

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO GPO ACCESS

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, March 16, 2012, the U.S. Government Printing Office, GPO, officially retired GPO Access, GPO's online repository of federal government documents since 1994. GPO has completed the transition from GPO Access to its successor, GPO's Federal Digital System, FDsys, which was first launched in 2009 and became GPO's official system of record in December 2010.

GPO Access was established pursuant to Public Law 103-40, Government Printing Office Electronic Information Access Enhancement Act of 1993. In President Clinton's statement upon signing the Act on June 8, 1993, he remarked:

It is with great pleasure that I sign into law S. 564, the "Government Printing Office Electronic Information Access Enhancement Act of 1993," which will enhance electronic access by the public to Federal information. Under this Act, the public will have on-line computer access to two of the major source documents that inform us about the laws and regulations that affect our daily lives: the Congressional Record and the Federal Register . . .

This important step forward in the electronic dissemination of Federal information will provide valuable insights into the most effective means of disseminating all public Government information . . .

Upon its release, GPO Access ushered in an era of unprecedented access to Federal government information. Never before had American citizens from one end of this great country to the other been able to access the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Federal Register, bills and resolutions, and a host of other Federal government publications literally hours after their release. GPO Access marked a quiet revolution in government transparency on the same scale as C-SPAN. With hundreds of thousands of Federal government titles posted online and millions of downloads every month, GPO truly embodied the spirit of the Thomas Jefferson quotation: "wherever the people are well informed they can be trusted with their own government" and the James Madison quotation: "A popular Government without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a Prologue to a Farce or a Tragedy, or perhaps both. Knowledge will forever govern ignorance, and a people who mean to be their own Governors, must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives." However, even our Founding Fathers could never have imagined the era of access to government information which we have come to enjoy since the advent of GPO Access, and the story only gets better.

GPO's FDsys, www.fdsys.gov, provides the American public with free online access to about 50 different collections of authenticated U.S. Government information ranging from

public and private laws to U.S. court opinions to the President's annual budget. It allows users to search easily across multiple government publications; perform advanced searches against robust metadata about each publication; construct complex search queries; refine and narrow searches; access metadata in standard XML formats; download content and metadata packaged together as a single ZIP file; and browse alphabetically by collection, by congressional committee, by date, and by government author.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in commending the hard-working men and women of GPO on their remarkable achievement with GPO Access. I look forward to GPO's continuing contribution to "Keeping America Informed" through its successor, FDsys.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JOHN V. SULLIVAN, HOUSE PARLIAMENTARIAN, UPON HIS RETIREMENT

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker thanks to Mr. DREIER, Mr. LATOURETTE and Mr. DINGELL for organizing this special order in recognition of John Sullivan, the House's Parliamentarian since 2004, and Deputy or Assistant Parliamentarian since 1987.

For these 25 years, John has been a familiar face on the floor of the House of Representatives, helping presiding officers maintain order and the flow of business. He has done his work with reassuring steadiness and competence, impartiality and fairness, even when tempers were flaring and ingenious, sometimes disingenuous, arguments were flying all around him.

John and the parliamentary staff he oversees have also been invaluable sources of advice and counsel for this institution's members, officers, and committees. Their institutional memory—both in their personal capacity and in the reference and retrieval system they have developed—is beyond compare. John perfected his own skills under illustrious predecessors—Charles Johnson and Bill Brown—and has administered and advanced the office superbly. This institution is currently facing serious strains and challenges. But in the area of parliamentary experience and control, we are operating from a position of great strength, thanks to the work of John and his colleagues.

John Sullivan's work is enhanced by his historical and comparative parliamentary knowledge, and I want especially to commend him for his willingness to share that knowledge with our colleagues in parliaments with which we cooperate around the world. I particularly remember his participation with the House Democracy Partnership in a mission to two part-

ner legislatures, Liberia and Kenya, in 2010. He engaged enthusiastically and helpfully with these parliaments as they developed their own parliamentary rules and standards under trying conditions. John has done this repeatedly, meeting countless times with visiting parliamentary and staff delegations and generously extending his counsel and encouragement.

In short, John Sullivan has been an exemplary public servant and an invaluable resource for this institution and our sister institutions around the world. I am happy to join with colleagues in thanking him for his service and wishing him well in retirement.

TRIBUTE TO ELEANOR K. ANDREWS, 29TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2012

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year during the month of March, we pay special tribute to the accomplishments made by our nation's most distinguished women.

Today I pay tribute to Eleanor K. Andrews, an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District. As a resident of the city of San Gabriel, California, for over 50 years, Eleanor has always strived to make the city a better place.

Earlier in her career, Eleanor served on the Board of Trustees of the San Gabriel School District for 10 years. In addition, she was very active with the San Gabriel Valley YMCA, where she served as Vice President.

Today, Eleanor continues to serve the community she calls home. Currently, Ms. Andrews, who is the San Gabriel City Clerk, tirelessly volunteers in many organizations. Eleanor is the Co-Chair of the Senior Christmas Basket Program, where she dedicates her time to doing all the grocery shopping, and knitting over 60 pairs of slippers to put in all the baskets every year. In addition, she is a member and Past President of the Women's Division of the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce, member and Treasurer of the San Gabriel Community Coordinating Council, serves on the Executive Committee and as Research Chairwoman of the 2013 San Gabriel Centennial Committee, and serves on the Board of the San Gabriel Historical Association, where she was the Association's Past President, and now serves as the Recording Secretary.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an outstanding woman of my district, Eleanor K. Andrews, for her exceptional service to the community.

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NATIONAL CENTER FOR FAMILY LITERACY'S TOYOTA TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARDED TO SHARI BROWN

HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Shari Brown for receiving the 2012 Toyota Teacher of the Year Award. This award, presented by the National Center for Family Literacy, annually recognizes an educator in a program that has a strong record of increasing meaningful parent engagement and family learning.

Shari is a family literacy coordinator and instructor at Caldwell Community College serving Lenoir and other cities and towns in my congressional district. The program, which serves approximately 50 families each year and has another 30 on the waiting list, has a strong record of success. Children in the program tend to enter school six to eighteen months more advanced than average, and children for whom English is a second language enter kindergarten at the same, if not at a higher level, than their non-ESL peers, requiring no accommodations. Furthermore, adult students have a 94% persistence rate, and numerous ESL students move from the lowest levels of ESL to graduation with a GED and enter college.

Shari will use the \$20,000 grant that comes with the award to create a local community garden project where families will learn to grow, harvest and preserve their own food. Families will also participate in local farmer's markets, preparing nutritious meals utilizing the food they grow, supplemented with surplus commodities. Furthermore, they will study good nutrition and how to combat obesity in their family members. Lastly, families will have the opportunity to learn about culinary and horticultural career choices. Both of these industries have been identified as high-growth employment areas in Caldwell County, North Carolina.

Shari's recognition through this award is to be commended. Ms. Brown works every day to help families become self-sufficient and better able to help their children learn and grow academically in school. Thank you to the National Center for Family Literacy for recognizing one of our great community assets in Caldwell County.

COMMENDATION OF INDIAN VILLAGE TENNIS CLUB

HON. HANSEN CLARKE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

Mr. CLARKE of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Indian Village Tennis Club's 100th anniversary on April 16, 2012. The Indian Village Tennis Club is a rich part of Detroit's history.

The Indian Village Tennis Club has owned its property since 1894, and began using the tennis courts and clubhouse on April 16, 1912. The Indian Village Tennis Club is located in Detroit's historic Indian Village neighborhood,

and is the oldest tennis club in the United States to remain at its original site.

Club members enjoy the clay tennis courts, clubhouse, and perennial garden from May to October. The club has hosted numerous tournaments, lessons with tennis professionals, and social events promoting healthy living and wellness. Club members are active in the community.

It is with honor that I recognize the Indian Village Tennis Club for being a valuable organization in the Metro Detroit community for 100 years.

I am proud to have such a distinguished club in my community and I look forward to its continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE MULTILATERAL BENEFITS OF GLOBAL HEALTH RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, to ensure our nation's competitiveness in the global arena and spur business development and expansion, it is clearly in our nation's interest to ensure robust federal funding for global health research. We are an innovation economy, and the basic research that federal funding makes possible sows the seeds for the later stage and private sector discoveries that attract philanthropic and venture capital dollars. And global health research is a priority for the American people. According to a May 2011 poll commissioned by Research!America, 74% of Georgians say that global health research is important to the economy.

As we consider federal funding for medical research, it is important to keep in mind that investment in global health research brings a rich return to the United States.

Throughout the United States, investment in global health leads to industry. In my home state of Georgia, successful start-ups like Geovax are breaking new ground in global HIV/AIDS research. Funding from the National Institutes of Health helped Geovax get off the ground, and now it is an employer that contributes to Georgia's economy and to improving global health. With global health powerhouses including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, The Task Force for Global Health, The Carter Center, and CARE all based in Georgia, along with the world class scientists within our university system, Georgia is positioned to become a world leader for global health.

In this age of globalization, when intercontinental travel is a daily occurrence for thousands of people worldwide, treating communicable diseases in other countries is a must for preventing their widespread occurrence here in the United States. We have witnessed several times this past decade how easily diseases travel, as evidenced by the quick spread of SARS, avian flu and pandemic H1N1 flu from other countries to the western world. The spread of multi-drug resistant tuberculosis (MDR TB) is also of great concern, as infected individuals can be asymptomatic for years and still transmit the disease. Currently, infectious diseases cost the U.S. \$120

billion a year. By funding global health research programs dedicated to the prevention and eradication of communicable diseases in emerging economies, the United States is investing in its own immediate and long-term health, and saving on health care costs for treatment.

The landmark government initiative PEPFAR (U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief), is showing strong returns. Publicly funded researchers have identified and designed a multitude of preventive measures that reduce the risk of HIV transmission. Recent clinical trials demonstrated that combination antiretroviral treatments (developed by U.S. based pharmaceutical companies) can reduce the risk of HIV transmission by up to 96%. Deploying preventive measures in some of the highest risk countries around the world will certainly help reduce the spread of HIV. These measures will also help reduce the spread of HIV in the United States, where approximately 40,000 people per year are diagnosed, costing the U.S. a projected \$12.1 billion in lifetime medical expenses.

Investment in global health research and development today will help produce a healthy, competitive and innovative economy tomorrow. At the same time, such research helps to protect Americans, reduce health care costs and meet our nation's foreign policy goals. And investing in global research is a means of saving lives and preventing disability in impoverished nations—it is an immensely powerful form of humanitarianism that can help millions of people throughout the world now and in the future. As we map out strategies for promoting the U.S. economy, we must not falter in our investment in medical research that surely includes research devoted to combating global illnesses. We must capitalize on opportunities for NIH, CDC, FDA, USAID and DOD to support global health research—for the benefit of Americans and the global community of which we are a part.

RECOGNIZING THE 450TH ANNIVERSARY OF FRENCH HUGUENOT CAPTAIN JEAN RIBAUT'S LANDING IN FLORIDA

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Sesquicentennial, or 450th anniversary, of the French expedition commanded by Huguenot Captain Jean Ribault landing in Florida at what is now Jacksonville, my hometown. Seeking the right to worship freely and with the support of the French Crown, Ribault sailed toward the New World and dropped anchor along the North Florida coast. His arrival on April 30, 1562, marked the beginning of French history in Florida.

The next day, May 1, the crew sailed north and came to "a leaping and breking of the water, as a streme falling owt of the lande unto the sea." They had discovered the mouth of a majestic river that Ribault named the River of Maye. We now call that river the St. Johns River, but the Village of Mayport and Naval Station Mayport owe their names to the original River of May.