

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JESSE THOMPSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Jesse Thompson who graduated from Jackson State University with a B.S. degree in science education.

Mr. Jesse Thompson began his career with the Pollution Control Commission in 1976 as an environmental aide in the Air Division of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). While in the Air Division, he worked with the Minor Source Permitting, Compliance and Emission Management System. He was also the stack testing expert for Air Sampling. In 1995 he became the State's first Small Business Ombudsman. He was also responsible for managing the Mississippi Small Business Technical Program.

Mr. Thompson is currently the acting Director of the Environmental Resource Center, Environmental Assistance Division Director and the Diversity Coordinator.

Mr. Thompson is married to Judy G. Thompson of Jackson and they have a son (Jason) and a daughter (Janell).

Mr. Thompson is a member of the Greater Mt. Calvary Baptist Church where he is an Ordained Deacon, Chairman of the Trustee Board, Sunday School teacher and the Director of the church's television ministry.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Jesse Thompson for his dedication to serving others.

PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize President Gerald R. Ford's humanitarian involvement in Operation Babylift.

On April 5th, 1975, President Ford launched Operation Babylift, an initiative that rescued over 3,000 orphans from war-torn Vietnam. Throughout the Vietnam War, these children witnessed the destruction of their villages and saw their families torn apart. Thanks to the efforts of President Ford, those children were given the opportunity for a bright future.

This year marks what would have been President Ford's 100th birthday. During his presidency Ford faced many challenges under extraordinary circumstances, and through them worked tirelessly on behalf of the American people with the hope of peace in his heart.

During a time of great uncertainty and fear, President Ford restored faith in humanity as he made the call to commence Operation

Babylift, sending 30 cargo aircrafts to transport over 3,000 Vietnamese orphans out of war-torn Vietnam.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize President Gerald R. Ford and his efforts that saved the lives of thousands of children.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL KARL R. HORST AND 40 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO OUR NATION

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Major General Karl R. Horst, United States Army for his extraordinary dedication to duty and selfless service to the United States of America. Major General Horst will be retiring from his present assignment as the Chief of Staff, United States Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa Florida.

Major General Karl R. Horst entered the United States Army in June 1973. He attended the United States Military Academy Preparatory School and went on to graduate from the United States Military Academy in 1978 and was commissioned as an Infantry Officer. After his first assignment as an Infantry Lieutenant in Germany, with the 3rd Infantry Division he commanded Infantry units at the Company, Battalion and Brigade levels with the 9th Infantry Division and the famed 82nd Airborne Division. He returned to the 3d Infantry Division in July 2004 as an Assistant Division Commander, serving at Fort Stewart, Georgia and in Baghdad, Iraq. Returning to Fort Bragg in September 2006, he assumed the duties as the Deputy Commanding General, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg.

Major General Horst has served in a variety of Joint and Army Staff positions to include his most memorable assignments as an aide-de-camp to the Army Chief of Staff, and a Joint and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) assignment as the special assistant to the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe. Major General Horst served as the Chief of Staff, 82d Airborne Division; then as the Chief of Staff, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg. Karl also commanded the United States Army Military District of Washington and Joint Force Headquarters National Capitol Region. At the Combatant Command level, he served as the Director for Operations, Plans, Logistics and Engineering (J3/J4), United States Joint Forces Command, Norfolk, Virginia and his final assignment was as the Chief of Staff, United States Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa Florida.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a pleasure to recognize Major General Horst's long and decorated career today and also the great benefit to the Nation he has provided as a General Officer for the United States Army. We have work closely with Major General Horst to ac-

complish the toughest tasks for our Service Men and Women and Karl has always achieved excellence daily during his tenure. On behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commanding Major General Horst for a lifetime of service to his country. For all he and his family have given and continue to give to our country; we are in their debt. We wish him, his wife, Nancy and their three children: Kaitlin, 26, a graduate of the University of North Carolina, and also a Army wife and a graduate student at Gonzaga University; she lives in Vicenza Italy with her husband, Mason; son Paul, 23, graduated from North Carolina State University and is a graduate student at Embry-Riddle University; and daughter Megan, 21, is a senior at North Carolina State University, studying elementary education; she will spend this summer with the Teach for America program all the best wishes as he moves into retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House floor during last night's three rollcall votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 876, H.R. 253, and H.R. 862.

HONORING PRINCESS DOE AND ALL MISSING CHILDREN

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. GARRETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to America's remembrance the plight of missing children across our nation. On July 15, 1982—just over 30 years ago—a homicide victim was discovered in Blairstown, New Jersey, which is in the 5th Congressional District. The young victim—just 13 or 14 years of age at the time of her death—was never identified. To us today, she is known as Princess Doe. But to her family and friends, she remains a missing loved one—and each and every day her family lives with the uncertainty of what happened to her more than 30 years ago.

According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, almost 800,000 children under 18 are reported missing each year—or an average of 2,185 each day. Some of these instances have happy endings, and the children are reunited with their families. Sadly, other instances have tragic endings. Princess Doe never came home.

I stand here today to draw attention to the plight of these missing children and their families. Each and every day, families across America pray for the return of their missing

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child. And each and every day, law enforcement professionals spend long hours and sleepless nights in search of these children.

May we never forget those children still waiting to be found. May we never forget those families still looking for their missing child. And may we never cease in our efforts to reunite children safely with their families.

CAT OSTERMAN—A TEXAS SOFTBALL LEGEND

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I am honored to recognize a talented Texas woman, Catherine “Cat” Osterman, a fast pitch softball legend. Born in Houston, Cat discovered at an early age that she wanted to be a pitcher. There was no denying that she was a natural athlete, but it wasn’t until the day that she filled in as a back-up pitcher for her Little League softball team that sparked the fire making her so successful in her sport.

Since that first taste of pitching, Cat’s love for the game blossomed. Through her hard work and determination, she became a star on her high school’s softball team. Her pitching is incredible: she has mastered six pitches, and she reserves her most famous pitch, the fast pitch, for critical moments on the field.

She graduated from Cypress Springs High School where she earned the Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year Award as well as her now famous nickname “Cat.” She went on to play softball for the Longhorns at the University of Texas at Austin when the softball team was only 5 years old. During Cat’s time in Austin, she broke every softball record at the University of Texas.

Cat’s talent and passion for the game took her and her team to 3 Women’s College World Series. She remains the only person to have ever won the national college player of the year 3 times. Because of her incredible talent and statistics, Cat was asked to play for Team USA in the 2004 Olympics in Athens. At only 21 years of age, Cat became an Olympic gold medalist, having pitched nearly 15 innings without allowing a run. Athens was not Cat’s only Olympic experience; she returned to the Olympic Games 4 years later in Beijing, once more pitching for the United States national softball team.

After the Olympics, Cat’s career in softball continued to be successful. She played for Team USA, winning 2 world championships, and she was the first draft pick for Connecticut Brakettes in the National Pro Fastpitch softball league.

This April, Cat announced that she will be retiring from pitching. But you can’t keep her away from the game that she loves. Her passion for the game has driven her all these years, and passion like that doesn’t just die. Cat’s passion is leading her to coach softball for St. Edwards University in Austin, Texas, and to help others to become passionate about the game themselves. People like Cat Osterman, who dedicate their lives to what they are passionate about, are the reason why this country remains great.

And that’s just the way it is.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for rollcall votes 245–247. Had I been able to vote, I would have voted “yes” on all three.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF MR. JOSEPH A. PINNOLA

HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and memory of a marvelous Staten Islander, a model citizen, and a devoted family man, Mr. Joseph A. Pinnola, 83, who passed away on May 14th at his Dongan Hills home.

Born in Brooklyn, Joseph Pinnola moved to Great Kills in 1966 and settled in Dongan Hills in 1974. In 1944, at the age of 14, Mr. Pinnola began working at a drugstore to support his family after the death of his father. He started his career with Brooklyn Union Gas Company about three years later, working as a messenger. Mr. Pinnola served in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1954, attaining the rank of staff sergeant during the Korean War. On guard duty one night, he sounded an alarm that alerted his company to a fire that had broken out in the compound where thousands of his comrades lay sleeping. He was also assigned to the Army Security Agency, working in cryptography and counter intelligence. On at least one occasion, he is said to have cracked a key enemy code.

On his return to civilian life, Mr. Pinnola continued working for Brooklyn Union while he took night classes at St. John’s University. He earned his B.A. in accounting from St. John’s in 1954, and was promoted to programmer at Brooklyn Union. He would go on to play a large role in the development and implementation of the company’s computer systems throughout the next three decades. In 1982, as he continued moving ahead with his career, Mr. Pinnola graduated from the executive program in business administration at Columbia University. He was named senior vice president and chief information officer at Brooklyn Union in 1991, and retired three years later.

Affiliated with several organizations, Mr. Pinnola served on the board of trustees of Brooklyn Hospital. He was also a member of Community Board 2 and involved with the Jacques Marchais Center for Tibetan Art in Richmond. In his leisure time, he enjoyed jogging, cooking, drawing and playing the piano. Above all, he cherished spending time with his family and he particularly loved taking vacations with his children and grandchildren to Long Beach Island. “He was happiest around his family and grandchildren,” said his son Joseph. He courageously supported his family after the tragic death of his grandson, Christopher S. Pinnola, in 2007. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, the former Anita Adinolfi; his sons, Joseph, Steven, Richard and Ken-

neth; his daughters, Mary Pinnola-Waring and Joyce Pinnola; a sister, Nina Perry, and 10 grandchildren.

In all, Mr. Pinnola led a full life, enjoyed a successful career, but above all, always made time for his greatest of all joys, his beautiful and loving family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained due to a family medical situation and was unable to vote on rollcall No. 245, rollcall No. 246, and rollcall No. 247.

Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 245, “yea” on rollcall No. 246, and “yea” on rollcall No. 247.

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF PEPFAR: A CRITICAL PART OF THE FIGHT AGAINST AIDS

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, ten years ago Congress, with the leadership of the Bush Administration, enacted the bipartisan President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), an initiative which the Institute of Medicine in a Congressionally-requested February 2013 report called “globally transformative.”

In its 10 years, PEPFAR has saved lives, improved health care delivery systems and, as the IOM concluded, provided a “lifeline” that restored hope to areas devastated by the epidemic. Over the course of its existence so far, PEPFAR has spent \$46 billion to expand access to prevention, treatment and medical services. Through its contributions, new infections in sub-Saharan Africa, one of the hardest-hit areas, have dropped by 25 percent.

PEPFAR is a success story. It is part of the global effort to prevent, treat, and, soon I hope, find a cure so that we can end AIDS. We should celebrate PEPFAR’s decade’s worth of achievements, while we must also recommit to its goals. For, as the IOM report stated and all of us know, “substantial unmet needs remain across HIV services” both here and abroad.

PEPFAR itself is part of an ongoing effort to respond aggressively and effectively to HIV and AIDS. I would like to draw my colleagues’ attention to an article by Dr. Allan Brandt from the June 6, 2013 New England Journal of Medicine, outlining the ways that the effort surrounding HIV/AIDS has reshaped our vision of global health—both what is needed and what is achievable.

As we pause today to recognize the 10th anniversary of PEPFAR, it is also important to recognize the enormous work of AIDS activists and providers who have been leading this fight for decades. Their work, as Dr. Brandt’s article details, has had consequences that go far beyond combating AIDS—as critical as that is—