

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING LEVI JOHN CHETTLE
FOR EARNING THE RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 5, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Levi John Chettle, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 370, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Levi has been very active with his troop, participating in such Scout activities as Camp Bartle and the Sea Base High Adventure. Over the 5 years he has been involved in Scouting, he has earned 58 merit badges. Additionally, Levi has held numerous leadership positions, serving as patrol leader, troop quartermaster, den chief, historian and assistant senior patrol leader. Levi also has been honored for his numerous Scouting achievements with such awards as the World Conservation Award, the Heritage Trail Award, the 50-Miler Afloat Award, the National Camping Award, the 12-Month Camping Award 4 years in a row, Warrior Little Silent Stalking White Bear in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and the Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow.

For his Eagle Scout project, Levi mulched a playground, painted benches and trash receptacles, and planted 11 flower beds at Riverside Park. Additionally, he applied painted stencils to over 100 drainage manhole covers in the City of Riverside.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Levi John Chettle for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

A TRIBUTE TO BOB BAKER

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 5, 2003

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise with a heavy heart to pay tribute to a national leader in civil aviation. Robert J. Baker, an executive with American Airlines and its parent, AMR Corp., for some 35 years, died April 20, at the much-too-young age of 58.

In his three-and-a-half decades of service with American, Bob Baker rose from marketing trainee to Vice Chairman. He joined the airline in 1968. By 1985, he was running its operations. He was named Vice Chairman of AMR in 1998, and held that title until he retired last year.

Bob Baker served his country by sitting on several national commissions and advisory panels. President Clinton appointed Mr. Baker to a special commission on aviation manage-

ment. Bob Baker also chaired a Federal panel on the concept of "free flight" as a remedy to airway congestion. In the dark hours following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, President Bush tapped Bob Baker for the "rapid response team to analyze and revamp the nation's airline security."

When American Airlines bought TWA, Bob was named chairman of TWA and operated that airline until it could be integrated with American, forming the world's largest airline.

Bob Crandall, long-time chairman of AMR, noted that Bob Baker was born into the American Airlines family. His father was a station manager and headquarters executive at the airline.

"Bob was the kind of guy who came to work early, stayed late and understood the old saying that 99 percent of genius is perspiration," Crandall told the Fort-Worth Star-Telegram.

Crandall's successor, Donald Carty, worked closely with Baker since the late 1980's. Carty said, "We have lost a true aviation pioneer. Bob helped shape our company, and, in fact, our entire industry."

Mr. Speaker, aviation has lost a premier professional; an objective, seasoned, thoughtful voice of reason and balance in this contentious market sector; and an uncompromising, persistent advocate for safety. Bob was both a friend and counselor, I shall miss him greatly, as will all of aviation.

I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Marty, his four children and six grandchildren.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF OPERATION RESPECT

SPEECH OF

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was not able to speak on behalf of H. Res. 161, Recognizing the Achievements of Operation Respect and the "Don't Laugh at Me" program, when it was debated and passed by the House of Representatives on Monday, April 28, 2003.

I strongly support H. Res. 161 and the work of the Operation Respect program and its founder, Peter Yarrow. Operation Respect and its "Don't Laugh at Me" program is engaged in a national effort to transform after-school programs and children's summer camps into more compassionate and respectful environments. The "Don't Laugh at Me" program addresses the issues of emotional and physical violence among children. It helps to prevent bullying and promotes compassion and tolerance among children.

Operation Respect and its "Don't Laugh at Me" program has been presented at over 200 workshops for children in after-school programs and children's camps. Over 18,000 educators in 27 states have received training

materials and curriculum to increase mutual respect and fellowship and create an environment for children that focuses on their schoolwork and promotes social and emotional growth.

Peter Yarrow, the musician and social activist, who is a member of Peter, Paul, and Mary created the "Don't Laugh at Me" initiative. Peter, himself, has appeared before over 240 educational organizations in over 36 states on behalf of Operation Respect.

Peter Yarrow is a talented, compassionate man with a lifelong message of humanity and caring. We have had the joy of working together on several occasions. Through his music, Peter has addressed numerous social and political causes, none more significant than Operation Respect: "Don't Laugh at Me." This man, whose songs have had the power to stir social consciousness and effect change, is passionately dedicated to developing an environment of safety, respect, and tolerance in American schools.

So it is with great pleasure that I join my fellow Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle to recognize the work of Peter Yarrow and this outstanding program, which has the enthusiastic support of educators and school children alike.

HONORING STEVEN E. MCKEE FOR
EARNING THE RANK OF EAGLE
SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 5, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Steven E. McKee, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 370, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Steven has been very active with his troop, participating in such Scout activities as 33 monthly campouts with the troop, 4 Camporees, and 3 Scout mall shows. Over the 4 years he has been involved in scouting, he has earned 45 merit badges. Additionally, Steven has held numerous leadership positions, serving as patrol leader, historian, quartermaster, guide and senior patrol leader. Steven also has been honored for his numerous Scouting achievements with such awards as the World Conservation Award, the Religious Knot, Brave Son of Mighty Silver Bird in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say Award, and the Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow Award.

For his Eagle Scout project, Steven landscaped the entire front area of the grounds of the Church of the Redeemer, after construction of the new addition of the church was finished.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Steven E. McKee for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America

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