

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RETIREMENT OF MS. LINDA MOODY AFTER NEARLY 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 21, 2011*

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Ms. Linda Moody for her lifetime commitment to public service. For the past 47 years, Ms. Moody has worked tirelessly with the Northampton County Department of Social Services, most recently as an Administrative Officer. In her role, she facilitated in helping those in need and advocated for the proper care of children and citizens who are blind and visually impaired.

Linda Moody helped grow the organization during its infant stages by providing counseling and instruction to hundreds of employees. She successfully trained and mentored an army of social workers, who now follow in her footsteps. Ms. Moody has been recognized by her peers on several occasions for her outstanding contribution to the social services unit of Northampton County. And, Ms. Moody is even a charter member of the North Carolina Social Services Association, an outlet that allows her to continue advocacy on behalf of disadvantaged families and raise funds for their well-being.

However, in her nearly five decades-long career, Ms. Moody credits her primary achievement as helping to ensure the welfare of children and parents.

In addition to her outstanding professional achievements, Ms. Moody is an active member of many civic organizations including her church, Seaboard United Methodist Church, where she is the Music Director and Sunday School Superintendent.

Mr. Speaker, Linda Moody is a living illustration of the kindheartedness and selfless spirit that makes North Carolinians great. On behalf of the people of the First Congressional District of North Carolina, I thank Ms. Linda Moody for her invaluable contribution to her community and state.

MOTION TO GO TO CONFERENCE ON H.R. 3630, MIDDLE CLASS TAX RELIEF AND JOB CREATION ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

**HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ**

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2011*

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, in less than two weeks, taxes are set to rise, cuts to Medicare payments will occur, and emergency unemployment will lapse. With the economic security of so many Americans at stake, we cannot allow this to happen. Until an acceptable long-term solution is offered, it would be irresponsible to forego a short-term extension that enables small firms and the American people to move forward with our economic recovery.

Almost 12 million Americans currently rely on unemployment. Without action, nearly 2.5 million of them will lose their benefits in just two months. At a time when we should be providing them a leg-up, this Republican Congress has continually failed to provide middle-class Americans the assistance they require.

And, now, due to the Republican leadership blocking a two month extension, 160 million hardworking taxpayers are faced with a tax increase.

We have a modest, bipartisan solution before us. While it certainly does not address all these problems, it can provide some help at a time when it is desperately needed. The House should consider and pass this extension, immediately.

RETIREMENT OF DR. DAVID WENTZY AFTER MORE THAN 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 21, 2011*

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, the book of Matthew describes a well-known scene

where the highest deity separates men based on their capacity to sympathize with those who are most in need in their community. In the Bible verse, Jesus admonished a group of men who refused to help him when he was hungry, poor, and sick. These same men asked in response, Jesus when were you hungry, poor, and sick for we would have helped in your time of need.

Jesus response, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize the unyielding service of Dr. David Wentzy, a man who has spent his entire life working for the least of those in our beloved community. Dr. Wentzy has amassed 42 years of service as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces and as the Director of Northampton County Department of Social Services, where he helped to care for the county's disadvantaged citizens.

Throughout his professional career, Dr. Wentzy has served on three North Carolina General Assembly Study Commissions and Councils, was active in the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, and represented the state through the National Association of Counties, just to name a few. In addition, Dr. Wentzy was an active member of many fraternal, professional, military, and civic organizations. All of these demonstrate his exemplary leadership and commitment to the interests of Northampton County citizens.

Mr. Speaker, On December 31, 2011, Dr. Wentzy will retire as Director of the Northampton County Department of Social Services, opening the door for someone else to aspire to his impressive track record. But, although Dr. Wentzy is retiring from Social Services, I am certain he will continue to be a blessing to his community in an equally rewarding and selfless endeavor.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of the First Congressional District of North Carolina, I thank Dr. David Wentzy for 42 years of public service to our state and country. It is greatly appreciated.

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