

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE BICENTENNIAL OF LEBANON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 1, 2013

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague, Representative JIM GERLACH (PA-6), to honor the County of Lebanon, Pennsylvania which we jointly represent. The citizens of Lebanon County are celebrating the County's Bicentennial this month.

The first German-speaking settlers came to the Lebanon Valley area in the early 1720's. Purchased from Native Americans by the Penn Family in 1732, the area that would become Lebanon County quickly drew the interest of both German and English immigrants seeking rich and inexpensive farmland. Those initial settlers would be proud to know 200 years later that the land they settled is still being used productively in agriculture. To this day, Lebanon County ranks in the top ten of most categories of crop and livestock production in Pennsylvania.

By 1810, the Lebanon Valley area had more than 16,000 inhabitants and they were a civic-minded people. Shortly after the American Revolution the six townships that would become Lebanon County—Annville, Bethel, East Hanover, Londonderry, Heidelberg and Lebanon Townships—felt too removed from the distant seat of government in Harrisburg and sought greater control over their own local affairs. They began petitioning the General Assembly for recognition as a county. On February 16, 1813, Lebanon was granted county status by the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

Two hundred years later, those men and women would be astounded to know that the 2010 census indicated that 133,568 people are living within the County's nearly 363 square miles.

They would be proud to know that Lebanon Valley College, founded in 1866, has consistently provided quality liberal arts education to thousands of students.

The people of the Lebanon Valley region were great patriots and supporters of the American Revolution. The area served as a supply depot for American forces during the War. During the Civil War, the people of Lebanon County raised the 93rd Regiment to support the Union's cause.

They would be proud to know of the role that Ft. Indiantown Gap plays in the role of supporting the Pennsylvania National Guard and the United States Army.

Mr. Speaker, Congressman JIM GERLACH and I are honored to represent Lebanon County in the House of Representatives. We congratulate the people of Lebanon County on their proud heritage and on their numerous contributions to the history and culture of not only the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, but of the United States as well.

With the blessings of Providence, may it be that another Congressman from Pennsylvania

stands in the Capitol one hundred years from today enjoying the privilege of honoring the people of Lebanon on their Tercentennial.

TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 1, 2013

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Tobyhanna Army Depot, which will celebrate 60 years of service to the Warfighter on February 1, 2013.

The Tobyhanna Army Depot is the largest fill-service electronics maintenance facility in the Department of Defense and has served all branches of our Armed Forces since 1953. Today, it is a global enterprise specializing in the repair, upgrade and integration of Command, Control, Computer, Communications, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) systems. It is a leader in the areas of automated test equipment, systems integration and downsizing of electronic systems. The Army has designated Tobyhanna as its "Center of Industrial and Technical Excellence for C4ISR and Electronics, Avionics, and Missile Guidance and Control". The Air Force has designated Tobyhanna as its "Technical Source of Repair for command, control, communications and intelligence systems". Additionally, the depot has received several Shingo Medallions for Excellence in Manufacturing.

The Tobyhanna Army Depot is a crucial component of Pennsylvania's economy, having an estimated annual economic impact of \$4.4 billion. It is the largest employer in Northeastern Pennsylvania, providing employment for roughly 5,800 personnel with 130 different job skills. The depot has created 19,300 jobs in the region and posts 300 personnel at "forward repair activities" to support our military personnel abroad. On a national scale, the depot has saved American taxpayers \$187.1 million since 2002, as a result of their cost-efficient and industrious performance.

Mr. Speaker, for the last 60 years, the Tobyhanna Army Depot has acted as an important asset for our military as well as for Pennsylvania and the United States. Therefore, I commend all those personnel—military and civilian—who have faithfully served our community and our country while stationed at this important C4ISR systems center.

**RECOGNIZING JOHNSON CITY
COUNTRY CLUB CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY**

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 1, 2013

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the centennial anniversary of the

Johnson City Country Club in Johnson City, Tennessee. Since 1913, the club has been a driving force for social, recreational, and cultural development in Johnson City. Having grown from the vision of a few local leaders into an establishment that has touched many thousands of lives, the club has carried its traditions into the modern era.

The Johnson City Country Club's centennial program began in June 2009 when a group of members envisioned the club to be more than simply a social and recreational entity. These members recognized that the club was sitting on a historic property that had influenced the growth of the city. As of November 15, 2011 the Johnson City Country Club was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in recognition of its rich history and contributions to society.

The club serves as a home to numerous non-profit organizations and has collected funds for both World Wars and other conflicts. Its facilities have helped Johnson City youth develop in golf, swimming, and tennis. As a result, the golfing program at East Tennessee State University is considered one of the top programs in the Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Johnson City Country Club for their significant impact on both Johnson City and Tennessee's First District. I wish them the very best in their centennial anniversary celebrations and hope to see continued growth in the club's role in the community.

**TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT
MATTHEW ALAN CHRISTENSEN**

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 1, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Matthew Alan Christensen of Boy Scout Troop 550 in Council Bluffs, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. For his project, Matthew organized a work crew to remove a half mile of fencing at the Hitchcock Nature Center in Crescent, Iowa. Matthew's efforts will help the center expand its borders as it continues to restore and promote the Loess Hills of Iowa. The work ethic Matthew has shown in his Eagle Project and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

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Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Matthew and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

HONORING JACQUELINE LISE
ARLETTE SCOTTI

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 1, 2013

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Jacqueline Scotti who quietly passed away on January 20, 2013 in her beloved San Pedro. Jacqueline grew up during challenging times in Europe. She was born on June 1, 1930 in Chalons-Sur-Marne, Paris, France. After World War II, she met her husband, a proud American soldier by the name of Sgt. Major Louis Mario Scotti. She arrived in the United States and created a loving home and life for her family. In 1958, she proudly became a citizen of this great Nation.

She had many creative talents such as sewing, knitting, cooking and her favorite pastime of all, gardening. She was a strong advocate for our community garden which overlooks northwest San Pedro and she was always kind enough to bring homegrown tomatoes and zucchinis to my office. I was always fond of seeing her, whether she volunteered on my campaign or in my Council Office. She was a true lady and a valued member of our community.

I was privileged to have called her a friend and I will always have fond memories of the legacy she left behind in San Pedro. Jacqueline Scotti is survived by her children, Eveline (Steven) Packer, Allen Scotti, Kenneth (Enza) Scotti, and Lionel Scotti, in addition to her many grand children and great grandchildren. She will be missed by her friends and loved ones.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. B.R.
DANIELS ON HIS 40TH ANNIVERSARY
AS PASTOR OF BETH-EDEN
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 1, 2013

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. B.R. Daniels, Sr. on his 40th anniversary as pastor of Beth-Eden Missionary Baptist Church. The Church is in my hometown of Fort Worth, Texas and I am proud to represent this community in Congress. While this year marks Dr. Daniels' 40th year as pastor of Beth-Eden Missionary Baptist Church, he also previously served as pastor for nearly 4 years at Saint John Baptist Church in Avalon, Texas. Combined, Dr. B.R. Daniels has been ministering to congregations for a total of 44 years.

Pastor Daniels is a native Texan, born in DeKalb, and received his diploma from Marvin

Pynes High School. He received a sociology degree from Arlington State College, which is now the University of Texas at Arlington. He also received a degree from the Southern Bible Institute, as well as a masters and Ph.D. from Aspen Theological Seminary in Denver, Colorado. His career in education and service began under the ministry of Dr. N.L. Robinson of the Mount Olive Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas.

Under Dr. Daniels' leadership, the membership of Beth-Eden Missionary Baptist Church has grown from 18 members in 1972, to over 1,500 members today. This growth has been so tremendous that the Church has undertaken and completed a three million dollar building expansion project to house the larger congregation.

As a regional and civic leader, Dr. B.R. Daniels, Sr. has served for 15 years as Moderator of the Northwestern District Baptist Association, various civic leader positions in the City of Fort Worth, and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Southern Bible Institute where he received his undergraduate degree. In addition, Dr. Daniels serves as President at-Large of the Baptist Missionary and Educational State Convention of Texas.

Dr. Daniels has been married to his wife Pamela for 29 years and is the father of 5 children, Tamela Daniels Jones, Carla Daniels Hill, Reverend B.R. Daniels, Jr., Rhonda Daniels, and Lyncia Daniels, who have given Dr. Daniels 8 grandchildren.

I first met Pastor Daniels during my work for former Congressman Martin Frost of Texas and I am proud to call him my friend and represent him in Congress. Pastor Daniels has lived a life of service to people of faith and his community. I ask my colleagues of the 113th Congress to join me in honoring Pastor Daniels on his 40th anniversary as pastor of Beth-Eden Missionary Baptist Church as well as an exemplary life of service.

TRIBUTE TO MARY SILVEIRA
SANCHEZ LOUMENA

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 1, 2013

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the life of a beloved leader in the Escalon community, Mary Silveira Sanchez Loumena.

Mary was born in Yountville, California, on June 23, 1920, and passed away surrounded by her family on October 12, 2012, in Escalon, California. Her passing has brought great sorrow and loss to people throughout the community.

Mrs. Sanchez Loumena was an active member of the Young Ladies Institute, Kiwanis, the Ladies of Escalon, and Grandmother's Club. In addition, she was the Chairperson of the 125th anniversary celebration for St. Patrick's Church, and she initiated the children's monthly prayer group.

Mary was a founding charter member of the Escalon Historical Society and Museum. Her instrumental role in its formation will always be her legacy. She also played a fundamental role in locating, purchasing, and bringing the caboose to Escalon's Main Street Park to commemorate the town's railroad beginning and history.

She and her husband, Charles, sold part of Sanchez Ranch to the State of California for the location of El Portal Middle School. They also developed Vintage Estates—a project where they sold remaining portions of their ranch for custom homes.

During the threat of cutbacks in the 1990s, Mrs. Sanchez Loumena donated money to the City of Escalon to keep streetlights lit in residential neighborhoods. Escalon believes that future generations can learn much from the past, and Mrs. Sanchez Loumena played a key role in preserving much of Escalon's history.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and recognizing Mrs. Mary Silveira Sanchez Loumena for her unwavering leadership and many accomplishments and contributions. Her life serves as an example of excellence to those in our community, and her legacy will not be soon forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT
TANNER PEARD

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 1, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Tanner Peard of Boy Scout Troop 178 in Waukee, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. For his project, Tanner landscaped Centennial Park in Waukee and also raised enough money to provide a new sign and an illuminated flagpole for the park. The work ethic Tanner has shown in his Eagle Project and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Tanner and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

HONORING LEADERSHIP TURLOCK

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 1, 2013

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Leadership Turlock, as they celebrate 20 years of leadership education in the Central Valley.

Leadership Turlock was established in 1993 by founding member, Sharon Silva. The program was formed through the Turlock Chamber of Commerce to identify new potential Turlock leaders and to provide a ten-month program that would develop knowledge and understanding of the community.

Leadership Turlock has turned out graduates such as Assemblywoman Kristen Olsen, City Attorney Phaedra Norton, Former Councilwoman Beverly Hatcher, Former Councilman Marty Yerby, Former Councilmember Kurt Vander Weide, School Board Member Josh Bernard, and Police Chief Robert Jackson—to name a few. Some of the community efforts and accomplishments include building tiles at the Donnelly Park Play Ground; construction improvements for a regional sports facility; refurbishing a picnic area at Donnelly Park; installing a pad, grills, picnic tables, and a trash receptacle at Centennial Park; refurbishing a room at the Salvation Army into an afterschool learning center; renovating and designing a reception area for the Turlock Pregnancy Center; and providing furniture, paint, a flat-screen television, and \$2,000 dollars in supplies for the Emanuel Cancer Center.

Through participation in the program, members have an opportunity to connect, discuss, and exchange ideas with each other and current community leaders and to motivate and build strong-minded thinkers to assume leadership roles in our community.

Leadership Turlock is building our future and celebrating our past, and it fosters a sincere commitment, motivation, and interest in serving the community. During the ten-month program, members expand their understanding of Turlock and Stanislaus County through exposure to community issues many may not have otherwise had the opportunity to explore. At the same time, members can enhance their leadership and management skills and develop close relationships and mutual concerns with other classmates.

Even in a fragile economy, the Leadership Turlock Program continues to inspire public and private sector interest and participation. One of the key successes to the longevity of the Leadership Turlock Program is the program's personnel infrastructure—led by a committed group of Steering Committee and Day-Chair members. Each Committee member has a direct connection with one of the day topic planning teams. This direct connection enables the program to move quickly

when mobilizing and responding to challenges and changes.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Leadership Turlock for 20 years of delivered premier leadership training for the Turlock community. Leadership Turlock is proud of its 310 graduates who continue to lead in business and industry, elected offices, and non-profit volunteer boards and organizations.

TRIBUTE TO LEROY ORNELLAS

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 1, 2013

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor San Joaquin County Supervisor Leroy Ornellas on his retirement from the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors and to thank him for his dedicated, lifelong spirit of community service.

Alfred L. "Leroy" Ornellas was born in Tracy, California, on April 3, 1944. The Ornellas Family has been dairy farmers in the Tracy area since the 1930s.

A third generation farmer and dairyman, Ornellas served for several years as a member of the San Joaquin County Agricultural Advisory Board and was selected by his peers to serve as Chair for five of those years. In addition, he served as the Board of Supervisor's representative to the Ag Advisory Board.

Leroy was a founding member of the San Joaquin County Citizens Land Alliance—an organization that advocates for the rights of private property owners. He has been active in land use issues as a member of the first "Tracy Tomorrow" task force and has provided testimony to various legislative bodies engaged in the development of land use plans and agricultural issues.

In recognizing his many contributions to the community and to agriculture, the City of Tracy and the Tracy Chamber of Commerce honored Leroy as "Agriculturist of the Year" in 1995. Also, in 2010, the Ornellas Dairy was recognized by Dairy Farmers of America, Inc. as part of the Western Area Members of Distinction. This program recognizes members who excel in their operations, in their communities, and in the industry.

Leroy was elected to the Board of Supervisors for District 5 in November of 2002,

where he served as Chair for the 2004 and 2009 sessions. At the time of Leroy's election, the Fifth Supervisorial District included the cities of Escalon, Tracy, Ripon, Mountain House, half of Manteca, and a portion of Lathrop. Escalon and Ripon were later removed from District 5 after multiple redistricting cycles.

In 2012, term limits ended Leroy's tenth year of public service on the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors; but, as Leroy's community service did not begin with his election to the Board of Supervisors, it will not end there either. He currently sits on several boards and commissions affecting the San Joaquin Valley, but he is most proud of those in which he must collaborate with his peers from other cities and counties. Some of such organizations include the Board of Directors for the Sutter/Tracy Community Hospital, the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (Chair, 2008), the San Joaquin Council of Governments, and the Regional Airport Planning Committee among several others.

Leroy is a member of the Tracy/Ripon/Manteca Chambers of Commerce, Tracy Noon Rotary, Young Men's Institute, National Rifle Association, and the San Joaquin Farm Bureau. In addition to his business and public service interests, Leroy is a motorsports enthusiast and an admirer of glass and paint art. He enjoys attending sports venues, traveling, and American History.

Leroy and his wife, the former Jennie Deaderick, were married in 1963. They have three sons—Kevin, Mark, and Mathew—all of whom are married and assist in managing the family farming operation. The Ornellases have four grandchildren. Leroy and Jennie, their three sons, and four grandchildren will all have been educated in San Joaquin County public schools. Leroy and his sons attended Modesto Junior College, where the two eldest played football. His eldest granddaughter attended San Joaquin Delta College and graduated from San Jose State in 2011. All of the Ornellas children and grandchildren have been or are members of 4-H.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring San Joaquin County Supervisor Leroy Ornellas on his retirement and in thanking him for his exemplary leadership and service to the community.