

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLOTTE
THOMPSON REID

HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend to the attention of our colleagues the recent celebration of one of our former colleague's 90th birthday this past September 27. Charlotte Thompson Reid, one of my predecessors who served in the House from January 1963–October 1971, has been known as the "Grand Lady of Aurora, Illinois," the largest city in my congressional district. Charlotte Reid has always been an inspiration to those of us who have known her. Her sparkling personality and just plain Midwest-friendliness is renown throughout all of Chicagoland. Her conscientious service in Congress overlapped with the beginning of my teaching career in Yorkville, Illinois and her outstanding record helped inspire me to seek public office in the late 1970's. In fact, her daughter, Patricia, is currently a State Representative in the Illinois General Assembly.

While in Congress, Charlotte served on the Appropriations, Interior and Insular Affairs, Public Works, and Ethics Committees. In 1971, she was appointed to be a Commissioner on the FCC where she served with distinction until retiring in 1976. She was a member of the President's Task Force on International Private Enterprise from 1983 to 1985, and has been a member of the Hoover Institution's Board of Overseers since 1984. She is a resident today of Aurora.

One last anecdote. Not only was Charlotte Reid herself elected to Congress five times with overwhelming margins, but her enthusiastic support and endorsement helped to elect two future Congressmen—another of my predecessors Tom Corcoran in 1976 and her work on my behalf helped elect me ten years later in 1986, during my first and toughest campaign for Congress.

Mr. Speaker, we are all indebted to Charlotte Reid for her energy, her gentle manner and her zest for life. On behalf of us all, I wish her a belated, but happy 90th birthday and many more to come.

RECOGNIZING DON WILSON FOR
OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE
COMMUNITY

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to recognize Mr. Don Wilson for his outstanding service to the community and businesses in North East Dallas. After faithfully serving as President of Dallas North East Chamber of Commerce for the last three

years, Don recently announced his retirement to serve as Vice President of the Dallas National Bank for the Breckenridge Corner Branch.

Since September 25, 2000, Don Wilson has provided energetic leadership in promoting the commercial, civic, cultural, educational, and industrial interests of the Northeast Dallas area. Don's dedication to the prosperity and health of area businesses, neighborhoods, and residents is well known and admired by his fellow Chamber members.

Under Don's leadership, membership in the Dallas North East Chamber of Commerce increased by 38 percent while membership retention rose to 62 percent, well above the national average.

As an active President, Don Wilson oversaw many new successful activities including the Power-In-An-Hour monthly networking meeting, a new high-tech interactive Web site, the Women's Network, the Focus on Health Committee and the Healthier Northeast Dallas Initiative, a program modeled after President Bush's Healthier U.S. Initiative.

Don Wilson's leadership and dedication will be greatly missed by the community and businesses he served. I thank him for his outstanding service and wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE ASSASSINA-
TIONS OF MAYOR GEORGE
MOSCONE AND SUPERVISOR
HARVEY MILK

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the memory of two of San Francisco's great and most beloved heroes.

A quarter century ago, on November 27, 1978, two of San Francisco's best and brightest were assassinated in a dark week for our city.

Still reeling from the Jonestown Massacre only days before—the worst mass murder-suicide in American history and the murder of Bay Area Congressman Leo Ryan—San Francisco was dealt a catastrophic blow.

Politically and personally it was a horrific tragedy. San Francisco lost two great progressive leaders, two champions of human rights.

George Moscone, our beloved Mayor, was a hero of the poor and the working class. A native San Franciscan, civil rights leader, State Assemblyman, State Senator, and Mayor, he devoted his life to serve his City of San Francisco, and his State of California. The devoted husband of Gina Moscone and father of four beautiful children, Jennifer, Rebecca, Jonathan and Christopher, he was taken from us in the prime of his life.

Harvey Milk, originally from New York, was a local merchant, the owner of a camera shop.

As a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, he was the first openly gay elected official in California, and only the second in the nation. He was a neighborhood leader and a passionate advocate for seniors and all minorities.

Both men were exuberant, expansive, compassionate, and enormously popular political leaders. They were visionaries.

George Moscone and Harvey Milk instigated a historic transformation of San Francisco political life, pioneering an open, participatory government, accessible to all, especially those who never before had been included. For the first time neighborhood and ethnic community activists, and openly gay men and lesbians were appointed to positions of power and authority. The number of women in leadership positions expanded dramatically. No longer were public policy decisions the exclusive province of the wealthy and powerful.

George and Harvey transformed the political and social culture of San Francisco for all time. They were beacons of hope to people who had felt alienated from and neglected by City Hall. They incubated a new generation of talented public servants, who have gone on to secure San Francisco's position today as a national model of enlightenment and progressive values.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the tragic events of November 27, 1978 gives San Franciscans an opportunity to reflect on the unique contributions George Moscone and Harvey Milk made to bettering the lives of us all. These extraordinary men continue to inspire us as we strive for a society that provides unlimited and equal opportunities for all our diverse citizens.

We never will forget George Moscone and Harvey Milk. We are grateful for their lives, and we honor their immeasurable contributions to our city, our state and our nation.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM ECKMAN,
CHARLES COUNTY CITIZEN OF
THE YEAR 2003

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with you remarks made at the 6th Annual Charles County Economic Development Summit by William Burke on the occasion of presenting the "John Bloom Citizen of the Year Award" to Mayor William Eckman. Mayor Eckman is a true American patriot whose compassion, caring and concern for the residents of LaPlata shined forward during the difficult tornado disaster of April 2002. All of us in the Charles County community share Mr. Burke's enthusiasm in recognizing Mayor Eckman.

To follow are the remarks presented by William Burke, Board Member, Charles County Economic Development Commission, President, Southern Maryland Title on October 28, 2003.

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