

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF DR. JEFF THOMPSON
FOR BEING NAMED A WHITE
HOUSE HEALTH AND CLIMATE
CHAMPION OF CHANGE

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2013

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Jeff Thompson, CEO of Gundersen Health System in La Crosse, Wisconsin, for being honored as a White House Health and Climate Champion of Change. Dr. Thompson is not only a nationally recognized health care leader but he is also a visionary leader in promoting environmental responsibility for health care organizations. This Climate and Health Champion of Change award was given to a select group of national leaders who promote public health through such environmental stewardship.

Dr. Thompson's record of extraordinary leadership starts with Gundersen's core mission of providing high-quality care to patients in western Wisconsin, southeast Minnesota, and northern Iowa. Dr. Thompson has been a leader in developing the type of coordinated, integrated and patient centered care that is the model for the direction we need to move our nation's health care system. His successful leadership can be seen through the long list of accolades Gundersen has received for their quality care and innovation, including being named one of Becker's Hospital Review 100 Integrated Health Systems to Know, winning Healthgrades Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinic Excellence for the 6th consecutive year in 2013, ranking as the fourth safest hospital in the country as measured by Consumer Reports, and being named one of the 100 Most Wired hospitals according to a report from Hospitals and Health Networks magazine. Dr. Thompson was also personally named one of the Top 100 Physician Leaders of Hospital and Health Systems by Becker's Hospital Review last year. The additional honor of being named a White House Health and Climate Champion of Change is further confirmation of the extraordinary role Gundersen Health, under Dr. Thompson's leadership, has taken to improve patient health and promote an environmentally sustainable health care system.

Gundersen Health is setting the standard for how to make health systems environmentally responsible. They are on track to be 100 percent energy independent in 2014. Gundersen partners with businesses and communities to encourage environmentally and economically sustainable business practices and economic growth. They are developing their own energy infrastructure, using equipment owned by the health system, instead of purchasing renewable power at premium rates. This initiative demonstrates their commitment to lowering the cost of healthcare for the people and busi-

nesses that pay for it through socially responsible and environmentally friendly means.

Gundersen has invested in a wide variety of renewable energy programs, including a dairy digester, wind farms, biomass boiler, solar panels, and geothermal systems to provide a diverse portfolio of renewable resources to offer clean, green energy. Those initiatives are all directed toward the goal of making Gundersen the first fully energy independent hospital in the country by next year.

Dr. Thompson has provided national leadership in changing the way health care is delivered in America toward a more quality, value based focus. Combined with his leadership in setting the national standard for promoting renewable energy, energy efficiency and sustainability programs within health care systems, Dr. Thompson is very deserving of the White House Health and Climate Champion of Change award. It is with great pleasure that I congratulate Dr. Thompson on receiving this prestigious honor.

CELEBRATING THE 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the St. Francis Medical Center in Monroe, LA. as it celebrates its 100th anniversary. The men and women of this center have dedicated countless hours to help those during times of need, and I am evermore grateful for all that they have done to serve the 5th Congressional District.

On opening day, July 22, 1913, the St. Francis Sanitarium and School of Nursing had four patients and by late September, 1913 had been admitted. Named after St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of the Franciscan Sisters, its mission would be to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ to God's people, especially those most in need. A century later, this mission has remained constant.

From its modest beginning as a three-story red brick building with 75 patient beds, St. Francis Medical Center has grown to become Northeast Louisiana's largest healthcare provider with 550 licensed beds.

In addition to the remarkable progression of care St. Francis Medical Center provides to its patients and loved ones, it has turned into one of the largest employers in Ouachita Parish boasting over 2,200 employees and an annual payroll of \$100 million.

As St. Francis Medical Center embarks on its second century of service to our community, I am confident the goal of providing excellent healthcare with love, compassion, humility and respect for all entrusted to them will continue.

It is with deep appreciation for the organization's many contributions to the 5th Congressional District that I rise today to recognize St. Francis Medical Center's 100th year. To say that this group is a source of strength within Northeast Louisiana is an understatement. Bringing comfort and hope to patients and their families is a priceless gift. They have made a real difference in the lives of many, and I commend each individual, past and present, for their admirable service and leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in applauding such an outstanding benchmark.

HONORING FIRE CAPTAIN PAUL MOSES

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Paul B. Moses of the Belvidere Fire Department, and to recognize his years of dedicated public service.

Captain Moses began his career on January 10th, 1979 and was one of the first firefighters to complete Emergency Medical Technician training within the department. Since then he has worked in many different capacities during his tenure. In August of 1983, he became lieutenant and then six years later, in 1989, was appointed Chief of the department, a position he held for the next six years. Over his remaining years he completed his career as both Lieutenant and finally as Captain.

He was a member of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association, the Winnebago Fire Chiefs Association, and served on Boone County's 911 Board for over 15 years, serving many years as Chairman. While Chief he was instrumental in upgrading department equipment with the purchase of a new Fire Engine and Ladder Truck. He improved training within the department and was instrumental in the computerization of records.

Most importantly, Captain Moses led from the front, never asking someone to do something he couldn't or wouldn't do himself. He is what you envision a firefighter to be, courageous, dedicated, strong, and passionate about his service.

On July 11th, Captain Moses retired from the Belvidere Fire Department after more than 34 years of sacrifice and service. Captain Moses has played an invaluable role in the Belvidere Fire Department for decades and he will be missed.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 16th District of Illinois, I wish to express our deepest thanks to Captain Moses for devoting his life's work to protecting and serving his community.

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IN RECOGNITION OF OFFICER
ROBERT HORNSBY

HON. JOHN R. CARTER
OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2013

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a fallen hero of the 31st District of Texas, Police Officer Robert “Bobby” Hornsby. Officer Hornsby, of the Killeen Police Department SWAT team, was fatally shot in the line of duty on Saturday, July 14, 2013. After four years of service on the force, he was accepted by the SWAT team in November of 2012. Officer Hornsby was a valued asset and one of Killeen’s finest. He is described by his fellow officers as dedicated, patient man who was a strength to the department. Officer Hornsby is survived by his loving wife, daughter and son.

I am deeply saddened by this tragic loss; it is unfair whenever a young life is taken from us too soon. Officer Hornsby’s bravery and commitment to the badge will be honored and remembered. My prayers are with Officer Hornsby’s family, his brothers and sisters in blue at the Killeen Police Department, and the Killeen community as they mourn this remarkable life.

I would also like to recognize Officer Juan Obregon Jr. of the Killeen, Texas Police Department SWAT team. Officer Obregon was injured in the line of duty next to his fallen brother, Officer Hornsby. My prayers of healing are with him and his family as he begins his road to recovery.

I thank Officer Hornsby and Officer Obregon for their service, as well as all law enforcement. We are safe because heroic men, like Officer Hornsby and Officer Obregon, put themselves in harm’s way to defend others. Their bravery and commitment to the badge will be honored.

**HONORING MS. JAN N. ROCHE ON
HER SELECTION TO THE NAFCU
BOARD**

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2013

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jan Roche on her recent election to the Board of Directors at the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU).

Ms. Roche is the President and CEO of State Department Federal Credit Union headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia. She has served in this role for over 10 years and has used her extensive accounting and credit union management experience to ensure that the State Department Federal Credit Union remains wholly committed to serving its 68,000 members at home and abroad. Ms. Roche is a Certified Public Accountant and graduated cum laude from the University of Richmond.

In addition to her service on NAFCU’s Board of Directors, Ms. Roche also serves on the Administrative Board of the Filene Research Institute and is the vice chair of the Richmond Fed’s Community Development Institutions Advisory Board. Ms. Roche is active in the betterment of our local community

through her work supporting Credit Union Miracle Day, which helps plan the Cherry Blossom 10-miler each year benefitting the Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals.

Undoubtedly, Ms. Roche will bring a tremendous amount of expertise to the NAFCU Board in navigating laws and regulations impacting the credit union community.

I wish Ms. Roche the best of luck in her new role on the NAFCU Board and look forward to working with her in this capacity. I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating her on this achievement.

UNITED HEALTH FOUNDATION
DIVERSE SCHOLARS INITIATIVE

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2013

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, investing in the next generation of health care professionals to equip them with the tools and skills to improve the quality and delivery of health care is essential to the successful modernization of our nation’s health care system. For the past six years, United Health Foundation has helped more than 1,000 multicultural students from across the country reach their higher education dreams while inspiring them to pursue careers in health care through their Diverse Scholars Initiative. This year’s scholars represent an impressive group of individuals who are dedicated to creating a more culturally relevant and effective health care system, particularly in underserved communities. I would like to congratulate these individuals for their academic achievements and their commitment to enter the health care workforce.

Mycolette Anderson, Lukachukai, Arizona, 1st Congressional District of Arizona.

Kaitlyn Benally, Tuba City, Arizona, 1st Congressional District of Arizona.

Wilma Hunter, Chinle, Arizona, 1st Congressional District of Arizona.

Regis Maloney, Tonalea, Arizona, 1st Congressional District of Arizona.

Jeffery Sleppy, Chinle, Arizona, 1st Congressional District of Arizona.

Cecilia Espinoza, El Mirage, Arizona, 8th Congressional District of Arizona.

Lorenza Villegas-Murphy, Litchfield Park, Arizona, 8th Congressional District of Arizona.

Nancy Rivera, Davis, California, 3rd Congressional District of California.

Tria Vue, Sacramento, California, 6th Congressional District of California.

Brian Daniel, San Pablo, California, 11th Congressional District of California.

Ricky Vides, Moraga, California, 11th Congressional District of California.

Hannah Yemane, Danville, California, 11th Congressional District of California.

Lois Chen, Oakland, California, 13th Congressional District of California.

Jose Mata, Los Angeles, California, 28th Congressional District of California.

Angelyn Reyes, Los Angeles, California, 33rd Congressional District of California.

Elisa Parmentier, Sun City, California, 42nd Congressional District of California.

Sophia Jimenez, Imperial Beach, California, 51st Congressional District of California.

Blanca Pacheco, San Diego, California, 53rd Congressional District of California.

Kelly Sanchez, New Haven, Connecticut, 3rd Congressional District of Connecticut.

Dianelis Martin, Lehigh Acres, Florida, 19th Congressional District of Florida.

Emmanuel Adejo, Miami Gardens, Florida, 24th Congressional District of Florida.

Alison Morales, Key West, Florida, 26th Congressional District of Florida.

Karla Arevalo-Alas, Morrow, Georgia, 5th Congressional District of Georgia.

Sharmori Lewis, Hampton, Georgia, 13th Congressional District of Georgia.

Carolina Gonzalez, Pocatello, Idaho, 2nd Congressional District of Idaho.

Jessica Smith, Chicago, Illinois, 7th Congressional District of Illinois.

Raymond Morales, Urbana, Illinois, 13th Congressional District of Illinois.

Christian Figueroa, Garden City, Kansas, 1st Congressional District of Kansas.

Marcus Rushing, Overland Park, Kansas, 3rd Congressional District of Kansas.

Stephen Igwe, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2nd Congressional District of Louisiana.

Julius Unamba, Upper Marlboro, Maryland, 4th Congressional District of Maryland.

Alba Ortega, Lynn, Massachusetts, 6th Congressional District of Massachusetts.

Erez Gueta, Bath, Michigan, 4th Congressional District of Michigan.

Linda Kerandi, Plymouth, Minnesota, 3rd Congressional District of Minnesota.

Victoria Okuneye, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, 3rd Congressional District of Minnesota.

David Koffa, Hanover, New Hampshire, 2nd Congressional District of New Hampshire.

Quidest Sheriff, Blackwood, New Jersey, 1st Congressional District of New Jersey.

Nailah Cooper, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 1st Congressional District of New Mexico.

Tylene Billie, Crownpoint, New Mexico, 3rd Congressional District of New Mexico.

Lesley Eldridge, Gallup, New Mexico, 3rd Congressional District of New Mexico.

Ronald Sanchez, Queens, New York, 5th Congressional District of New York.

Xiang Mei Cao, Brooklyn, New York, 7th Congressional District of New York.

Emma Guzman, Brooklyn, New York, 11th Congressional District of New York.

Elliott Brea, New York, New York, 12th Congressional District of New York.

Rosario Jaime-Lara, New York, New York, 13th Congressional District of New York.

Gordon Wong, Geneseo, New York, 27th Congressional District of New York.

Joshua Pyant, Charlotte, North Carolina, 9th Congressional District of North Carolina.

Jessica Mack, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, 12th Congressional District of North Carolina.

Rashiahad Weaver, East Cleveland, Ohio, 11th Congressional District of Ohio.

Shelah McMillan, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2nd Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

Vivienne Meljen, Scranton, Pennsylvania, 17th Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

Emily Gao, Galveston, Texas, 14th Congressional District of Texas.

Brian Ibarra, El Paso, Texas, 16th Congressional District of Texas.

Paula Ogbevoen, Houston, Texas, 18th Congressional District of Texas.

Rio Reyna Pilar, San Antonio, Texas, 20th Congressional District of Texas.

Cassandra Ragin, San Antonio, Texas, 20th Congressional District of Texas.