

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO BETTE LUNN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor a lifelong educator from my district. Bette Lunn, of Pueblo, Colorado, has given the gift of music to students for 46 years. As Bette embarks on her retirement, I would like to recognize her career before this body of Congress and this nation.

Bette began teaching in Ohio in 1957 and moved with her husband to Pueblo in 1972. After spending 12 years as the vocal music teacher at Heaton Middle School, Bette transferred to East High School where she has taught for the last 19 years. Her ability to connect with children has inspired a number of students to become teachers and has also earned her a number of awards. Bette has been named an outstanding teacher in her district and is also a member of the Colorado Music Educators Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand before this body today to recognize Bette Lunn, a woman who has clearly demonstrated her commitment to our nation's youth. Even though she is retiring, Bette still plans to volunteer to work with young people in her community. She possesses the spirit of giving that helped make our country great. Thank you, Bette, for many years of service to the youth of Pueblo.

HONORING T. KEITH KING FOR A LIFETIME OF LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to honor a truly exemplary Alabamian, a man who grew up in the tiny town of Frisco City, Alabama, and today has become one of our most outstanding business and community leaders.

For more than 43 years, T. Keith King, P.E., of Mobile, Alabama, has dedicated his life to his community, his family and his profession. A graduate of Auburn University, he has continued to remain active and involved with his Alma Mater. Recently, Mr. King completed two years as chairman of the Auburn Alumni Engineering Council. He is a life member of the Auburn Alumni Association, having served on the Board of Directors and as chairman of the Finance Committee.

Mr. King has made many contributions to the field of engineering due in part to his position as President, CEO and Chairman of the Board of Volkert & Associates in Mobile, Alabama. Climbing from a design engineer position with the firm in 1960, today Keith King leads one of the finest engineering firms in the

country. Under Mr. King's leadership, Volkert currently employs 650 engineers, architects, planners, surveyors, environmental scientists, technicians and administrative support personnel in 12 offices located throughout eight Southeastern states.

His commitment to excellence has earned him numerous awards by the engineering industry. He was recently inducted into the Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame. Some of his other professional honors include: The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) College of Fellows 2003 Community Service Award, recognition as one of the Top Ten Engineers in Alabama by the Alabama Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers, induction into the Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame and receipt of the National Society of Professional Engineers Distinguished Service Award.

As a recent chairman of the Business Council of Alabama, Keith King has also done much to improve the quality of life for all Alabamians by working to bring growth, jobs and business opportunities to the state of Alabama. His commitment to Alabama and the First Congressional District in particular is nothing short of inspirational. Keith King is a member of the Leadership Alabama Class of XII and is a longtime member of the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce. He has been actively involved with the Mobile Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America for many years and has held many high ranking positions within that organization. Mr. King also gives generously of his time to the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Alabama, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and the Mobile Lions Club and is a member of the USS Battleship Alabama Memorial Park Restoration Committee, to name just a few of the many other areas where he gives freely of his time and talents.

By example, Keith King has shown that unselfish dedication and service to your community, your state and your nation can truly make a difference. Mr. Speaker, I salute Keith King as a model citizen and as a leader to many in the First Congressional District. I know his lovely wife Julia and their daughter, two sons and seven grandchildren along with all of his friends and neighbors are extremely proud of the many contributions being made by this outstanding man.

TRIBUTE TO DIONISIA AMAYA-BONILLA

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Dionisia Amaya-Bonilla in recognition of her service to her local community and her native home of Honduras. Dionisia is proud of her heritage as a member of the Garinagu community, people who are descendants of West African slaves and Arawak Indians from St.

Vincent who were deported to Honduras by the British in 1797.

Dionisia was born in La Ceiba, Honduras Central America on February 8, 1933. She came to the U.S. in May 1964, and became an American citizen in 1977. In 1979, Dionisia decided to go to college, earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education with high honors from Medgar Evers College. Later, she earned a Masters/Advanced Certificate in Guidance and Counseling from Brooklyn College.

Dionisia's first connection with her community was through her church, St. Mathews Catholic Church where she has served for more than 22 years. When Hurricane Fifi struck Honduras in September 1974, many Garinagu, like Dionisia, got together to help their people back in Honduras. In 1990, after another tragedy occurred in the Garifuna community, Dionisia was there to help in anyway possible. This time it was the Happy Land Fire. Her organization, Mugama, which was started a year earlier, named a scholarship fund in honor of a promising young Garifuna who died in the fire.

Dionisia worked for the Board of Education for 16 years. She began as a paraprofessional, and would later go on to teach following the completion of her education. Ultimately, she became a school guidance counselor, a position she continued until her retirement in 1996.

Dionisia's biggest role in the community is being the coordinator of Mugama's education program. Her importance to the community is reflected by how the residents refer to her, with comments like: Mamma, Madre, and Abuelita. Recently, people have taken to call her the "glue" of the community.

Dionisia has received many honors in her life as a student, woman and community activist. During her college years, she was consistently on the Dean's List, and as a result, she was listed in the national Book of Excellent students. One of her greatest honors was meeting Isabel Arriola. Ms. Arriola is a Garifuna who survived Hurricane Mitch.

The ultimate honor for her is being able to serve her community by working with Mugama. She says that the Mugama Advocacy Center is a dream come true. Being there daily and helping to empower people provides Dionisia with all of the satisfaction she needs. Dionisia has been married to her husband Alejandro Bonilla for 14 years.

Mr. Speaker, Dionisia Amaya-Bonilla is committed to improving the lives of her community. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM D. MASON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Cuyahoga County

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