

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE 14TH ANNUAL DC
BLACK PRIDE CELEBRATION

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, this Memorial Day Weekend, May 28–31, is the 14th Annual DC Black Pride celebration in Washington, DC.

DC Black Pride is an exciting 4-day event complete with dynamic workshops, receptions, cultural arts activities, small and large nightclub events culminating with the world's largest Black Pride Festival at Washington, DC's new state-of-the-art Convention Center. It is considered one of the preeminent Black Pride celebrations in the world consistently drawing 30,000 people to the Nation's capital. Attendees come from every major urban area in the United States as well as from Canada, Great Britain, France, Germany, the Netherlands, the Caribbean and South Africa. The Black Pride Festival features activities for the entire family including a performance by national recording artist, Kelly Price, 200 exhibition booths, book signings from noted writers, participation from national and local health organizations, and arts and crafts.

This year's DC Black Pride theme is, "Honoring Our Sheroes and Heroes," to remember and honor African-American/Black—women and men, LGBT and straight, dead and alive, those who are famous and those who are known only to a few who have shown strength of character in order to make a difference in the lives of our people and our Nation.

The event is coordinated by Black Lesbian and Gay Pride Day, Inc (BLGPD), a nonprofit organization with a volunteer Board of Directors: Earlene Budd, Member-At-Large; Sterling A. Washington, Member-At-Large; Clarence J. Fluker, Secretary; Robert Jones, Vice President; Eric E. Richardson, Member-At-Large; B. Roland Edwards, Member-At-Large; Cheryl Dunn, Treasurer; Rayceen Pendevis, Member-At-Large; Toni Collins, Member-At-Large; Shanika Whitehurst, Member-At-Large; and Earl D. Fowlkes, Jr., President. BLGPD's mission is to build awareness of and pride in the diversity of the Black lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community as well as to create a funding source and support organizations that are addressing HIV/AIDS and other health issues adversely affecting our community.

I ask the House to join me in welcoming all attending the 14th Annual DC Black Pride celebration in Washington, DC, and I take this opportunity to remind the attendees that United States Citizens who reside in Washington, DC are taxed without full voting representation in Congress.

HONORING DR. BRADLEY E.
HABERMEHL

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today on behalf of the Rotary Club of Burton, Michigan to honor my good friend and constituent Dr. Bradley E. Habermehl. Dr. Habermehl has unselfishly donated his time and medical expertise to educating the underserved on maintaining good eye health. On Thursday, April 22, 2004, the Burton Rotary Club during their monthly meeting will present Dr. Habermehl with the prestigious Jack Hamady Good Scout award for outstanding community service.

Dr. Habermehl was born and raised in Burton, Michigan. He graduated in 1981 from Bentley High School. He attended Ferris State University, after which he enrolled in the Illinois College of Optometry. Upon graduation in 1988 he joined the private group of Dr. Thomas Pardee and Dr. David Visser, where he began his primary eye care practice. His practice has flourished into one of the most well known, and accomplished eye care practices in Genesee County. On June 27, 1988, he became a member of the Burton Rotary Club, and in 1990 he served as President of the Club. Dr. Habermehl made history in 1996, when he became the youngest Optometrist to be appointed to the State Board of Examiners of Optometry. He currently holds the position of Chairman of the Board until his term expires in June of 2004. Dr. Habermehl shares his knowledge of maintaining excellent eye health to not only the residents of Genesee County, but to the underserved populace around the world. In 2001, he was appointed Chairman of the Burton Rotary Club's Avoidable Blindness Committee, and as a result has led a team of doctors, VOSH volunteers, and Rotarians to Mexico for the past four years to dispense used eyeglasses. This effort has led to the giving of corrected vision to over 10,000 Mexican citizens. Dr. Habermehl is also actively involved with the Michigan Optometric and the American Optometric Association. He is the Director of the Flint Sensory Learning Center, which is devoted to aiding children and adults with developmental delays. Dr. Habermehl has received numerous accolades for work, but one that is most worthy of mentioning for this occasion is the "Rotarian of Year" award, which he has been awarded three times by the Burton Rotary Club. Dr. Habermehl credits the love and support of his devoted wife Cindy and his two children, Chad and Kylee to his success.

Mr. Speaker, as a Member of Congress, I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in congratulating a humanitarian, and my good friend Dr. Bradley E. Habermehl.

HONORING DOUG HARRISON

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Doug Harrison upon his retirement after 33 years of service to the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District. A reception will be held in his honor on April 15th in Fresno, California.

Doug has achieved numerous accomplishments and has been involved in many noteworthy projects. Mr. Harrison has spoken nationally on urban storm water and flood control issues, including frequent testimony before the United States Congress and the California State Legislature. He has published numerous articles and was a contributing author for a national water resources policy white paper developed by the National Water Alliance for the George Bush administration. Doug's work in urban runoff quality research was recognized by the American Waterworks Association as the best water resources research effort of 1988. The State Water Resource Control Board acknowledged Mr. Harrison for Federal Clean Water Act program assistance, and was subsequently named by the American Public Works Association as one of the Top Ten Public Works Leaders in the nation in 1993.

Mr. Harrison has received various awards and recognitions. He was named Manager of the Year by the California Special Districts Association, and later given the 2002 Excellence in Water Leadership Award by the Association of California Water Agencies. During Doug's tenure, the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District has been awarded: The Theodore Roosevelt Environmental Award of the Association of California Water Agencies, Award of Merit from American City and County Magazine, and the Award of Excellence, California Park and Recreation Society, to name a few.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Doug Harrison upon his retirement from the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Doug a fulfilling retirement.

CONGRATULATING MRS. BERNICE
MOUNIA

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and honor that I congratulate Mrs. Bernice Mounia on her momentous 80th birthday that she will be celebrating on April 19, 2004. Bernice has spent the past 80 years of her long and distinguished life caring for her family and her community in Gary, IN. Her presence in Northwest Indiana has allowed her the opportunity to touch the lives of many people.

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