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HONORING CARL RIGGS

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the late Carl Riggs, a former provost and acting president at the University of South Florida who dedicated 25 years to turning the University into the first-class, nationally renowned institution that it is today.

Carl began his academic career at the University of Michigan, where he earned three zoology degrees before serving in the United States Air Force as an aviation cadet. He went on to work for 23 years at the University of Oklahoma, where he published several books and articles on zoology and served as acting provost.

In 1971, Carl was asked to join USF as a biology professor and a vice-president of academic affairs, and in the next 25 years, he held a host of leadership positions at the University, including acting president from 1977 to 1978. During his time at the University, Carl set clear standards for faculty tenure, salary and promotions, and at a time when USF was primarily considered a teaching college, Carl was instrumental in developing USF's graduate and research program, which he oversaw until the mid 1980s. Carl's accomplishments helped make USF a successful university that competes with the best.

Carl's colleagues remember him with admiration and respect. He had a vision for USF, and made it come to life. But most importantly, he never stopped caring for the students. In 1990, Carl was awarded USF's Distinguished Citizen's award, and the mayor of Tampa named June 28 of that year to be Dr. Carl Riggs Day.

Carl's contributions to the Tampa Bay community extend far beyond the USF campus. He served as a member on the board of directors of the Boy Scouts of America, and on the Florida Foundation for Future Scientists. Although Carl retired from USF in 1996, he still represented the school, and remained an integral part of it.

On behalf of our community, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Carl's wife and children, who have been blessed to have a wonderful, selfless role-model in their family. We will always remember Carl for his dedication and service to our city and the USF community.

TRIBUTE TO CHICK HEARN

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Chick Hearn, a man who served as the voice of the Los Angeles Lakers during the 42 years of his professional career as a sports broadcaster. His vibrant de-

scriptions and ingenious perspective of the game transcended the sport as well as the art of broadcasting. Chick was not just the man behind the voice of the Lakers franchise but his career and accomplishments have also been devoted to his friends, family, and, more than anything else, his wife Marge.

Chick Hearn, a resident of Encino, recently passed away at the age of 85. However, his legacy will never be forgotten. During his career he set forth an astounding record that is unlikely to ever be touched. He established an amazing streak, from November 21, 1965, through December 16, 2001, by completing 3,338 consecutive Laker broadcasts. Although he underwent heart surgery and suffered from a broken hip shortly following the streak, he bounced back and returned to the court with full spirits and energy in order to see his Laker team attain a third consecutive world championship. Hearn's longevity surpassed that of any other sports broadcaster. He managed to only miss two games throughout his career and never called in sick due to his overwhelming love for the game.

Francis Dayle Hearn, a native of Aurora, Illinois born November 27, 1916, attended Bradley University. It was there where he first earned the nickname "Chick" when, as a young basketball player, he opened up a box of sneakers and instead a chicken came out. Shortly thereafter, he married his high school sweetheart Marge. He once said, "I don't know what I would have done without her." It was her overwhelming support and unconditional love for her husband of 57 years that contributed to his so many achievements.

Chick Hearn received numerous awards during his tenure as the Lakers play by play man. He was a member of the American Sportscenter's Hall of fame and a recipient of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Fame's Curt Gowdy Media award. In 1965, he was presented an Emmy Award for Excellence in Basketball Coverage. Chick, a two time National Sportscenter of the Year, was not just notorious for his basketball insight but also for his work with the NCAA, NFL, UNLV basketball, PGA golf tournaments, and the first Ali-Frazier fight. Throughout his career he made several television appearances, and in 1986 he was commemorated with a star on Hollywood Boulevard's Walk of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the legendary Chick Hearn, the man who set the standard for NBA announcers. A true icon who will be missed dearly by his family, friends, colleagues, fans and the City of Los Angeles.

HONORING MARIANN PORTER
DEMPSEY

HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my longest-serving staffer, Mariann Porter Dempsey, a loyal footsoldier from Harrisburg and Washington to Philadelphia.

Twenty-six years ago, Mariann left a good job with the City of Philadelphia to work as my assistant in the Pennsylvania legislature for \$3,600 a year. Since then, Mariann has served as my Executive Assistant during my 10 terms in the House of Representatives.

Mare has worked diligently to help me represent and serve the interests of the people of the 3d Congressional District. She sought no praise and gratitude for her work, and fought tirelessly for our constituents. She is truly a genuine model for the call to public service.

One of the most important honors in this job is to nominate students to our Nation's service academies. Mariann has helped me in this challenge, by representing me on my Congressional Academy Selection Board for nearly 20 years.

Since 1983, Mare has helped me to nominate well over 100 candidates to the various service Academies: the United States Air Force Academy, the United States Merchant Marine Academy, the United States Military Academy at West Point, and the United States Naval Academy. The candidates include:

From the Class of 1987—John McGowan, Naval Academy.

From the Class of 1988—Mary Ann Dolan, Air Force Academy; Walter Gagajewski, Air Force Academy; Mark McLaughlin, Military Academy; Michael Carsley, Naval Academy; William Hoban, Naval Academy; and Richard Montgomery, Naval Academy.

From the Class of 1989—John Ainsley, Military Academy; Christopher Scuron, Military Academy; Jamie Catalano, Air Force Academy; Kenneth Southard, Merchant Marine Academy; Paul Gallagher, Naval Academy; Jay Roth, Naval Academy; Sally Chamberlain, Naval Academy; and Thomas Bruno, Naval Academy.

From the Class of 1990—Robert Cameron, Naval Academy; Michael Peterson, Naval Academy; James Tannahill, Naval Academy; John Ioia, Military Academy; Keith Melinson, Military Academy; Matthew Lowry, Merchant Marine Academy; and David Rich, Merchant Marine Academy.

From the Class of 1991—Robert Boyle, Military Academy; Lawrence Lowry, Military Academy; Patrick Zaleski, Naval Academy; and Peter Hagis, Air Force Academy.

From the Class of 1992—Joseph Berger, Military Academy; Victor Vidal, Air Force Academy; Kevin Plescha, Air Force Academy; and Maximilian Clark, Naval Academy.

From the Class of 1993—Joseph Crozier, Air Force Academy; Walter Molishus, Merchant Marine Academy; Darryl Rupp, Military Academy; James Crawford Durant II, Military Academy; Erin McAvoy, Naval Academy; and Gregory Cameron, Naval Academy.

From the Class of 1994—William Rapone, Merchant Marine Academy; John McGovern, Merchant Marine Academy; Justin Hoffman, Air Force Academy; Christopher Harris, Air Force Academy; Leonardo Day, Naval Academy; and Patrick Turner, Naval Academy.

From the Class of 1995—Ronald Novotny, Military Academy.

From the Class of 1996—John Coleman, Military Academy; Timothy Smith, Naval Academy; John Van Jaarsveld, Naval Academy.

From the Class of 1997—Nathaniel Newlin, Naval Academy; Irvin Gray, Naval Academy; Janel Timoney, Naval Academy; John O'Connor, Military Academy; Rebecca Trojecki, Military Academy; and Marcus Jackson, Military Academy.

From the Class of 1998—Jon Leisner, Naval Academy; Aaron Bell, Air Force Academy; and David Bonk, Military Academy.

From the Class of 1999—Travene Scott, Military Academy; James Kane, Naval Academy; Eileen Kane, Naval Academy; and Jared Goodwin, Naval Academy.

From the Class of 2000—Gerald Gallagher, Naval Academy; Michael Monaghan, Naval Academy; Thomas McAvoy, Naval Academy; Brandon Woll, Military Academy; and William Kilrain, Military Academy.