

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING GARRETT O. SMITH

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize Master Chief Petty Officer Garrett O. Smith for his service to our country. Master Chief Petty Officer Smith served in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1969.

Master Chief Smith was assigned to the U.S.S. *Sperry* (AS-12), a submarine tender, in September of 1942. Later, in March of 1947, Officer Smith graduated from the Electrician "B" School in Washington, DC, and transferred to Goat Island, California. In May of 1954, Master Chief Smith was reassigned to the Naval Inspectors Office at Quincy, Massachusetts. Officer Smith's last assignment began in January of 1968 aboard the U.S.S. *Observation Island* (E-AG-154) Polaris/Poseidon test and development ship. On December 1, 1969, Master Chief Smith retired from the United States Navy.

Humbly, I echo the words of President Ronald Reagan, "We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared, so we will always be free." And humbly, I offer my sincere gratitude to Officer Smith for his service and acts of bravery that allow us the freedoms we enjoy today.

MAVERICK SWENSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Maverick Swenson for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Maverick Swenson is an 8th grader at Oberon Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Maverick Swenson is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Maverick Swenson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING MINISTER TIMOTHY MILES FOWLER

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Whereas, we are gathered to celebrate the life of Minister Timothy Miles Fowler, a cornerstone in the DeKalb County community; and

Whereas, Timothy Miles Fowler was born in Decatur, Georgia, educated in the DeKalb County Public Schools and was a Minister at Big Miller Grove Missionary Baptist Church; and

Whereas, he was a young man who believed and lived a life for God, Country, Community and Family; and

Whereas, Minister Fowler gave of himself, his time, his talent and his life with unwavering commitment to his family and community; and

Whereas, he was a husband, a father, a son, a brother and a friend; he was a man who enjoyed life, savoring the moments with Iris, his wife and life partner and their three children, Timothy Tymere, Iana Allysa and Cameron Timothy; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia recognizes Minister Timothy Miles Fowler as a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction; now therefore, I, Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr., do hereby attest to the 113th Congress that Minister Timothy Miles Fowler is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honor" by declaring Minister Timothy Miles Fowler U.S. Citizen of Distinction Extension of Remarks in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 27th day of April, 2013.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF HARLEM'S MATRIARCH MS. FANNIE E. PENNINGTON

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Harlem's Matriarch Ms. Fannie E. Pennington, who passed away on Wednesday, February 13 at the age of 99 years old.

On Friday, February 22, the village Harlem joined together at Abyssinian Baptist Church to celebrate the amazing and historic life of Fannie E. Pennington who was a faithful and dedicated servant to the Lord and to our Nation. Great women like our wonderful Fannie Pennington are precious gifts we temporarily have in this world, but their assistance, contributions and accomplishments are far remembered and everlasting.

Our beloved Fannie lived a full spiritual life—a life well spent and dedicated to the up-

lifting of African Americans and women. Daughter of Matthew Mark and Hattie Harris, and a descendant of the Balanta Fula Tribes of Guinea, Fannie and her late sister Amelia were baptized and christened into the family of the historic Abyssinian Baptist Church by the Reverend Adam Clayton Powell, Sr.

At Abyssinian, Fannie Pennington became one of the most devoted members, serving on the Progressive Ladies Usher Board, the Welcome and Hospitality Committee, which was once known as the Adam Clayton Powell Overseas Club. Ms. Fannie Pennington greeted and hosted historic world figures and American Icons such as Haile Selassie, Mary McCloud Bethune, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X.

Many of our friends will remember Fannie as a vivacious and beautiful personality, who tended bar in several of Harlem's elite dining institutions and establishments. She was also an official representative of the Barmaid Charity Organization, which raised money to send inner city kids to summer camp. I will remember Fannie for her loyalty and support to Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., her years of service to the New York City Board of Elections and the Frederick E. Samuel Community Democratic Club, where she spent her life's work registering young people to vote.

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington and the 100th Birthday of Rosa Parks, let us also celebrate the 99 years of our beloved Fannie E. Pennington.

HONORING TERRY EDWARD MASSEY

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize Corporal Terry Edward Massey. Corporal Massey served in the United States Marine Corps from 1943 to 1946.

A few months after his 18th birthday, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on November 4, 1943. Corporal Massey served in the 26th Marine Regiment, 5th Marine Division during the Battle of Iwo Jima. After landing at Iwo Jima, Corporal Massey helped a wounded fellow Marine take cover in a shell hole. Near the end of the battle, Corporal Massey said, "Surviving Iwo Jima without getting injured was like walking through rain without getting wet."

During his years of service, Corporal Massey received a Presidential Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with Star, World War II Victory Medal, Navy Occupation Service Medal (Japan), China Liberation Ribbon, and Marine Corps Sharpshooter Badge. He was discharged on May 10, 1946. Now at age 87, Fmr. Corporal Massey still remembers

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his M1 Rifle number: 1434919 and serial number: 919497. He remains a true patriot whose fervent prayer is that his grandchildren and great-grandchildren will be able to grow up and live in the America he has always known and fought to protect.

Humbly, I echo the words of President Ronald Reagan, "We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared, so we will always be free." And humbly, I offer my sincere gratitude to Corporal Massey for his service and acts of bravery that allow us the freedoms we enjoy today.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL
PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

HON. PATRICK MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to all those who serve and who have served as peace officers to protect and serve our great nation. Today is the day we demonstrate our respect for the men and women and all that they do for us and our country. We especially honor those who sacrificed everything and lost their lives in the line of duty. On this day we remember all those who don a uniform signifying the protection of our country's citizens by means of defending the laws of our nation.

Since October 1, 1962 when President John F. Kennedy signed a special law, May 15 has been National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week containing May 15 has been recognized as National Police Week. This is a time when Americans are given a chance to honor the extraordinary service given year after year by our police forces. Although people sometimes forget those in uniform, we must recognize this day to understand the length these officers go to in order to do their job and serve our communities. These officers are special because they have taken the initiative to sacrifice their own safety for the safety of others. They exhibit bravery and courage every day to keep our communities safe, to preserve and protect our laws and our constitution in their line of duty. It is important they know that they have the full support of the United States Congress and the American people.

We must commemorate the dedicated law enforcement officers who serve our communities, states and country. This being said, I would like to take this opportunity to remember our own Sergeant Gary Morales, who was shot and killed in the line of duty at the age of 35 on Thursday February 28, 2013 in Fort Pierce, Florida. He was a selfless hero, like all those who have lost their lives during service. The motto of police week, "Never Alone, Never Forgotten," must be observed and remembered not only today, but every day. Sergeant Morales—you will never be forgotten.

Peace Officers Memorial Day gives us all the opportunity to thank those in our community who do so much for us. This day, as well as National Police Week, pays tribute to the local, State, and Federal law enforcement officers who serve and protect us with courage and dedication. This opportunity to thank those around us also allows for the coming together of communities. These observances re-

mind us all of the ongoing need to be vigilant against all forms of crime and violence. The service of these brave men and women must not go unrecognized and I would like to extend my personal thanks to all those who serve.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 527, THE RESPONSIBLE HELIUM ADMINISTRATION AND STEWARDSHIP ACT

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, on April 26, 2013 the House of Representatives passed H.R. 527—the Responsible Helium Administration and Stewardship Act. During that roll call, I inadvertently voted against the bill. I rise today in support of H.R. 527.

The Responsible Helium Administration and Stewardship Act is a common sense plan to sell helium from the Federal Helium Reserve in a responsible manner to prevent a global shortage, protect jobs and the economy, and ensure a fairer return for taxpayers. This bill provides a positive alternative to authorizing a continuation of the current program. H.R. 527 prevents an extremely small number of companies from controlling a significant segment of the U.S. economy that relies on helium.

The three phase system carefully outlined in this legislation is strongly supported by my colleagues and the administration. Additionally, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has said it can implement this legislation without a lengthy rulemaking process. Transparency and the prevention of collusion are central components of this legislation, allowing all users to know for how much the BLM helium is being sold, creating a stable price environment. This legislation and the three phase program will ensure that there remains a stable, predictable supply of helium for the U.S. economy, as well as continuing to provide taxpayers a fair return on this supply of helium.

HONORING DR. EVANGELIST
BERTHA RACKLEY WILLIAMS

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

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

Whereas, reaching the age of 85 years is a remarkable milestone; and

Whereas, Dr. Evangelist Bertha Rackley Williams was born on March 25, 1928, in Abbeville, Georgia, and is celebrating that milestone; and

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

Whereas, Evangelist Williams is celebrating her 85th Birthday with her family members, church members and friends here in Georgia on April 14, 2013, she celebrates a life of blessings; as a mother, friend, a servant and a leader; and

Whereas, the Lord has been her Shepherd throughout her life and she prays daily and is leading by example a blessed life; an advocate, faithful Evangelist of the gospel and a community leader; and

Whereas, we are honored that she is celebrating the milestone of her 85th birthday in Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Dr. Evangelist Bertha Rackley Williams for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all,

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim April 14, 2013 as Dr. Evangelist Bertha Rackley Williams Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 14th day of April, 2013.

HONORING VAN ZANDT COUNTY'S
165TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize Van Zandt County, Texas on their 165th anniversary.

Van Zandt County was first established by the Texas legislature on March 20, 1848, when it was taken from part of Henderson County. Sabine Lake (Jordan's Saline) was the first county seat. There court was first held in a log-built courthouse during December of 1848. The county seat was later moved to Canton after Wood County was carved out of Van Zandt County in 1850. The county's namesake is Republic of Texas leader Isaac Van Zandt.

The area provides numerous opportunities for enjoying the outdoors and great East Texas food. Local attractions include Lake Tawakoni, the famous First Monday Trade Days in Canton, Salt Festival and Rodeo held in Grand Saline, Van Oil Festival, Edom Festival of the Arts, Ben Wheeler Fall Feral Hog Festival, Wills Point Bluebird Festival, Edgewood Heritage Festival, and countless other events and activities throughout the year that attract visitors from across the state and country.

It is my privilege and honor to represent the citizens of Van Zandt County in the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING TEN VETERANS FROM
OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 10 veterans from Oregon who will be visiting their memorials this Friday in Washington, D.C. On behalf of a grateful state and country, we welcome these heroes to the nation's capital.

The veterans who fought in World War II are Francis Lake, U.S. Army; Loyal Miller, U.S. Army; Earnest Walston, U.S. Army; and Henry Hemholtz, U.S. Navy. Malcolm Grizwold, U.S. Army fought in the Korean War. The veterans who fought in the Viet Nam War are