

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO TRAVIS HAYWARD

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Travis Hayward of Ft. Collins, Colorado. Travis looked to the needs of our nation's children by organizing a toy and book drive to benefit those affected by the September 11th terrorist attacks. For this, Mr. Speaker, the United States Congress should commend him.

Travis donated toys and books to the East Harlem Tutorial Program after his elementary school teacher asked her students to donate one stuffed animal to the program. Travis thought this was a good start, but wanted Colorado students to give more. Through a valiant effort, Travis organized his peers to participate in this program. Travis believes a simple stuffed animal could make a difference to a suffering child because it gives them something to hug when they are upset. With the help of his family, Travis hopes to collect 220 stuffed animals and books.

In a recent edition of *The Coloradan*, Travis' mother, Pat Hayward, said, "We know there are many ways that the community is getting involved, but this is just one of our ways of connecting. We wanted to do a kid-to-kid thing." Travis' dedication and empathy toward children in need epitomizes the compassion of America's youth.

As a citizen of Colorado's Fourth Congressional District, Travis Hayward is truly an amazing, young role model. He not only makes his community proud, but also his state and country. I ask the House to join me in extending its warmest congratulations to Mr. Travis Hayward.

IN HONOR OF SERGEANT SAMUEL JEFFERSON

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and acknowledge the many accomplishments of Sergeant Samuel Jefferson of the Jersey City Police Department. Throughout his career, he worked tirelessly to enhance the safety and well-being of the residents of Jersey City, New Jersey.

A 22-year veteran of the Jersey City Police Department, Sergeant Jefferson has enjoyed a dynamic and extensive law enforcement career. Sergeant Jefferson joined the Jersey City Police Department in 1979, and was quickly promoted to the rank of Detective after assignments in the North District Division and the Radio Room. As a Detective, he spent countless hours working on cases in the Hudson County Prosecutors Homicide Division, the

Welfare Investigation Unit, and the Warrant Squad. In 1990, he assumed the rank of Sergeant and was assigned to the Patrol Division. From 1991 until his retirement, Sergeant Jefferson worked in the Jersey City Policy Department's Internal Affairs Division.

Prior to his law enforcement career, Sergeant Jefferson was a decorated United States Marine. While in the Marines, he was the recipient of the Purple Heart, the Vietnam Combat Cross, the Combat Infantry Badge, and the South Vietnam Medal.

A Jersey City native, Sergeant Jefferson graduated from Lincoln High School. Currently, he enrolled at New Jersey City University and completing requirements for a BA in Criminal Justice.

Sergeant Jefferson and his wife Denise have three children and two grandchildren.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Sergeant Samuel Jefferson for his dedicated service on behalf of the residents of Jersey City.

TRIBUTE TO ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the St. Louis Catholic Church, which celebrated its 75th Anniversary on Sunday, September 16, 2001. Truly a milestone occasion, this celebration gives testament to the outstanding dedication and commitment of the entire church and community.

Established with the generous donation of four and a half acres by Louis and Mathilda Charbeneau in 1926, the parish of St. Louis began humbly with worship services in a temporary church and a Gym-Church until its final move to Crocker Boulevard. Decades later, with much prayer, sacrifice and hard work, the parish of the St. Louis Catholic Church continues to provide love, care and concern for the entire community.

Active with many organizations, including the Parish Council, Men's Club, Ladies Circle, Senior Club and the Music Ministry, members demonstrate outstanding dedication to community involvement. With Stewardship and Worship Commissions, a Youth Group, and Religious Education for all ages, St. Louis Catholic Church is committed to building sound religious education and service for all its members. Additionally, parishioners have worked hard through the years to reach out to the entire community with charitable services under MCREST and the St. Vincent de Paul Society, as well as serving meals at the Salvation Army. With a devotion to religious education, church activities, and official services, this community will continue to move forward in the mission to improve the lives of people through faith and God.

Although history and time have changed the parish, the spirit of the church has remained strong. I would like to personally congratulate the St. Louis Catholic Church on their 75th Anniversary, and I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing them on this landmark occasion.

NATIONAL PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY (S. CON. RES. 44)

SPEECH OF

HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of S. Con. Res. 44, which calls for a National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. S. Con. Res. 44 reminds us of the thousands of lives lost that bleak December morning when the Japanese Imperial Navy launched a sneak attack on America. S. Con. Res. 44 is a fitting tribute in remembrance of the lives lost that day and of the more than 12,000 members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association to whom this Day is also dedicated.

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt said December 7, 1941 was "A day that will live in infamy" and to this very day we remember Pearl Harbor for the thousands of lives that were lost tragically that morning.

Today, Americans old and young find themselves united by the two tragic attacks against this country, 60 years apart. The events of September 11th have presented many with first hand experience of the shocking and frightening realities of a terrorist attack. December 7, 1941 was no less an act of terror and treachery as was September 11, 2001.

Each year on December 7th thousands of people journey to Pearl Harbor, to pay tribute to those who lost their lives on that day. The USS Arizona Memorial sits in Pearl Harbor as a final resting place for more than 900 of the 1,177 men who lost their lives that fateful day in Pearl Harbor. Twelve ships were sunk or beached and nine others were damaged.

Families of deceased members of the crews of the ships lost on December 7, 1941, come to Pearl Harbor to place ashes in the hull of the Arizona memorial or have them scattered in the harbor, tightening the bond of valor and sacrifice for all time.

But December 7, 1941, is much more than just a tragic day in American history. The bombing of Pearl Harbor thrust the United States into World War II, galvanizing our country to fight for freedom in two continents from which America emerged as an international leader.

In the end 16,112,566 went to fight in WWII and 405,399 lost their lives in battle.

The bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, brought war to the doorsteps of

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