

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REMEMBERING RAYMOND F.
BARRY, SR.

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 7, 2013

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the remarkable life of Raymond F. "Rambo" Barry, Sr., who passed away on July 15th, 2013 at the age of 75. He was born on February 7, 1938 to the late Marjorie Barry of Altoona, Pennsylvania. Raymond happily spent his days traveling, watching his beloved Bengals, keeping up with politics, playing cards and engaging in lively conversations with his longtime friends.

Raymond felt an uncanny closeness to his fellow man, serving as a vital member of his community and church. He loved to support his friends and family, especially in their athletic endeavors. As Raymond was the recipient of a lung transplant, we were extremely fortunate that he was able to spend five and a half additional years with us. Every day, Raymond provided an example of friendliness and warmth, much to the benefit to those he met.

I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to Raymond's family, particularly his wife of 24 years, Teri Barry, as well as his sister Edna Hoskins, sister-in-law Ruth Reed, children Pamela Lucero, Warren Barry, Jerimie J. McKinley, and Jamie McKinley-Taylor, grandchildren Brian Hammer, Raymond Barry III, A.J. Hammer, Xzandria McKinley, Jonathon McKinley, Kat Taylor and Aleutian Taylor, 6 great-grandchildren, and numerous other family members and friends.

RECOGNIZING THE 102ND NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 7, 2013

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, today I am honored to recognize the Republic of China (Taiwan) as they celebrate their 102nd National Day on October 10, 2013.

The Republic of China, commonly known as Taiwan, maintains a robust economic and cultural relationship with the United States and serves as a strong trade partner. In my home state of North Carolina, Taiwan is among our top ten export markets in Asia.

As an ally in the Asia Pacific region and an important trade partner of the United States, Taiwan should be included in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House to further this goal.

As we continue to nurture bilateral relations with Taiwan, I invite our friends from Taiwan to visit the United States.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 7, 2013

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, on October 4, 2013, I was absent from the House and missed rollcall votes 519 through 524.

Had I been present for rollcall vote 519, on ordering the previous question regarding H. Res. 371, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 75) making continuing appropriations for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules; and for other purposes, I would have voted "no."

Had I been present for rollcall vote 520, on agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 371, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 75) making continuing appropriations for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules; and for other purposes, I would have voted "no."

Had I been present for rollcall vote 521, on the motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair regarding H.J. Res. 85, making continuing appropriations for the Federal Emergency Management Agency for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, I would have voted "no."

Had I been present for rollcall vote 522, on passage of H.J. Res. 85, making continuing appropriations for the Federal Emergency Management Agency for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, I would have voted "no."

Had I been present for rollcall vote 523, to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair regarding H.J. Res. 75, making continuing appropriations for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, I would have voted "no."

Had I been present for rollcall vote 524, on passage of H.J. Res. 75, making continuing appropriations for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, I would have voted "no."

REMEMBERING THOMAS GILLEN

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 7, 2013

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life of my friend Thomas Joseph Gillen, who tragically passed away on March 9, 2013 at the age of thirty-

eight. Tom was born on November 19, 1974 in Warren, Ohio, to his proud and caring parents, John and Gloria Gillen. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his loved ones.

Tom led an exemplary life of service and dedication; he graduated from John F. Kennedy High School where he helped his football team win a State Championship in 1991 and place runner-up the following year. Afterwards, he went on to graduate from Youngstown State University and work for the State of Ohio Department of Corrections for the past fifteen years. Tom's life, although all too brief, was highlighted by success, commitment and loyalty.

I extend my deepest condolences to Tom's family. He is survived by his parents, as well as his sister Annie Needs, brothers John Gillen, Brian Gillen and James Gillen, niece Maggie Needs, nephews Matthew and Ian Needs, as well as several aunts, uncles and cousins. Although Tom is no longer with us, his memory will endure in the hearts of his family and friends.

Thomas was a successful and caring man, and I am deeply saddened by his premature passing. He knew how to be a team player and how to make difficult sacrifices. Thomas left an impression in the minds of everyone he met and will be greatly missed. The state of Ohio lost an outstanding citizen and his community will miss him dearly.

DAN THOEMKE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 7, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dan Thoenke for receiving the 2013 Golden Mayor's Award for Excellence.

This award recognizes extraordinary contributions to the Golden community and is presented to Dan Thoenke for building community and making Golden a better place for all. Dan's contributions in Golden can be seen in many venues including his leadership with the Together Church of Golden, a voluntary group of pastors from all denominations, his work with the Golden Backpack program, Neighborhood Rehab project, City Unite, and as Chaplain for the Golden Police department. Dan is a quiet but powerful leadership force and a role model of excellence in our community.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Dan Thoenke for this well deserved recognition by Mayor Marjorie Sloan and the City of Golden. Thank you for your dedication to our community.

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HONORING ROBBIE BRONNER

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 7, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, reaching the age of 80 years is a remarkable milestone; and

Whereas, Mrs. Robbie Bronner was born eighty years ago and is celebrating that milestone today; and

Whereas, Mrs. Bronner has been blessed with a long, happy life, devoted to God and credits it all to the Will of God; and

Whereas, Mrs. Bronner is celebrating her 80th birthday with her family members, church members, and friends here in Atlanta, Georgia on September 29, 2013; and

Whereas, the Lord has been her Shepherd throughout her life and she prays daily and is leading by example a blessed life; and

Whereas, we are honored that she is celebrating the milestone of her 80th birthday with church members from the 4th District of Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Robbie Bronner for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all:

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim September 29, 2013 as Mrs. Robbie Bronner Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 29th day of September, 2013.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA INCENTIVES FOR BUSINESS AND INDIVIDUAL INVESTMENT ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 7, 2013

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce a slightly amended version of the District of Columbia Incentives for Business and Individual Investment Act (H.R. 2890), which I introduced on July 31, 2013. The prior version of the bill had a couple of drafting errors. This version of the bill corrects those errors by extending all of the D.C. tax incentives through 2015.

RECOGNIZING SAFEWAY FOR SERVING OUR TROOPS

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 7, 2013

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Safeway Inc., headquartered in Pleasanton, California, for receiving the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) organization.

The Employer Support Freedom Award recognizes employers who show a commitment

to hiring and supporting service members from the National Guard and Reserve. Safeway was one of only 15 employers to receive this prestigious award, chosen from over 2,900 nominations.

More than ten years ago, Safeway was one of the first companies to extend full benefits and cover the pay differential for Reserve and National Guard employees called to active duty.

Additionally, in 2012, Safeway launched its Retail Military Recruiting project, which seeks to hire veterans from a variety of backgrounds. In 2012, Safeway hired 1,500 veterans, and it plans to hire another 1,500 veterans in 2013. Also, Safeway has instituted a special program to hire junior military officers and non-commissioned officers for managerial positions in the company.

As a nation we must pledge that when our troops return home we leave no service member behind. Safeway has shown our troops and veterans more than words of appreciation; it has provided meaningful support to our brave service members.

I applaud Safeway's continued service to our National Guard, Reserves, and veterans through these hiring and benefits programs. Congratulations again to Safeway for achieving this great honor.

REMEMBERING MARTHA M. MURANSKY

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 7, 2013

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of an outstanding and charitable woman, Ms. Martha M. Muransky. Martha was born on May 28, 1923, to Joseph and Martha Kukara and spent her 89 years as a resident of the Youngstown, Ohio area. She witnessed almost a century of change and was always filled with humor, wit and kindness. She enjoyed cooking, baking, sports, and, most of all, spending time with her family.

Martha graduated from Campbell High School in 1940 and was an active member of the SS. Cyril & Methodius Church. Martha possessed a keen intelligence, a love for reading, and understood the value of commitment. She worked as a precinct committee woman during elections, belonged to the First Catholic Slovak Union and without a doubt was her son Ed's number one fan as he pursued an outstanding football career. A hard worker, Martha was employed by G.E. Mazda Lamp Company, operated her family's produce store until 1957, and worked for both Union Bank and the Home Savings and Loan Company.

I extend my most sincere condolences to Martha's family. Her long and productive life set an example to all of us and all who knew her. Her life and the values she embodied greatly influenced her relatives, including her two brothers, Larry and Ray Kukara, daughter Elaine Mulichak, son Ed Muransky, grandchildren Brian Mulichak, Melissa Kellgren, Eddie Muransky, Deloran Muransky and Donielle Muransky, and great grandchildren, Luke, Paige and Karter. Martha was preceded in death by her sister, Ethel DeNicholas, and two brothers, Frank and Joseph Kukara. Martha was a very special woman and will be long remembered.

HONORING FRANK LEAL
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 7, 2013

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Frank Leal Elementary School for being named a 2013 National Blue Ribbon School. This is a remarkable honor that deserves our recognition and praise.

Frank Leal Elementary School is in Cerritos, California and was among three Los Angeles County schools named as a National Blue Ribbon School.

This prestigious award is given in recognition to schools where students perform at remarkably high levels or where significant improvements are being made in students' academic achievement.

Leal Elementary School was recognized as a "blue ribbon" honoree because it ranked among the highest-performing schools on state assessments in language arts and mathematics, achieving an Academic Performance Index score of 972. That's nearly 200 points higher than the state average of 789.

This award would not have been possible without the tireless dedication of teachers, counselors, parents, and, of course, the brilliant students at Leal Elementary School. Countless Leal parents will one day see their children attend and graduate from college, fostering future generations of service-oriented, civically engaged Cerritos residents.

The National Blue Ribbon recognition is just one of many more milestones to be achieved by these bright young scholars. The community pride they have created through their exemplary achievement encourages students in our communities to strive for even greater academic success. For that reason, I would like to recognize Frank Leal Elementary School for being named a National Blue Ribbon School.

TRIBUTE TO GREENFOREST COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 7, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, Greenforest Community Baptist Church has been and continues to be a beacon of light to our district for the past fifty-five years; and

Whereas, Pastor Dennis Mitchell and the members of the Greenforest Community Baptist Church family today continue to uplift and inspire those in our district; and

Whereas, the Greenforest Community Baptist Church family has been and continues to be a place where citizens are touched spiritually, mentally and physically through outreach ministries and community partnership to aid in building up our district; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious Church of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the needy and empowered our community for the past fifty-five (55) years; and