

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN TRIBUTE TO CHRISTOPHER MOYER

HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 14, 2013

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Mr. Christopher Moyer's 55th birthday. May the years ahead be blessed with good health, strong family, prosperity, and peace.

IN SUPPORT OF THE "OAKLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE REPUBLICANS"

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION, AND INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION, 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, October 12, 2013

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, H.J. Res 80 would provide sequester-level funding for a limited number of federal programs that serve Native American Tribes. I support ensuring that the federal government plays a strong role in addressing the needs of tribal communities and I voted against H.J. Res 80 because it doesn't do that. It provides less than 50% of funding that tribes receive from the federal government and omits a number of important programs.

This legislation is merely the latest iteration of the Republican piecemeal funding strategy they hope can provide cover from the fallout of their ongoing reckless shutdown. It is not part of any serious effort to reopen the government. It is time to end this shutdown and get to work making necessary tough budget decisions.

IN SUPPORT OF THE "UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-DEARBORN COLLEGE REPUBLICANS"

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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END THE USE OF THE DEROGATORY NAME "REDSKIN" AS THE NAME OF WASHINGTON'S NFL FRANCHISE

HON. ENI F. H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 14, 2013

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I submit to my colleagues and some 181 million sports fans all over America who love the game of football just as much as I do having played football for four years in high school, that the time has come to end the use of the derogatory name "redskin" as the name of Washington's NFL franchise.

Again and again, Mr. Speaker this issue has arisen and it will not go away. With all due respect Mr. Speaker, I call upon the 32 football club owners of the National Football League and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, to end the use of the derogatory word "redskin" as the name of Washington's football franchise. Mr. Speaker, the National Football League and Commissioner Goodell cannot just casually pass the responsibility to Mr. Dan Snyder, the owner of the Washington franchise. The Washington Football franchise is worth about \$1.6 billion dollars, the third most valuable franchise in the NFL. The NFL has a responsibility to take steps to address the derogatory name because the NFL is also a beneficiary and receives a fair percentage of the proceeds from television broadcasts and merchandise sales from all 32 NFL franchises.

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I want to thank President Barack Obama for weighing in on this issue just last week and I hope NFL Commissioner Goodell will seriously pursue this matter. If Commissioner Goodell feels that if the name were offending one person, we should listen, listen to the leaders of the National Congress of American Indians the oldest and largest organization which Native American Indians that represents the vast majority of some 5.2 million Native American Indians today.

I also want to thank Mr. Ray Halbritter, leader of the Oneida Indian Nation, Ms. Suzan Harjo a member of the Cheyenne and Hodugee Muscogee tribes, Ms. Amanda Blackhorse from the Navajo Nation, former U.S. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell and members of our Native American Congressional Caucus for raising this issue of not using this derogatory racial slur the word "red-skin".

Again, it is time for NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and the NFL to do the right thing and take steps to end the use of a derogatory name for the NFL franchise in our nation's capital.

IN SUPPORT OF THE TROY AREA
TEA PARTY

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 14, 2013

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Troy Area Tea Party of Oakland County, Michigan, who like so many grass-root organizations throughout our country have diligently educated our citizens on various public issues facing us today. Exercising their Constitutional right to peacefully assemble and in many cases petition their government for a redress of grievances in support of the restoration of liberty, not in restricting it; shrinking our bloated government, not expanding it; who want to reduce taxes, not raise them; abolish costly government programs, not create them; expose the abuses and oppressions of tyrannical dictates; and promote the freedom and independence of our citizens, not the interference of government in their lives; and observe the limited, enumerated powers of our Constitution, not ignore them.

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IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF DR.
CLAUDE ROBERT PLATTE

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 14, 2013

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Dr. Claude Robert Platte, a man who dedicated his life in service of his family, community and nation. Dr. Platte grew up in Fort Worth, Texas where he attended James E. Guinn elementary and graduated from Fort Worth's historic I.M. Terrell High School. Mr. Platte went on to Tuskegee Institute where he received a Degree in Mechanical engineering with a Minor in Aeronautics.

Dr. Platte joined the military where he was assigned to the 301st Fighter Squadron. Dr. Platte served as primary flight instructor, training over 400 blacks to solo and fly PT13s, PT17s and PT19s. The pilots he trained amassed an unmatched military record as fighter pilots. He broke racial and educational barriers in the military as the first black officer to be trained and commissioned in the newly reopened Air Force Pilot Training Program. He was trained at Randolph Field AFB Texas. He retired from the Air Force with the rank of Captain in 1965 after 18 years of service.

After his military service, Dr. Platte continued his work in the community as a Member of Guardianship Services, an organization that supplies court appointed guardians for people in need, and the Knights of St. Peter Claver Court 89, a Catholic organization that provides community services nationwide.

He was Founder of the DFW Tuskegee Airmen Chapter established in May 2005 to provide educational assistance to youth. Dr. Platte along with other Original Tuskegee Airmen traveled around the world sharing their story with children, inspiring them to reach their goals. In 2008 the Claude R. Platte Future Pilots Flight School was established to continue the legacy of all of the Tuskegee Airmen by teaching different aspects of aviation which includes flying, building, designing and maintaining aircraft to the youth.

Dr. Claude R. Platte received several honors for his service. He received the Good Conduct Medal and Service in The European War Medal while in the military. On February 23, 2006 he received an Honorary Doctorate in Public Service from Tuskegee University. On March 29, 2007 he was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal by the President of the United States for his service to the country as an Original Tuskegee Airmen.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues please join me in honor and remembrance of Dr. Claude Robert Platte whose kind spirit and dedicated service touched many lives. He is survived by his wife Erma Bonner Platte; stepson Alfred

M. Williams; Marie Platte Godsey; cousins, Edwina Higgins and Lois Platte, Nathaniel George Hagler, Dr. Nathaniel G. and Royace Hagler, Jr. and the Rev. Gaylan Hagler; nieces Alyssa Godsey, Ginger Platte, Attral and Arwa Platte, Jr., Gary Platte; sister in law Johanna McCully Bonner; and a host of great nieces, great nephews, other relatives and friends. I offer my condolences and deepest sympathy to his wife and family. May he rest in peace.

IN SUPPORT OF THE RATTLE
WITH US TEA PARTY

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 14, 2013

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Rattle with Us Tea Party of Plymouth, Michigan who like so many grass-root organizations throughout our country have diligently educated our citizens on various public issues facing us today. Exercising their Constitutional right to peacefully assemble and in many cases petition their government for a redress of grievances in support of the restoration of liberty, not in restricting it; shrinking our bloated government, not expanding it; who want to reduce taxes, not raise them; abolish costly government programs, not create them; expose the abuses and oppressions of tyrannical dictates; and promote the freedom and independence of our citizens, not the interference of government in their lives; and observe the limited, enumerated powers of our Constitution, not ignore them.

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