

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### TRIBUTE TO DOYLE DAVIDSON

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen from my district. Doyle Davidson of La Junta, Colorado recently announced his retirement from the Colorado Boys Ranch, a residential treatment facility for at-risk boys. I am honored to recognize Doyle's dedication and commitment to our youth before my colleagues here today.

Like so many brave men and women of his generation, Doyle heeded his country's call and served as an Army officer during World War II. Doyle participated in the Normandy Invasion and the Battle of the Bulge, and received the Bronze Medal for distinguished military service. He then went on to serve in Korea before returning home and embarking on a life marked by his service to the community.

As an active community member, Doyle has served on several local Chambers of Commerce, including those in Delta, Pueblo, and Canon City. He is also active in groups ranging from the La Junta Rotary to the Southern Colorado Economic Development District. In addition, Doyle was appointed to serve on several State councils and committees, including the Colorado State Highway Council and the Highway Legislative Review Committee.

Doyle's hard work has not gone unnoticed. He was named Good Will Ambassador for the State of Colorado by former Governor John Love, and has been honored with the prestigious Ft. Carson Good Neighbor of the Year Award for 1988. However, more valuable than awards and accolades, Doyle has also earned the respect and admiration of his fellow Coloradans.

Mr. Speaker, Doyle Davidson has given many years of service to his country and his community, and I am honored to pay tribute to his accomplishments before this nation today. Doyle has been a tireless and dedicated servant of Colorado and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors. Thank you, Doyle, for your many years of service.

### IN MEMORY OF MARGE HARTIGAN

#### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Marge Hartigan, an extraordinary woman who passed away on June 28, 2003, after a long and courageous battle with lung cancer. Marge was married to Illinois Appellate Court Judge Neil Hartigan for 41 years and was the very proud mother of four children: John, Elizabeth Connelly, Laura Jenkins and Bridget Routh, and the loving grandmother of five.

Marge Hartigan was born in New York and raised in Connecticut. After graduating from Rosemont College in Rosemont, Pennsylvania, she married Neil and later moved to Chicago, Illinois where she lived the remainder of her life. She made an indelible impact on the community through her philanthropic involvement with dozens of Chicago area foundations and organizations. She held positions on the boards and executive committees of such groups as the Chicago Trust, the Boys and Girls Club of Chicago, the Museum of Science and Industry, the Field Museum, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Lincoln Park Zoo, the Children's Memorial Hospital, as well as Northwestern, Loyola and DePaul Universities. She also served as past president of the Service Club of Chicago. President Clinton appointed her to serve on the advisory committee for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts where she served with great distinction.

Marge was a woman who loved and was loved deeply in return by her family and her circle of friends. She considered herself a mother and homemaker above all else. When asked what she considered the greatest monument of her life to be, she responded that it was her four children and the successful lives they created. Marge had a great sense of humor and an enormous amount of talent, energy and good common sense. She had an ability to get right to the heart of issues and would discuss them from a human point of view.

I ask all my colleagues in the House to join me in expressing our collective sympathy to the family of Marge Hartigan and by doing so, honor her life and her work to make her community and our country better for human kind.

### TRIBUTE TO BILL BASCH ON HIS RECEIVING THE RAOUL WALLENBERG MEDAL

#### HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Bill Basch on the occasion of his receiving the Raoul Wallenberg Medal. For the past twelve years, the Raoul Wallenberg Executive Committee of the University of Michigan has awarded the Raoul Wallenberg Medal to an individual who has demonstrated through their work an unwavering commitment to upholding the humanitarian values that the legacy of Raoul Wallenberg embodies.

Raoul Wallenberg's extraordinary rescue efforts saved tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews from certain death at the hands of the Nazis and their allies in Hungary during the Second World War. His subsequent kidnaping by Soviet troops and his disappearance into the Soviet gulag elevated him into one of the truly outstanding heroes and role models of

modern times. Both my wife, Annette, and I owe our lives to the valor and ingenuity of Raoul Wallenberg in his heroic humanitarian efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted that Bill Basch, a Holocaust survivor, has been selected to receive the thirteenth Raoul Wallenberg Medal. His efforts to assist Wallenberg in the rescue of Hungarian Jews during World War II render him a worthy recipient of this outstanding humanitarian award. As the Nazi occupation spread into Hungarian territory in 1944, Bill Basch, only sixteen years old at the time, was sent from his small Hungarian village to survive in the streets of Budapest. Though his own life was in constant danger, he nevertheless undertook the extremely dangerous mission of assisting Raoul Wallenberg in the production and distribution of protective passports for those incarcerated within the walls of the so-called international ghetto in Budapest.

Before he was captured and deported to the concentration camp at Buchenwald, Bill delivered hundreds of *schutzpasse* (protective passports) which were instrumental to the survival of those hiding in the Swedish houses protected by Wallenberg. He used underground passages and the sewage system to get into the houses, but he was captured as he tried to leave through one of these secret routes. As he accidentally surfaced outside one of the safehouses, he was suddenly confronted by Arrow Cross (Hungarian Fascist) guards. He attempted to elude the Arrow Cross by mingling with a group of people in the area. Unbeknownst to him, this group, suddenly surrounded by more Arrow Cross soldiers, was in fact being marched to the deportation trains headed for Buchenwald.

Mr. Speaker, in spite of many months of endured suffering in Nazi concentration camps, Bill Basch survived one of the darkest eras of human history. In 1946 he arrived in the United States of America after having been transferred from one displaced persons camp to another, first in Austria and then in Southern Italy.

Like so many immigrants who sought refuge and renewal in the United States, Bill arrived by ship at Ellis Island in New York Harbor. He was penniless, without family, and unable to communicate in the English language. Despite all of these obstacles, he persevered. He had already demonstrated that as a survivor. He eventually settled in the Los Angeles area and established himself as a successful businessman in the garment industry, property investment, and numerous other business ventures, all of which brought him much prosperity.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to the material comfort Bill has earned in America, he finds greater happiness in the personal prosperity he has found with his family. Bill is father to one son and two daughters, and grandfather to two grandsons and three granddaughters. Sadly, in 1979 Bill Basch lost his wife, Rose, a survivor of Auschwitz, due to complications stemming from torturous medical experiments

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