

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL DAY OF REASON

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Thursday, May 1, 2014 as the National Day of Reason.

The National Day of Reason celebrates the application of reason and the positive impact it has had on humanity. It is also an opportunity to reaffirm the Constitutional separation of religion and government.

Each day, scientists and engineers in my Silicon Valley district are developing innovative new technologies through the use of the scientific method and the application of reason. Such advances throughout history have offered hope for human survival on Earth, improved the conditions within which we live, and cultivated intelligent, moral and ethical behaviors and interactions among people.

Our Founding Fathers based the Constitution of the United States upon philosophical principles that have their origins in the historical Age of Reason. On the National Day of Reason, we remember and celebrate this history, including the First Amendment's guarantee of freedom of religion and freedom from the imposition of religion by the state. Our nation's founders knew that the best way to protect religious freedom was to keep the government separate from religion.

The National Day of Reason is also a time to continue the effort our Founding Fathers began to form a more perfect union, something I work toward each day as a Member of Congress. Every year on this day, events such as food drives and blood drives are held in which Americans help their fellow citizens and our nation as a whole. These community service events are just some of the many ways Americans will be working to help those in need on the Day of Reason and throughout the year.

I encourage all citizens, residents and visitors to join in observing this day and focusing upon the employment of reason, critical thought, the scientific method, and free inquiry to the resolution of human problems and for the welfare of human kind.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL ANIMAL ADVOCACY DAY

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of National Animal Advocacy Day. National Animal Advocacy Day encourages citizens to speak up to help secure meaningful protections for animals at the federal, state, and local levels.

On this National Animal Advocacy Day, I want to speak up for the humane treatment of our nation's horses. I ask the House of Representatives to pass H.R. 1094, the Safeguard American Food Exports Act, or SAFE Act. This bipartisan legislation, which I introduced with my colleague from Illinois, Rep. JAN SCHAKOWSKY, bans horse slaughter for human consumption and the export of horses for the same. Until a ban is in place, every horse is just one bad sale away from being sent to slaughter. I've seen this happen in my own district, and it must be stopped.

Horses are not bred for human consumption. Unlike dogs or cats, horses are routinely treated with drugs that can be toxic to humans. Horses are often transported without food, water, or rest in dangerously overcrowded trailers to endure an inhumane slaughter process.

Passage of the SAFE Act will not only protect our nation's horses. It will also protect consumers from exposure to the toxic chemicals found in horsemeat. Horses have a special place in our nation's history. Surveys show that 80 percent of American voters oppose the slaughter of horses for human consumption. It's a bill whose time has come. The SAFE Act will help to ensure that our horses get the protection they deserve.

Mr. Speaker, on National Animal Advocacy Day I applaud 170 of my colleagues in the House who are cosponsors of the SAFE Act, and encourage the rest of my colleagues to support it as well.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF OLIVIA BAIR ON HER OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Olivia Bair of Findlay, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Olivia's offer of appointment poises her to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2018. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Olivia brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2018. While attending Findlay High School in Findlay, Ohio, Olivia served as secretary for both the Red Cross Youth Council and Findlay's chapter of the National Honor Society.

Throughout high school, Olivia was a member of her school's soccer and golf teams. Olivia also participated in the Latin Club as well as played club soccer. In addition, Olivia volunteered her time to her community at City Mission of Findlay. I am confident that Olivia will carry the lessons of her student and athletic leadership to the Naval Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Olivia Bair on the offer of her appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Olivia will excel during her career at the Naval Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to her as she begins her service to the Nation.

HONORING THE 129TH RESCUE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON VICE SQUADRON COMMANDER ROGER DALE HIGBY

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor 129th Rescue Wing Support Squadron Vice Squadron Commander Roger Dale Higby, who is retiring after 52 years in law enforcement.

Mr. Higby moved to California at the age of five. He attended Los Gatos High School and graduated with an Associate of Arts Degree in Law Enforcement from West Valley College. Roger continued his education at San Jose State University where he acquired a Bachelor of Science in Administration of Justice.

Roger began his lengthy law enforcement career in 1961 as a campus police officer at San Jose City College. From 1963 to 1966, Roger served in the United States Army attaining the rank of Sergeant in the Military Police and as a traffic investigator. Afterwards, Mr. Higby served as a weapons specialist in the California Air National Guard. In 1966, he joined the Campbell Police Department and quickly moved up the ranks.

The County of Stanislaus was lucky to acquire him in 1976, when Roger became the Chief of Police of Riverbank. At that time, the department had lost its POST certification and was under the supervision of the Attorney General. In two years, Roger was able to regain that certification and get the department back on track. During this time, he also served in the City of Waterford and taught at Ceres High School.

Mr. Higby spent 20 years with the Modesto Police Department in a variety of departments. He was a Traffic Sergeant, a member of the SWAT team, and Watch Commander. Roger had a 90 percent homicide clearance record when he was a Detective Sergeant.

Since January 2013, he has served as the Vice Squadron Commander at the 129th Rescue Wing Support Squadron at Moffett Airfield.

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Prior to joining the Squadron, Roger enjoyed many years at the State Guard Association of the United States as a MEMS Commandant Emeritus/MEMS International Coordinator.

Roger is married to Domenica Cindy and has a daughter, Danielle. In addition to his wife & child, his family includes his parents, Alfred & Mary Higby; siblings Richard and Joann Higby; biological parents Ruth Larsen and Ray Swift; and his biological siblings, Verna “Sue” Wertz, Thomas Bisbee, Dennis, Danny, Robert, and Debbie Swift. He enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, gardening, and farming almonds. Roger plans to continue consulting, training, mentoring, and writing after his retirement.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending the outstanding contributions made to law enforcement by Vice Squadron Commander Roger Dale Higby and hereby wish him continued success in his retirement.

35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, the Taiwan Relations Act, signed into law 35 years ago on April 10, 1979 by President Jimmy Carter, officially recognizes the unique relationship between Taiwan and the United States.

Taiwan is one of our closest allies and best friends in the world.

The University of Tennessee started having a large number of students coming from Taiwan in the early 1960s because a man from that nation, Nelson Nee, was head of the U.T. International Students Program. Many of these students became, and many still are, leaders in the Republic of China.

I had the privilege of spending a week in Taiwan along with Congressman PETE SESSIONS and former Congressman Sonny Calahan around 10 years ago. The Taiwanese people could not have been kinder or more impressive to us than during that visit.

I am thankful for the friendship of the people from Taiwan and honored to mark the 35th Anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF TO
HARLEM'S OLDEST ROMEO,
CLYDE E. COOK

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, April 26, 2014, the Village of Harlem and the residents of the HDFC Houses at 206 West 121st Street came together to celebrate the life of Clyde E. Cook who passed away peacefully on April 15, 2014. It was a fitting tribute to a man who helped organize and re-developed 206 West 121st Street Apartment Building into New York City's Housing Development Fund Corporation (HDFC) program, giving individual tenants ownership shares of their apartments, where Clyde served as

president and building manager. Clyde and his beloved wife Clarissa were dear friends, allies and active members of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Democratic Club, the home club of my political family.

Clyde Cook's obituary in the New York Amsterdam News reads as follows:

“Harlem’s oldest Romeo” Clyde E. Cook was a proud member of the Harlem Village, and because of his inspiration and positive outlook, he was an optimistic figure in the community. His smile and kindness moved everyone that knew him; he was a strong pillar and role model.

Cook took great pride and pleasure in helping others. He loved writing poetry and going to the movies. His 6-foot-2-inch slender frame, rich baritone voice and cool demeanor led to his being called “Harlem’s oldest Romeo.” He was a father figure and dear friend to many. His direct involvement as a Harlem community advocate enhanced and enriched the neighborhood.

He was born in Selma, Ala., on Aug. 2, 1936, to the late Ira and Lottie Cook. Clyde was the youngest of four children. At an early age, his family relocated to Harlem and Clyde received his education in the New York City public school system, graduating from Clinton High School in the Bronx. During his adult years, Clyde fell in love and married Clarissa Harrison and resided in Harlem until she preceded him in death in 2006.

Clyde joined the auxiliary police during the nineteen seventies and graduated with honors. He held many managerial positions during his professional career starting at Harlem Hospital, the City Municipal Building at 1 Centre Street, the Board of Elections and ending as president and building manager of his HDFC building, located at 206 West 121st Street, around the corner from Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Boulevard and a short distance from the Mecca of Harlem's African Square on 125th Street that he loved so dearly. Clyde performed outstanding and exemplary service, helping others attain affordable housing.

Clyde Cook's leadership abilities led him to become an active community advocate. He joined the 28th Precinct Auxiliary Police in an effort to bring crime down and clean up the neighborhood during Harlem's darkest drug infested days. Being such a lover of community, Clyde became the president of the Golden Awards Committee, where under his leadership he honored many of Harlem's elite professionals for exceptional and devoted acts of service within the community. Our beloved Clyde passed away quietly with dignity and grace after a brief on April 15.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my esteem colleagues to join me in honoring Harlem's oldest Romeo and community advocate, Mr. Clyde E. Cook.

HONORING 11 RESIDENTS OF
BROWARD COUNTY SELECTED
FOR THE BROWARD SENIOR
HALL OF FAME

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of 11 outstanding seniors from my district that have been selected to be part of the Broward Senior Hall of Fame. Through the generous donation of their time and resources, these exemplary seniors have displayed a

level of commitment to public service that can be admired by all.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Broward County offers this annual distinction to seniors who have dedicated themselves to improving their community in South Florida. From ordinary citizens and businesspeople to public servants and advocates, they have gone above and beyond to serve both the elderly and those in need. The amount of time, money, and effort these individuals have expended for the betterment of their community is truly admirable and exhibits a level of passion worthy of recognition.

Congratulations to Margaret “Marnie” Allen, William Edelstein, Rose Manni, Rita Martin, Carmen Morales, Anthony C. Musto, Soutien Peng, Jackie Rosen, Joseph “Joe” Schwartz, Lucy Stevens, and Ilene Weisberg on their election to the 2014 Senior Hall of Fame. I hope that by honoring them in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that they can continue to inspire South Floridians to live by their example.

42ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE GAY
AND LESBIAN ACTIVISTS ALLIANCE
OF WASHINGTON, D.C.
(GLAA)

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the 43rd anniversary of the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance of Washington, DC (GLAA). GLAA is a valued organization that has become a local leader in the struggle for equal rights for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community.

Since its formation in April 1971, GLAA has been a respected and tireless advocate for full and equal rights for the residents of the District of Columbia, and has been at the forefront of efforts to strengthen enforcement of the landmark D.C. Human Rights Act of 1977. One of GLAA's most significant achievements, on which it worked with coalition partners, D.C. elected officials, and District residents, was the enactment of the District of Columbia Religious Freedom and Civil Rights Equality Amendment, which permits same-sex couples to marry in the District.

In addition to its leadership on LGBT rights in the District, GLAA has always provided leadership on a wide range of civil rights issues, such as family rights, police accountability, and access to condoms in prisons and D.C. public schools. GLAA also emphasizes effective public health strategies and accountability in the fight against HIV/AIDS in the District.

At GLAA's 34rd anniversary reception on April 30, 2014, the recipients of its 2014 Distinguished Service Awards will be recognized, including:

Jerry Clark, Chair of the D.C. Statehood Coalition, political director of D.C. for Democracy, and a board member of the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence. He has served as a trustee for the Law and Society Association, a co-chair of the Whitman-Walker spring gala, and as a member of the Democratic National Committee's Gay and Lesbian Leadership Council. He has served on the board of directors of the