

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO MARK MCGWIRE

HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 1998

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, at a time when America needed a distraction from Washington scandals, hurricanes, and global economic crises, St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Mark McGwire lifted our spirits and made us forget our troubles. For his achievements on and off the baseball field, Mark McGwire deserves our praise and admiration. We all share in the pride felt by his parents, Dr. John and Ginger McGwire, who were long time residents of Claremont, California.

The people of California feel a special bond with this son of the San Gabriel Valley. Born in Pomona and raised in Claremont, McGwire graduated from Damien High School where he was recruited by the University of Southern California as a pitcher. At USC, McGwire gave up pitching to become an everyday player. Like Babe Ruth, McGwire has become one of the most feared hitters in the major league. This year, his 70 home runs shattered the 37-year-old mark set by Roger Maris. McGwire also had a .752 slugging average, the highest average since 1927. He had 162 walks, which is the second most intentional walks in a season. To put that in perspective, in 1961 Roger Maris drew only 94 walks and never received an intentional walk.

Besides his accomplishments on the baseball diamond, McGwire is an all-star off the field. He is a devoted father, and the images of him hugging his son, Matt, after home run #62 brought tears to many eyes. In 1987, McGwire had a chance to lead the American League in home runs as a rookie, but instead he sat out the end of the season to be there for his son's birth. His love for children is extraordinary. Last year, McGwire pledged \$3 million to his foundation which helps sexually abused children. While in Oakland, he regularly wore wristbands with the pictures of missing children so viewers could see them on television. After awarding McGwire with their Sportsman of the Year award last year, The Sporting News President James Nuckols appropriately commented, "the quantity and sheer power of Mark's home runs have put him in a class of his own, but his moving example of selflessness and loyalty have made him equally unique."

Baseball historians may view Mark McGwire's legacy as the greatest home run hitter of all time. McGwire has hit a home run every 11.3 at bats, which is the lowest ratio by a major leaguer—lower than Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth, Willie Mays, and Harmon Killebrew. Or, his legacy may be this year's 70 home runs which may never be surpassed. However, Mr. Speaker, I believe McGwire's legacy should be the tremendous inspiration that he provides. As he described in a recent interview, "for all the bad things that are going on in the world, for a short period of time, [I

was] putting a lot of smiles on people's faces." To be sure, Mark McGwire has been an inspiration to all of us. He is the pride of the San Gabriel Valley.

COMMEMORATING RINGWOOD MANOR

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 1998

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call attention to Ringwood Manor, an historic home in Ringwood, New Jersey, that has come to be a symbol of the area's unique heritage and history. I would also like to offer my congratulations to the Ringwood Women's Club and the Friends of Ringwood Manor, two civic organizations that have helped preserve Ringwood Manor and keep it open to the public as an historic site. Their initiative and leadership have made them role models for the nation.

An elegant, 51-room mansion at the center of a 33,000-acre estate in Passaic County, Ringwood Manor served for two centuries as the home of the owners of the iron mines that were once the focus of the region's economy. Those huge mining operations made Ringwood the center of munitions production for U.S. forces in every major armed conflict from the French and Indian Wars to World War I. Ringwood Manor and the surrounding town of Ringwood have a place in our national history that should be recognized. The mines are gone but Ringwood Manor still stands, reminding residents of the area and tourists alike of Ringwood's place in history.

Established in 1740, Ringwood was a center of iron making and munitions making from Colonial days. Three ironmasters oversaw the bustling operations over the years leading up to the Revolutionary War but the last, Robert Erskine, was destined to play a major role in the creation of the United States. Erskine had run the Ringwood mines for seven years when, in 1777, General George Washington appointed him as Geographer and Surveyor General of the Continental Army. In this important role as our nation's army's first geographer, he and his staff produced nearly 300 highly detailed maps. These maps played a major role in leading the colonies' troops to victory over the British. The Robert Erskine Militia performs ceremonial functions in modern-day Ringwood as a tribute to this early prominent citizen.

The next prominent head of the mines was Martin J. Ryerson, who built the original portions of the existing manor house in 1807. (The original manor house burned in 1742.) Ryerson, who built a three-story home of 10 rooms decorated in Federal style, left Ringwood Manor to his sons. They, in turn, sold the house and surrounding 33,000 acres to Peter Cooper in 1854 for \$100,000. Cooper and his business partner, Abram S. Hewitt,

operated 32 working mines as Cooper Hewitt and Co.—and were two of the most important industrialists who transformed our nation's economy during the 19th Century.

In 1855, Hewitt married Cooper's daughter and the couple made Ringwood Manor their country home. Between 1864 and 1879, they greatly expanded the house, bringing it to a total of 51 rooms. Included were 28 bedrooms, 24 fireplaces, 13 bathrooms and 250 windows.

The Hewitts left the house to their children, who donated it to the State of New Jersey in 1936. The state opened the home to the public in 1939.

The present structures standing at Ringwood Manor reflect the period from 1854 to 1936, when the Hewitt family lived there. Among the many unusual features are gardens inspired by the grounds of the Palace of Versailles.

Ringwood Manor has been preserved and kept open to the public through the efforts of two private civic organizations in addition to the State of New Jersey—the Ringwood Women's Club and the Friends of Ringwood Manor. Ringwood Manor is one of the many projects undertaken by the Women's Club, which also works closely with the Ringwood Public Library, local schools and projects such as planting flowers at local shopping centers. The Friends of Ringwood Manor provide a wide variety of volunteer services at the Manor, from gardening to administration. Both these organizations deserve our thanks.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask our colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Ringwood Manor and these outstanding community leaders for this important contribution to maintaining the history of our great nation. As U.S. Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. wrote in *New York Trust Co. v. Eisner*, "A page of history is worth a volume of logic."

SOUND ADVICE FROM AN ALLY

HON. LEE H. HAMILTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 1998

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I recently received a letter from the South Korean Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hong Soon-young, in which he asks for the support of the U.S. Congress as his country seeks to manage the difficult relationship with North Korea.

Minister Hong specifically asks for the continued backing of the U.S. Congress for the South's policy of engagement with the North. He also notes that the 1994 Geneva Framework Agreement, while not perfect, has played "an effective and useful role" in dealing with the challenge posed by North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

In perhaps the letter's key sentence, he requests that the House of Representatives continue to support implementation of this agreement so as to give the North no excuse for backing out of its obligations under the accord.

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Mr. Speaker, we hear much these days about the need to work closely with our friends and allies in South Korea. Here is a concrete request from Seoul. If the idea of working in cooperation with South Korea has any meaning at all, then I don't see how we have any choice but to honor Minister Hong's request that we not sabotage the Agreed Framework.

I submit Minister Hong's letter to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, so that other Members may have the benefit of his views.

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
TRADE,

Seoul, Korea, September 16, 1998.

LEE HAMILTON,

Congressman, House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN HAMILTON. It was a great pleasure to meet you during my recent visit to the United States. In particular, I am very grateful for your kindness in attending the meeting I had at the U.S. House of Representatives. I found the discussions on the U.S.-Korea relationship as well as our policies toward north Korea to be very useful and informative.

As discussed during our meeting, I fully share with you and your colleagues the deep apprehension about north Korea's recent actions, such as the construction of underground facilities and the firing of a launcher.

However, we believe that the Geneva Framework Agreement, though not perfect, has played an effective and useful role in freezing north Korea's nuclear weapons program and thus maintaining peace and security of the Korean Peninsula and in North-east Asia.

As we press north Korea to fully abide by its obligations under the Agreement, we should be careful not to give it any excuse to break the nuclear freeze. In this respect, the support of the U.S. House of Representatives for smooth implementation of the Agreement is most important.

At the same time, it is essential to draw north Korea to engage in genuine dialogue and exchanges with the Republic of Korea. Lasting peace and security on the Korean Peninsula can not be realized without talks between the parties directly concerned. We count on the continued assistance of the U.S. Congress for our engagement policy toward the north.

Once again, thanking you for your support and the warm hospitality extended to me during my visit to the United States, I wish you good health and success in all of your noble endeavors.

Sincerely,

HONG SOON-YOUNG.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF ROBERTA
MURPHY

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 1998

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to inform our colleagues of the passing earlier this week of one of the most remarkable public servants of our Hudson valley region in New York.

Roberta Murphy was one of a kind. Our local newspaper dubbed her "the bulldog of Orange County" and considering her tenacity and dedication to the public interest that description is certainly apt. Roberta was a deeply caring person, and at the same time was also a skilled political leader who knew how to get

things done and how to accomplish the impossible.

Roberta Murphy was first elected to the Legislature of Orange County, NY, in 1977, the first woman ever elected to that body. It became obvious as the years went by that she was no mere follower or rubber stamp who went along with others. Rather, she was a trailblazer, willing and eager to lead. In 1993, she became the Chairman of the Legislature—the first woman in New York south of Albany to serve in that position. It was as Chairman that she became a household word throughout our region. Many of the vital projects important to our county, including the expansion of our courthouse, the resolution of our landfill problems, the need for a new jail, moved forward under her leadership after vexing others for so long.

Roberta Murphy was a member of the Monroe-Woodbury Board of Education even before entering county politics, and served a total of 20 years in that position, and the education of our young people remained her first love. She often would question me and my staff regarding our educational policies, reminding us of her firm belief that our local school boards know what is best for their students, and that it is the role of the Federal government to assist when appropriate, but never to dictate.

Governor George Pataki came to know Roberta well when he represented her home town in the State Assembly. When she passed on earlier this week at the age of 66, the Governor stated: "Roberta was a tremendous personal friend and a woman of just tremendous courage."

Perhaps the greatest demonstration of the affection with which Roberta was held by all is the fact that in both 1993 and 1997, her constituents reelected her by the largest margin of any of the 21 members in the Orange County Legislature.

Roberta's husband John, with whom she had a remarkable partnership, predeceased her by four and a half years. She is survived by their sons, Robert, John, and Steve. She was also a proud grandmother.

I invite our colleagues to join me in extending our sincerest condolences to Roberta's entire family, and to her countless friends and admirers. Hopefully, their grief will be somewhat tempered by the knowledge that Roberta Murphy was a truly unique individual who touched many lives and who dedicated her life to a better society for all of us.

Roberta will be long missed by all of us.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED
CAREER OF DR. CLIFF GILLESPIE

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 1998

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend the contributions Dr. George Clifford Gillespie, Jr. has made to Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) and his community.

Dr. Gillespie is the Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management at Middle Tennessee State University. He is a native of Nashville and received his undergraduate and Masters degrees at MTSU. He also received a doctorate in College Administration from the

George Peabody College at Vanderbilt University.

From 1975 to 1996, Dr. Gillespie held the position of Dean of Admissions, Records, and Information Systems at Middle Tennessee State. At the time of his appointment, he was the youngest person to hold such a position in the United States. From 1983 through 1986, Dr. Gillespie held the position of Secretary/Treasurer of the Executive Committee of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. He has also been a presenter at the annual meeting of AACRAO on numerous occasions. In 1994, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) appointed him Interassociation Representative.

Dr. Gillespie had the honor of being selected to serve on the Board of Trustees of ACT Inc. from 1998 to 2001 this year. Richard L. Ferguson, ACT President, said that "during his six years as Tennessee Representative to the ACT Corp., Cliff Gillespie has consistently given thoughtful advice on ways ACT can enhance its educational services."

Dr. Gillespie has done an exceptional job as Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management. Since his employment with the school in the early 70's, he has brought about many changes. Under Dr. Gillespie's leadership, enrollment has almost doubled. In addition, ACT average scores for the entering Freshmen at MTSU are above the national average and exceed the Tennessee tested population averages. He is truly a strong proponent of the institution.

Dr. Gillespie has also distinguished himself as the annual premier announcer for horse shows at the national and international level, including the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration at Shelbyville, TN and the International Championship Horse Show held at MTSU. His enthusiasm has earned him the distinction of being one of the best announcers in the country.

I would like to congratulate Dr. Gillespie on his stellar accomplishments. Additionally, I want to sincerely and personally thank Cliff, his wife, Gayle, and their children Matthew, Michael and Lauren for their contributions to Middle Tennessee State University and the Murfreesboro community.

CONGRATULATING THE NEWTON
FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 1998

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Kittatinny Hose & Ladder Co. #1 and Steam Co. #1 on their 125th anniversary of service to the residents of Newton, New Jersey. These two companies of the Newton Fire Department will be honored for meritorious service during the Sussex County Fireman's Inspection Day Parade on Saturday, October 3, in Newton. The Newton Fire Department this year has the honor of hosting the parade, which honors the hard-working volunteer firefighters of the entire county.

Volunteer firefighters are among the most dedicated public servants in our communities. They set aside their own convenience—indeed, their own safety—to protect the lives and property of their neighbors and ask nothing in return. Volunteer firefighters turn out to