

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT
GENERAL SUSAN S. LAWRENCE

HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an exceptional officer of the United States Army, Lieutenant General Susan S. Lawrence. Currently serving as the Army's Chief Information Officer/G-6, Lieutenant General Lawrence will be released from active duty after more than 41 distinguished years of active Federal service on December 1, 2013. From enlisted private to three-star general, Susan Lawrence has personified the Army values of duty, integrity, selfless service and dedication to country. Many of us on Capitol Hill have enjoyed the opportunity to work with General Lawrence on a wide variety of Army issues and programs, and it is my privilege to recognize her many accomplishments.

General Lawrence, a native daughter of Ida Grove, Iowa, joined the Women's Army Corps at age 18. After five years of exemplary service, at the urging of her mentor, Maj. Gen. Mickey Marks, then-Sergeant Lawrence decided to make the Army a career. She attended college, she earned a commission and she committed herself to the Signal Corps. Since that day in 1977, Susan Lawrence has positively impacted the lives of thousands of soldiers and civilians, commanded at every level and done the nation's bidding around the globe. From Korea to Germany; from Operation Desert Thunder in Kuwait to three tours in Qatar under Operation Iraqi Freedom, General Lawrence has provided the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps, as well as our coalition partners, the Signal and information technology support essential to mission success.

For the past five years, General Lawrence has been deeply involved in modernizing the Army's network, including redesigning its infrastructure and greatly improving security and defense to ensure that soldiers and decision makers have the information they need when they need it regardless of their location. At a time when information technology has become ingrained in every aspect of the military's day-to-day and combat operations; and cyber warfare has moved from the realm of science fiction to one of the country's greatest real-time threats, Susan Lawrence has been out in front, pressing hard to make sure that the nation has a 21st century Army capable of defeating any enemy, whether face to face on the ground or in the ether of cyberspace.

Throughout it all, General Lawrence has paid special attention to the men and women who defend the United States. She has mentored countless military and civilian personnel, helping the Armed Forces to retain the best and brightest. And, she has shown special care for the families of those who wear a uniform, always striving to improve their quality of life and offering a comforting shoulder in times of need.

For 41 years, Lieutenant General Lawrence has provided outstanding leadership and sound counsel on numerous critical issues of enduring importance to the Army and our nation. She is a truly remarkable officer and citizen. On behalf of the Congress and the United States of America, I thank Lieutenant General Lawrence and her entire family for the commitment, sacrifices and contributions they have made throughout her honorable service. Congratulations on completing an exceptional and successful career.

COMMEMORATING THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY
OF FATHER DUENAS
MEMORIAL SCHOOL

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Father Duenas Memorial School on its 65th anniversary as Guam's premier Catholic all-male college-preparatory high school.

Father Duenas Memorial School was established on October 1, 1948, four years after the school's namesake, Father Jesus Baza Duenas, a Chamorro priest with unwavering loyalty to his faith, parishioners, and country, was martyred during the Japanese occupation of Guam. Father Duenas was born in the village of Hågtña on March 19, 1911, and ordained a Catholic priest in 1938.

As enemy forces began the occupation of Guam in 1942, American priests were taken as prisoners of war, leaving Father Duenas and the late Father Oscar Calvo to tend to the spiritual needs of more than 22,000 Catholics who remained on the island. Father Duenas was appointed Pro-Vicar of the Vicariate on Guam, putting him in charge of all Church affairs during World War II. Throughout the occupation, Father Duenas inspired many Chamorros to remain hopeful that Guam would be liberated from enemy occupation.

Four years following the Liberation of Guam by American forces, Bishop Apolinaris W. Baumgartner established Father Duenas Memorial School as a minor seminary for young men preparing to become clerics and a college preparatory education for others. FDMS opened on October 1, 1949 near the site where Father Duenas was executed.

Throughout its history, FDMS has educated many of Guam's young men who have made numerous contributions to our community. These young men continue a strong tradition of excellence and their work has contributed to Guam's growth in the Asia-Pacific region. Many FDMS alumni have succeeded in their chosen careers. Today, many of Guam's church and government leaders, business and medical professionals, military officers, and leaders of charitable organizations are graduates of FDMS. The school promotes in its students a strong sense of public service and

commitment to improving the communities they live in. A key characteristic shared among FDMS alumni is their dedication to improving the quality of life for our people and our community.

Again, I join the FDMS community in celebrating its 65th anniversary. I wish FDMS continued success, and I am confident that this institution of faith and learning will continue its commitment to providing a high-quality education to the young men of Guam. May they always remain "Strong in the Faith."

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

Mr. HARPER. Mr. Speaker, Mississippi College—the oldest institution of higher learning in the state of Mississippi and the second oldest Baptist university in the United States—recently celebrated the opening of its 187th school year. Since 1826, Mississippi College has provided students from across the state and around the world an education informed by Christian values, and was the first co-educational institution in the nation to grant a degree to a woman.

The university has a long and distinguished history of educating future public servants, counting current leaders in federal and state government among her alumna, including Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant as well as both my wife, Sidney, and me. Through service to the Board of Trustees, U.S. Representative Alan Nunnelee and Order of the Golden Arrow recipient Gayle Wicker, wife of U.S. Senator Roger Wicker, have provided exceptional leadership to the university's presidents through the years. Located in Clinton, Mississippi, Mississippi College is a proud constituent of the U.S. Representative BENNIE THOMPSON.

For 64 years, students have received exemplary training in areas of speech, media, public relations, theater and related practices in the Mississippi College Communication Department. Founded in 1949 by Drs. Hollis and Julia Todd as the Department of Speech, the current Communication Department presented diplomas to hundreds of students who have subsequently experienced personal and career success in their chosen fields. Among its alumni, the department prides itself in seeing former graduates become leaders in fields as diverse as business and ministry, education and journalism.

The faculty of the Mississippi College Communication Department embodies dedicated and sustained service to the university and its mission. In fact, only three individuals have chaired the department over the span of its 64 years: Dr. Hollis Todd, Dr. Billy Lytal, for whom the annual student scholarship fund is named, and current chair Dr. Cliff Fortenberry. With a teaching philosophy built around the practical application of theory and curriculum,

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departmental faculty are teachers first, individuals who view their service at Mississippi College as an investment in their students' lives and in their community.

The Mississippi College Communication Department currently enrolls undergraduates in interpersonal and public communication, journalism, mass media, public relations, and theater concentrations, and offers graduate degrees in journalism, health services communication, professional communication in sports, and public relations and corporate communication. Leading in innovative online classroom offerings, the communication department partners with other academic departments to offer unique degree programs to meet student and market demands.

With a current enrollment of over 5,000 students and future leaders, Mississippi College is known as a university recognized for academic excellence and commitment to the cause of Christ. The faculty, staff, students and alumni of the Mississippi College Communication Department are proud to fulfill this vision as the department enters its 65th year of service.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION, 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 2013

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this reckless plan to shut down the Federal Government. House Republicans are playing games with people's lives—with hundreds of thousands of federal employees and with the people around the country who depend on the services they provide. And they are doing this in order to prevent millions of Americans from signing up for more affordable health care.

My colleagues know that this legislation cannot pass the Senate, and that the President will not sign it. That is why they have offered legislation to ensure that our military personnel and the Defense Department civilians who support their work will continue to get paid even in the event of a government shutdown. And while I support that measure, I would expand it to include all federal employees, whose work is no less essential to the operations of our government and, in many cases, to our national security. This bill ignores those federal employees who protect our borders, care for our wounded service members, work to discover treatments and cures for diseases, and provide vital services that touch virtually every American family. They should not be pawns in this political game, and should not go without pay because the Congress cannot do its job.

I urge the Speaker to bring up a clean continuing resolution without extraneous and unrelated poison pills so that we can avoid this shutdown and keep the government working for the American people.

HONORING DON SIMS

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Don Sims, President of the Thomasville-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce, on his retirement. He retires today, October 1st, 2013, after 25 years of valuable service to his community.

Mr. Sims has dedicated himself as a true public servant to Thomas County, working toward promoting economic and industrial development in the community. His outstanding career also includes honorable military service as a combat platoon leader in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor, Bronze Star for Meritorious Service and the Purple Heart.

Mr. Sims is a longtime Rotarian and serves on many educational and non-profit boards in Thomasville.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Don Sims on his retirement, and we wish him the best of success in his future endeavors.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the congregation of New Liberty Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan as it celebrates seventy-five years of fellowship and service in its community.

New Liberty was founded in 1938 by a small and dedicated group of Detroit residents who sought a local house of worship where they join together in spiritual fellowship with their neighbors. From its humble beginnings, the congregation of New Liberty has grown and prospered with increasing membership and more outreach programs. In its mission to serve the Detroit community, the congregation of New Liberty has called many sites home, but regardless of its location, the members of New Liberty have never wavered from their determination to help their friends and neighbors. In its seventy-five year history, New Liberty has had just four pastors: its first pastor, Reverend J.B. Coates; Reverend E.A. Rundless; Reverend J.L. Stevenson and currently, Reverend Maurice Stimage, Jr. Together with his First Lady, Renita, Pastor Stimage has been providing spiritual guidance and leadership to the congregation of New Liberty since his arrival in 2006.

New Liberty has been dedicated to service, even when it requires sacrifice. Throughout its history, the congregation of New Liberty has not only worked to obtain a stronger spiritual bond, but also reached out into the Greater Detroit community to strengthen it and support residents that are in-need. To carry out its mission, the congregation has created many ministries that assist members and the broad-

er community with a wide range of issues from bereavement and arts programs to youth empowerment and support of senior citizens. Through its commitment to service, the congregation of New Liberty has been able to impact the lives of so many people in Southeast Michigan and improved the vitality of the community.

Mr. Speaker, over its seventy-five year history, the congregation of New Liberty Baptist Church has been true to the tenants of the Baptist faith and service. At a time when face such significant economic challenges, congregations like New Liberty are on the front lines, holding neighborhoods together and caring for the community at large. I congratulate Pastor and First Lady Stimage, as well as the congregation of New Liberty on achieving this great milestone in their church's history and wish them success as they continue to make a difference in the lives of others in the Greater Detroit region.

COMMENDING HEALTHSOURCE RI FOR EXPANDING ACCESS TO HEALTH INSURANCE

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I am extremely proud to report that HealthSource RI officially opened for business today, allowing individuals, families and small businesses across the Ocean State to begin enrolling in their health insurance plan of choice. While a majority of states opted not to operate a health insurance exchange of their own, Rhode Island chose to be a leader in creating a state-driven, integrated marketplace that will provide quality, affordable health insurance coverage for its citizens.

We have come a long way since passage of the Affordable Care Act, and it has been no small task to reach this critical juncture. I would like to commend the leadership, vision and collaboration of Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Roberts, former Health Insurance Commissioner Christopher Koller, current Health Insurance Commissioner Dr. Kathleen Hittner, HealthSource RI Director Christine Ferguson, and countless others who have worked tirelessly under the auspices of Governor Chafee. I would also like to thank our health care partners throughout the community who have contributed their resources and expertise to this endeavor.

While many challenges remain in our mission to increase access to health insurance coverage for thousands across the state, it is one worthy of our best efforts. HealthSource RI will allow individuals and small businesses to shop for insurance based on transparent, competitive pricing. The online tools make it easy-to-use, and their staff is ready to field questions and concerns from Rhode Islanders who are shopping for health insurance. All Americans deserve high-quality health care, and the state exchanges will enable them to tap into those services.