

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING DEPUTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 2004

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the San Diego County Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA). I am proud to recognize the contributions they have made to the community, the Sheriff's Department, and San Diego County.

As many of us know, it is difficult to succeed at anything without support. DSA has been providing that necessary and crucial support to San Diego County law enforcement for 50 years. The Deputy Sheriff's Association has a noble mission to promote professionalism in law enforcement. In addition, the DSA holds honesty, integrity, dedication, accountability, respect, compassion, courage, and trust as core values.

Specifically, I want to recognize the 2004 Board Members: President, Jim Duffy; Vice President, Ernie Carillo, Secretary/Treasurer, Jim Birdsong; and Directors James Armand, Gary Chambers, John Mercer, Ron Morse, Dave Myers, and Donna Perone.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the San Diego Deputy Sheriff's Association as they celebrate their 50th anniversary. I thank the DSA for their continued service and wish them another 50 productive years.

RECOGNIZING JAMES SPRINGFIELD

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise before you to recognize a tremendous public servant from my district. Mr. James Springfield, President and Chief Executive Officer for Valley Baptist Health System in Harlingen, Texas, was recently named "Young Healthcare Executor of the Year" by the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), a national organization based in Chicago.

Mr. Springfield will receive the 2004 Robert S. Hudgens Memorial Award on March 1 at the Parker B. Francis Distinguished Lecture Hall during ACHE's 47th Congress on Healthcare Management in Chicago.

The Hudgens Award is presented annually to an exceptional healthcare executive who is less than 40 years old and who is the chief executive officer or chief operating officer of a health services organization.

A native of Georgia, Mr. Springfield attended Baylor University in Waco where he received a Bachelor of Business Administration

degree. He earned a Master's in Healthcare Administration degree from the University of Houston—Clear Lake. His awards include the "Emerging Leader" and the "Regents Award" from the American College of Healthcare Executives as well as serving as a Diplomate for the College.

He received the "Distinguished Alumnus" award from the University of Houston—Clear Lake. The Rotary International Foundation also awarded Mr. Springfield the Paul Harris Fellow Award.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this unique patriot. James Springfield has dedicated his life to the field of healthcare and he represents a level of professionalism and achievement.

HONORING HELEN G. JACOB NATIONAL "FOUR CHAPLAINS" AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to officially recognize and pay tribute to Violet Brosart.

Violet Brosart is a resident of Lackawanna, New York and is currently serving as the President of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New York. The American Legion Auxiliary is the largest women's patriotic service organization in the world. Its primary goals are to serve veterans and their families, to promote patriotism and Americanism, and to serve our children and communities. President Brosart is a 36-year member of Hamburg Unit #527 in Erie County. She has served as its president and remains an active member. She has also been active in her community, becoming involved in Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls, Youth Baseball, the Empire State Ballet Company, and the Hamburg Little Theater. She also worked for 10 years as a child day care provider. Mrs. Brosart is the mother of 4 and grandmother of 10. She also has one great grandchild.

Each year the Department president chooses a project of particular interest to her and raises money for that cause. This year President Brosart has chosen the Alzheimer's Association as her special project. More than 14 million Americans will be diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease within the next 50 years unless a cure or prevention is found. Alzheimer's disease affects not just the patient, but the family as well. Often children and grandchildren find themselves becoming the caregivers to those who once gave care to them. Money raised for this special project will be distributed to all seven areas of the Alzheimer's Coalition in New York State, based on need. The money will be used to support programs in the following areas: early diagnosis, effective treatment, essential support networks, and caregiver training. In addition to

these areas of concern, the Alzheimer's Coalition is working in conjunction with the VA facilities to aid veterans that have Alzheimer's. By embracing this project, President Brosart and the American Legion Auxiliary can "Help for Today" and "Hope for Tomorrow." To date, over \$15,500 has been raised, with a goal of \$40,000 by August 1, 2004.

Traveling throughout the 62 counties in New York State, President Brosart emphasizes the American Legion Auxiliary's strong commitment to our country and to our veterans. Her patriotic spirit is evident in all of her speeches and presentations. The members of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New York, are very proud of President Brosart and her deep commitment to the veterans of our Nation.

HONORING LONGS PEAK COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 2004

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Boy Scouts of America and specifically the Longs Peak Council Boy Scouts of America for their outstanding service and commitment of duty to our local communities and to the nation.

The Longs Peak Council covers a large area spanning from northeastern Colorado and up into the Wyoming and Nebraska area.

As of December 31, 2002, the Boy Scouts of America had nearly 3,325,504 active Boy Scouts nationwide. On the local level this equaled out to 30,230 hours of community service in hundreds of different community service events.

Nearly 1,420,000 hours from 5,917 volunteer leaders have been spent teaching by example the values of citizenship and the rewards of participating in their local communities.

The fulfillment of being active in the community has not only been a valuable lesson for the Boy Scouts, but the citizens of Colorado have been sincerely grateful for all of this hard work.

In the Greeley flood of 1996 Scouts and leaders filled thousands of sandbags and helped protect the property and lives of the residents of Greeley. One year later hundreds of Larimer County Scouts and leaders assisted elderly residents in recovering their belongings from the destroyed homes in the devastating Spring Creek flood of Fort Collins. Each year in the Scouting for Food program the local Boy Scouts gather 50 to 80 tons of much needed canned food for local food banks.

The Boy Scouts of America is truly the largest and most successful youth protection program among the youth-serving agencies nationwide. From CPR training, first aid and life guard training to computer science and rock

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