

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING CONGRESSMAN TOM LATHAM ON HIS RETIREMENT

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2014

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend and colleague, the gentleman from Iowa, Mr. LATHAM. I know my colleagues will agree that his retirement is a loss for the House and his constituents.

Ten times beginning in 1994, the people of Iowa had the wisdom to send a good man to Washington.

He brought with him true and much-needed Iowa values, fighting the good fight for individual liberty, fiscal responsibility, and economic opportunity.

His work on the Appropriations Committee for first responders, the Iowa National Guard, agriculture, and education will long outlast him—a legacy of leadership many aspire to, but few truly achieve.

In addition, as the House is well-aware, Mr. LATHAM is my best friend. This, like all his other duties, he has handled with grace and good humor.

On behalf of the House, I thank Mr. LATHAM for his service and wish him and his wife, Kathy, all the best.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ENNIS ANTOINE JR.

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the accomplishments of a dear friend and colleague, Mr. Ennis Antoine Jr. Over the last twenty years, Mr. Antoine has left an indelible impression on the city of Atlanta, Georgia through his entrepreneurial advances in real estate and philanthropic endeavors.

Whether it be in his church, his community, or business, Mr. Antoine strives to turn any challenge into an opportunity. In 2004, Mr. Antoine moved from a promising career in journalism to pursue his passions in the realm of real estate, marking the beginning of a career that would be recognized as among the most prolific in the booming real estate market of Atlanta. Later, in 2008, Mr. Antoine made history by becoming the first African American to be honored with the Realtor of the Year award for his outstanding commercial accomplishments during a time in which Georgia was still reeling from the Great Recession. Recently, the Atlanta Board of Realtors elected to honor Mr. Antoine by making him their 90th

president and the first African American president in the history of the organization.

Throughout his distinguished career, Mr. Antoine has used his success to empower those around him. Well known by his friends and family for a seemingly inexhaustible amount of energy, Mr. Antoine spends much of his weekends volunteering at his local church as a deacon and assistant pastor, in addition to also mentoring youth.

On many weeknights, he can be found teaching real estate classes, where he passes on the practical business skills he has accumulated through years of shaping the Atlanta real estate market.

When Hurricane Katrina decimated his hometown of New Orleans, Mr. Antoine took in over 40 friends and relatives whose homes and livelihoods had been destroyed by the flood waters.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to not only honor the impressive achievements of this man and his recent election as the President of the Atlanta Board of Realtors, but also to commend his compassionate contributions to my Congressional district and to the great State of Georgia. I ask my colleagues to join me in venerating this distinguished individual.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT MERWIN CEO OF MILLS-PENINSULA HEALTH SERVICES ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplished career of a distinguished Californian, Mr. Robert Merwin of San Mateo County, who is retiring at the end of 2014 from his position as Chief Executive Officer of Mills-Peninsula Health Services, a post he has held since January, 1996.

A resident of San Carlos, California, Bob Merwin is a 1971 graduate of the United States International University, and earned his M.B.A. from UCLA in 1973. He began his career in hospital management in 1973 as Assistant Executive Director of the Long Beach Community Hospital. He progressed up the corporate ladder at Long Beach, joined Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center, then came to Mills-Peninsula in 1987 as Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer.

Bob Merwin has served our community as a member of the San Mateo Rotary Club, the American College of Health Care Executives, as Chair of the West Bay Hospital Conference, and Chair of the Hospital Consortium of San Mateo County.

He is a past director of the American Red Cross Bay Area and a member of the Finance Committee of the Health Plan of San Mateo.

Mills-Peninsula has thrived under Bob Merwin's leadership. He has improved rela-

tions between physicians and management, contained costs while increasing productivity, and helped develop a strategic plan for the combined hospitals. Under his leadership a new 241 bed acute care facility, Mills-Peninsula Medical Center was constructed. It is a state-of-the-art, \$640 million, 450,000 square foot facility that is a source of pride to our entire community.

Bob Merwin is married to Jean Merwin and he is the father of Michael and Megan. He enjoys golf, tennis and photography.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring Bob Merwin for his stellar career in hospital management and for his extraordinary contributions to our community and our country.

MEDICAID AND WOMEN'S HEALTH

HON. DAVID LOEBSACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to act before the end of this year to improve access to care for low-income women in America. The Medicaid primary care bump, which expires on December 31st, should be extended and must be expanded to include women's health.

The current program has improved access to care for low-income Americans by increasing reimbursement for primary care and vaccine administration codes in Medicaid to Medicare levels. However, women's health was left out of the original provision. I think it is critical that we correct this oversight.

Ob-gyns deliver primary and preventative care to women, and an ob-gyn is often the only doctor a woman sees on a regular basis. In Iowa, Ob-gyns are considered primary care under our state Medicaid program. However, the federal law as written says they are not, making it harder for low-income women to get needed care. Extending and expanding the Medicaid primary care access bump would make care available to women in need.

In Iowa, providers receive only 77% in Medicaid reimbursement compared to Medicare for primary services. This affects a physician's willingness to accept new Medicaid patients, and 23% of women Medicaid beneficiaries report problems with finding a new doctor who will accept their insurance due to low Medicaid payment rates, compared to 7% of Medicare beneficiaries and 13% of women with private insurance.

I support extending the Medicaid primary care access bump and expanding it to include women's health so that all Iowa women can access the critical primary and preventative care services they need. I would like to thank colleagues of both parties for introducing legislation to do just this.

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HONORING CHIEF WARRANT
OFFICER 2 WILLIAM C. SMITH

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor retired United States Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 William C. Smith who passed away on Friday, November 28, 2014.

William "Bill" Smith made the decision at a young age to join the military and serve our country. After graduating from high school, he enlisted to serve in the United States Army.

Soon after joining the Army, Bill came back home to marry his 3rd grade sweetheart, Mona Joye Swanson of Mount Jewett, Pennsylvania. He was named Honor Graduate in 1951 at his graduation from the Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) Academy, achieving the highest grades in all phases of the course. He also attended Winona State University in Minnesota. Bill continued to serve in the Army for 22 years at duty stations in New York, Massachusetts, Oklahoma, Colorado, Texas, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Germany, and Korea.

In his later military years, he served in Bravo Battery, 3rd battalion (Hercules), 68th Artillery, Army Air Defense Command, as a Nike missile technician, and retired as a Chief Warrant Officer 2. During his service he was awarded with an Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Forces Reserve Medal, and an Expert Missile Man Badge.

After leaving the military in 1968, Bill accepted a job with Texas Instruments (TI) and the family settled in Plano, Texas. He worked for TI until 1990, when he retired after 22 years, attaining the "Gold Badge" level.

On November 28, 2014, William Carl Smith was laid to rest. His legacy will live on for many generations, as Bill is survived by his and Mona's nine children, 20 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He will forever be remembered as a caring man who cherished family values and who was dedicated to serving our Great Nation.

America thanks Bill and his family for their service and sacrifice on behalf of our country.

As I close, I ask everyone to continue praying for our country during these difficult times. I also ask everyone to pray for our military men and women who protect us from external threats and our first responders who protect us from internal threats right here at home.

God bless our military men and women, and God bless the United States of America.

FUTURE PEARLAND FOOTBALL
HEROES ARE YOUNG BUT MIGHTY

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Pearland Patriots for winning the 2014 Bay Area Football League championship.

Their dominating victory caps off a year of excellent performance against tough oppo-

nents, and is a testament to their hard work and focus throughout the season. The discipline that carried them through the championship game will bring continued success as they advance in their athletic careers and build on the Pearland community's great legacy in football.

On behalf of the residents of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to the Pearland Patriots for winning the Bay Area Football League championship. We look forward to their continued success both on and off the field.

HONORING BARBARA BAYMON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Barbara Baymon who is a remarkable Leader and Public Servant.

Ms. Barbara Baymon holds a B.A. degree in Speech Communication from Mississippi Valley State University and an M.A. degree from Arkansas State University.

Ms. Baymon teaches a variety of speech courses in the department of Communication and is also the Director of Theater. She is the Coordinator for the Speech Communication major.

Each semester, Ms. Baymon directs one or more productions that features MVSU students and is performed on campus and on the road. Her duties also include serving on various departmental and university committees.

Ms. Baymon is also active in her community. She is an Alderwoman for Isola and President of Humphrey County Hospital Board of Directors.

Her memberships include Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Mississippi Theater Association, Mississippi Communication Association, International Communication Association and Southern Conference on Afro-American Studies, Inc.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Barbara Baymon, a leader and public servant, for her dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID E.
GLOWINSKI FOR 37 YEARS OF
FEDERAL SERVICE IN THE DE-
FENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT
AGENCY

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life's work of David E. Glowinski. For the better part of four decades, Mr. Glowinski has served the Defense Contract Management Agency with distinction. On January 2, 2015, Mr. Glowinski will retire from federal service after more than 37 years.

David E. Glowinski was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. A graduate of Wilkes

University, David graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and a Master's in Business Administration. After finishing school, David began working for the Department of Defense in August 1977. He was stationed at General Dynamics in Eynon, where he worked as Quality Assurance Specialist. In 1980, David became an Industrial Specialist and has served in that capacity until the present time.

During his time with the Department of Defense, Mr. Glowinski built up a reputation for being an outstanding worker and vigilant steward of resources. David was well known for his superior technical skills and constantly relied on for his technical expertise at General Dynamics. He was often called upon to complete complex delivery predictions and notices for Top 500 contractors. In addition, Mr. Glowinski managed expedited customer requests which assisted early delivery in support of critical worldwide missions. Because of his dedication, Mr. Glowinski was recognized for outstanding performance in each of his 37 years at General Dynamics.

I take great honor in congratulating Mr. Glowinski on his retirement from federal service. His career with the Defense Contract Management Agency has been exceptional. I offer my thanks for his service to our country, and I wish him the best in retirement.

HONORING THE FRALINGER
STRING BAND'S 100TH ANNIVER-
SARY

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Fralinger String Band as it celebrates its 100th anniversary on December 18, 2014.

The Fralinger String Band was founded on December 18, 1914 by a group of young men playing music on a street corner in South Philadelphia where physician Dr. John Fralinger operated a neighborhood drug store, in the heart of Pennsylvania's 1st Congressional District. The doctor, known for his interest in promoting promising youth, would sponsor the band. The J.J. Fralinger String Band would make its debut in the New Year's Day Mummings Parade, a Philadelphia tradition, on January 1, 1915, just two weeks after its founding.

The band has won an unmatched 16 first-place prizes in the Mummer's Parade in the last 50 years, and was the first string band to use the saxophone and the first to appear in a major motion picture. The band served as a goodwill ambassador for Philadelphia and traveled throughout both the United States and the world, in Miss America Pageant Parades, and the International Chinese New Year Parade in Hong Kong.

Over its 100-year history, the Fralinger String Band has been led by the friends and family members of Dr. Fralinger and operates today as a non-profit corporation run entirely by volunteers. The band's clubhouse is still located in the heart of South Philadelphia, just feet from the original Fralinger Pharmacy.

I invite you and all of my colleagues to join me in commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Fralinger String Band. May its commitment to performing for and entertaining people