

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Denton Public Library, an esteemed local institution, in celebrating 75 years of service to the whole Denton community. The three-branch library system currently provides a full online catalog and a web-based automation system that houses more than 240,000 items. It has also assisted the community by providing over 1,400,000 quality resources of educational, informational, and cultural value. To achieve this service, took a great deal of commitment.

In 1914, the City Federation of Women's Clubs gave a report stating the clear need for a free public library for the City of Denton. Philanthropist Andrew Carnegie would contribute a building if the city contributed a location and maintenance for the building. When the City Council could not guarantee their support, Carnegie withdrew his offer.

In the Depression Era, the federal government established the Works Progress Administration. One of its services was the sponsorship of school libraries. This program allowed the Denton County Schools Superintendent to employ Mattie Pyrene Wilson as the library supervisor and establish a program of inter-school loans. In order to expedite the loans, a bookmobile service was inaugurated. Wilson opened a small 3,000 volume library on the third floor of the courthouse and the bulk of the material was acquired through a \$10 state teacher allowance and books donated by the Parent Teacher Association of Denton. In 1935, the Junior Shakespeare Club commenced a movement to combine the Denton County School Library with a public library. The club encouraged the county school board and the city and county commissions to join together to support a library that would be free to all citizens of Denton County. The club also conducted a book drive and collected more than 4000 books to initially stock the proposed library; the city commission donated \$600 for the purchase of new books and the county agreed to furnish shelves, equipment and utilities. Finally, Denton's first public library opened on June 6, 1937. Over the years, the library has expanded to meet the needs of a growing population. There are now three locations and over 75,000 square feet of space dedicated to readers and researchers.

The Denton Public Library has positively influenced the community of Denton, serving young and old alike with a foundation of knowledge. With the support of the citizens of Denton, the library will continue to flourish and provide resources to broaden intellectual and creative horizons. It is my pleasure to recog-

nize the Denton Public Library for 75 years of service and this significant milestone in its history. I am privileged to represent the City of Denton in the U.S. House of Representatives.

HONORING THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF ST. LOUIS AND THE DONALD DANFORTH PLANT SCIENCE CENTER AS THE 2012 RECIPIENT OF THE COUNCIL'S INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. AKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the World Affairs Council of St. Louis, and to honor the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center as the 2012 recipient of the Council's International Humanitarian of the Year Award.

The World Affairs Council of St. Louis is dedicated to educating, inspiring, and engaging citizens and businesses in international affairs and the critical global issues of our times. It is the oldest such organization in St. Louis.

Each year, the World Affairs Council of St. Louis welcomes more than 300 visitors to the greater metropolitan area, including leading ambassadors and other foreign dignitaries, as well as students from around the world. The Council's mission is to promote understanding, engagement, relationships, and leadership in world affairs, and it connects the citizens of the St. Louis region with the world.

The Council's International Humanitarian of the Year Award, its highest honor, recognizes the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center this year for its mission to improve the human condition through crop research which centers on feeding the hungry, improving human health and preserving the environment. This award specifically recognizes the Center's Institute for International Crop Improvement, which aims to bring improved crops to small farmers in places such as Uganda, Kenya, Nigeria, and Burkina Faso. These crops yield more per acre, are richer in essential nutrients, and resistant to disease, insects and drought, and they can bring tremendous benefit to small farmers.

The Donald Danforth Plant Science Center serves as a seed of hope in the St. Louis region—applying research to better address malnutrition, preserve our environment, and explore novel, sustainable energy solutions. The World Affairs Council honors Danforth Center's leadership as an essential part of fostering this valuable, humanitarian-based research which can impact the lives of farmers and citizens in nations throughout the world.

On June 7, 2012, the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center will receive the International

Humanitarian of the Year Award. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognition of this honor.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF JERRELLE FRANCOIS

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge to a long-time servant of the community, Mrs. Jerrelle Francois, an accomplished educator and public servant who will leave her post as Vice Chair of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners on June 30, 2012.

Jerrelle has served the students of Baltimore for more than three decades. Beginning her service as a teacher at Cherry Hill Junior High School, and continuing on to become a Department Head, Assistant Principal, Principal and Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Francois has brought care, mentoring and education to thousands of the city's children. A graduate of Morgan State University, Jerrelle has dedicated her professional life to serving the children of Baltimore and to revitalizing education in the state of Maryland.

Due to her exemplary career, Jerrelle was nominated for the 2011 Richard R. Green Award by her colleagues. When nominating her, they wrote of her service, "Ms. Francois' 30-year career as an educator and administrator at every level of Baltimore City Public Schools exemplifies the highest standards of public service and dedication to the students and families of Baltimore." They went on to say, "Ms. Francois has devoted her life to a passionate commitment to the children of Baltimore and the relentless pursuit of constant improvement in student achievement. As part of this dedication, she is firmly committed to achieving equity in education for all students."

Jerrelle's career may speak for itself but what cannot be stated on a resume is her inspirational leadership and her value to the countless lives of students, parents, teachers and administrations alike that she has touched.

Mr. Speaker, the words of her colleagues speak volumes about the person that she is, but one of the most profound statements I can make about this great American is that Jerrelle exemplifies the dedication to providing education, especially to underserved populations, that we as a nation strive for. She is the personification of what we seek to have our education system be—dedicated, driven and providing for those who truly need it.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this great career.

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IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF DR. MARSHA S. BORDNER FOR HER SERVICE AS PRESIDENT OF TERRA STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding public servant in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. Dr. Marsha S. Bordner is retiring from Terra State Community College, located in Fremont, Ohio, after spending over Thirty-Five years in the education field.

Dr. Marsha S. Bordner became the President of Terra State Community College in 2003, following her time as the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at Clark State Community College in Springfield, Ohio. During her tenure as President at Terra State Community College, the school has seen record high enrollment levels, the redevelopment of the educational facilities to include state of the art equipment, and a new strategic plan to lead the college into the future.

A resident of Catawba Island, Dr. Marsha S. Bordner has strived to expand the education of the area's residents not only through the collegiate setting, but by working with local public school systems to allow high school students to earn college credit through Terra State Community College. Dr. Marsha Bordner has also reinstated Terra State Community College's partnership with local communities through the offering of music performances of Terra State Community College faculty and students at area venues.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Marsha S. Bordner for her role in promoting and expanding the educational opportunities for the residents of Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. Our communities have undoubtedly benefited from her years of dedicated service. We wish Dr. Marsha S. Bordner all of the best upon her retirement as the President of Terra State Community College.

IN HONOR OF COLONEL WILLIAM T. BARE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Colonel William T. Bare on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Air Force on August 1, 2012.

Colonel Bare has given 27 stellar years to service to the United States Air Force. He has had a wide array of experience in intelligence, foreign language training, program management, policy development, and has linguistic capabilities in several foreign languages. Of particular note, he recently served as the Assistant Commandant of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC) and the Commander, 517th Training Group, Presidio of Monterey, California, located in my congressional district. The Defense Language

Institute Foreign Language Center is regarded as one of the finest schools for foreign language instruction in the nation.

It is important that we as a nation recognize our service men and women for their dedication to the United States of America, particularly those as accomplished as Colonel William T. Bare.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful nation, I join my colleagues today in saying thank you to Colonel Bare for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to his country throughout his distinguished career in the United States Air Force. I wish him, his wife Joselyn, his three daughters Lindsay, Jade, and J'adore (aka Jazzy), and his parents Bill and Elinor, much continued happiness as they start a new chapter in their lives.

IN RECOGNITION OF HOSPICE OF WESTERN RESERVE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the 34th Annual Meeting of Hospice of the Western Reserve on May 24, 2012.

Since 1978, Hospice of the Western Reserve, a community-based, mission-driven not-for-profit organization, has provided comfort care and emotional support to patients and their families at the end-of-life. Its mission is "to provide palliative end-of-life care, caregiver support and bereavement services throughout Northern Ohio."

Hospice of the Western Reserve is committed to providing ideal patient care, regardless of age, race, color, national origin, disability or sexual orientation. It celebrates the individual worth of each life, and strives to relieve suffering, enhance comfort, promote quality of life, foster choice in end-of-life care, and support effective grieving.

Hospice of the Western Reserve affirms the dignity of life, and advocates for patient and family comfort and quality during life's final phase. The board, staff and volunteers believe that hospice patients have the right to continue life to the fullest extent possible according to their circumstances. They foster opportunities for continued growth and fulfillment.

Hospice of the Western Reserve's specialized services (including AIDS, pediatric, perinatal, and chronic disease-specific teams) provide care and support to patients, families and caregivers wherever they call home, whether it be in their home, at an assisted living facility, in a hospital, nursing facility or group home, in a county jail or at a homeless shelter.

Hospice of the Western Reserve is not part of a chain or franchise and is not owned by anyone but the community. Its services are not administered by hospitals, insurance companies or health systems. Through exemplary partnerships with the Northern Ohio's premier healthcare systems, Hospice of the Western Reserve incorporates state-of-the-art care and best practices for its patients and their families.

Hospice of the Western Reserve's involvement with multiple community agencies, advisory councils and academic institutions keeps its staff and volunteers abreast of emerging

trends and allows them to take a leadership role in addressing the ever-changing needs of our community. Hospice of the Western Reserve has received numerous awards from community, professional and non-profit organizations.

In 2010, Hospice of the Western Reserve provided care to 6,779 patients and families across Northern Ohio, including care to 1,757 patients and families at its world-class 42-bed in-patient facility, David Simpson Hospice House overlooking Lake Erie. Hospice of the Western Reserve is the longest-serving hospice and the largest non-profit hospice in the State of Ohio.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating Hospice of the Western Reserve at its 34th Annual Meeting as it celebrates its long-standing service to the people of Northern Ohio and looks forward to many more years of quality care to its patients and their families.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5325) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes:

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chair, since late 2009, the Army Corps of Engineers has been working on a study of the Great Lakes and Mississippi Interbasin—

"To evaluate options and technologies to prevent the spread of aquatic nuisance species between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River."

Recently, the Corps indicated this study may not be completed until March 2016.

When it comes to aquatic invasive species, 7 years is 7 years too long.

Senator SHERROD BROWN of Ohio introduced and passed an amendment to the Senate Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, ensuring that the Corps finishes their study no later than July 1, 2014.

Further, the amendment ensures that the Corps fully examines the feasibility of all options, including permanent hydrological separation.

I can't help but stand here today and express my sincere disappointment for the missed opportunities in the legislative vehicle before us.

The Energy and Water Appropriations bill that we consider on the House floor this week is not only missing this vital amendment, but its priorities are way out of whack.

The bill increases funding for the Nation's nuclear weapons stockpile, as well as for fossil fuels programs and nuclear energy research and development.

Meanwhile, funding would be reduced for a wide range of very important activities including: Army Corps of Engineers projects, Energy