

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN
NORMAN Y. MINETA

HON. BUD SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 1995

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, In 3 short weeks, Congress will lose one of its most valued Democrat Members and at the same time, I will say goodbye to one of my closest friends. After nearly 21 years in the House of Representatives, Congressman NORMAN, Y. MINETA is leaving to take a job in the private sector. Today, I would like my House colleagues to pause a moment and remember this truly remarkable man.

In his remarks at the press conference announcing his retirement, NORM said something which simply but eloquently encapsulates his career in public service. He said, "It is fair to say that I have been a builder throughout my life."

NORM came to the Public Works and Transportation Committee in 1975 along with eight other Democrat freshmen; 18 years later, he became committee chairman. During the span of time, he chaired four of the panel's subcommittees, proving time and again a knack for understanding the details of committee jurisdiction as well as a grasp of the overall importance of infrastructure investment to the economy and well-being of this Nation.

In particular, he was a spokesman for urban America, having been, even at a tender age, a city father to San Jose, which rose from a sleepy South Bay community in the shadow of San Francisco to become the third-largest city in California. His experiences as a mayor helped him provide this committee with insight on the need for and development of mass transit systems.

No mention of NORM goes without recognition of his untiring advocacy on behalf of those of his ethnic heritage. Early on in his native San Jose, he was eyed as a prodigal son of the Japanese-American community. NORM unflinchingly assumed this responsibility, culminating in the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which included reparations for Japanese-Americans interned by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and then-California Gov. Earl Warren during World War II.

As his career highlights demonstrate, NORM has not been bashful in standing up for his beliefs. I remember when he headed the Aviation Subcommittee during the 1980's and was such a strong advocate for taking the aviation trust fund out of the general fund budget. His persistence helped force a floor vote on the issue in October 1987, with supporters of the off-budget bill losing by a scant five votes. As I said then and now: That vote was held because NORM MINETA believed that stockpiling these balances to hide the deficit was a fraud on the America people. And the fight to take the transportation trust funds off budget continues today, thanks in no small part because of NORM's leadership.

But beyond the legislative give-and-take of issues, NORM and I were more than simply colleagues. For two decades, he and I have literally sat shoulder to shoulder in countless hearings and meetings. Together we have listened to thousands of witnesses, sat through hundreds of rollcall votes, and shared both victories and defeats. Ours is an uncommon friendship and I trust it will not end when he leaves Congress.

NORMAN Y. MINETA came to the Congress and the Public Works and Transportation Committee in 1975 and two decades later, he leaves, having contributed immeasurably to both. NORM was a positive influence on his colleagues and on their institution. He will be missed.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE BOROUGH OF
EAST NEWARK

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 1995

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Borough of East Newark, which is this year celebrating its 100th anniversary. Although East Newark is small in size, the residents are known for their big hearts.

Once a part of Kearny, East Newark broke away in the spring of 1895 to become an independent borough. The vote was cast for incorporation on July 2, 1895, and the new borough, just 64 acres in area, became the smallest community in the State of New Jersey.

Two of the early industries in East Newark were the Clark Thread Co., and the Clark Mile End Spool Cotton Co., the largest thread mills in the United States at that time. The companies became Englehard Industries in the early 1930's, but since then, the area has been converted to the East Newark Industrial Center, which now houses over 80 corporations in the garment industry.

With its industries in place, East Newark began to build its community. The East Newark Volunteer Fire Department was organized in October 1895, and the East Newark Police Department was established 1 month later. Today, both are still in place, 100 years after they were first established to provide for the protection of life and property. East Newark's first public school was built in 1896, and still serves children from kindergarten through the eighth grade.

A bronze tablet located in front of borough hall proudly displays the names of the 175 brave men of East Newark who gave their lives to the American cause in World War I. The Albert Ettlin American Legion Post No. 36 was so named in honor of Mr. Ettlin, the first East Newark soldier killed in action at the Battle of Chateau Thierry. East Newark resident William F. Sawelson is said to have been hit by a sniper's bullet while carrying water to a

wounded buddy in World War I and posthumously received the Congressional Medal of Honor.

The first church established in the borough was St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church, the congregation originally founded in 1901 by Italians who moved from West Hoboken. While the original church was destroyed by fire in 1935, it was soon rebuilt and still serves the community today at the same site on Second Street.

In many ways, East Newark's history continues to influence the present. Current mayor, Joseph R. Smith, is a descendant of John C. Smith, one of the original petitioners in the effort to establish the borough. I would like to salute Mayor Smith, Council President Walter Roman, Councilman Hans Peter Lucas, Councilman William Lupkovich, Councilman Frank Madalena, Councilman Robert Rowe, and Councilman Charles Tighe for continuing a tradition of excellence in community service.

While the past century has seen monumental changes in the face of the community, East Newark remains an example of small-town pride and big-spirited determination. With a population of only 2,200, East Newark proves that you do not have to be big in size to make a big contribution. Please join me today in celebrating the 100th anniversary of this little metropolis, which continues to forge its own path on the road to a new century.

RESPONSE TO CHARGE OF STU-
DENT USE IN PHILLIP MORRIS
STUDY

HON. THOMAS J. BLILEY, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 1995

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention and include in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the following response of the Chesterfield County Public Schools to recent congressional allegations that students in their school system were used in a study by Phillip Morris. Attached, please find a media advisory from the Chesterfield County Public Schools, which addresses this issue.

MEDIA ADVISORY

After an exhaustive search in an effort to respond to inquiries regarding information in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD last week, the following are our findings:

1. We have determined that third grade teachers used a pupil rating scale questionnaire, not a pupil test, during the early 1970s. The purpose was to help identify students in need of special education services. The school system had no evaluation instrument at that time to test students for hyperactivity. If teachers suspected hyperactivity, the common practice was to recommend parents take their child to a physician for a medical diagnosis.

2. This rating scale questionnaire was not a Phillip Morris study, nor was the rating scale completed in collaboration with Phillip Morris. It was a standard teacher observation scale used by educators.

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Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

3. The rating scale does resemble, however, the description of a teacher questionnaire in the July 25 CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in a two paragraph section alluding to a study of Chesterfield County Public School students.

4. No School Board employee we have located can confirm or recall any joint study or sharing of information with Phillip Morris. No School Board minutes from 1973-1978 reference Phillip Morris in any way. We cannot determine through any means that the results of the questionnaire were made available to anyone other than school officials.

5. The source of information cited in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD was F. J. Ryan and "Smoker's Psychology Monthly Report," and we have no knowledge of either of these sources.

6. This concludes our good faith effort to respond to these inquiries. We are available for questions regarding current policies and procedures related to student evaluation.

SPECIAL SALUTE TO EUGENE PARKER: HONORING HIS CHARITABLE SERVICE TO THE ELDERLY

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 1995

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to salute a resident of my congressional district, Eugene Parker, who was recently profiled in the Cleveland Plain Dealer. The article, which is entitled "Paying With Good Looks", tells of Mr. Parker's unique contribution to the elderly people of his neighborhood. I want to share with my colleagues the details regarding the offerings outstanding individual.

Mr. Parker is the proprietor of Parker's Barber Shop in Cleveland, where he has been cutting hair for over 30 years. Every Thursday since June 1994, Mr. Parker has offered free hair cuts to people over the age of 65. This is his way of giving back to his community. As Mr. Parker frequently says, he thinks that the money that these persons would spend for a haircut would be better spent on a loaf of bread. Through this act of charity, Mr. Parker demonstrates to the elderly of his neighborhood that someone is looking out for them.

Mr. Speaker, the reason that I highlight this act of individual charity is because this is exactly the type of contribution which has the potential to resuscitate drifting communities of our country. Eugene Parker has unselfishly given his time and talent in an effort to ease the financial burdens of the elderly of his community. I salute Mr. Parker for his neighborly contributions and ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this caring individual. I also ask that this Cleveland Plain Dealer article be inserted into the Record.

[From the Cleveland Plain Dealer, Sept. 11, 1995]

PAYING WITH GOOD LOOKS
(By Ronald Rutti)

CLEVELAND.—They stand or sit six deep outside the barber shop at Kinsman Rd. and E. 143rd St. on Thursday mornings. It leads you to think the guys cutting inside either must be good or giving something away free. Turns out, you would be right on both counts.

Since June 1994, the elderly have been getting free haircuts on Thursdays at Parker's

Barber Shop. Proprietor Eugene Parker closes the place to paying customers that day.

"I could hardly believe it," recalled John Thomas of E. 176th St., when he first came to the shop for a free cut. "He wouldn't even take a tip. He said, 'Then it would not be free.'"

Harry J. Walker, of Van Aken Blvd., a customer for more than 25 years, was sitting outside waiting for his number to be called. Knowing he would face a wait of about an hour, Walker had brought a radio and some Scripture readings.

"He's the best," Walker said of Parker. "I think it's wonderful what he is doing. God said if you give, you are going to receive hundredfold."

For a while it was hard to give. "The first three weeks, all total, I did not cut 20 heads," Parker recalled "Nobody believed it."

Now he cuts about 30 heads during his abbreviated Thursday hours 9 a.m. to noon. At least one of the four other barbers in his shop volunteers his off day on alternate Thursdays.

On this day, it is Andre Beard, 27, who has been cutting hair six years. Beard said he was a Cuyahoga Community College student in electrical engineering when his barber, Parker steered him into the grooming field.

Parker said Beard comes almost every Thursday to cut the older folks' hair. "I get the afternoon off, that's enough time for me," Beard said.

The give-away attracts both longtime customers and newcomers. Those who have known Parker for years are not surprised by his charity.

"He's always been a people lover," said Tom Carter, 78, of Stockbridge Ave. "He's a caring person." Carter has been a customer for 30 years.

Although he has not had a real vacation in 18 years, Parker said he gets one every week when he unlocks the shop door and already-waiting older folks file in.

He cannot wait to talk to his visitors, for they already have lived full lives.

"This gives me a chance to pick up a lot of knowledge," Parker said.

Parker, a barber more than 30 years, said he got the idea for free haircuts while sitting in his shop contemplating what he could do to give back to the community.

He decided older people would better use their limited funds for food.

The normal haircut charge at the shop is \$9.

Parker, 56, gestures to the dozen or so people waiting their turn and says, "These people sitting here, they did all the legwork and all the suffering to get me where I am today. I think a loaf of bread is more important to them than a haircut."

"Hopefully other barbers will hear about this and do the same thing for seniors," he said.

The rule is a customer has to be 65 or older to get a free haircut, but Parker does not ask for proof of age. "I trust them," he said.

Parker's family moved to Cleveland from Birmingham, Ala., when he was 12. He has nine children of his own, 21 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He said he became a barber because "I was tired of working hard." But he has found it is a job not suited to all.

"You've got to like people. It's a trip dealing with people. But it's a lot of fun," he said.

JOEL COOK DAY

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 1995

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to call to the attention of our colleagues a remarkable man who led an incredible life of service to others. This coming Sunday, September 24, Joel's hometown of Walden, NY, will be paying tribute to him.

Joel Cook, a veteran of the Vietnam conflict, took the plight of our missing American heroes, and the families they left behind, to his heart. In 1977, at a time when most Americans wanted to forget about our involvement in Vietnam, and sweep the problems from that conflict under the rug, Joel founded the National Human Rights Committee for POW's and MIA's. As its national chairman, he helped light a fire under all of us, reminding us that it was important that we must not forsake those brave missing Americans.

Many veterans groups throughout the Nation came to depend upon Joel Cook and his organization for the information they provided, the suggestions they proffered, and the assistance they were always ready to give. In the year 1977, many Americans neither knew nor cared what the initials "POW" or "MIA" stood for. In good part, public awareness of the issue was heightened by Joel's tireless efforts.

In July 1992, as a result of the illness which Joel probably contracted or had exacerbated by his exposure to Agent Orange during his service in Southeast Asia, he retired as national chairman of the Human Rights Committee. We lost him about a year and a half later, on January 17, 1994.

However, his friends, loved ones, and the many lives he touched ensured that his hometown would not forget him.

This Sunday, Joel Cook Day in Walden, will be a commemoration—and a celebration—of this stellar veteran and the time and effort he devoted to helping others. His widow, Linda, his children, and other family members will be on hand to share in our appreciation of Joel Cook's works and deeds. On Sunday, which is the day before what would have been Joel Cook's 49th birthday, the American Legion Post No. 158 in Walden will officially change its name from the William Deakin Post No. 158 to the William Deakin-Joel Cook chapter. A duplicate of the new official American Legion charter indicating this name change will be presented to the Cook family at this time, with appropriate ceremonies.

Today, over two decades after the end of hostilities in Southeast Asia, 2,197 Americans are still not accounted for. The National League of Families of POW's and MIA's pointed out to my office just this week that, if Joel Cook were alive today, he would be the first and the loudest to protest the rush toward normalization of relations with Vietnam with the fates of so many of our fellow citizens still undetermined.

Mr. Speaker, many of our colleagues have joined with me throughout the years to remind all of us in this Nation that our missing fellow Americans must never be forgotten. Joel Cook Day, coming only 9 days after our annual National POW-MIA Remembrance Day, is a suitable time to remember that many of us here at home have dedicated their lives to this worthy cause.