

TRIBUTE TO WAVERLY DISTRICT
IN COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a Sixth Congressional District community that celebrating its centennial anniversary. The Waverly District in Columbia, South Carolina, is an historic African American neighborhood that has built a very proud history over its 100 years in existence, and it is my honor to represent it in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Waverly District was named a National Register of Historic Places District in 1989, and is the only African American residential neighborhood to hold that distinction in Columbia. There is good reason it qualified for this designation. By the early twentieth century, Waverly was a thriving community of African American artisans, professionals and social reformers, many of whom made significant contributions to the social and political advancement of African Americans in South Carolina and in the nation.

Among the Waverly District historic properties and sites are: the Heidt-Russell House, home of Edwin Roberts Russell, one of the few African American scientists who worked on the Manhattan Project in during World War II; the Matthew J. Perry site, location of a former home of South Carolina's first African American Federal Judge and 1963 Edwards v. South Carolina lead attorney. The landmark breach of the peace case and its impact on civil rights was featured in May 2013 on C-SPAN's LCV Cities Tour; the Modjeska Simkins childhood home, former home of the "Matriarch of the South Carolina Civil Rights Movement" Modjeska Monteith Simkins, who hosted former Justice Thurgood Marshall during strategy meetings for *Briggs v. Elliot*, which became part of the historic Brown v. Board of Education desegregation case; and the Visanska Starks House, one of the few historic sites in America with residential histories of an antebellum white Southern woman, a Jewish immigrant from Poland, and an African American scholar who became president of three historically black colleges. The House and its carriage house were featured on a segment of HGTV's "If Walls Could Talk" and the site is a member of the International Sites of Conscience.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Waverly District and congratulate the Historic Waverly Improvement and Protection Association President, Doris Hildebrand, and Association Historian, Catherine Fleming Bruce, for their efforts to commemorate this great occasion. The current residents and members of the extended community have dedicated themselves to preserving the Waverly District and its history, and they deserve commendation for their extraordinary work. This is a model preservation effort that is dear to my heart and serves as an example of the significant impact such efforts can make for future generations.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2014

SPEECH OF

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2217) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of the Grimm amendment to the FY 2014 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Bill. I'm proud to be a co-sponsor of this amendment which would prohibit the Transportation Security Administration from moving forward with a policy to allow knives to be carried on to airplanes.

While I urge my colleagues to support this amendment, I commend the TSA for their announcement today that they will no longer pursue a policy to allow knives in carry-on luggage on planes. TSA is putting public safety first with this decision. They are listening to the serious concerns raised by flight attendants, pilots, TSA screeners, air marshals, airlines, and the American public.

It is our job to ensure that government takes common-sense measures to increase the safety of our commercial air transportation system. While we can never ensure complete safety, prohibiting passengers from bringing knives onto planes is a reasonable post-9/11 measure that should be kept in place.

Safety should always be our number one priority when evaluating changes to airline policy. I commend TSA for their commitment to keeping our skies and the American public as safe as possible.

I urge my colleagues to support the Grimm amendment.

HONORING DE'UNA WILSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. De'Una Wilson, the 2012 Valedictorian at Canton High School, in Canton, Mississippi. De'Una is the daughter of Mr. Derreco, Sr. and Ms. Regenia Wilson. She was born and raised in Canton and attends Canton United Methodist Church.

De'Una's accomplishments can be attributed to her desire to fulfill her grandmother's dying wish, which was for her to graduate at the top of her class. To achieve this, De'Una dedicated herself to her academics and completed her senior year with an "A" average, earning her the merit of Class Valedictorian. In addition to her academics, De'Una has remained active in her community by volunteering at the Open Door Community Outreach Center at Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Canton, and working a part-time job.

De'Una has been accepted into the Engineering Program at Jackson State University where all of her hard work was rewarded with a full scholarship.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. De'Una Wilson in being Valedictorian of Canton High School's 2012 graduating class.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE FRANK R. LAUTENBERG, A SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

SPEECH OF

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2013

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened when I learned of the passing of Senator Frank Lautenberg. I am certain that anyone who had ever met Senator Lautenberg would agree, regardless of political party affiliation, that he was a remarkable statesman and hard working government servant. The longest-serving senator in New Jersey's history, he was gifted in interpersonal relations, and recognized for reaching across the aisle to benefit the people of his state, and the citizens of our nation as a whole. And as the last veteran to serve in World War II in the U.S. Senate, he represented a generation of leaders who left a legacy of service that continues to inspire all Americans.

A proud son of hard-working immigrants, Senator Lautenberg rose from humble beginnings to attain success in business and public service. He was an incredibly efficient entrepreneur who turned a small business into one of the largest computing services companies in the world; a soldier who put his life on the line to protect our country; a Senator who helped ban smoking in airplanes and around children, who worked to ensure parents could take time off to care for sick family members, and the Senator who helped modernize the G.I. bill to ensure today's veterans could benefit from the same opportunities he did.

Additionally, throughout his years in the U.S. Senate, he worked tirelessly to secure investments in infrastructure for the Northeast Corridor, and it was in the area of transportation that I personally worked with Senator Lautenberg as a close partner. Senator Lautenberg's staunch efforts to augment Amtrak and commuter rail parallel my own. And as the Chair of the House Transportation Subcommittee on Railroads under a House Democratic Majority, we worked closely to increase funding for Amtrak and passenger rail both in the Northeast Corridor and throughout the entire United States.

Senator Lautenberg, who served on four Commerce, Science and Transportation subcommittees, including aviation operations and surface transportation, helped save Amtrak from budget hawks; supported tarmac delay protections for airline passengers; was instrumental in increasing transportation spending for mass transportation and other infrastructure improvements; succeeded in getting stricter limits on drinking and driving, and managed to get smoking banned from airplanes, among numerous other transportation-related accomplishments.

In fact, Senator Lautenberg wrote the 2008 law to increase Amtrak funding and create the nation's high-speed rail grant program. And in

2011, he got the Northeast Corridor designated as a federally-recognized high-speed rail corridor, which allowed Amtrak to receive \$450 million in federal funding for high-speed rail upgrades, and the Secaucus Junction train station in fact, is named after him.

He fought New Jersey Governor Chris Christie over the ARC tunnel, a rail improvement Lautenberg saw as essential for allowing the continued flow of commuters between New Jersey and New York under the Hudson River. The Gateway tunnel project, a substitute for ARC, is under development and just received a promise of \$185 million in federal funds. Lautenberg's dream of an intermodal freight policy is also on its way toward being realized, thanks to increased federal attention on creating a national freight strategic plan. Complete streets policies, which he consistently supported, are in place in nearly 500 communities around the country, and his zeal to create a National Infrastructure Bank as a way to invite more private investors to partner with the government on infrastructure is still struggling for wide acceptance.

I join in expressing my prayers and condolences to his wife, Bonnie, and to his children, his grandchildren, his entire family, and to the people of New Jersey.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote number 203, amendment number H. AMDT. 121, I mistakenly voted "aye." I intended to vote "no." Later in the same vote series, I voted "no" on a similar amendment, H. AMDT. 129, rollcall vote number 206.

CONGRATULATING LOVETT BASEBALL ON AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Lovett High School baseball team. On May 27, the Lions bested the Westminster Wildcats in a best of three championship series to win the AA division state championship.

Although the Wildcats won the first game of the series, the Lions mounted a comeback to win the second game in overtime and carried their momentum into the deciding third game to clench the school's first title since 2009.

This season, Coach Lance Oubs, his staff, and these young men have worked tirelessly to earn their place in Georgia baseball history. The team's seniors will enter the next chapter of their lives knowing that they have upheld their school's legacy of excellence and have set a high bar for future Lions teams.

I encourage the entire team to savor their victory and remember the season's important life lessons of responsibility, persistence, and self-discipline. These traits will serve them well throughout their lives.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I congratulate the Lovett Lions on their well-deserved 2013 2A State Championship title and wish them luck as they defend their title next year. This team has brought great pride to their school, the city of Atlanta, and Georgia's 11th District. Go Lions.

TRIBUTE TO KAREN PRICE

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Karen Price, a dear friend and President of the West Virginia Manufacturer's Association; she is retiring this year after 22 years of service. I have known and worked with Karen in the West Virginia Legislature and in Congress, and I have watched her tireless efforts for the manufacturers' of West Virginia with great admiration.

Karen is a very accomplished woman who has diligently and successfully pursued her career in a very male dominated arena, namely economic development and manufacturing. Such success can be attributed to her hard working nature, as well as her tenacious character. She worked her way through college, the first child of her family to do so, and she has not looked back since.

Karen's start in economic development was as a member of the West Virginia Economic Development Office, serving as its Legislative Director. Karen was responsible for recruiting new businesses to the state, including Bruce Hardwood, now known as Armstrong Products in Beverly, WV. She also worked to ensure that these businesses were able to hire capable women and men. Karen has always been committed to recruitment through a trained workforce, and she continues to emphasize the importance of an educated, skilled workforce today.

Karen's talents have been recognized by many through the leadership positions that she has held including, Member, Board of Trustees' Charleston Area Medical Center and the David Lee Cancer Center; Charleston YWCA; and Bridgemont Community and Technical College. Karen has served as Past President of the following organizations: American Society of Association Executives; Charleston Vandalia Rotary Club; and West Virginia Business and Industry Council. Karen and I share the distinction of being recognized as a "Woman of Achievement," by the YWCA of Charleston. The list is exhaustive, with each role further lending proof to the fact that Karen has lived an exemplary life.

I am grateful for the work that Karen has performed representing West Virginia's manufacturer's, the backbone of West Virginia's economy. Throughout her career she has worked with numerous governors, the West Virginia Legislature and regulatory agencies to address barriers to economic development. Those accomplishments include reform of the West Virginia Workers Compensation Program, and addressing taxation and environmental protection regulations to name a few.

Mr. Speaker, this high level of commitment to the State of West Virginia is one deserving of great honor and respect. Through this Extension of Remarks, I would like to thank

Karen for her service and for the tremendous, positive impact she has made on West Virginia and its economy. Karen exemplifies the qualities of Mountaineer integrity that we cherish at home, and I am honored to call her my friend. I wish her the best moving forward toward her much deserved retirement.

IN HONOR OF CONGRESSMAN JOHN DINGELL—THE LONGEST SERVING MEMBER OF CONGRESS

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today and ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the many accomplishments of a great friend to me and an outstanding mentor to many—JOHN DAVID DINGELL.

In 1955, JOHN DINGELL assumed office after winning a special election after the passing of his father. During the years of his service he established a legacy as a courageous and principled leader. This was best exemplified by a vote early in his career to pass the Civil Rights Act of 1964. There were many who thought this vote would end his career. But JOHN DINGELL, despite the fact that the measure was then controversial and contentious, exemplified true leadership by voting to ensure equality for African-Americans.

Mr. Speaker, it is this integrity and strong commitment to fair leadership that has led to a career full of accomplishment for the Dean of the House, and it is why his constituents have made him the longest-serving member in the history of the United States House of Representatives.

Congressman DINGELL has worked passionately to protect our environment. Throughout his career, he has passed landmark legislation such as the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act, and he did so by building broad bipartisan consensus.

As Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Congressman JOHN DINGELL dramatically changed the way we view our environment by fighting for legislation preventing animal extinction, limiting air and water pollution and increasing wildlife conservation. In Michigan, I can confidently say we have all seen the benefits of Representative DINGELL's work. He has been a consistent champion for our automotive industry—protecting thousands of jobs and ensuring that one of America's premier industries continues to grow. Our State cannot thank him enough for his tireless efforts.

Every day he has served in Congress JOHN DINGELL has fought hard to strengthen our health care system and make it accessible for everyone. From his very first day in Congress, JOHN DINGELL has fought to pass the National Health Insurance Act that was championed by his father. In 1965, JOHN DINGELL presided over the House as it passed legislation expanding health care to millions of Americans and in 2010; he achieved his goal of affordable, accessible health care for all Americans with passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Mr. Speaker, forever known as Mr. Chairman, I am honored to stand here today and call JOHN DINGELL my colleague. I look forward