

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING REV. ARTHUR EVANS, SR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a hardworking and self motivated man, Rev. Arthur Evans, Sr.

Mr. Arthur Evans, Sr., a lifelong resident of Crystal Springs, MS was born on December 26, 1940. He is the son of the late Mr. "Jim" Evans and the late Mrs. Mattie Pearl Evans.

Mr. Evans originally started in the pulpwood hauling business in 1955 trading in his personal car for a pulpwood truck. By 1966, he moved into the gravel business. The business was a huge success. However, being a successful black business owner in 1966 in Mississippi did not come without the horrible racial obstacles of that time.

Mr. Evans was faced with unjust stipulations in contracts that would have never been included if he were white. His truck drivers were constantly harassed and even told "they would continue to be pulled over unless they quit driving for this black man".

Despite the ridicule and malice aimed toward him and his business, Mr. Evans continued to press on as he would not be bullied by bigotry and racial hatred. During the apex of his successful trucking business, Mr. Evans had a fleet of up twenty trucks hauling each day. Now, 55 years later, since the purchase of that pulpwood truck, Arthur Lee Evans Trucking is still going strong.

The owner, as strong as ever, is now known as Rev. Arthur Evans, Sr., since being called into ministry in December, 2000.

Rev. Evans has been married to Mrs. Johnnie Mae Evans for 54 years and is the proud father of 5 children, 15 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren.

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." by John Wesley, is the sentiments of the heart of Rev. Arthur Evans, Sr.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a dynamic and dedicated businessman, Rev. Arthur Evans, Sr.

HONORING MR. MARIO MURGADO

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Mario Murgado, an outstanding individual and someone who has become one of the most highly regarded business leaders in Southern Florida.

Mr. Murgado currently serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of Brickell Motors

in Miami, FL. He began his career as a sales representative at a different car dealership, but quickly moved up the ranks. Working through sales, management, and finance, he eventually became President and CEO of Braman Imports. Throughout his career Mr. Murgado has been credited with reviving numerous dealerships in and around Miami, and helped transform them into top performers. Additionally, he has served as Chairman of the Florida Automobile Dealers Association and the American Honda National Dealer Advisory Board, and was a member of the General Motors advisory boards for marketing and fixed-operations dealers. Currently, he sits on the board of the South Florida Automobile Dealers Association.

Outside of his business, Mr. Murgado is an active member of numerous civic and community organizations. He served as finance chair for the commissioning of the USS *Gridley*, a guided-missile destroyer in the first naval vessel ever commissioned in Miami. He currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees for St. Thomas University in Miami, dual role at Miami Children's Hospital Board and Foundation and is Vice Chair, and he is also a member of the World President's Organization.

Throughout the years, Mr. Murgado has been consistently recognized for his achievements. He received the TIME Dealer of the Year award, awarded annually to only 60 dealers nationwide. He has also been awarded the American International Automobile Dealers Impact Award, and was an inductee into the Miami-Dade Hall of Fame. Over the years I have also had the privilege of getting to know Mario, and his wife Bibiana, on a personal level and hold them in the highest regard. They are truly one of the most exceptional, loyal, trustworthy, and caring families I know, and I am lucky to call them my friends. I look forward to many more years of friendship and wish nothing but the best for Mario, Bibiana, and the entire Murgado family.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Mario Murgado for his continued service to Southern Florida and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

TRIBUTE TO EMILY HEIN

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Emily Hein of Clive, Iowa for her commitment and enthusiasm as a foreign language student at the University of Rochester.

Emily has been selected for a United States Department of State Critical Language Scholarship to study Advanced Chinese in Qingdao, China. This State Department program is an important component of the federal govern-

ment's coordinated effort to expand the number of Americans learning foreign languages and to increase cultural competency.

Mr. Speaker, I consider it a great honor to represent future leaders from Iowa like Emily Hein in the United States Congress. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating her on earning this special scholarship. I wish Ms. Hein continued success in her studies, her travel and all her future endeavors.

HONORING THE MEMORY AND SERVICE OF CITY ADMINISTRATOR JAMES G. SCHARRET TO THE CITY OF SOUTHFIELD

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and service of James G. Scharret, City Administrator for the City of Southfield, who passed away unexpectedly on January 9, 2014.

Mr. Scharret, or Jim as he was known to friends and colleagues, joined the city nearly forty years ago on December 10, 1974, as a research analyst and steadily moved up in the ranks. He became director of management and budget in 1982, deputy city administrator/fiscal services director in November 2004 and acting city administrator in November 2006. He was officially appointed to the post of city administrator in January 2008.

Jim held a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Wayne State University and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Central Michigan University. He was well-known for his work ethic, which included being a constant presence in city hall.

As the city administrator, Jim approached his responsibilities with both pride and professionalism. He was particularly mindful of the need for sound fiscal stewardship and took the city's fiscal responsibility very seriously. Under his leadership, Southfield was recognized on many occasions for its sound financial outlook. Of his many accomplishments, Jim was especially proud of leading Southfield through a period of economic difficulty; the city saw its tax base decline by 40 percent but services were maintained without any city employee being laid off.

In addition to running the day to day operations of the city, Jim served on the boards of the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and Local Development Finance Authority. In each of these roles, he worked hard to further the city's vision of a vibrant and prosperous Southfield—approaching them with the same dedication that has endeared him to Southfield's residents, business leaders and elected officials.

Mr. Speaker, as a former city councilman, I know first-hand how communities benefit from

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dedicated administrators. Jim's decades of dedicated service to the residents of Southfield is a testament to his character and I know that his leadership will be missed by all who are connected to the Southfield community. I offer my sincere condolences to his wife, Carolyn and their family. They can be proud of the example Jim set for all those who choose to serve their community.

HONORING 1LT(P) KINA TULANE LEWIS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor 1LT(P) Kina Tulane Lewis, who is a remarkable soldier and public servant.

1LT(P) Kina Tulane Lewis is a life time resident of Georgetown, MS. She was born in Copiah County on January 6, 1988 to Joe Donell and Carrie Ann Lewis. Ms. Lewis is the sister of three brothers: Ronald Cleve, Joey and Anthony Lewis.

1LT(P) Lewis attended Crystal Springs High School where she graduated and continued her education at Alcorn State University with a major in Business Administration.

1LT(P) Kina Tulane Lewis joined the United States Army in June 7, 2007 and was commissioned as officer in May 21, 2010.

1LT(P) Lewis is stationed at Fort Riley, KS with 1-7 FA as the Battalion S6. Some of 1LT(P) Lewis' duties are being in charge of communication systems, such as computers, radios, satellite systems and phones.

1LT(P) Lewis is still serving in the United States Army and the awards that she has received so far are: ARCOM and AAM.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a dedicated soldier, 1LT(P) Kina Tulane Lewis, for her dedication to serving others and our country.

CONGRATULATING HONDA OF GREENSBURG

HON. LUKE MESER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mr. MESER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Honda of Greensburg on receiving the EPA's Energy Star Certification for the second year in a row.

This plant, in my home district, has met strict energy efficiency-performance levels set by the EPA and performs in the top 25 percent of similar facilities nationwide for energy efficiency.

The plant provides 2,000 jobs for Hoosiers and has spent more than \$16 billion with suppliers in North America since 2008.

This Japanese company thriving in Indiana is a shining example of what a strong trade relationship with international partners can mean for our local economy.

The Asia-Pacific region is the fastest growing region of the world and a robust relationship with this region promotes economic growth, creates jobs and bolsters the American middle class.

As members of Congress we need to continue to promote policies that provide for a strong trade relationship with our partners in Asia and in turn provide much-needed, good-paying jobs for the American people.

TRIBUTE TO LINDA PEARSON

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community are exceptional. Corona has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Linda Pearson is one of these individuals. On January 16, 2014, Linda will be honored as the 2013 "Citizen of the Year" at the Corona Chamber of Commerce Installation and Awards Gala at the Eagle Glen Golf Club.

For over 34 years, Linda has tirelessly dedicated herself to serving the Corona Regional Medical Center. She is currently the Director of Marketing, Patient Relations, and Volunteers and is known for her creative thinking and quick problem solving.

In addition to working with the Corona Regional Medical Center, Linda is a committed member of many other local organizations and serves on multiple boards whose programs help ensure the betterment of our community. Over the years, she has held board member positions with the Circle City Rotary, Corona Chamber of Commerce, Foundation for Community and Family Health, and Crossroads Christian School. Linda Pearson truly is an example of an individual committed to decades of service and outstanding representation within Corona and Riverside County at large.

Linda is known as an effective leader with a natural ability to organize the efforts and goodwill of others. She is an enthusiastic team builder who enjoys the challenge of researching and analyzing to find viable solutions to improve the lives of all community members. In light of this, Linda was awarded the Corona-Norco YMCA Ira D. "Cal" Calvert Distinguished Service Award in May 2009, which honors exceptional community volunteers. She was also honored with the Distinguished Citizen Award by the Temescal District Boy Scouts of America.

Considering all that Linda has done for Corona, the Corona Chamber of Commerce named Linda their 2013 Citizen of the Year. Linda's tireless passion for service has contributed immensely to the betterment of our community. She has been the heart and soul of many organizations and events and I am proud to call her a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for her service and salute her as she receives this prestigious award.

HONORING COLONEL JOSEPH F. LAMPERT ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a fellow Hoosier, Colonel Joseph F. Lampert, on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Army after 36 years of faithful and dedicated service to his country while also working tirelessly as an educator and leader in his community.

Colonel Lampert, the grandson of hard working immigrant grandparents, was born and raised in Indianapolis and is a graduate of Cardinal Ritter High School. Upon graduation, Colonel Lampert continued his education at Indiana University.

Colonel Lampert put his education on hold to enter military service by enlisting in the United States Army and serving as a Pershing Missile Crewman in Germany. Upon completion of his initial enlistment, Colonel Lampert returned to Indiana University and completed a bachelor's and master's degree in education and began his education career as a teacher and later as an administrator with the Metropolitan School District of Pike Township, in Indianapolis.

In 1984, Colonel Lampert again answered the call of duty for military service by enlisting in the United States Army Reserve. After serving for a year, Colonel Lampert received a direct commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Adjutant General Corps.

During his tenure with the United States Army Reserve, Colonel Lampert served in a number of command, administrative, and operational staff positions with the 123rd Army Reserve Command in Indianapolis; 70th Training Division in Muncie, Indiana; 21st Theater Support Command in Indianapolis and Kaiserslautern, Germany; Eighth United States Army, Indianapolis and Yongsan, South Korea; 377th Theater Support Command, New Orleans; 100th Training Division, Fort Wayne, Indiana and Owensboro, Kentucky; and 78th Training Command, Fort Dix, New Jersey. Colonel Lampert is concluding his exemplarily military career serving as the Deputy Chief of Staff-G1 with the Military Intelligence Readiness Command at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

While serving as an educational administrator, Colonel Lampert was mobilized on three different occasions to Fort Benning in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm, to Germany and the Balkans in support of Operation Joint Endeavor/Forge, and to Germany and Turkey in support of the Global War on Terrorism. In each instance, Colonel Lampert served with distinction.

Colonel Lampert's exemplary military service earned him numerous awards and decorations including the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with silver oak leaf cluster, Army Commendation Medal with silver oak leaf cluster, and the Army Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters. Throughout his illustrious career, Colonel Lampert has worked diligently to implement improved operational training processes and procedures to improve unit readiness and enhance success on the battlefield.