

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RICHARD KOOB ASCENDS TO
PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL FI-
NANCIAL ADVISORS GROUP

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2002

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to congratulate my good friend Richard A. Koob on his installation in Charlotte, North Carolina as President of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA). My best wishes go out to him as he takes the reins of leadership for this prestigious organization.

Mr. Koob has been a Financial Representative for the Northwestern Financial Network since 1967, having become a member while he was still in college. Over the course of his distinguished career, Dick has received numerous awards, including the Wisconsin State Association of Life Underwriters Distinguished Service Award. He is a two-time honoree of the Waukesha Association of Life Underwriters Distinguished Service Award, and has been recipient of the National Association of Life Underwriters National Quality Award for 26 years, and its National Sales Achievement Award for 18 years. He is also a 26-year member of the Million Dollar Round Table.

In addition to his involvement in NAIFA, Richard Koob has played key roles in numerous professional organizations throughout his career, including director of the Wisconsin State Association of Life Underwriters Committee on Political Action. Despite his busy schedule, he has also found time to be active in his community, being involved with a number of groups, such as the Lions International Foundation, the Knights of Columbus, and the Waukesha Chamber of Commerce. Dick has also served as vice-president of his Parish Council and as chair of Catholic Memorial High School's Crusader Auctions. A U.S. Army veteran, he was a recipient of the Governors Award for Outstanding Service.

Dick Koob has dedicated his life to service; to his clients, to his community, and to his country. I have no doubt that he will provide outstanding leadership to NAIFA as its new president, and I join with his wife Judy, his children Kimberly, Melissa and Christopher, his colleagues and his many friends in offering my warm congratulations, and my best wishes as he takes on this new challenge.

HONORING CHANDLER
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2002

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Chandler Elementary School in recognition of their outstanding work in the pro-

duction of "Jason McDaniel Is a Mean Little Boy!" Mark Scarpelli and Dan Kehde wrote this play.

The "Talk Back Staff" provided an opportunity for students to promote respect and self-esteem in a creative way. Their dedication to the children of Chandler Elementary is to be commended.

The cast members, composed of kindergarten through fifth grade students, should be proud of their outstanding performance. They used their skills and talents to show how they may be able to influence others to solve problems without using violence.

Kanawha County Schools, faculty, and staff upheld the goal of this play to help equip the children with proper attitudes and understanding in the efforts to stop harmful effects of the negative images in our media.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Chandler Elementary School on a job well done.

HONORING THE PEOPLE OF
OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2002

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the people of Outback Steakhouse for their strong support of our brave troops fighting the war on terrorism. Fifteen employees from Outback restaurants flew more than 7,000 miles to Afghanistan to prepare 6,700 steaks, 30,000 shrimp, and 3,000 giant onions for our courageous men and women. The members of "Mission Outback" as it was called, arrived in a C-17 at the Kandahar Airport with one objective: to deliver a message of appreciation from back home in the form of deep-fried onions, Rib-Eye steaks, grilled shrimp, french fries, mixed vegetables, and cheesecake. The thousands of military men and women could not have been more excited and thankful for the delicious taste of home.

This philanthropic concept was born by the CEO of Outback, Chris Sullivan, whose compassion and generosity made the steak dinner possible. Together with Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Outback had to coordinate the transport of thousands of pounds of food and the military clearance of fifteen people to cook in a war zone across the globe.

Similar to our military missions in Afghanistan, "Mission Outback" was brief and on-target. The employees were in Kandahar for three days, preparing food almost the entire time.

Outback Steakhouse has had a long history of providing assistance to our great nation. Most recently, the chain of Outback restaurants raised over \$8.5 million for Dine-Out for America, a nation-wide fundraising event for victims of the September 11th terrorist at-

tacks. The money went directly to the American Red Cross and its Liberty Disaster Relief Fund.

Mr. Speaker, there is no question that I speak for the thousands of troops in Afghanistan in thanking the people of Outback Steakhouse for their service to the United States and I ask that Congress join me in recognizing their exceptional contributions to our men and women in uniform.

BIG-TIME OOPS!

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2002

Mr. FRANK. Mr. Speaker, when I became the representative of a district with significant commercial fishing activity after the 1992 redistricting, I became aware of a strong view among many who fish for a living that the quality of scientific knowledge on which fishing regulation was based left a great deal to be desired. In particular, fishermen have from time to time argued that their experience has demonstrated that there were in fact more fish than the regulators were counting. No one has greater interest in the sustainability of our fisheries than the fishermen themselves, and I was therefore impressed with the force of their arguments. My willingness to listen to their arguments was not based simply on this predisposition, but rather on the very convincing factual cases they made. Because of their persuasive arguments, I have in two instances, worked with people in the fishing industry to secure funds for independent research, and in both of these cases the results were to confirm that the fishermen were right and that there were in fact far more fish available—in part as a result of sensible conservation practices—than previous science had indicated.

Most recently, fishermen were hit with a very restrictive decision by Judge Gladys Kessler which threatens the ability of many in this industry to make a living, and which threatens also very importantly to drive up the price of this important protein rich commodity for consumers by severely restricting the catch. Once again many fishermen expressed some skepticism about the science on which these restrictions were based.

Recently, that skepticism has been dramatically confirmed. The National Marine Fisheries Service announced last week that the data about the amount of fish in New England waters on which recent decisions have been based was flawed, which argues strongly that there is in fact a greater stock available than previously maintained by NMFS. Specifically, as the New Bedford Standard Times summarized in its recent editorial, "The NMFS scientist did not properly calibrate the trawl they use for annual fall and spring surveys in New England waters. One side of the trawl had a cable much longer than the other side, making it impossible for the gear to efficiently gather groundfish."

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