

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTINE FRENCH

HON. BARBARA CUBIN

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2002

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate and honor a Wyoming teacher today who has achieved national recognition for exemplary service to her students and her community. Christine French of Newcastle has been named the recipient of a Christa McAuliffe Fellowship and has spent the \$28,000 award not on herself, but on her students.

Christine used the money to buy wireless networked laptop computers and other information technology tools to be used by students at Newcastle High School. These hands-on tools will help students learn how to use real-world applications in a classroom setting and will help to ensure a quality education for the students of Newcastle High.

It is vital that we continue to encourage and support the kind of selfless contribution that Christine has made. We all need to think more about how we, as individual citizens, can work together to make our communities better. Teachers like Christine are inspiring examples for us all, and are among our brightest hopes for a better tomorrow.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2002

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 17, on approving the Journal. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 18, the motion to adjourn. Had I been present I would have voted "no."

I was also unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 19, the amendment in the nature of a substitute numbered 13 offered by Mr. ARMEY to H.R. 2356, the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2001. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was also unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 20, the amendment in the nature of a substitute numbered 14 offered by Mr. NEY to H.R. 2356, the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2001. Had I been present I would have voted "no."

I was also unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 21, the amendment in the nature of a substitute numbered 9 offered by Mr. SHAYS to H.R. 2356, the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2001. Had I been present I would have voted "no."

I was also unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 22, the amendment numbered 32 offered by Mr. HYDE to H.R. 2356, the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2001. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was also unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 23, the amendment numbered 11 offered by Mr. GREEN of Texas to H. R. 2356, the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2001. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was also unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 24, the amendment numbered 27 offered by Mr. PICKERING to H.R. 2356, the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2001. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was also unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 25, the amendment numbered 31 offered by Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma to H.R. 2356, the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2001. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was also unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 26, the amendment numbered 28 offered by Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas to H.R. 2356, the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2001. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was also unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 27, the amendment numbered 30 offered by Mr. COMBEST to H.R. 2356, the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2001. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was also unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 28, the amendment numbered 12 offered by Mr. WAMP to H.R. 2356, the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2001. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was also unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 29, the amendment numbered 33 offered by Mr. EMERSON to H.R. 2356, the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2001. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was also unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 30, the amendment numbered 34 offered by Mr. WICKER to H.R. 2356, the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2001. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was also unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 31, the amendment numbered 29 offered by Mr. REYNOLDS to H.R. 2356, the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2001. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was also unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 32, the amendment numbered 25 offered by Mr. KINGSTON to H.R. 2356, the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2001. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was also unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 33, the amendment in the nature of a substitute numbered 26 offered by Mr. NEY to H.R. 2356, the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2001. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was also unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 34, final passage of H.R. 2356, the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2001. Had I been present I would have voted "no."

U.S.—TAIWAN RELATIONS

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2002

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, the United States and the Republic of China on

Taiwan have been maintaining strong relations for decades. In recent years, despite the lack of formal diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Taiwan, Taiwan has been unwavering in its support of the United States in all areas.

In the wake of the Twin Towers and Pentagon tragedy, Taiwan went into deep mourning and its government ordered all flags lowered at half staff for two days. Taiwan stands with the United States on nearly all issues including safeguarding human rights and fighting terrorism around the globe.

President Bush was right when he made several comments during his recent trip to Asia:

First, U.S. will continue to support the Taiwan Relations Act (President Bush and Chinese President Jiang Zemin's joint press on Feb. 21, 2002); second, when my country makes an agreement, we stick with it. And there is called the Taiwan Relations Act, and I honor that act, which says we will help Taiwan defend itself, if provoked (President Bush answering a question from a student of Xinhua University on Feb. 22, 2002); and third, America will remember our commitments to the people on Taiwan (Remarks by President Bush to the Diet of Japan on Feb. 18, 2002).

Mr. Speaker, as long as we stand firm on our principles of providing what Taiwan needs militarily, there will be stability in the Taiwan Strait and that is in everyone's best interests.

H. CON. RES. 324—WELCOMING PRESIDENT MUSHARRAF

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2002

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 324, commending President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan for his leadership and welcoming him to the United States. I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania, Mr. PITTS who recently traveled to the region, for introducing this legislation.

In the days following September 11th, Mr. Musharraf had to make a difficult choice—he could have taken the easy way out—but he did not. To this end, Pakistan's support for President Bush's war on terrorism has been vital to our success in liberating Afghanistan.

Pakistan is at a critical point, it is my hope that General Musharraf's speech of January 12th will be seen as the turning point in Pakistan's unfortunate history. Musharraf aligned his country with the international mainstream, rejecting terrorism. The members of this House now watch closely for the results.

My colleagues have touched on cross border terrorism and democracy, let me turn to education reform. During his speech, President Musharraf announced a major overhaul to this country's 7,000 madrassas, or Islamic religious schools. In recent years, madrassas have sprouted up across Pakistan, Central Asia, and North Africa, in many instances

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