

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF ALBA
THOMPSON

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Alba Thompson, who passed away on January 2, 2013.

Alba experienced a great deal throughout her ninety-four years. Born in Plymouth, August 13, 1918, Alba was a truly distinguished woman, graduating from college at a time when higher education was not an option for many women. In her lifetime, Alba went on to receive five advanced degrees.

Education was not Alba's only pursuit, and she embarked on a distinguished military career at the onset of World War II. In 1942, Alba was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. By the time she separated from active duty, she had achieved the rank of Major and had been awarded seven ribbons for her dedicated service.

Alba's studies and military service brought her to countless places throughout the world, but she returned home to serve her local community, being elected to the Plymouth Board of Selectmen. She was the beloved wife of Loren Thompson, and together they raised two sons.

I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Alba Thompson for her many years of service to her country.

TEMPORARY INCREASE IN BORROWING AUTHORITY FOR NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 4, 2013

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the bipartisan legislation on the floor today that will provide much needed relief for my constituents. H.R. 41 will replenish the National Flood Insurance Fund, which would otherwise run out of funds and be unable to pay out claims next week. That would be simply unacceptable for the homeowners and businesses that I represent who have already gone through so much.

New Yorkers were devastated by Hurricane Sandy and we are just beginning to recover. I am glad that the House Republican leadership has responded to the bipartisan outcry for action to help families, businesses and communities in my district. We must act swiftly on the remaining federal resource needs for the Sandy victims.

We all can agree that this recovery needs to be bold and it needs to be implemented quickly—and that's what we are working on. To-

gether, both sides of the aisle from the New York, New Jersey and Connecticut Congressional delegations have come together to address this immediate and urge need to meet the needs of flood insurance claims by all of our constituents.

FEMA has said there are a total of 120,000 flood insurance claims payments that will be delayed until Congress increases the borrowing authority for the program—of which 115,000 are related to Superstorm Sandy. Any delay is unacceptable and that is why I urge swift passage of this bill and prompt action in the Senate.

I implore my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill. We simply need to help my constituents and allow all of those who have been devastated by this storm to move forward with their lives and rebuild stronger than ever.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN C. HAMMERSLOUGH

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, it is with heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to a good friend and outstanding community leader, John Hammerslough.

His passing marks the end of an era in Weston, Connecticut and the loss of a dear friend to many across Connecticut.

John was a fixture in Weston's civic community for half a century, died on January 2 after a brief illness. He was 84 years old and had lived in Weston with his wife Nancy since 1959.

John understood the importance of serving the public and at one point or another he was a member of Weston's Board of Selectmen, the Board of Finance, the Police Commission, among other roles, and was active in local, state and national political campaigns. Along with his wife, he was named "Democrat of the Year" in 2009 by the Democratic Town Committee, and the town of Weston proclaimed May 11, 2009, as "John and Nancy Hammerslough Day."

John Hammerslough was a pioneer in the emerging field of computer-driven analysis of financial securities. His role as director of computer research at Shields & Co. was unusual enough at the time that The New York Times profiled him and "his electronic computer" in June 1967. The computer, the article noted, "is no bigger than an office desk."

John Hammerslough was born in New York City in 1928, the son of Charles R. Hammerslough, a clothier and sometime theatrical producer, and the former Sylvia Rittenberg. He attended the Bronx School of Science and the Taft School, and graduated from Brown University.

After college, he entered the army and served in the Korean War, first as an infantry-

man and later as a public information officer. The experience spurred him in later years to speak out against American involvement in Vietnam and, more recently, against the invasion of Iraq.

Although Mr. Hammerslough was involved in the financial securities business for nearly half a century, he did not immediately go to work on Wall Street as a young man. Rather, his experience as a writer and audio producer for the army during the Korean War led him to join CBS as part of its fledgling television news operation.

After a stint in the news business, he returned to school to do post-graduate work in mathematics at New York University, which led him to Wall Street, where his specialty was the use of computer analysis for valuing securities. His group at Shields & Co. operated the first computer at a Wall Street firm dedicated solely to investment research. He continued to focus on computer-assisted financial research through the 1970s.

Of his work, Mr. Hammerslough told the New York Times in 1967: "The computer is suggestive rather than dictatorial. It's loaded with technique, but it has no judgment. The machine, therefore, represents an extension of our intelligence."

Since the early 1980s, Mr. Hammerslough worked as a financial expert in litigation support, providing advice and testimony in more than 1,000 matters involving securities and alleged violations of securities law.

A devoted Westonite, he was a familiar figure not only at Town Hall but also at the town center, where he could be seen most mornings drinking coffee with friends and talking politics and sports, at holiday parades and celebrations, where he sold ice cream and handed out buttons for the Democratic Party, and along the roads near his home, where he enjoyed walking his beloved dog.

I join all of his friends and colleagues in extending my deepest sympathies to John's wife Nancy, his son, Charles, daughter, Jane, and four grandchildren Phin, Alex, Zach and Shira.

RECOGNIZING BRILLO

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brillo, based in London, Ohio, for its centennial year as one of the world's most trusted and prominent household cleaning brands.

On January 31, 1913, the Brillo Manufacturing Company was born when a cookware peddler and a jeweler partnered with an attorney in New York and patented their idea for cleaning blackened aluminum pots and pans. 100 years later, Brillo is celebrating its 100th anniversary with the 55 employees who make it possible for the company to continue providing household cleaning products made right here in the United States of America.

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Brillo turns 100 this month because of the hard work, commitment, and creativity that has gone into this company throughout the years by the employees and innovators who call Ohio's 15th District their home. Again, I offer my sincere congratulations to Brillo on its 100 years and I wish the company many years of success in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF OSVALDO
LOVERME, MARIE TORNIALI AND
CONNIE VARIO

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Osvaldo LoVerme, Marie Torniali, and Connie Vario, who are being honored for their distinguished service to the community by the Taminent Regular Democratic Club. The Taminent Club is celebrating its 81st Annual Dinner Dance this month in Astoria, Queens.

In recognition of his lifetime commitment to civic engagement, Osvaldo "Ozzie" LoVerme is being honored with the "Ralph DeMarco Award." Mr. LoVerme is the President of Teamsters Union Local 808. His career began in 1973 working for ConRail Railroad, and throughout his career, he has proved himself to be a trusted advocate for co-workers and union members. His dedication to the labor movement and his tireless efforts to protect workers and their families earned him the position as leader of the Teamsters Local 808. Mr. LoVerme has a strong presence in the community, serving on many cultural and civic organizations in his hometown of Astoria. He is the Vice President of the Astoria Homeowners, Tenants & Business Civic Association and Vice President of the Associazione Siciliani Uniti of New York. Mr. LoVerme came to Astoria from Sicily in 1968, and has always stayed connected to his Italian heritage as a member of many Italian cultural organizations. He is a devoted husband to his wife, Marie and loving father to his son, Vinny.

Marie Torniali is receiving the "Community Service Award" for her dedication to her neighborhood and service to others in the community. Ms. Torniali attended high school in Astoria after arriving in the United States from France as a child. She is currently the Executive Director of the Central Astoria Local Development Coalition, where she has worked since 1979, and the Steinway Astoria Partnership. She also serves as a Board Member of Community Board 1. Previously, Ms. Torniali was the manager of the Steinway Street Business Improvement District. Her dedication to the security of the neighborhood of Astoria has earned her the 114th Civilian Observation Patrol (Civ-OP) Walter Michie Award, the Women of Distinction Award, and the New York Anti-Crime's Eternal Vigilance Award. She is also deeply devoted to her husband, Pietro, their daughter, Tanya, and son-in-law, John.

Connie Vario is being honored as a Lifetime Member of Taminent Democratic Club. She has been an active member of the Taminent Women's Regular Democratic Club for over 30 years. Ms. Vario devotes her time to volunteer work through Immaculate Conception parish,

for which she works at the Church's Homeless Shelter, and is a member of the Rosarian Society. Since moving to Astoria with her husband Nicholas in 1954, Ms. Vario has been dedicated to serving her community and her neighbors. Mr. and Ms. Vario are loving parents to their three children, Patrick, Margaret, and Maria.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary contributions that Osvaldo LoVerme, Marie Torniali, and Connie Vario have made to the community of Astoria. Their lifetimes of service and dedication to civic life have greatly benefited their neighborhood and the city of New York.

IN RECOGNITION OF JEFFREY
LEFLEUR

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jeffrey LeFleur as he retires from the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association.

The Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association, known as the CCCGA to its members, is one of the oldest farmer associations in the United States. Since 1888, this organization has been working diligently to enhance the economic viability of local Massachusetts cranberry farmers. Jeffrey has been this organization's Executive Director for the past twenty years, and he has led the association through many years of growth and prosperity. In particular, Jeffrey has spearheaded CCCGA's popular "Be the Grower" program, which gives interested people the opportunity to wade into Plympton's cranberry bogs and to assist with the yearly harvest. This program attracts visitors from around the world, and it has been extremely beneficial to the local Massachusetts tourism industry. Its popularity was recently highlighted in The Boston Globe as a unique activity that all can enjoy.

Mr. Speaker, as the cofounder of the Congressional Cranberry Caucus, it brings me great pride to recognize Jeffrey LeFleur upon his retirement from the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association. His many years of work and dedication to the association were crucial in leading it to become the successful organization that it is today. I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Jeffrey for all that he has given to his community.

HONORING THE EXEMPLARY CA-
REER OF JUDGE JOHN M.
STUARD

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of an exemplary public servant, Judge John M. Stuard. After nearly five decades of service, Judge Stuard has retired with distinction from the Trumbull County Court of Common Pleas in Warren, Ohio.

Judge Stuard earned his undergraduate degree from Thiel College and went on to earn

his Juris Doctorate from the University of Kentucky. After law school, he practiced law while serving as a solicitor in Newton Falls and the Village of Orangeville. He then became a prosecutor and practiced criminal defense in Warren Ohio. In 1983, he was appointed to the Central District Court in Cortland and later to the Common Pleas bench in 1991.

Judge Stuard is affectionately known as a gentleman's gentleman, he recognizes that his judgment needs to hold people accountable for their actions, yet must not lose touch with the utility of punishment. While not on the bench, Judge Stuard is a member of the Hartford Optimists, Trumbull Farm Bureau, Conservation Club and he is an avid Civil War enthusiast.

I want to extend my warmest thanks to Judge John M. Stuard for his life's devotion to serving the people of Trumbull County. His long and illustrious career will not be forgotten and I would like to wish him congratulations and all the best in his well-deserved retirement. The city of Warren and Trumbull County will forever be indebted to Judge John M. Stuard for his lifelong public service.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUTS
AVERY AND COLIN HUBBARD

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Avery and Colin Hubbard of Troop 1012 in Mason City, Iowa for each achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Avery and Colin completed their projects at Lime Creek Nature Center by constructing numerous bird houses, placing fire pits, and clearing brush. The work ethic Avery and Colin have shown in their Eagle Projects, and every other project leading up to their Eagle Scout ranks, speaks volumes of their commitment to serving a cause greater than themselves and assisting their community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by these young men and their supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating the Hubbard brothers on obtaining their Eagle Scout ranking, and I wish them continued success in their future education and career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I regret missing a floor vote on Monday, January 14,