

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING GEORGIAN VETERAN
EUGENE ABT

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of fellow Georgian, Eugene Abt. A veteran of World War II, Eugene served in the infantry under General George Patton's 3rd Army. Originally from Pennsylvania, Eugene was born on June 24, 1926. After leaving the military, Eugene began a career at Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation. He worked his way up the ladder to become a department head, after starting out as a ditch digger.

Eugene currently resides in Sugar Hill, Georgia with his daughter, Deborah, who is his caregiver. Through the years, Eugene has been highly active in the community. He was a squire in the Elks and a Eucharistic minister in the local Catholic Church. A few years ago, Mae Louise, his beloved wife, passed away. One of his grandchildren, Sgt. Nicholas A. Collins, has followed the tradition started by Eugene when he also decided to join the military. He is currently in the 2nd Marine Division based out of Camp Lejeune and may consider being stationed at an American embassy after his current deployment.

Eugene is currently undergoing serious health challenges. At present, he is undertaking numerous tests to determine treatment plans and has remained in good spirits. Mr. Speaker, considering all he has done for his community and his nation, let's keep Eugene and his family in our thoughts and prayers as he battles this terrible disease.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. ANN
STUART

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an acclaimed educator, Texas Woman's University's chancellor and president, Dr. Ann Stuart. Dr. Stuart has many years experience in education and has served as the first chancellor and tenth president of the university for more than 12 years. Under her supervision, Texas Woman's University has transformed into an outstanding university that promotes exceptional higher education for all students.

Dr. Stuart has not only devoted her life to the teaching of others but was equally as zealous about learning herself. Dr. Stuart earned her undergraduate degree in education from the University of Florida. She also received a master's degree in English from the University of Kentucky, and her doctorate in English from Southern Illinois University. As a first-generation graduate of higher education, Dr. Stuart's

educational pursuits have enabled her to promote the same opportunities for students of Texas Woman's University.

Before joining Texas Woman's University, Dr. Stuart held numerous positions at several different institutions. She previously served as president of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Graduate School in Hartford, Connecticut. In addition, she served as provost and vice president for academic affairs at Alma College in Michigan, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania, and in several facilities at the University of Evansville in Indiana.

Under Dr. Stuart's leadership, Texas Woman's University's enrollment has grown 85%. The university has received national recognition for its significance and diversity in student class from national publications such as U.S. News and World Report. The university has also experienced advancements in technology and teaching tools that have greatly advanced students' academic experience. Texas Woman's University has also been a leader in the advancement of a greener campus and region via its Redbud tree campaign, which has implemented a continuing reforestation plan in Denton, Texas.

Dr. Stuart has also influenced other areas beyond the campus itself. Her impact on the university can be distinguished through new amenities in Denton, Dallas, and Houston, such as the TWU Institute of Health Sciences—Houston Center, the TWU T. Boone Pickens Institute of Health Sciences—Dallas Center, the Ann Stuart Science Complex in Denton, and the Fitness and Recreation Center in Denton. All of these contributions have positioned Texas Woman's University at the head of workforce expansion.

Among Dr. Stuart's lasting impressions are the financial contributions she made to the university. She established the annual Ann Stuart and Ray R. Poliakoff Celebration of Science event to promote women in science. Also, she created the Chancellor's Alumni Excellence Award, which allows outstanding alumni to visit the university to speak about their experiences. Lastly, she implemented the Ann Stuart and Ray R. Poliakoff Endowed Scholarships for Texas Woman's University's undergraduate students. Due to Dr. Stuart's dedication and public service, students at the university have the opportunity to prosper in an exceptional environment.

Last month, Dr. Stuart announced that she will be retiring from Texas Woman's University in 2014. Her departure will leave a legacy of excellence at Texas Woman's University and the Denton community at large. Her valuable contributions to the pursuit of higher education will not soon be forgotten. I am pleased to recognize Dr. Ann Stuart and am privileged to represent Texas Woman's University in the U.S. House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING CAPT. CRAIG DOYLE
ON HIS PROMOTION IN THE
NAVY RESERVE TO THE LEAD
POSITION IN THE GLOBAL
LOGISTICAL SUPPORT CENTER

HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and esteem that I congratulate Captain Craig Doyle on his promotion in the Navy Reserve to the lead position in the Global Logistical Support Center. As noted in recent congratulations, this movement in position is a highly contested declaration of the Navy's 'Total Force' concept. This testament to Capt. Doyle's ability is only the most recent recognition.

Capt. Doyle is no stranger to valor and success, having notably served in the U.S. Navy, including a deployment to Iraq, and Yokosuka, Japan, along with a special assignment to Macdill Air Force Base, Special Operations Command.

Capt. Doyle is a long time resident of Arizona with a family as dedicated to the United States as he is, graciously supporting his service in the Navy. It is with much enthusiasm that I congratulate Captain Craig Doyle on this great achievement, and Captain Weidner from the Navy Cargo Handling Battalion 14 on his incoming role.

COMMEMORATING THE LEMON
STREET HERITAGE GROUP AND
THE LEMON STREET SCHOOL

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding efforts of the Lemon Street Heritage Group—and to reflect on just how far we have come since those dark days of segregation. The Lemon Street Heritage Group has been working tirelessly to increase awareness of the Lemon Street School, which was built as the school for black children in Marietta, GA. When the City of Marietta established an independent school district in 1892, the idea that white children and black children could have equal access to education in separate schools was widely prevalent, as it was in many places throughout the country.

While the city built a brick school house for the white students, the Lemon Street School was a wooden structure, and offered only seven years of education until the 1920s. Eventually, a distinct Lemon Street High School was built, but the original school continued to be utilized as an Elementary School. By the time the Marietta City Council toured the facility in 1947, they discovered how dangerous it had become. The building lacked indoor plumbing, was poorly lit and depended

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on a single coal stove for heating. The old wooden structure was condemned as a fire trap and demolished, with plans for a new structure in place.

Everyone knew "separate but equal" was a failure. Not just a failure, but a fundamentally dishonest proposition—a dereliction of the duty we have towards our children to provide them with a brighter future than our own. But for sixty years this was the reality of *Plessy v. Ferguson* that educators all over the country had to face. Despite these struggles, principals and teachers like A. Tolliver, Luke B. Norris, Mrs. Louella Patterson and Professor M. J. Woods worked hard to make the Lemon Street school a success. Professor Woods was also the principal of the neighboring Lemon Street High School, which went on to gain accreditation and distinction for its academics, its athletic program and its marching band.

I commend the Lemon Street Heritage Group for their efforts to acknowledge and celebrate this history, and I am extremely proud of the principals and teachers of the Lemon Street School who devoted their lives to furthering the education of African Americans. I hope this school will serve as both an inspiration and a reminder to all of us—of the battles we have won and those still to come.

ISAAC GARB

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Judge Isaac Garb who passed away late yesterday at the age of 83.

As Bucks County, Pennsylvania's longest-serving judge, he remained a dedicated public servant throughout his career, still hearing cases until the week before Thanksgiving.

Judge Garb was a true advocate for juvenile justice, recognizing the importance of the protection the court system could afford to young offenders.

He always believed that most children who appeared before him in court had simply made a mistake and still had a life full of true potential in front of them.

A truly brilliant legal mind, Judge Garb presided over more than five decades of cases in my home of Bucks County, completely re-vamping the criminal court division. Judge Garb served several terms as President Judge of our esteemed Court.

In a ritual still practiced to this day, each morning the criminal court is in session in the County Seat of Doylestown, Judge Garb took it upon himself one day to call out defendant's names and assign them to their courtroom, tired of waiting for assignments by the District Attorney's office.

Judge Garb's reforms transformed Bucks County criminal court into the most efficiently run system in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Judge Garb has left a lasting impression on the careers of so many in Bucks County, and he has earned the respect and admiration of those around him. His reputation as Bucks County's most admired jurist is well-deserved and his passing represents a true loss to our community.

I am honored to have called Judge Garb a friend, as we discussed and negotiated many issues of mutual concern between the Office of Commissioners and the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas, and my thoughts and prayers are with his family in these difficult times.

A TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE
OF EDWARD PATRICK MCGOVERN

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary man, Edward Patrick McGovern, who was born in San Francisco on December 26, 1927, and died on November 6, 2012.

A proud American who was also proud of his Irish heritage, Ed served his country during World War II. He and his beloved wife of 56 years, Maggie, founded Knight's Restaurant and Catering, a business which they loved and fostered for more than forty years. Ed was a devoted member of many organizations to which he gave generously of his time and resources, including San Francisco's Irish Cultural Center, the Pearse and Connelly Fife and Drum Band, the St. Vincent De Paul Society, Catholic Charities, and the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher.

Ed and Maggie loved to travel, and visited six continents, but their favorite trips were "home" to Ireland. In 2005 they moved from San Francisco to Sonoma, and became active members of their new community.

Ed and his beloved wife Maggie, who survives him, raised a large and loving family. He leaves eight children: Moira McGovern; Deirdre and Doug Muller; Eileen and Andrew Patania; Kevin and Lori McGovern; Brian and Theresa McGovern; Maureen Kelly; Margaret and Frank van Beuningen; and Ed and Tina McGovern. He was beloved Poppi to Katie, Claire, Meagan and Jack; Molly, Danny, and Grace; Brian, Christopher, Thomas, Stephen and Elizabeth; Rosie; and Devin and Ryan.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest condolences to the immediate and extended family and many friends of Edward Patrick McGovern. He will be remembered and missed by all who had the honor and privilege to know him. I feel blessed to have had the honor to know him and call him my friend.

CONGRATULATING MARTIN AND
RHODA ELLNER ON THEIR 60TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and congratulate Martin and Rhoda Ellner, the parents of one of my constituents, on reaching a true marital milestone today: their 60th wedding anniversary.

An anniversary such as this shows us all the power of love, but also serves as a reminder that a marriage takes patience, re-

spect, and understanding. Each day that Martin and Rhoda go forward they remind us of the commitment they have made to one another, and also serve as an inspiration to those who know them with their remarkable dedication to each other.

According to their son, Andrew, Martin is a "concentration camp survivor who's proud to be an American" and Rhoda is a "Brooklyn born superhero who's proud to have survived raising Martin and her 4 sons." These are two truly remarkable people who have demonstrated to the world what a loving partnership looks like.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Martin and Rhoda Ellner on 60 years of wedded bliss, and wish them many more happy years together.

CONGRESS SALUTES CHARLES
GREENE, A TRUE PUBLIC SERV-
ANT

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life and service of Colonel Charles H. Greene, U.S. Army (Ret) for his distinguished service to the United States Army and his nation. Colonel Greene honorably served his country in Korea and Vietnam.

Colonel Greene served as the Unit Commander with the 467th Military Intelligence Detachment from October 1982 through April 1985 and retired from the United States Army on September 23, 1990.

After retiring from the Army, Charles held the position of Engineer for Lockheed Martin and was co-owner of a lapidary shop in Melbourne, Florida. He was an active member of the Crossroads Community Church UCC and the Melbourne Elks Lodge #1744.

Beginning in 1975, Charles served as the 15th District of Florida General Chairman for nominations to our nation's military service academies until his death on November 30, 2012. I applaud his commitment to our community, military and the future of our Armed Services. Charles embodied the true meaning of public service.

"Charlie loved his job as Chairman of the nominating committees. He enjoyed talking with prospective candidates and he had a gift for making them feel comfortable before their interviews. Although he was from a different generation, he understood today's teens and the changing Academy and military environment. His goal was always to select the most qualified individuals and to encourage students who were interested in attending our nation's service academies and serving in the military. I will have big shoes to fill as I assume the position of Chair, District 15 Academy Nominating Committee," said Angelika Evangelist, Captain, United States Navy Reserve (Ret).

Charles is survived by his wife Jackie; son Stephen (Pat); daughters Diane (Tim) Benson; Karen (Craig) Schenck; Leslie Hodgkins; Susan (Greg) Reeves; 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Charles took up the flag and served this great nation selflessly. He is a great credit to our community, the United States Army and

our nation. He will be deeply missed by his family, his community and his nation.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends that knew and loved him.

I am honored to rise today to draw the attention of the U.S. House of Representatives upon Colonel Charles Greene so that a grateful nation can honor him for his service to our nation. We are proud of his commitment to the cause of liberty, freedom and public service.

HONORING JUDGES THOMAS AND LINDA TEODOSIO FOR RECEIVING THE 2012 BISHOP COSGROVE JUSTICE AWARD

HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate two outstanding public servants who have dedicated their lives to serving others and working for social justice in our community. Judges Thomas and Linda Teodosio will receive the 2012 Bishop Cosgrove Justice Award, which will be presented by the Catholic Commission of Summit County. This award is bestowed upon exemplary individuals and organizations that demonstrate a strong commitment to social justice in accordance with biblical values.

I have known the Teodosio family for many years and I am honored to call them my friends. Over the years, they have so generously given of their time, talent, and resources to numerous organizations in our community. What strikes me the most in this moment is how the Teodosios have chosen to use tragedy to make a positive impact. I will never forget where I was the day I learned of that terrible accident that took Andrea's life back in February 2011. Andrea Rose Teodosio was a beautiful woman whose kindness enveloped you like a warm ray of light. Her smile always beamed brightly.

Andrea lived her life with compassion and selflessness. She always looked for opportunities to help others, and would do so in a manner that preserved their dignity. Her mother, Linda, recounted a story of how Andrea at age 16 asked if she could give their pizza to a homeless man. Andrea tapped the man on the shoulder and said, "My mom and I have all these packages and can't carry this pizza. Do you mind taking it?"

Andrea helped others, but never elevated herself in the process. She treated people with dignity.

Today, Andrea's memory and legacy lives on through the Andrea Rose Teodosio Foundation, which was established by Judges Thomas and Linda Teodosio and is administered by their son Christopher. Now, the Andrea Rose Foundation has already made a significant impact on the lives of so many. This organization works to demonstrate the values that Andrea held so dear—assisting the underprivileged and the elderly, actively addressing environmental issues, and promoting community service and education.

The Teodosio Family's service to our community is truly commendable and their exam-

ple will continue to inspire others to give of their time, talent, and resources to those who are in need. Judges Tom and Linda Teodosio deserve our recognition and appreciation for their diligent work to bring the Andrea Rose Teodosio Foundation to fruition. I congratulate them both for receiving the 2012 Bishop Cosgrove Justice Award and thank them for all that they do to make our community stronger.

HONORING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAINT PAUL PORT AUTHORITY

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 80th anniversary of the Saint Paul Port Authority. For decades, the Port Authority has successfully managed the Port of Saint Paul, Minnesota, at the head of navigation on America's greatest river. Additionally, this regional industrial redevelopment organization has redeveloped major tracts of polluted industrial land in Saint Paul, Minnesota, resulting in more than \$150 million of private investment, new job creation and tax revenue for the metropolitan area.

The Saint Paul Port Authority was created by the Minnesota Legislature in the early 1930s as a direct result of Congress' decision to dredge a nine-foot channel in the Mississippi River from Saint Paul to New Orleans. As the manager of the Saint Paul Harbor, the Port Authority continues to foster a thriving commodities transportation network that has created thousands of jobs, increased the city's population, and has made St. Paul a major hub for agricultural and commodity shipping.

Over time, the Saint Paul Port Authority's role was expanded to include revitalization. Today, the Saint Paul Port Authority specializes in restoring polluted and vacant properties, remediating Brownfields, and financing small and large business ventures. Through their knowledge, expertise, and ability to partner with key players, the Port Authority has become a major economic development force in our city, creating 22 business centers, and generating more than \$33 million a year in real estate and property tax revenue.

As noted in the June 26, 2012, New York Times article titled, "Reconciling History and Hope at 3M's Old Home," the Saint Paul Port Authority's most recent development of the 61-acre abandoned 3M manufacturing site is a redevelopment success story and a testimony to their expertise. Because of the Port Authority's work, the old 3M home has been reborn into a private commercial development, committed to employing local residents with good-paying jobs and an eye towards preserving the local history that complements the city's unique and diverse East side neighborhoods.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to submit this statement for the RECORD commemorating the Saint Paul Port Authority's 80th anniversary, and commending its vital role in promoting economic development and fostering growth in

the Saint Paul areas for the past eight decades.

CONGRATULATING THE KING OF THAILAND ON HIS 85TH BIRTHDAY

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, on December 5, 2012, His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand celebrated his 85th birthday. I would like to take this opportunity to express my well wishes to him and join the people of Thailand in commemorating this important occasion.

King Bhumibol acceded to the throne in Thailand on June 9, 1946. During his reign, Thailand has transformed into a prosperous, modern state, with a strong and growing economy. Thailand today boasts a robust agricultural sector, modernized manufacturing and services industries, and is increasingly becoming an influential participant in the global marketplace. King Bhumibol has played an instrumental leadership role in moving Thailand in this modernizing direction.

King Bhumibol has used his position to advocate for causes such as sustainable, human-centered development. Since the early 1950s, he has helped Thailand modernize by working hard to address critical development issues facing people, particularly those living in remote, rural areas. He travelled to virtually all corners of the country to meet and learn about people's problems and work with them on solutions. In addition to key projects in areas, such as public health, education, environmental preservation, and reforestation, King Bhumibol has specifically been focused on improving agricultural development, applying scientific knowledge to initiate development projects that have helped improve Thailand's agricultural output, and increase the food security and welfare of the Thai people, thereby contributing to the strength of the country's agricultural exports.

His hard work on behalf of the Thai people has not only earned him their love and respect, but the respect of leaders throughout the region and the world.

The end of this year brings much to celebrate. As we celebrate the King's birthday, we look forward to next year's marking the 180th anniversary of the U.S.-Thailand Treaty Alliance. Thailand was the United States first friend in the region and has remained a loyal ally for almost 200 years. President Obama recognized the importance of this partnership in his visit to Thailand in November. After his audience with King Bhumibol, he stated that the King is "a leader of wisdom and dignity who embodies the identity and unity of this nation."

On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we are pleased to congratulate our great friend His Majesty King Bhumibol of Thailand, and on behalf of the people of the United States of America wish him the happiest of 85th birthdays.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, December 5, 2012 I had a previous engagement that necessitated my involvement. I was speaking to students from Lakeland College during one of their American Government Classes. The Professor's name is Shane Roger and his class was American National Government. I missed procedural votes on the following votes—S. Con. Res. 50, which is a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding actions to preserve and advance the multi-stakeholder governance model under which the Internet has thrived; H.R. 6602, which would make revisions in title 36, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current and make technical corrections and improvements; and finally on S. 2367 the 21st Century Language Act of 2012, which removes references to the word “lunatic” from rules of construction of the U.S. Code and banking law provisions concerning: (1) trust powers of banks, and (2) bank consolidations and mergers.

Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on the above stated bills.

A WORK OF ART IN MEMORY OF
ART MODELL AND HIS GIFTS TO
OUR WORLD

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following.

A WORK OF ART
(By Albert Carey Caswell)

A . . .
A Work of Art this day . . .
A man of faith,
whose fine heart portrayed . . .
Who on this day,
up in Heaven has so found his place . . .
Who in those early days . . .
So helped to set the stage!
For a new league to become all of the
rage . . .
The NFL, as history now so tells!
What so in this man's heart so dwelled . . .
A pioneer so very clear
who a league held up so very dear!
As an innovator,
such a creator who'd so cast his spell . . .
But, In The Game of Life his greatest touch.
Was that he was a man who gave so much!
For Thou Art was of such!
And though most of his life's work . . .
Was so given to and in Ohio first!
To Cleveland and The Cleveland Browns,
as he so gave so many gifts to this blue col-
lar town . . .
Until his heart would burst!
But the hardest break up's of all,
are first love's as we saw!
As there was another blue collar town!
Who so needed Art, so now!
As it was one of those other teams,
that which so made all of The NFL's dreams!
Where Johnny It's U,
brought the NFL into the modern age!
For there has never been any greater NFL
fan's,

than Baltimore's on any given Sunday who
would rock those stands!
As they so invented the word SELL
OUT! . . . understand!
And the way they were cheated was a shame!
When, in came riding on a white horse to
stake his claim . . .
Was a man of such a great heart . . . as
Modell was his name!
And Baltimore may have lost their name,
but in the end regained a team . . .
As Art said, quote The Raven . . .
about losing your team . . . it won't happen
“Never More!”
As a city which once “pondered so weak and
wearily”,
“once upon a midnight of Sundays dreary”
over their lost loves for sure!
As all around this State,
suddenly upon each face a smile appeared!
And you know that in the end,
I'm sure for Cleveland he shed a tear!
But, if you really wished to see all in what
Art so believed!
Look to his charities!
For his greatest of all life's work,
was that one that which he would not so
shirk!
Was to give to you and me!
For this man's heart,
In God and Country Tis of Thee so believed!
Living by,
Making The World a better place when you
leave!
As was his selfless motto for all to see!
Now, up in Heaven Art and Vince on angels
wings are watching the games on flat
screen!
So as we now so look back at all of the
facts . . .
Yes Art,
a better world you so left indeed!
As Art,
your life was but a Work of Art for all to see!

EXPRESSION OF CONDOLENCES TO
THE FILIPINO PEOPLE

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, on December 5, 2012, Typhoon Pablo (international name Bopha) swept across the southern Philippines, devastating Mindanao and parts of the Visayas. 450 Filipinos are dead and more than 750 injured or missing. Over 10,000 homes were destroyed and over 300,000 people have been displaced and are seeking shelter at evacuation centers.

I would like to express my deepest condolences to the harmed individuals and families in the Philippines. Given the close relationship the United States has with the Philippines, it is essential that we assist the Filipino people as best as we can in their time of desperate need.

I commend the ongoing rescue and relief efforts. The search for the missing becomes more critical as time progresses and focusing on rebuilding will be the next vital step in helping the Filipino people restore their communities.

Again, I express my sincerest condolences to the Filipino people. As the holiday season approaches, we extend our support as the nation heals from this devastation.

PALM BAY CHRISTMAS
EXTRAVAGANZA

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, on December 15, 2012, Palm Bay families, businesses and local community organizations will gather together to celebrate the Fourth Annual Christmas Extravaganza. This wonderful event, which will take place at the Max K. Rodes Park in West Melbourne, will provide an uplifting message of hope during this Christmas season as so many families are still facing difficult challenges.

“The House” of Palm Bay (House of Prayer International), Brevard County Parks & Recreation and their partners have recognized the importance of providing a positive venue for residents and children to celebrate Christmas.

What makes the Christmas Extravaganza so special is that there is no cost to attend—everything is free to the public. From cotton candy and hot dogs, to live music and fun activities for kids, the sponsors of this annual event have committed to serving others during this Christmas season and giving back to their community in order to make a difference in someone's life.

This year, over forty local businesses and organizations have made donations of food, gift certificates, equipment, cash and goodie bags. Toys for Tots donated hundreds of books for local children while police and firemen have volunteered their time. Even “Chagy the Clown”, a former Ringling Brothers & Barnum and Bailey Circus clown, will be in attendance.

Pastor Ken Delgado of The House of Palm Bay said, “At this time, especially at this season, when economic difficulty has been rampant, there's only a small window of opportunity to bring out the smiles in children's faces. To see the business community come together and create a venue where families can find hope and joy—it's really an example of the kind of peace and love as expressed to us through the life of Jesus Christ 2000 years ago.”

I commend all those who have given so much to make the Annual Christmas Extravaganza possible, and applaud all the communities across our great nation who have seized upon this opportunity to spread the Christmas spirit through good deeds and charitable acts.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 I had a meeting with my constituents from Shelby, Douglas and Cole counties in Illinois and I missed procedural votes on approving the Journal and motion to adjourn. I also missed one Suspension vote on H.R. 6582, which would allow for innovations and alternative technologies that meet or exceed desired energy efficiency goals, and to make technical corrections to existing Federal energy efficiency laws to allow

American manufacturers to remain competitive.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on the above stated votes.

A TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE
OF MICHAEL D. NEVIN

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a great public servant and longtime friend, Michael D. "Mike" Nevin, a native of San Francisco. He died at the early age of 69 and leaves his wife Kathleen; his sons Mike Nevin Jr. and Tim Nevin; his daughter Michelle Nevin Levine; his father Edward J. Nevin and five grandchildren.

Mike Nevin was a proud American, and a man who loved his native city and his adopted county of San Mateo. He rejoiced in his Irish heritage, and this ancient culture, with its po-

etry of love and loss, which influenced him in his lifelong devotion to helping others less fortunate than he was, and to teaching others to live life as he did, in love, faith, friendship and service.

He had public service in his blood, and his constituents were the beneficiaries. He joined the San Francisco Police Department after graduation from City College and USF, and served with the Department for 27 years. Mike served as a Daly City Planning Commissioner, was elected to the Daly City Council, and was twice the City's Mayor. In 1992 he was elected to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, serving 12 years, and twice as President of the Board. He served on several boards and commissions and received many awards and commendations, including the Citizen of the Year Award from Daly City and the Papal Medal Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice.

Mike Nevin was an ardent and tireless advocate for universal health care, for better transportation, and for a ban on gun shows. He took on unpopular issues and had a vision of how things could be. He was able to lift others up and empower them to work with him in

pursuit of important policies. After learning how marijuana helped relieve the pain of a cancer patient, Mike advocated for medicinal use of the drug. He fought hard to protect funding for mental health services, always fighting for those who are overlooked by society. At the time of his death, Mike was the Executive Director of the Service League, a nonprofit organization that provides services to inmates, helping to rebuild their lives and become productive citizens. It was a perfect fit for a man of compassion.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest sympathy to Mike Nevin's family and his wide circle of friends. Former St. Ignatius College Preparatory School, San Francisco, President Anthony P. Sauer, S.J. said "Mike truly was a great man of a marvelous, wonderful, happy, very intelligent, giving, gracious, generous, social justice-oriented Catholic family. We will miss him terribly."

Mike Nevin loved his family, his faith, his community and his country, and he bettered us all by his life of meaning and purpose.