

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMENDING CHAIRMAN ARCHER  
FOR HIS WORK ON THE TAX BILL

## HON. NEWT GINGRICH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 20, 1997*

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, next week, the House will take a historic series of votes on balancing the budget, saving Medicare, and cutting taxes. The Christian Coalition yesterday sent a letter commending Chairman ARCHER for his work on this bill and describing the importance of these tax cuts to its members. I enter that letter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

CHRISTIAN COALITION,  
*June 19, 1997.*

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,  
*Speaker of the House, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: The Christian Coalition was pleased to support the Ways and Means tax bill. As Chairman Archer correctly noted, there are \$254 billion worth of pro-family tax cuts in the bill, from the \$500 per child tax credit to the education tax incentives to death tax relief. These are significant and meaningful tax cuts for America's families.

As you know, the \$500 per child tax credit has been our highest legislative priority since 1993. Under Chairman Archer's bill, taxpayers with children will be able to keep \$150 billion of their own money thanks to the \$500 per child tax credit. Most significantly, this includes taxpayers with children in the most expensive age group, teenagers. The \$500 per child tax credit will go a long way to relieve the crushing federal tax burden on the family and will enable parents to make their own decisions on how best to meet the financial needs of their children. We also note that the bill contains \$75 billion in education tax incentives and \$29 billion in death tax relief that will be welcome news to families. These are important pro-family provisions. Lastly, we note that we have always supported capital gains tax relief. While the capital gains provisions are not specifically targeted to families, families will definitely benefit from the capital gains relief.

We are concerned, though, about President Clinton's reaction to date. I just cannot imagine that he would veto a bill that provides such significant tax relief to middle class families. That would be a severe disappointment to families with children. We are urging him to support your bill.

Thank you and Chairman Archer for all your hard work on behalf of America's families. We look forward to working with you through out this process to sign long awaited tax relief into law.

Sincerely,

BRIAN LOPINA,  
*Director, Governmental Affairs Office.*

HONORING EARL W. STEPHENS

## HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 20, 1997*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to rise before you today to pay tribute to Earl W. Stephens, the Illustrious Potentate of Oman Temple No. 72. The Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine will hold their 43d Annual Potentate's Ball in honor of Mr. Stephens on June 21, 1997.

Earl Stephens was born in 1943 to Dock and Jerlyn Stephens in Gilliam, LA, as the second oldest of 12 children. He began his education at Hale Elementary School in Hosston, went on to attend Pine Valley School of Rodessa, LA, and graduated from Herndon High School of Belcher, LA, in 1962. Upon graduation, Mr. Stephens enlisted in the U.S. Air Force where he served our country honorably for 4 years. He married the former Ceatrice Williams and settled in Flint, MI, where he began his 30-year career at Buick Motor Division.

Mr. Stephens' commitment and generosity are evidence by his involvement in numerous community organizations. Earl has been a member of Gospel Temple Baptist Church since 1969 and is currently cochairman of the Deacon Board. Earl's other affiliations include By-Laws Committee chairman of Unity for Justice, and treasurer and award chairperson for the Greater Flint Afro-American Hall of Fame. In addition, Earl has been active with the Boy Scouts of America, where he now serves as commissioner of the Norwegian District of the Tall Pine Council. In addition, Earl is a member of UAW Local 599 and holds the chairmanship of the Veterans Committee. Earl also serves as cochairman of the Credit Committee at Security Federal Credit Union. In all of these endeavors, Mr. Stephens has uplifted us all with his kind spirit, knowledge, and effective leadership.

Mr. Stephens has held membership with the John W. Stevenson Lodge No. 56 Prince Hall Affiliated since September 1988 and served as master in 1995-96. He joined the Saginaw Valley Consistory No. 71 in 1989 and now serves as chancellor. In 1988, Mr. Stephens began his affiliation with the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In each of these roles, Mr. Stephens has worked tirelessly to achieve the goal of equal opportunity for all. He has been a mentor and a counselor to many of our young people.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my fellow Members of Congress to join me in honoring the Illustrious Potentate, Mr. Earl Stephens. His devotion to making this Nation a better place to live should reinforce our strong commitment to our communities. We owe a debt of gratitude to Earl, his wife Ceatrice, and their two children, Latricia and Royce.

SALUTE TO DON LEGG

## HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 20, 1997*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today to honor an east Texan, Don Legg of Kemp, who is a legendary hometown figure. Don was recognized this year at a county-wide celebration of his 90th birthday and of the many years spent in service to the people of Kemp, TX, and Kaufman County.

Don has served his community in a variety of ways over the years. He has served multiple years on the Kemp City Council, the Kaufman County Improvement Commission, the county board of the Visiting Nurses Association, the Kaufman County Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, and the North Central Texas Council of Governments. He has served as either president or secretary of the Kemp Chamber of Commerce since 1970, has been a deputy voter registrar and even has helped take the census. Since 1992 Don has served as a reporter, photographer, and proofreader for the Monitor, Kemp's newspaper. He is still an active, working member of the press.

Don also served his Nation well. During World War II he was the director of personnel of the American Red Cross and was responsible for the entire Pacific Theater. He supervised the efforts of almost 2,000 Red Cross workers and served with the Red Cross for 17 years.

At 90 years of age, Don is still an active supporter of school functions and area students activities. During his younger years he was a teacher and a coach, and he has been an active member of the Kemp Athletic Boosters Club for many years. He has received numerous awards from State and local officials but says that the honors he most cherishes are those given by students, as they are our Nation's future leaders.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join Don Legg's many friends and supporters in celebration of his 90th birthday this year and in wishing him continued health and happiness for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO STUDENTS AT ST.  
LEO'S SCHOOL

## HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 20, 1997*

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay a special tribute to a distinguished pair of students from St. Leo's School, who reside in my district. Christopher and Jonathan Cadena are brothers who attend St. Leo's which is located at 104-19 49th Avenue in Corona, Queens.

Christopher Mark Cadena was born on January 6, 1989 and has just completed the second grade. As a second grader, in homeroom

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