

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 6, 2008

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Black History Month. The theme of this year's Black History Month is "Carter G. Woodson and the Origins of Multiculturalism." Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson was a brilliant African-American historian, educator, author, and publisher. Born in 1875 to former slaves, Dr. Woodson grew up working on railroads and mines in Virginia. At the age of 20, he had finally earned enough money to afford to attend high school. He went on to college, and became a teacher in the U.S. and Philippines. In 1912 he graduated from Harvard, and after W.E.B. Du Bois, became the second African-American to receive a Ph.D.

Dr. Woodson advocated for education reform to empower African-Americans to unite around shared history. He wrote, "Those who have no record of what their forebears have accomplished lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history." Thanks to Dr. Woodson, we have a record of the accomplishments of our African-American forebears, and we are continually inspired by our knowledge of their biographies and history.

This month, we call to our memories the triumphs of Dr. Woodson himself, as the "Father of Black History." His efforts to research, teach, and celebrate African-American history gave us our current celebration of Black History Month. In 1926, he established Negro History Week, held during the second week of February to honor the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. In 1976, this annual celebration expanded and became Black History Month.

Celebrating Dr. Woodson's accomplishments inspires us to examine our present work toward racial justice and equal opportunity. Today, African-Americans serve our country in myriad ways. For example, 2.4 million military veterans are black. The U.S. has about 1.2 million black-owned firms, generating around \$88 billion annually. Paving the way for our future, 2.3 million college students are African-American, an increase of over 1 million students over the last 15 years.

Congress must continue to work to improve the lives of all Americans. Last year, it took the important step of raising the federal minimum wage to \$5.85/hour, which will increase this year to \$6.55/hour and in 2009 to \$7.25/hour. Congress also strengthened the middle class by making college educations more affordable, such as by investing \$510 million over five years in minority-serving institutions, including Historically Black Colleges. The House introduced legislation to provide \$410 billion in the federal marketplace to small businesses. By passing the Energy Security Bill,

Congress lowered energy costs for consumers, reduced global warming, and created hundreds of thousands of new jobs. The Economic Stimulus Package, recently passed by the House, will put money back into the hands of 117 million American families to reinvigorate the economy. We have made great strides, but we must continue our commitment to serving the American people.

Writing almost 100 years ago, Dr. Woodson possessed the insight to understand the immense benefits of nationally celebrating black history. The path he forged paved the way for our great African-American leaders, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, and Thurgood Marshall. As we celebrate all African-Americans this month, let us specially recognize Dr. Woodson. May his memory inspire us to continue our work to achieve racial justice and to ensure equality of opportunity for all Americans.

CONGRATULATING THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPION NEW YORK GIANTS FOR WINNING SUPER BOWL XLII

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 960, legislation to congratulate the New York Giants for winning Super Bowl XLII and completing one of the greatest upsets in professional sports history. I introduced this resolution because I am so proud that this incredible team plays at Giants stadium, located in East Rutherford, New Jersey in my district. I am honored that we have a Super Bowl champion back in the New York New Jersey region again.

On Sunday, February 3rd, in Glendale, Arizona, the New York Giants achieved the highly improbable by beating the previously undefeated New England Patriots by a score of 17 to 14 in Super Bowl XLII to win the National Football League (NFL) championship. The game was the most watched Super Bowl ever, with nearly 100 million viewers tuning in—making it the second most viewed American broadcast in television history.

Since its inception in 1925, the New York Giants organization has been a model of professionalism, teamwork, and community service in the New York New Jersey metropolitan area. From the beginning, the Giants franchise—and indeed the entire National Football League—has flourished under the leadership and guidance of the Mara family. Back in the 1960s professional football was struggling to survive. It was the foresight of Wellington and Jack Mara, co-owners of the most profitable team in the NFL, which allowed professional football to prosper. They put the league ahead of their team by agreeing to share lucrative television revenue equally among all NFL

teams, thus providing the other teams in the league with much needed capital to promote the sport across America. The current success of the NFL is a tribute to the character and selflessness of the Mara brothers. They proved to the National Football League and the Nation that honorable business practices and teamwork can indeed generate great success.

The New York Giants franchise has been one of the most successful in National Football League history. The Giants have had 15 players inducted into the Professional Football Hall of Fame. The team has been to the postseason 26 times and won more than 600 games, including 16 divisional championships and 7 NFL championships—three of which were Super Bowls (XXI, XXV, and XLII).

Since 1976, the Giants have played at Giants stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey—which is located in my congressional district. I have always been proud to have such a wonderful organization located in our district. In particular, I would like to recognize the "Giants Foundation," which was founded by Wellington Mara. It is an organization that provides important social and financial support to underprivileged youth and their families throughout the entire metropolitan area.

The Giants began the 2007 season with a tough loss to the Dallas Cowboys at Texas Stadium. What they didn't know as they walked off the field in Irving, Texas, was that this would be the last time they would lose a road game all season. After that loss to the Cowboys the Giants won 11 straight road games—an unprecedented achievement and a record in the National Football League.

Their impressive road streak began just a few miles away from here in Landover, Maryland at FedEx field. The Giants turned their season around with a fourth quarter comeback against the Washington Redskins, capped by an impressive stop on fourth and goal as time expired.

After the regular season ended the Giants took their road winning streak into the postseason where they won 3 straight road playoff games—a National Football Conference record.

The Giants' victorious journey this season epitomizes the American values of hard work, determination, and resiliency. Along each step of the journey, few believed they would triumph, but the Giants continued to defy conventional wisdom and prove to the so called experts that a team of individuals fully devoted to a goal is indeed greater than the sum of its parts. Their defense, which allowed 80 points in the first 2 games, turned their season around to become the best defense in the league—capable of holding the most vaunted offense in recent memory to 2 touchdowns on the biggest stage in sports. Their offense, captained by quarterback Eli Manning, was sporadic at best during the regular season, but seemed to mature right before our eyes in the

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playoffs as the Giants protected the football and put together clutch drives when it mattered most.

But perhaps the greatest momentum shift of the season was Coach Tom Coughlin's decision to have his team play to win against the then undefeated New England Patriots in the final game of the regular season. In a game that didn't matter for the Giants, as they had already clinched a playoff birth, the "Boys in Blue" played their hearts out and went toe-to-toe against what many were calling the best team in NFL history. Even though they lost on that day—the Giants gained a great deal of confidence from the contest, which they carried with them all the way to their victory against those same New England Patriots in Super Bowl XLII.

I am offering this resolution to honor the entire Giants organization on their incredible season, and on their outstanding win in Super Bowl XLII. Specifically, I would like to congratulate Giants owner and Chief Executive Officer John Mara, Executive Vice President Steve Tisch, Head Coach Tom Coughlin, Defensive Coordinator Steve Spagnuolo, Offensive Coordinator Kevin Gilbride, and all of the Giants players and support staff on a job well done. Their triumph shows that no matter the odds, a group of determined underdogs can take on a dynasty and emerge victorious.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting House Resolution 960, and congratulate the Giants for their exciting season and remarkable win in Super Bowl XLII.

HONORING BUCKS COUNTY
RESIDENT TODD STONE

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 21, 2008

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bucks County resident Todd Stone, the founder of the Gallows Run Watershed Association.

Mr. Stone is an example of how an ordinary citizen can make a change to benefit our entire community. Mr. Stone's involvement with this issue resulted in the establishment of a clean water advocacy group committed to improving our water quality and environment. And that is something we can all be proud of.

The Gallows Hill Watershed Association was founded by Todd Stone in 2002 and consists of representatives from a wide variety of private and government groups, all with the common goal of improving our environment. This group's educational outreach, scientific research and active participation in the legal system effecting local land use have brought key people together with a shared objective.

Madam Speaker, Todd Stone is an extraordinary example of community advocacy. His passion for improving our environment and his tireless community involvement is undeniable. His work is inspiring and I am honored to recognize him for his many accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM (BILL)
DENISON

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 21, 2008

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Madam Speaker, today I wish to express my warm thanks, congratulations, and best wishes to William (Bill) Dennison. Mr. Dennison is being recognized by the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection and will be the recipient of its highest honor, the Francis H. Raymond Award for his 30 years of service and commitment to the California forest industry.

After being raised in rural Northern California, Mr. Dennison earned a bachelor of science degree in forestry from the University of California, Berkeley in 1959. Bill's passion for the forest began while working for the Diamond Match Lumber Company in Stirling City, and within a few short years, he became a registered professional forester.

Mr. Dennison's knowledge and leadership in the forest industry set him apart from others and quickly qualified him to take the reins as the vice president and later president of the California Forestry Association (CFA). During his 14 year tenure, Bill represented the industry both in Sacramento and Washington, DC, and was able to navigate CFA through some of the most difficult forest management issues it ever faced.

Throughout his career, Mr. Dennison has distinguished himself as a visionary leader with the ability to educate the public on the value that California forest products provide. Bill was a critical member of the Quincy Library Group, helped organize the National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition and later served as the executive director of the Sierra Cascade Logging Conference.

Although Mr. Dennison's accomplishments in the forest industry are legendary, his greatest legacy may be his commitment to advancing forestry education programs and creating a network of forest community organizations known as the Alliance for Environment and Resources that are today the model throughout the country.

Most recently, Mr. Dennison served as the Third District supervisor for Plumas County. He quickly became a national leader on resource conservation, water quality and rural management issues while serving as chairman of the Public Lands Steering Committee for the National Association of Counties.

Bill has served on numerous boards and commissions and has received dozens of community and national awards including: the Plaque of Commendation by the National Forest Products Association; Award of Appreciation for Services by the National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition; and my favorite, selected twice with his wife Pat, as the Grand Marshall for the Chester Rotary Club Fourth of July Parade.

It is with deep respect and personal gratitude that I thank Bill Dennison for his service to the forest industry and to the citizens of Northern California.

CHI MUI POST OFFICE BUILDING

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 21, 2008

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a well-respected and dedicated leader in the 29th Congressional District and a role model in the Asian community, Chi Mui, mayor of the city of San Gabriel. It is with great pride that I introduce a resolution today to pay tribute to Chi Mui, with what may be the first honor of its kind for a Chinese-American, by naming the San Gabriel, California Post Office for him.

Born in Toisan, China, on October 26, 1952, Chi Mui was a man of humble origins whose early experiences enabled him to relate and connect to the Asian community in California. His parents, a seamstress and a cook, left for the United States in 1963 when Chi Mui was 10 and moved to New York City's Chinatown. It was in New York City that Mui learned to speak English and graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Polytechnic University of New York in 1980.

After moving to Southern California in 1980, Chi Mui began working to better the lives of immigrants in the region. Chi Mui's immigrant roots and experiences gave him special insight, wisdom and the ability to connect with the experiences of generations of people who have come to this country and to San Gabriel for a better life. Mayor Mui always recognized, and never failed to pay tribute to, his parents for their sacrifices and encouragement of their children's education and aspirations for the future.

Mui was a key player in the development of 600 units of affordable and senior housing for Chinatown and taught citizenship to help hundreds of legal residents become United States citizens. He led the effort to save the 50-acre "Cornfield" in downtown Los Angeles as open space, was instrumental in organizing the Chinatown Yard Alliance, and successfully obtained \$35 million from the state in 2001 to build the first urban state park and community facilities on the Cornfield.

An avid runner and athlete, Chi Mui co-founded the Los Angeles Chinatown Athletic Association Volleyball Club where he coached young people in teamwork and sportsmanship. He also worked to expand existing recreational facilities in the Chinatown community. In recognition of his leadership, he was elected president of the Los Angeles Chinese American Citizens Alliance—twice. The Alliance was founded in 1895 to advocate for equal political, economical and educational opportunities for Chinese-Americans.

Active in local politics early on, he was a field representative for Rep. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD (D—Los Angeles) when she was in the Assembly, and he worked for former Assemblyman Richard Polanco (D—Los Angeles) and State Sen. Gloria Romero (D—Los Angeles). In March 2003 he made history as the first Asian and Chinese-American to be elected to the San Gabriel City Council since its incorporation in 1913.

In a city where one in every two residents is Asian, Mayor Mui often played an important role as a liaison between the city government and the Asian community and he worked diligently to improve the lives of all residents. As

a city councilmember, Chi Mui led the effort to maintain better hours at the county public library in San Gabriel to provide greater access to residents and students without increasing costs. An advocate of parks and open space, the 'greening' of San Gabriel was a personal passion, to which he brought considerable connections and resources. He was instrumental in helping the City obtain an additional \$50,000 for the master plan and redesign of Vincent Lugo Park.

Mayor Mui passed away on April 27, 2006 after a courageous battle with cancer. The loss is still being felt by the communities he served and those that had the privilege of working closely with him for the betterment of the region. Although we cannot know how Mayor Mui might have continued to shape lives in the Los Angeles area, I can say with

confidence that his work and contributions will always be cherished. Please join me in honoring this devoted public servant by dedicating the San Gabriel Post Office in his name.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 21, 2008

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, due to illness, I regrettably missed the rollcall votes from February 6th through February 14th. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

Rollcall No. 29: "yea," rollcall No. 30: "yea," rollcall No. 31: "yea," rollcall No. 32: "yea,"

rollcall No. 33: "yea," rollcall No. 34: "yea," rollcall No. 35: "yea," rollcall No. 36: "aye," rollcall No. 37: "aye," rollcall No. 38: "aye," rollcall No. 39: "nay," rollcall No. 40: "yea," rollcall No. 41: "yea," rollcall No. 42: "yea," rollcall No. 43: "yea," rollcall No. 44: "yea," rollcall No. 45: "yea," rollcall No. 46: "nay," rollcall No. 47: "nay," rollcall No. 48: "yea," rollcall No. 49: "aye," rollcall No. 50: "aye," rollcall No. 51: "aye," rollcall No. 52: "no," rollcall No. 53: "yea," rollcall No. 54: "aye," rollcall No. 55: "yea," rollcall No. 56: "aye," rollcall No. 57: "yea," rollcall No. 58: "nay," rollcall No. 59: "nay," rollcall No. 60: "aye," rollcall No. 61: "yes," rollcall No. 62: "yes," rollcall No. 63: "yes," rollcall No. 64: "yes," rollcall No. 65: "yes," rollcall No. 66: "yes," rollcall No. 67: "yes," rollcall No. 68: "yes."