

HONORING CORPORAL WALTER
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HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2002

Mr. HOFFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Corporal Walter West. Corporal West retired on August 12, 2001 from the Lower Gwynedd Township Police in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania after thirty-five years of service. He has been an outstanding member of his community.

Mr. West began his career in the U.S. Army in 1959. He was honorably discharged in 1965, having attained the rank of E-4. He became a part-time police officer in May of 1966 and three years later became a full-time officer. In 1970, he attended the Philadelphia Police Academy and earned an Associate Degree in Applied Science from Montgomery County Community College. Corporal West served in the Lower Gwynedd police force admirably. In fact, he was inducted into the American Police Hall of Fame in 1983.

Corporal West has been active in the F.O.P. Montgomery County Lodge #14 and has participated in other community programs such as The Salvation Army Holiday Food Drive, the Home Run Derby, the YMCA physical fitness program and the Rotary Club of which he was a past president. He has been recognized by many in his community for his years of dedicated service.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to recognize Corporal Walter West for his many years of dedicated service. Our community is a better place because of his contributions.

TRIBUTE TO DR. RICHARD G.
CARPENTER

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many contributions of Dr. Richard G. Carpenter to Calhoun Community College and the Decatur, Alabama community during the last ten years. I join his family, friends and colleagues as they celebrate his accomplishments and congratulate him for a successful tenure as President of the school and an exciting new future as President of the Wisconsin Technical College System.

Dr. Carpenter, a native of Franklinton, Louisiana, has been President of Calhoun Community College since 1992. Calhoun is Alabama's largest community college, and Dr. Carpenter has provided them with progressive and visionary leadership for the past decade. He has played a pivotal role in shaping Calhoun Community College to what it is today and will be greatly missed.

Among his accomplishments at Calhoun Community College are its ongoing construction of the school's Technology Park and the record setting enrollment for the fall semester of 2001. His prior experience includes teaching at elementary through university graduate school levels and serving as president of three other community colleges. Dr. Carpenter received his Ph.D. in Community College Lead-

ership from North Carolina State University and has been the recipient of numerous local and national awards.

Mr. Speaker, today I join his wife Dana and his three children as well as his many friends and colleagues in congratulating Dr. Richard Carpenter on ten years of extraordinary service to Calhoun Community College. Dr. Carpenter has been an influential leader for our North Alabama community for many years and I wish him the best as he pursues an exciting new future as President of the Wisconsin Technical College System.

TRIBUTE TO DR. BEVERLY
WALTERS

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the leadership and achievements of Dr. Beverly Walters in the field of neurosurgery. Dr. Walters is an Associate Professor of Clinical Neurosciences at Brown University, and Chief of Neurosurgery at Landmark Medical Center.

Dr. Walters recently co-chaired a committee that examined a number of studies and established guidelines for the treatment of acute cervical spine and spinal cord injuries. The guidelines were published in the March issue of Neurosurgery. The committee evaluated the best scientific evidence developed over the last 25 years to inform their conclusions.

The standardization and refinement of surgical techniques in treating spinal cord injuries is a substantial accomplishment in neurosurgery, and a testament to Dr. Walters' experience in research and surgical practice. I am proud to represent Dr. Walters, and applaud her commitment to this field.

Mr. Speaker, I hope you and our colleagues will join me in recognizing Dr. Beverly Walters and her outstanding work. Due in part to her dedication, numerous lives are improved daily through increased understanding of spinal cord, injuries.

RADM ARCHITZEL GIVES KEYNOTE
ADDRESS AT USS "HARRY S.
TRUMAN" CHANGE OF COMMAND

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, March 15, a Change of Command was held on the USS *Harry S. Truman*, an aircraft carrier whose home port is Norfolk, VA. Captain Michael Grothausen succeeded Captain David Logsdon as the Commanding Officer of that ship. Captain Logsdon will continue his outstanding military career as a professor of Military Science at the University of South Carolina. The principal address was delivered by RADM David Architzel. The talk was a great reminder of American Naval strength. It is set forth as follows:

Congressmen Skelton and Schrock, Admiral Malone, Captains Logsdon and Grothausen and your families, distin-

guished guests and most importantly, men and women of USS *Harry S. Truman*.

Good morning to all of you, what a great personal and professional honor it is for me to address the crew of this great ship.

I accepted the invitation to speak here today with some trepidation and anxiety. After all, our distinguished guests include Congressmen and the Commander, Naval Air Forces, U.S. Atlantic Fleet (AIRLANT) and others who are far more eloquent speakers than I. Captain Logsdon was persistent in his efforts to convince me to speak, and as a fellow S-3 aviator, of course, I accepted.

Let me begin by saying that the Change of Command ceremony is one that is steeped in Naval tradition. The crew has been assembled and in just a few short minutes they will witness as all the responsibility and authority of Command at Sea passes from Captain Logsdon to Captain Grothausen.

Today is a day of mixed emotions for Logs, CAPT Logsdon. This is the assignment that he has worked his entire career to achieve; an assignment that many seek, but few ever attain. While he has done a wonderful job and has so many great memories of his time at the helm, nothing can stop the clock. I'm reminded of the Chow Call that I used to have to give many years ago at the Naval Academy: it ends with the one minute call and the words; Tide time and Formation wait for no man!" Logs must now go ashore and he will be leaving this ship, just as Captain Otterbein had to leave it 2 and a half years ago, in the hands of another eager and talented officer, Captain Mike Grothausen.

This Change of Command provides the opportunity to reflect upon the accomplishments of the command and crew of *Harry S. Truman*. It also gives us a chance to talk about what lies ahead.

The United States is and always will be a Maritime nation. Since Theodore Roosevelt and the Great White Fleet sailed from Hampton Roads, the U.S. Navy has been an instrument of national policy and diplomacy, and her ships have been the centerpiece of our national defense. When one considers the striking power, mobility and agility of our deploying Carrier Battle Groups, built around carriers such as *Harry S. Truman*, it is evident that our nation's defense is the strongest it's ever been.

"I've been in the Navy, now, for some 28 years and can honestly say that today's Navy and her Sailors and Marines are the finest I've ever seen. You've earned the right to stand proud. Each deploying ship, squadron, and unit has the full support and backing of the American people, never before in American history has our nation been so completely unified and resolute in purpose.

CNO's guidance for 2002 is to "Fight and Win". He recently reflected on how the readiness, flexibility, power, precision and persistence of our naval forces are dealing decisive blows in the war on terrorism. The Navy is performing brilliantly and he is, as I am, very proud of each and every Sailor and Marine standing the watch. Sustainment of this level of performance presents many challenges to our Commanding Officers.

With respect to those challenges, the President, in his address to Congress on the 20th of September of last year, directed the military to "be ready!" and told Congress and the American people that the military's "time will come and they will make us proud!" Well . . . our time has come, the Enterprise, Theodore Roosevelt, Stennis, and Kitty Hawk Battle Groups have triumphed, and the JFK and Vinson Battle Groups have stepped in and filled their shoes. Whether you're on the tip of the spear, preparing to be there, or supporting those who are, We have a mission and one clear objective . . . to win the war on terrorism and we will.

The Enterprise and Theodore Roosevelt Battle Groups led the way from right here in Hampton Roads and have carried on the fight for all of us here at home. In the not too distant future, it will be TRUMAN'S turn to take her place on station to cheers of "Give 'em Hell Harry!"

When that time comes, I know you will be ready. This carrier and her embarked Air Wing brings with it elements that cannot be matched by any other force. You will be challenged and you must remain flexible—the flexibility of Naval aviation was evident early in Operation Enduring Freedom. After the first two weeks of the war, the fixed targets were all but destroyed, leaving over 80% of the targets unknown to the aircrews prior to launch requiring them to quickly adapt mission plans enroute in order to perform time critical strikes. Mission accomplishment required the Presence, Power and Precision that only carrier aviation can provide. Persistence is another factor. On station 24/7, available on call when needed, the forward deployed carrier, with the latest in technology, stands ready, delivering precision guided ordnance to over 90% of her targets as opposed to the 10% rate used in Operation Desert Storm. This is a campaign where we measure targets per aircraft not aircraft per target. It is not about numbers of tons of bombs but about making every bomb count.

Carrier Aviation continues to excel. Commander, Carrier Air Wing 8, who returned in November aboard USS *Enterprise*, recently attributed training and preparation with the success his Air Wing experienced while deployed for Operation Enduring Freedom. He also noted that this training was essential for naval aviation to remain agile and adaptable.

Our operations require stalwart dedication from the entire Battle Group, not just the fighter/attack aircraft and crews. For example, the organic tanker capability of the S-3 Viking, which CAPT Logsdon and I are remotely familiar with, is more valuable than ever to the Air Wing and Battle Group Commanders and continues to be essential to mission accomplishment in Operation Enduring Freedom.

Logs, you would be interested to note that Viking squadrons deployed for Operation Enduring Freedom have flown about 4,000 hours and have passed over 5.5 million pounds of fuel . . . which contrasts significantly with the total of 2,400 hours and 2.5 million pounds for a typical peacetime deployment.

Many of the current flight schedules have been requiring 7 of 8 Vikings airborne at a time and they are enjoying the highest aircraft utilization rate in the Air wing.

Now let me focus on some of the wonderful things that Captain Logsdon and his crew have accomplished during his time in Command.

People talk about the character of a ship and I believe it starts with its namesake, but it doesn't end there.

The character of a ship transcends through the leadership and most importantly is represented by the men and women who comprise the crew.

As one leader relieves another, . . . as crew members come and go . . . the character stays, the pride, the energy the enthusiasm that makes the ship great comprise the character that embodies the ship.

All you have to do is walk aboard this great ship and you can feel it. This ship has character and that character is here to stay.

President Truman's favorite expression was: "Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest."

This principal applies well to what you do aboard this great ship and in fact gives our Navy a guiding principle, during this time of great challenge for our Navy and our nation.

*Truman ensured that our peacetime military was essential to our way of life in the future.

*In speaking of the need for a strong military he said, "We must be prepared to pay the price of peace or assuredly we shall pay the price of war."

I wonder what President Truman would think if he were in the audience with you today. How much would it have meant to him to have this great symbol of military might in his Navy?

Remember that this ship answered the call during Operation Southern Watch.

On her last deployment:
Logging 8,000 arrested landings;
84 days supporting;
869 missions flown;
supporting 2,700 flight hours;
the list of accomplishments for this ship during Operation Southern Watch is staggering, earning unprecedented recognition for a newly commissioned ship.

I know Captain Logsdon would quickly deflect any praise for himself onto all of you. However, we all recognize that his leadership was essential to the great things Harry S. Truman has attained and his legacy will be a part of this great ship for a long time to come.

Another great source of pride for Truman is your conduct as ambassadors for our nation overseas . . . you put our nation's best foot forward . . . and what a tremendous job you did as ambassadors . . . Since Captain Logsdon is a student of history and no doubt a student of Harry S. Truman, it is no coincidence that aboard his namesake vessel on your maiden deployment you made back to back port visits in Turkey and Greece . . . two of the nations center to the Truman Doctrine and I am sure that your crew now has experiences and memories that will last a lifetime.

Launching and recovering aircraft and projecting air power will always be the function of aircraft carriers and will continue to be the centerpiece of our Naval strategy for many years to come, this is of course your mission and our mission is always the primary focus.

Our number one resource by accomplishing our mission is our people . . . every one of you here today . . . without you we cannot accomplish our mission.

Do you know what the CNO's "number one" priority is for our Navy today? Manpower . . . our people . . . Since Admiral Clark became CNO, he has said we are in a battle for people to maintain the greatest Navy in history. Part of the reason for that is the "type" of people we must recruit and retain, we cannot operate aircraft carriers with just anyone, there are special traits that our people must possess.

"One of the most important things we do in our Navy is give people responsibility at very young ages. Some people, frankly, don't prosper in that environment and will not do well. Ours is a demanding profession—and we ask a lot. But the people who thrive on responsibility will always do well."

Harry S. Truman is a leader in providing for the quality of life and quality of service . . . you are a crew that does thrive on the awesome responsibility you are entrusted with . . . and your record clearly reflects that.

Faced with a lengthy availability, the strength of your leadership and the determination of your crew were clearly demonstrated.

You set the standard for Aircraft Carrier availabilities you raised the bar for all the ships that will follow you, you completed your PIA millions of dollars under budget and ahead of schedule, a true testimony to the character of this great ship and you accomplished what many thought was impossible.

The leadership from Norfolk Naval Shipyard was unanimous in their praise for the "Truman Team One" concept employed from the beginning of the maintenance availability process.

In fact, the Shipyard Commander, an officer who has been involved with many outstanding aircraft carrier maintenance availabilities lauded your team in saying:

"I have never worked with a commanding officer who was more dedicated to the success of the mission. . . . His leadership and commitment were inspirational and contagious to everyone on the ship both Truman crew and Norfolk Naval Shipyard workers alike."

The best thing of all is that because of your initiative, ingenuity and dedication . . . the ships that follow you will have an advantage, the whole carrier fleet benefits from the lessons learned from your successes.

It is abundantly clear to anyone that your leadership has been essential in these many accomplishments.

Captain Logsdon in addition to providing your people the tools to accomplish their mission:

You have provided the leadership needed in order to ensure that the men and women of the *Harry S. Truman* know the value of their contribution and feel pride in themselves and their service to country.

Among the records that Captain Logsdon must be most proud is to lead the CINCLANTFLT honor role for retention . . .

Harry S. Truman retained almost 60% of its first term sailors and over 77% of second term Sailors . . . 3% and 10% higher than Navy averages and earned back-to-back Fleet Retention excellence Awards under his leadership.

The record speaks for itself, the crew has worked hard and clearly likes being part of the *Harry S. Truman* team and while your leadership Captain Logsdon is key, you didn't do it alone.

There is an unseen element of your leadership that no one can deny and that is of your wife Rise (Reece-uh). While you were out to sea leading sailors, she was back at home helping families, not only your two wonderful children, but supporting the entire family network of the *Harry S. Truman* a daunting task for anyone, a task deserving of a large salary for which she receives nothing, but I know she has your gratitude, let me add mine as well.

Sometimes leaders don't recognize things outside the skin of a ship or the walls of a building. But you do. You understand what an incredible part of your crew's success depends on the families back home and it shows.

Captain Logsdon, I'm sure it seems like a very short time ago that you were assuming command of this great ship. I know in my experience the time seems to just fly by, you are likely leaving here with a heavy heart, knowing that you will be saying farewell to this great crew.

But you will quickly become energized when you get back on campus at the University of South Carolina and back in the heart of NASCAR country what a homecoming that will be . . . and what a thrill to have an impact on those young people who will become leaders for our future Navy. It will certainly be a rewarding experience.

As you leave this great ship, I am sure there are many things you had hoped to accomplish, but simply ran out of time. That's hard to imagine with the success you have had here, but is still probably true.

Now let me turn to the future. Groot, you will be given many resources and with that you will be expected to produce that fruit called readiness. You are embarking on the

greatest professional experience and challenge of your life and I know you are up to it. You take the helm of this great warship today and will soon carry her forward to even greater heights and a place in our Nation's history books. To those of you who don't know Captain Mike Grothousen let me tell you a little about him: He is an accomplished aviator (A-7 F/A 18), Executive Officer aboard USS George Washington, Commanding Officer aboard USS *Shreveport*, dedicated professional and Champion of Sailors.

Captain Grothousen you will be fulfilling a dream and I know you will stay sharp, stay focused, stay safe and make us all proud.

You and Tricia are in for the ride of your lifetime. All the years of training, the dedication and sacrifice required of you and your family will be worth it. Command of an aircraft carrier is like nothing else on this earth and I know you will both walk away richer for the experience.

Always remember to trust in your faith, and in your shipmates. God bless you, the crew of this great ship and God Bless the United States of America.

HONORING CORPORAL ROBERT THOMAS

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2002

Mr. HOFFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Corporal Robert Thomas. Corporal Thomas retired from the Lower Gwynedd Police Department in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania on August 12, 2001 after twenty-six years of service. Corporal Thomas has provided his community with outstanding service.

Corporal Thomas served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1965 until 1967 when he was honorably discharged. In 1977 he was selected as Police Officer of the Year and he received an Exceptional Service Award and ribbon in 1978. Corporal Thomas also earned an Honorable Service Award. He was promoted to the rank of Corporal in 1984.

In addition, Corporal Thomas was a member of the Montgomery County Emergency Response Team and has many letters of praise from the community and area police departments. He was inducted into the American Police Hall of Fame and Museum in 1978.

I am pleased and honored to present this award to Corporal Robert Thomas.

INTRODUCTION OF "SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT IN GROWTH ACT OF 2002"

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2002

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud President Bush for recently releasing a comprehensive Small Business Agenda. The President's Small Business Agenda includes substantive and vital tax and regulatory reforms including, among them, provisions to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an immediate increase in expensing under Section 179. Accordingly, I rise

today to introduce a bill, the "Small Business Investment in Growth Act of 2002," identical to the President's expensing provisions and to legislation introduced in the Senate on Friday, March 15, 2002, by Senators SUSAN COLLINS of Maine and KIT BOND of Missouri.

As Chairman of the Committee on Small Business, I strongly welcome the Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act of 2002 Congress passed and the President signed last month to stimulate growth and promote prosperity for all Americans. Unfortunately, the final bill did not include small business expensing—a priority I believe would be crucial in increasing small business investment and growth in our economy. Accordingly, my bill would increase immediately the expensing and equipment cost limitations under Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code to \$40,000 and \$325,000 respectively. Unambiguously, these simple and cost effective changes would boost small business spending and economic growth.

Small entrepreneurs strongly support the proposed changes because they understand that the current law limitations of \$24,000 and \$200,000 are woefully outdated and counterproductive. The majority of small entrepreneurs exceed these current annual cost limits in only three months. Increasing Section 179 expensing for America's small entities will lower their cost of capital and enable them to compete, to expand, and to create new jobs.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to offer this bipartisan bill together with the Committee on Small Business Ranking Democrat NYDIA M. VELAZQUEZ of New York, Representative ROB PORTMAN of Ohio and of the Ways and Means Committee, and several other distinguished members. We urge its prompt passage in this Congress.

THE HAMMOND CARPENTER'S UNION LOCAL 599

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2002

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate some of the most dedicated and skilled workers in Northwest Indiana. On April 13, 2002, in a salute to their workers' durability and longevity, the Hammond Carpenter's Union Local 599 will recognize their members for 25 years or more of dedicated service. They will be recognized during a pin ceremony banquet held on Saturday at the Carpenter's Union Hall in Hammond, Indiana. These individuals, in addition to the other Local 599 members who have served Northwest Indiana so diligently for such a long period of time, are a testament to the prototypical American worker: loyal, dedicated, and hardworking.

The Carpenter's Local 599, which received its charter in 1899, will honor members for their years of devoted service. Those members who will be honored for 60 years for service include: Oscar Wahlstrom and Cecil Webb. The carpenters who will be honored for 55 years of service include: Fred Doppler, Michael Grimmer, Lawrence Hess, Joseph Hoadley, Joseph Lowry, Wayman Porter, John Sowinski, Walter Spencer, and George Wartsbaugh. Those members who will be honored for 50 years of service include: Daniel

Deflorio, Jack Depew, John Grzych, Herman Nashkoff, and Joe Seneff. Those members being honored for 45 years of service include: Edward Bullock, Eugene Langel, and George Pooler. Those members being honored for 40 years of service include: Melvin Blaier, Richard Carnett, Ralph Graham, Aloysius Sajdyh, and Walter Scott. Those members being honored for 35 years of service include: Roger Benson, Jr., William Chick, Eugene Hartz, Steve Hudi, Pete Lolkema, and Ronald Webster. Those members of Local 599 who will be honored for 30 years of service include: Arthur Bach, Lewis Carver, and Anthony Vigil. The carpenters who will be honored for 25 years of service include: John Childers, Gregory Curtis, Larry Eckrich, Robert Emslander, Joseph Gacsy, William Hass, Daniel Hernandez, George Hudak, William Lowry, Rich McIlroy, Walter Sosnowski, Chris Staes, Matthew Stoffregen, and Leonard White.

Northwest Indiana has a rich history of excellence in its craftsmanship and loyalty by its tradesmen. These workers are all outstanding examples of each. They have mastered their trade and have consistently performed at the highest level throughout their careers. They have demonstrated their loyalty to both the union and the community through their hard work and self-sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these dedicated, honorable, and outstanding members of the Hammond Carpenter's Union Local 599, in addition to all the hardworking union men and women in America. The men and women of Local 599 are a fine representation of America's union workforce; I am proud to represent such dedicated men and women in Congress. Their hard labor and dauntless courage are the achievement and fulfillment of the American dream.

CELEBRATING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GIRL SCOUTS

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2002

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the 90th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts of America. In 1912, Juliette Gordon Low founded the Girl Scouts in Savannah, Georgia with a membership of only 18 girls and the dream of giving the United States "something for all girls." by the end of 1913, there were 535 members and 31 leaders. Today there are nearly 3.7 million Girl Scouts and the program continues to offer quality experiences for girls locally, nationally, and internationally. The Girl Scout program is girl-driven, reflecting the ever-changing ideas and interests of the participating girls. The program encourages increased skill building and responsibility, and also promotes the development of strong leadership and decisionmaking skills.

Throughout its history, the Girl Scouts have provided aid and assistance to our country in times of need. During World War I and II, Girl Scouts worked in hospitals, grew vegetables, and sold defense bonds. During the Great Depression, Girl Scouts troops around the United States joined the relief effort by collecting clothes, food, and toys, volunteering at hospitals, and working on community canning