EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2012

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the centennial of the city of El Cajon, California, and to celebrate the rich cultural, historical and economic resources that make El Cajon the ''Valley of Opportunity.''

Incorporated on November 12, 1912, El Cajon is well-known as a place of diverse business interests and robust commerce. It's home to Gillespie Field, which opened in 1942 to train World War II Marine Corps paratroopers and today, the airport serves as one of the County's public use regional airports.

Always family oriented, El Cajon still has the same small-town values that make the city such a great place to live. In fact, some of the biggest events in the city that are inspired by these family values are the Mother Goose Parade and Fourth of July fireworks and picnic celebrations held every year.

San Diego and Cuyamaca Railway installed tracks through El Cajon in 1889. At that time, the El Cajon Depot served mountain-bound miners and passengers and was the last stage stop before west-bound travelers reached San Diego and the coast. Today, El Cajon is still known as the cross-roads between the mountains and the beaches.

As the current Congressman who represents the 52nd congressional district which includes the city of El Cajon, I am proud to have had the privilege of representing this great community and I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating 100 years of such a great American city.

RECOGNIZING MELANIE WARD

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2012

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Melanie Ward.

Melanie was recently chosen as a member of the U.S. Army All-American Marching Band, a national honor ensemble for outstanding musician-scholars.

Each year, only 125 students are chosen from the thousands who apply to the Army All-American Marching Band. Only students with superior musical ability, academic achievement, and positive standing in the community are selected to represent their school in this elite group. Students are selected by the National Association for Music Education to represent their state and local communities at the U.S. Army All-American Bowl in San Antonio, Texas.

Melanie was selected for one of twenty positions reserved for the band's color guard and she certainly fits the mold for this elite group. She is the editor of the Parkview High School yearbook, an award winning cross country runner and captain of the school band's color guard.

The marching band members will perform for thousands of active duty military members at the U.S. Army All-American Bowl in January. The U.S. Army All-American Bowl is a football game made up of the best high school seniors from around the country. Together, the marching band and football team represent the best their schools have to offer in the arts and physical education.

Mr. Speaker, Melanie's hard work and determination in both academics and music have earned her a spot on the U.S. Army All-American Marching Band. I am proud of her achievements and honored to call her a neighbor in the 7th Congressional District of Missouri.