

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### TRIBUTE TO RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY

#### HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 28, 2003*

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Stephen Jorgensen, Director of Riverside National Cemetery, and the entire cemetery staff. This cemetery is an historic site that proudly serves our veteran men and women. The winner of the Robert W. Carey National Cemetery Category Award for 2003, it has provided an invaluable service to the Veteran community and continues to honor the lives of our fallen soldiers. I join with grateful families across our nation in celebrating this year's Carey Award winner.

For the past 25 years, the Riverside National Cemetery has honored the lives of thousands of soldiers. Characterized by dignity and class, this national cemetery is dedicated to all service members who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country. It has been an integral contributor to the Inland Empire and has given the respect and esteem that all servicemen and women deserve.

The Carey Award is foremost an award based on excellence. Qualifications extend from performance in organizational leadership and management to strategic planning and community contribution. It is excellence in these areas that characterize a Carey Award winner. The Riverside National Cemetery has proven year after year that it not only exhibits these specific qualities but also performs them at the highest possible level.

And so, Mr. Speaker, I join today with the residents of the Inland Empire in congratulating the Riverside National Cemetery for its remarkable achievement, and express my sincere admiration and deference to this proud national site.

### TRIBUTE TO ANNIE MAE HUNT

#### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 28, 2003*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I pay tribute to the life and the memory of Annie Mae Hunt. In one lifetime she has touched many lives and multiple generations. Born into grinding poverty, she triumphed over it and lived an enriched and noble life. Hers is an equally rich legacy. I extend my condolences to her children, her grandchildren, her great-grandchildren and her great-great-grandchildren.

Annie Mae Hunt was the co-author of her memoirs, aptly titled *I Am Annie Mae: An Extraordinary Woman in Her Own Words*. Published in 1983, the book has literally "touched the hearts of thousands of people." It became

the inspiration for the musical and the highly touted film *Guts, Gumption and Go-Ahead: Annie Mae Hunt Remembers*. As one reviewer said: "The film shows how self-esteem and skills enabled one woman to change her life around."

As her editor Ruthe Winegarten has written, "Annie Mae Hunt is a survivor. Born in 1909 near Brenham, Texas, she grew up in a time and place where African Americans, although legally free, lived in circumstances that had changed little since the days of slavery. Much of her adult life was spent in backbreaking domestic service, until she created a modest independence for herself through sewing and selling Avon Cosmetics." Annie Mae Hunt's memoirs "records a life not only filled with hardships but also the joys of family, of political activism, and of service to church and community."

Although Annie Mae Hunt was telling the story of her life and times, she was, in reality, chronicling the ordeal and struggles of black women everywhere in America, especially in the south. Reared in a sharecropper system, she overcame hardship, heartbreak, discrimination and obstacles by juggling jobs and owning her own businesses.

Annie Mae Hunt's life was living proof that actions speak louder than words. Her mere presence spoke volumes. In several senses, she was the eminence grise (literally the "gray eminence") who exerted considerable influence behind the scenes in the political process. Her letter writing campaign to politicians and elected officials was legendary in its reach and its effectiveness.

Annie Mae Hunt was a lifelong role model and she will remain a source of inspiration for many generations to come. We mourn her passing and we salute her life. She will be long remembered for her good works in the community of man and the community of God, her devotion to others, and her perseverance, and her legacy of success in the face of extreme adversity.

### HONORING ROYAL ROBBINS

#### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 28, 2003*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Royal Robbins on being awarded the 2003 Distinguished Citizen by the Greater Yosemite Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He will be honored on Wednesday, October 29, at Modesto Centre Plaza in Modesto, CA. The Greater Yosemite Council of the Boy Scouts of America annually recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves through their professional careers, community leadership, and/or philanthropy.

As a young Boy Scout, Royal was intrigued by the outdoors. His enthusiasm has led to a successful career in outdoor adventure, equipment, and clothing. Around the world, Royal is

known as an avid outdoorsman: From the Sierra Nevada to the Alps, he has made numerous first ascents in climbing. In Yosemite, he made the first ascent of the northwest face of Half Dome and three great faces of El Capitan.

Robbins has been involved heavily with his community and has received numerous honors. In 1988, Royal joined the Modesto Rotary. He served as president of the rotary and was the first chairman of its Preserve Planet Earth Committee. The American Alpine Club, a 100-year-old organization devoted to mountaineering, climbing, and issues facing climbers, has named Robbins an honorary member. In 1992, his biography, *Royal Robbins—Spirit of the Age*, was published. The following year he was given the Outstanding Leadership Award from the Outdoor Industry. Among his other awards are the Sam Walton Business Leader Award and Citizen of the Year Award, the latter issued by the Modesto Chamber of Commerce.

In 1968, Royal and his wife, Liz, founded the Royal Robbins Company, which specializes in outdoor apparel. Since the sale of the company, the two have a new enterprise, Royal Robbins Adventures, offering public speaking, writing, and seminars combining personal growth with outdoor adventure.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Royal Robbins for being awarded the 2003 Distinguished Citizen by the Greater Yosemite Council of the Boy Scouts of America. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Royal many more adventures in the years to come.

### REMEMBERING THE LATE BOB BROADBENT

#### HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 28, 2003*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of a great Nevadan, a true community leader, and a friend, Bob Broadbent. Bob Broadbent served his community and his country selflessly and effectively for decades, earning the trust of all who knew him.

Robert N. Broadbent was born June 19, 1926, in the Northern Nevada city of Ely, where his father, Broadie, served as mayor for 16 years.

Broadbent attended the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena in 1944, but interrupted his studies to serve in the U.S. Air Force during the waning days of World War II.

After 2 years in the military, Broadbent attended the University of Nevada, Reno, and in 1950 earned a Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacology from Idaho State College.

Bob Broadbent first entered public service as the first Mayor of Boulder City, and led its transformation from government reservation to the world-class community it is today. As one of Bob's successors in that office, I can personally attest that he laid the groundwork for every success that community enjoys.

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