

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DEZIE WOODS-JONES

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2002

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dezie Woods-Jones for her lifetime of distinguished public service. She has been a tireless community activist, civic and educational leader for more than 40 years.

Dezie's long history of civic involvement began in high school, while working in the Civil Rights Movement. She served as President of the Fresno Youth Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), later becoming an organizer for the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), and a national fundraiser for the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

Ms. Woods-Jones has continued to demonstrate her commitment to social and economic equity by striving to empower women and working with young people. She joined the Peralta Community College District in 1969, as Director of the Merritt College Outreach Center. During her 34-year career, she served as an administrator of Student Services, Community Relations, and Governmental Affairs. First and foremost, however, Dezie considers herself an instructor and teacher. Indeed, she has taught all of us so much.

Ms. Woods-Jones was the first woman to run for the office of Mayor of Oakland. She was elected to the Oakland City Council in June of 1991 and served as the City's Vice Mayor from 1996–1997. While in office, Ms. Woods-Jones served as Chair of the Rules Committee, the Finance and Legislation Committee, and the Health and Human Services Committee. After her term ended, she returned to the Peralta Community College District and presided as Vice Chancellor for External Affairs.

Over the years, she has continued her community activism, working diligently on behalf of the underprivileged and disenfranchised, particularly on behalf of youth and women. Dezie Woods-Jones was a founding member of Black Women Organized for Political Action (BWOPA) and has served as the organization's president for over 30 years. She is also founder of Black Women Organized for Educational Development and its outreach arm, the Black Women's Resource Center.

Ms. Woods-Jones' commitment to the Oakland/Bay Area community is indeed unparalleled. She has been part of the Alameda County Interagency Task Force, the Greater Oakland International Trade Center Board of Directors, Chair of the Oakland Community Policing Advisory Board, and President of the Oakland Private Industry Council. Her outstanding service has been recognized by the Department of Defense, the Department of Energy, the American Heart Association, the City and County of San Francisco, the City of Oakland, the State of California, and the Congress of the United States of America.

Finally, as we honor Dezie Woods-Jones today, I want to thank her on behalf of the entire 9th Congressional District of California for being a great friend and leader. Dezie has shared with me her wisdom and has given me support.

I have known Dezie since the early 1970's and continue to be inspired by her optimism, her energy, her boldness, her intellect, her heart, and her soul. Those who meet her cannot forget her incredible sense of style and exquisite hats. She is a true role model who continues to touch the lives of women—young and old—in magnificent ways. Her love for people transcends race and gender.

I take great pride in joining Ms. Woods-Jones' friends, family, and colleagues to salute the extraordinary Dezie Woods-Jones. Her Spirit soars even through difficult times. What a remarkable woman!

RESTORE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO HAITI

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2002

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Yet the U.S. government is blocking aid to Haiti in order to expand the influence of a single Haitian political party. This party, known as the Democratic Convergence, is supported by only a small fraction of the Haitian electorate. Nevertheless, the Democratic Convergence and the Organization of American States raised questions about the May 21, 2000, elections in Haiti.

Meanwhile, Haiti's population is facing a serious humanitarian crisis. Haiti's per capita income is only \$460 per year. Four percent of the population is infected with the AIDS virus, and 163,000 children have been orphaned by AIDS. Every year, there are 30,000 new AIDS cases. The infant mortality rate is over seven percent. For every 1000 infants born in Haiti, five women die in childbirth. Furthermore, there are only 1.2 doctors for every 10,000 people in this desperately poor country.

Not only has the United States suspended development assistance to Haiti, the United States has been blocking loans from international financial institutions such as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the Inter-American Development Bank. U.S. policy has effectively prevented Haiti from receiving \$146 million in loans from the Inter-American Development Bank that were already approved by that institution's Board of Directors. These loans are desperately needed by the people of Haiti.

The Board of Directors of the Inter-American Development Bank recently agreed to send a special mission to Haiti to review conditions for the renewal of lending to Haiti. This mission, which will take place later this month, is purely technical. Its purpose is twofold. First,

the mission's participants will reassess past loans to Haiti that are in arrears. Second, they will assess current efforts by the Haitian government to resolve the political crisis. Unfortunately, there is no indication that participants in this mission will discuss conditions for the restoration of loans or development assistance to Haiti.

President Jean-Bertrand Aristide has taken several steps to address the concerns raised by the international community regarding the May 21, 2000, elections. Yet the U.S. government continues to refuse to negotiate with the Haitian government.

It is time for the United States to end this political impasse and restore development assistance to this impoverished democracy.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 60th ANNIVERSARY OF WAVES

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2002

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to pay special tribute to WAVES, "Women Accepted For Voluntary Emergency Service", on the 60th anniversary of its incorporation. WAVES brings together all former, retired, and present Navy women, promotes the Navy and Navy women, serves women veterans, and supports the traditions and history of the Women of the United States Navy.

During World War I, while the Army remained committed to its prohibition against enlisted women, the Navy Department took advantage of the skills women offered by signing up 13,000 women into the Navy and the Marine Corps.

World War II marked a turning point in the history of women in the military. On July 30, 1942, Congress enacted legislation establishing a Women's Reserve for duty with the U.S. Navy stateside, and on August 3, 1942, WAVES was established. Women have continued to make invaluable contributions to the United States military ever since.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that there are over 1,448,000 women veterans in this country, representing 5 percent of the total veteran population. Women have served in and with the military services since our country was founded. As medics, mechanics, postal workers, clerks, cooks, or MP's, women have contributed and continue to contribute mightily to our national defense in times of both war and peace. Women veterans have served proudly in nearly every United States military action risking their lives in the service of their country.

I am proud to have the Finger Lakes Unit #49 of WAVES National, with members from Rochester and surrounding towns, as an active organization in my district. Our local unit carries out national programs with special emphasis on service to women veterans in VA

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hospitals, at home, and in nursing homes. In addition, our dedicated group continuously supports the Institute of Logopedics for Special children.

I am happy to offer my congratulations to WAVES on their 60th anniversary and my strong support for the important work they do recognizing and promoting the valuable service of women veterans.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 393

SPEECH OF

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2002

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 393, the resolution offered by Representative JOSEPH CROWLEY.

We have all heard during the past year and a half about the egregious acts of anti-Semitic behavior that have spread through Europe—vandalism of synagogues; desecration of graveyards; personal attacks of people of Jewish faith; boycott of products made in Israel. These actions are cowardly and have resulted in the worst wave of anti-Semitic behavior since 1945.

Today, I rise to support this resolution that calls upon the governments of Europe to protect their residents—Jewish and non-Jewish alike. We must fight for understanding and cooperation between people of all religions, not just in the turbulent Middle East but wherever prejudice and discrimination occur.

Our nation prides itself on maintaining an atmosphere where people can practice whatever religion they choose. Religious tolerance is the root of our peace and prosperity; we must strive to ensure that it is practiced throughout the world so that others may benefit from this spirit of cooperation.

No one deserves to be discriminated against, harmed or even killed simply because of their personal religious beliefs. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution to ensure that this behavior ceases immediately.

TRIBUTE TO ANTHONY A.
MINISSALE

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2002

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration and respect that I offer congratulations to my constituent, Anthony A. Minissale, D.O. of York, Pennsylvania. On July 20, Dr. Minissale will be inducted as the President of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) at its annual House of Delegates meeting in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Minissale will serve from July 2002 through July 2003.

Dr. Minissale is a board-certified osteopathic surgeon. He will lead 47,000 osteopathic physicians (D.O.s) and the AOA, an association organized to advance the philosophy and practice of osteopathic medicine by promoting excellence in education, research and the delivery of quality and cost-effective healthcare in a distinct, unified profession. In addition to protecting the right and privilege to practice

osteopathic medicine, Dr. Minissale will work with the AOA to enhance professional unity, ensure quality education and training and preserve osteopathic principles.

Dr. Minissale, vice president of medical affairs and director of medical education at Memorial Hospital in York, earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed a rotating internship at Green Cross General Hospital in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and a residency in general surgery at Parkview Hospital in Philadelphia.

A member of the AOA for 45 years, he has served as a member of its Board of Trustees for nine years and as a delegate to its legislative body, the House of Delegates, for over 20 years. Additionally, he has chaired all departments of the AOA and acts as the AOA's internship inspector, a post he has held since 1973.

Dr. Minissale, a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons, also serves the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association (POMA). A member of POMA since 1961, he has worked in such capacities as vice chairman, secretary/treasurer, and board member. A founding member and chairman of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Surgical Society, Dr. Minissale is also a member of the York Osteopathic Medical Society.

Above and beyond his osteopathic duties, Dr. Minissale has worked with civic organizations, such as Leadership York, the Coalition for a Healthy York, and the Gladwyne Civic Association. Dr. Minissale resides in York with his wife, Adele, and their two children, Anthony and Angela.

Mr. Speaker, osteopathic medicine plays an important role in the health of my fellow Pennsylvanians. We are proud to be the home of two osteopathic medical schools—the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. Over 4,600 osteopathic physicians serve residents of the Keystone State.

I am pleased to congratulate Anthony A. Minissale, D.O. on achieving the high honor of being named President of the American Osteopathic Association. I look forward to working with him to advance the health of my fellow Pennsylvanians and all Americans.

TRIBUTE TO THE GREAT DOMINICAN PARADE AND FESTIVAL OF THE BRONX

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2002

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to the thirteenth annual Great Dominican Parade and Festival of the Bronx which will take place this Sunday, July 14, 2002. This famed event is eagerly anticipated by the Dominican and Bronx communities each year. It is a wonderful celebration of the spirit and richness of Dominican culture.

As the second largest Latino community in New York City, Dominicans have made invaluable contributions to the city, as well as to the entire nation. Although the highest concentration of Dominican people live in Washington Heights, a significant number have enriched

the Bronx with their unique culture and spirit. The Dominican culture is one characterized by, among other things, diverse multiculturalism, strong family values, distinctive art, amazing music and unique cuisine. We are grateful that so many have chosen to make the Bronx home.

Mr. Speaker, the roots of Dominican New Yorkers lie in a country with a fascinating history and arresting beauty. The Dominican Republic is the home of numerous peoples from various heritages. As a result, the culture is charged with strong Taino, African, and European influences. One visit to the Dominican Republic will put to rest any questions one might have as to why Dominicans in America retain such a strong sense of pride in their homeland and never stop missing it.

The achievements and contributions made by Dominican-Americans and Dominican residents have spanned the realms of politics, science, the Armed Forces, literature, public service, and the arts, and undoubtedly make them an integral part of American society. The Great Dominican Parade and Festival of the Bronx is a great opportunity to celebrate the Dominican people's culture, history, and bright future.

I ask my colleagues to please join me in honoring the Great Dominican Parade and Festival of the Bronx.

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY TO
EILEEN COUNIHAN

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2002

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to wish a very happy belated birthday to Eileen Counihan, born June 21, 1952, in New York City. Eileen celebrated her 50th birthday with family and friends in Yorkville and Margaretville in Upstate New York.

Eileen is known for her loyalty to friends and her commitment to her family, a quick smile and a warm sense of humor. She is a dedicated, active member of her community, volunteering to distribute food to the homeless on Friday evenings and even Thanksgiving Day. On Earth Day this year she led a project that planted 100 trees.

For these reasons and more I would like to extend the warmest best wishes to her and her family. Happy Belated Birthday, Eileen!

ADDRESSING THE GLOBAL AIDS
PANDEMIC

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2002

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in urge of dramatic funding increases to stop the spread of an epidemic that is taking the lives of millions of people throughout the world.

Today there are more than 40 million people in the world living with HIV/AIDS. Last year 5 million people contracted the virus, and 3 million people died of AIDS related causes. This current health crisis was once again brought