

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2013*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for rollcall votes 375 and 376. Had I been present, I would have voted yes on both.

## UNIVERSAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE'S 25-YEAR ANNIVERSARY COMMENDATION

### HON. TAMMY DUCKWORTH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2013*

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following.

Whereas, for 48 years, Universal Technical Institute (UTI) has been the leading provider of post-secondary education for students seeking careers as professional automotive, diesel, collision repair, motorcycle and marine technicians, with 11 campuses across the country; and

Whereas, on July 18, 1988, the first class at the Glendale Heights, Illinois campus convened, and since then the campus has grown and expanded; and

Whereas, since the first class convened, more than 19,000 students have graduated from the Illinois campus, ready to enter the workforce and obtain jobs in industry; and

Whereas, since opening, UTI's Illinois campus has expanded its advanced manufacturing training programs; and

Whereas, UTI's Illinois campus attracts students and families from across the Midwest, drawing half of its students from 100 miles or more away; and

Whereas, UTI provides its students with the career training necessary to succeed, including placing an emphasis on technical expertise, professionalism and personal responsibility; and

Whereas, four out of five UTI graduates find jobs in their field of studies within a year of graduation; and

Whereas, UTI produces nearly \$50 million in direct and indirect economic benefits for the region and state annually, according to a recent economic impact study. Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that we do hereby celebrate the 25-year anniversary of UTI's Illinois campus and commend them for their commitment to the community and to career-focused education.

## CONGRATULATING VICKY JOHNSON

### HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2013*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Vicky Johnson for being named the Louisiana National Association of Postmasters of the United States (NAPUS) Postmaster of the Year award on July 9, 2013 at the Louisiana NAPUS Convention in Lafayette.

Vicky began her career with the Postal Service in 1991 as a postmaster relief employee in Harrisonburg. After remaining there for 10 years, she applied for a position as a part-time flexible employee (PTF) in Winnsboro. Following a two year stint in this position, she attended a career conference in New Orleans and realized her dream of becoming a postmaster. On December 11, 2004, she achieved her goal and was sworn in as postmaster of Waterproof. Since then, she has served as postmaster as well as the officer in charge of multiple post offices throughout the Fifth Congressional District.

Vicky is currently the postmaster in Vidalia and considers her position a privilege. She always goes above and beyond to educate customers on all that the Postal Service has to offer and ensure they have positive experience in the Vidalia office. Additionally, for the past six years, she has served on the executive board of NAPUS.

Vicky has been married to Mike Johnson for 31 years. They are the proud parents of three daughters, Kirby, Kara, and Katie.

Regarding her time with NAPUS, Vicky loves the wonderful friends she has made from all over the state and says, "Being a part of NAPUS has been like being a part of a big family that is always there to help."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in offering our warm congratulations to Vicky Johnson for earning such an esteemed award.

## HONORING ALBERT R. ANNESS

### HON. TODD C. YOUNG

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2013*

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Albert Anness of Franklin Indiana has shared with me a particularly memorable experience during his service as a Congressional Page in the House of Representatives.

Mr. Anness's story takes place during the first session of the 81st Congress in the winter of 1949, in which he gives his account of the inauguration of President Harry S Truman. His story holds both sentimental and historical value, and I believe future generations will find equal worth in his narrative. I am sure all of my colleagues join me in thanking Mr. Anness

for his service to the House of Representatives during the 81st Congress and for sharing his account of a special moment in history.

With utmost gratitude, I present the text of the letter written to me by Mr. Anness:

## A MOMENT IN HISTORICAL REMEMBRANCE

(By Albert Anness)

Franklin D. Roosevelt unexpectedly died April 12, 1945, and his Vice-President Harry S Truman succeeded him to the Presidency. Three years later on Thursday the 20th of January 1949 Harry S Truman again took the 'Oath of Office', becoming the 33rd President of the United States. The historical significance of his inauguration is greatly enhanced when you consider that of the members of the 81st Congress attending his inauguration, four of them would someday themselves become President, i.e. John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard M. Nixon and Gerald R. Ford. Three of whom—Johnson, Nixon, and Ford—would like Truman, first serve as Vice-President. And of even greater historical significance, Congressman Gerald Ford would become both Vice-President and President without ever having been elected to either office!

Fellow House Page, Jim Richardson and I briefly occupied what would arguably have been considered among the best seats at Truman's inauguration. The operative word in this scenario is BRIEFLY as our 'up close and personal' presence at this historic milestone in our country's glorious history was soon, very soon, cut short by our boss 'Fishbait' Miller, Doorkeeper of the United States House of Representatives.

Thursday January 20, 1949 was a cloudy cold winter's day. The Boarding house where my roommate Senate Page Bob Hansel and I lived was located on New Jersey Avenue, a 'stone's throw' from the entrance of the Old House Office Building. Leaving our lodgings early that Thursday morning, we encountered an almost surreal scene. It appeared as if Capitol Hill was in a 'state of siege' with soldiers and military vehicles everywhere! We quickly realized today was going to be a very special day.

Entering the Old House Office Building we soon were in the underground Capitol Hill complex on our way to school. After school we usually had breakfast in the House cafeteria before reporting for work.

The House after a brief session adjourned, and as a body proceeded to President Truman's Inauguration. Our services no longer being required, my fellow House Pages and I scattered like the four winds!

I cannot remember how it came to be that I found myself in the Rotunda of the Capitol Building standing beside the Secret Service man guarding the entrance to President Truman's Inauguration Platform. An even bigger mystery is how fellow House Page Jim Richardson came to be standing next to me. But there we were, and as luck would have it the last Congressman about to pass through the door and onto President Truman's Inaugural Platform was my Congressman Edward G. Breen of the then 3rd Congressional District of Ohio.

After greeting me Congressman Breen proceeded to invite Jim and me to come along and watch President Truman's Inauguration. I explained that our passes did not extend to the Inaugural Platform. Congressman Breen while patiently waiting to pass thru the

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huge double ornate doors, causally turned to the Secret Service man and informed him that we were official House Pages. Unhesitatingly, and without uttering a single syllable, the Secret Service man with a mere wave of his hand gave permission for us to join the House Members on the inaugural platform.

Albeit, our stay was brief but the undeniable fact remains that Jim and I were the only Pages (House, Senate or Supreme Court) who that day gained admission onto President Truman's Inaugural platform.

Jim and I were ensconced in the 'nose bleed' seats. Behind us was the stone outside wall of the U.S. Capitol Building! As a matter of fact we rested our backs against it.

In front of us sat the House of Representatives! Across the wide center aisle was the Senate. The Supreme Court was in attendance, including Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson (who swore into office that day, both Vice President Alben W. Barkley and President Harry S. Truman), the members of President's Cabinet and invited V.I.P. guests. Seated immediately in front of the Inaugural platform was the United States Marine Band, and in front of the band were the members of the Washington Diplomatic Corps and beyond them, thousands of invited guests. It was an exciting scene that Jim and I were certain we would always remember!

With the arrival of Vice President-Elect Alben W. Barkley and his daughter, the Marine Band played 'ruffles and flourishes', and we all stood as they took their places on the platform.

We arose from our seats again when the Marine Band struck up 'Hail to the Chief', announcing the arrival of President Truman, his wife Bess and daughter Margaret.

Standing there thrilled to be participating in the Inaugural ceremonies, Jim and I were thunderstruck when out into the middle aisle stepped 'Fishbait' Miller, looking straight at us and inexplicably, but with great emphasis gestured for Jim and me to leave the Inaugural Platform. And to leave immediately!

We looked at each other in utter disbelief! How could Fishbait, in this huge throng of people have known Jim and I were on that platform? Considering the distance from where we were seated to where he was standing it just did not seem possible! Congressman Breen who had been observing the scene, turned to me and said, "Al, I guess you two will have to go." With the sounds of "Hail to the Chief" ringing in our ears we quickly departed.

Disappointed, but not ready to call it 'quits', Jim and I scurried up to the roof of the Capitol Building, sharing that lofty vantage point with the Marine who were there on guard. But it was not the same. And, after a while we came back down, and with several other House Pages observed the remainder of President Truman's Inauguration from one of the House windows. To mark the occasion, we opened the window panel and inscribed our names.

Several days passed before the opportunity presented itself to inquire of Head Democratic Page why 'Fishbait' Miller had ordered Jim and me off President Truman's Inaugural platform. He told me that Jim was 'inappropriately dressed' as he was wearing a surplus WWII Navy Pea Coat.

More than sixty years have passed since that day and I still cannot figure how 'Fishbait' spotted the two of us in that crowd!

Not too long after the Inaugural, I was honored to be invited by Fishbait to be his guest at his church's Father & Son Banquet. He couldn't take all of the House Pages so I was selected to represent them. I still have the Banquet Program.

Later that spring Fishbait assigned me to the House Ways and Means Committee to operate the sound system during the committee hearings on Amending the Social Security Act 1935. For that assignment I am forever grateful to him.

On the first day of the hearings, the Doorkeeper sent fellow Page Dave Cunningham. Dave did not like the job and asked to be re-assigned. Early the next morning Fishbait collared me, and away I went to the New House Office Building and the Ways & Means Committee! Had I been on the job the first day of the hearings I would have met former President Herbert Hoover, the man who was President of the United States the year I was born. In 1949 he was then President of the Hoover Commission and the first person to testify before the committee. I deeply regret having missed that opportunity.

I couldn't have been happier with my assignment on the Ways & Means Committee, and I remained for the entire hearings; I was later recalled for several hearings on other legislative matters. I have a letter from Ways & Means Committee Chairman, the late Robert L. Doughton (North Carolina) in which he said, "I remember you and your efficient services to the Committee very well. If and when you are in Washington while I am here, I would be pleased to have you come by and see me." He enclosed a line drawing of himself inscribed "to my Dear Friend Albert R. Anness" and signed it, "Robert L. Doughton."

My last contact with Fishbait occurred sometime in the 1970's. My wife Sharon and I were in the D.C. area visiting college friends, and one day with time to spare found ourselves near Capitol Hill. As I wanted to show Sharon around the House of Representatives, I hailed a cab, and in short order we were walking up the steps into the Rotunda through the same huge double ornate doors that I had exited President Truman's Inaugural Platform many years earlier.

Desiring to renew my acquaintance with Fishbait, introduce Sharon to him and ask him permission to take her onto the floor of the House, we headed for his office. Since the House was in recess I didn't hold out much a chance of finding him there, but I felt lucky that spring day!

I was pleased to find Fishbait in his office bent over a mimeograph machine busily trying to get it to work! He looked up, and greeted us in his typical down home fashion. I introduced myself and Sharon. After we shook hands he immediately hugged and kissed Sharon and then hugged and kissed her again! Grinning like Cheshire cat, Fishbait turned his attention to me. He, of course, did not remember me, and small wondering considering the hundreds of House Pages he encountered during his long career as Doorkeeper. We talked briefly and he mentioned several former Pages who had returned as Congressmen. Realizing he was busy, I soon came to the point of my visit and asked for a pass to the House floor. He apologized for not having the time to personally conduct our tour himself, and quickly scribbled out a note to the Capitol Police-man in the Visitor's Gallery.

After handing me his handwritten pass, he again hugged and kissed Sharon. We shook hands, and wished each other the best. I turned, and left Fishbait's presence for the last time. On September 12, 1989, two days before my fifty-eighth birthday, Fishbait passed away.

## THE STUDENT SUCCESS ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2013*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5) to support State and local accountability for public education, protect State and local authority, inform parents of the performance of their children's schools, and for other purposes:

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Chair, I rise today in opposition to this bill and in support of New Mexico's children and the dedicated men and women who educate them. This bill cuts federal funding for education at a time when other countries are strategically investing in the next generation, and seeing positive results come from those investments. We can't afford to cut funding for education, especially when the U.S. is lagging behind in several key indicators. American fourth graders now rank eleventh in math and sixth in reading. And in a few years, we'll ask them to compete in a global economy without giving them the tools to succeed.

But funding isn't the only problem with this bill, Mr. Chairman. This bill also fundamentally alters the federal role in education. Traditionally, the federal government has assumed the responsibility of maintaining equity in education. Of ensuring that students with disabilities, or students in low-income or unique communities, have equal access to a public education. This is particularly important in my home state of New Mexico, where students of color make up a significant portion of the school-age population. Provisions in the No Child Left Behind Act requiring that data be broken down into subgroups, and that schools be held accountable for the achievement of those subgroups, have allowed us to identify where there's more work to be done, and to begin shifting support to the areas where it's most needed. But we've got a long way to go. This bill represents a step back for equity, eliminating requirements that ensure that all students have access to the services they need, and that schools, school districts, and states are held accountable when they fall short of that all-important goal.

When I talk to New Mexicans about what's wrong in public education, it's never that there's too much money, or that we provide too much support for our students facing the greatest challenges. It's that we're not getting funds to where they're most needed or providing support services that care for the whole child. That's why we can't afford to pass this bill; I urge my colleagues to reject this approach and oppose this legislation.

## IN RECOGNITION OF DOROTHY SAVARESE

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2013*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Dorothy Savarese on receiving the prestigious Mercy Otis Warren Woman of the Year Award.