disintegrated, succeeded by newly independent states facing difficult and sometimes complex transition periods.

Dr. Ochs joined the staff of the Commission after completing his doctoral work in Russian history, and began his career by monitoring human rights abuses in the Soviet Union. He participated in the first international human rights conference to be convened in the Soviet Union, a meeting eventually interrupted by the KGB.

Following the breakup of the Soviet Union, Michael was an early voice promoting democracy, human rights, and the rule of law in post-Soviet states, particularly in the Caucasus and Central Asia. In the early 1990s, he traveled regularly to the region, working with authorities, opposition representatives, journalists and human rights activists to promote democracy and human rights, as well as participating in early OSCE election observation missions. This early involvement in the newly independent states gave Michael a remarkable depth of understanding of the region. His extensive network of contacts has made him indispensable to the Commission as well as other U.S. government agencies. He is certainly one of our government's top experts on the Caucasus and Central Asia.

Michael's extraordinary expertise has served the Commission well over the years, and has also been recognized and called on by other U.S. government agencies. He has earned a reputation for his thoughtful and thorough analytical skills, which are respected not only within the U.S. government, but also within the region by both opposition and authorities alike. He also is known for his outstanding language skills, including near-native proficiency in Russian, as well as a command of Polish, Azeri and several other languages.

Michael's tenure at the Commission has seen color revolutions in Ukraine, Georgia, and Kyrgyzstan, tragic massacres and violence in Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan, and steps forward towards democracy throughout the region, and, sadly, many steps backward in the region. He has worked hard to advocate for activists, journalists, and others arrested for opposing authoritarian regimes—and, sometimes against the odds—has been successful in getting individuals released from prison.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize and commend Dr. Michael Ochs for his faithful service to the Commission and in defense of human rights and freedom. As he will be retiring at the end of this month, this is also a sad good-bye for me—I have known Michael almost since he joined the Commission, have traveled abroad with him, benefited greatly from his expertise, enjoyed his company immensely, and will certainly miss him.

COMMEMORATING THE CITY OF OAK PARK

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 17, 2012

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the City of Oak Park, and thank the residents of Oak Park who have provided me with the honor of representing them in Congress for 30 years. My beloved late wife, Vicki and I, enjoyed lasting friendships with so many in the community for many years. I have been proud to see the fabric of this community diversify racially and to watch it develop economically.

Historically, the area that was to become Oak Park existed within Royal Oak Township, and was first settled in 1840. The first major housing development came in 1914 when the township sold land to the majestic Land Company to be developed as the Oak Park subdivision. The subdivision was incorporated as a village on May 3, 1927. The village incorporated as city on October 29, 1945. Planned developments in the late 1950s resulted in Oak Park being named "America's Fastest Growing City" at one point.

I have enjoyed participating in so many activities and events in Oak Park like the annual 4th of July parade, Dr. Martin Luther King Day program and activities sponsored by your schools and your strong and vibrant religious institutions.

I was proud to host several events in the city including our Community Resource Fairs where we brought together Oak Park residents with county, state and federal agencies to that offered critical services within the community.

Mayor McClellan, who was preceded by long-time mayor Jerry Naftely, along with all of the dedicated City Council members and other local elected officials continue to move the City of Oak Park forward, and I look forward to following their success in the years to come.

As I close, I can say with confidence that the City of Oak Park and its residents are in good hands with Congressman GARY PETERS. My office will, of course, stay in close touch on issues that impact Oakland County and south-east Michigan as we all work together to revitalize our Michigan economy.