

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A PROCLAMATION HONORING LANCE CLIFFORD ON HIS 85TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Lance Clifford was born on May 18, 1919; and

Whereas, Lance Clifford is celebrating his 85th Birthday; and

Whereas, Lance Clifford, an American World War II veteran who served in the China-Burma theater of war, is to be commended for his great service to our Nation; and

Whereas, Lance Clifford is loved and appreciated by all his family members; and

Therefore, I join with the family of Lance and the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in wishing Lance Clifford a very happy 85th birthday.

COMMEMORATING THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF SANTA BARBARA'S EASY LIFT TRANSPORTATION

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Easy Lift Transportation as they celebrate their 25th anniversary of providing transportation services to the disabled and elderly in the Santa Barbara area.

Easy Lift Transportation is a charitable, non-profit organization dedicated to helping the disabled and frail elderly live independently while remaining in their own homes. Easy Lift has been providing wheelchair accessible transportation services in southern Santa Barbara County since 1979. Beginning with one motor home in 1979, Easy Lift Transportation has grown to operate eighteen vehicles, eighteen hours a day, 363 days per year.

Easy Lift Transportation provides door-to-door transportation to individuals in the communities of Goleta, Santa Barbara, Montecito, Summerland and Carpinteria. Easy Lift Transportation is preparing to serve its one-millionth rider. They currently provide over sixty thousand rides a year.

In addition to helping many Santa Barbara area residents gain independence by ensuring that they can get to doctor's appointments and other events, Easy Lift helps the broader Santa Barbara community as well. Easy Lift Transportation provides transit services and driver training to other non-profit organizations in the Santa Barbara area. I would like to commend Easy Lift Transportation of Santa Barbara for their work and congratulate them on their twenty-fifth anniversary of operation.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 3550, TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR USERS

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 3, 2004

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Oberstar Motion to Instruct Conferees on the Safe Routes to Schools program.

The Safe Routes to Schools is a good program designed to save the lives of children and the many commuters that drive near schools. This program helps create infrastructure so that children can safely walk or bike to school.

Our children will also be safer while walking to school because the Safe Routes to Schools program also encourages greater enforcement of traffic laws, educates the public, and explores ways to create safer streets.

As a nutrition advocate, I am also concerned about the growing obesity epidemic that is affecting our children. Sedentary lifestyles, too much television, and far too many non-athletic activities are causing our children's waistlines to grow out of control. That is why I support this program. We need to promote walking and biking to school as alternatives.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to please support this Motion to Instruct the Conferees so that our children can live safer, healthier, and happier lives.

HONORING THE LATE REVEREND DOCTOR RONALD FREEL

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the late Reverend Doctor Ronald Freel. Dr. Freel was a pillar of the community in Southern Nevada and a friend and inspiration to all who knew him.

Dr. Freel was born in Detroit, Michigan in October, 1931 and served in the United States Army for 12 years. He received advanced degrees in education and ministry and, after leaving the army, became the principal of Gaylord St. Mary's School in Michigan. Subsequently he served as the Wolverine, MI, School Superintendent and as pastor of Topinabee Community Church. Dr. Freel also served as the health education coordinator for the Cheboygan, Otsego, and Presque Isle Intermediate School District in Indian River, MI.

Dr. Freel moved to Henderson, Nevada 12 years ago and served as the senior pastor at Grace Community Church in Boulder City for the last 5 years. There he was instrumental in the founding of Grace Christian Academy. Dr. Freel is survived by his wife Ellen Anne, 3

daughters and 7 grandchildren. I urge the House to join me in remembering Ronald Freel for his service to the community and extending our condolences to his family.

A PROCLAMATION FOR DOCTOR WILLIAM F. EMLICH

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Doctor William F. Emlich has served continuously as the Medical Director for the Central Ohio Joint Fire District and its predecessor Hilliard Township/Centerburg Volunteer Fire Department since July 1959; and

Whereas, Doctor Emlich provided his services as Medical Director continuously since 1959; and

Whereas, Doctor Emlich's service to the people of the Centerburg and the surrounding area displays his dedication to helping those in need. He should be commended for the help that he provided to the people of Centerburg and the surrounding area.

Therefore, I join with the Ohio's entire 18th Congressional District in celebration Doctor William F. Emlich's forty-five years of service to the Central Ohio Joint Fire District.

TRIBUTE TO ARMSTRONG MIDDLE SCHOOL'S SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Armstrong Middle School's Science Olympiad Team which won first place in the New York State Science Olympiad Tournament and 18th place at the national tournament, a truly exceptional accomplishment.

The Armstrong Middle School team is comprised of sixteen members and coached by Paulette Bodak. Team members are Allison Kritall, Emily Hoogesteger, Gage Howard, Jamie Wisner, Stephan Wagner, Ashley Stanley, Brianna Kelleher, Jessica Bellingham, Julie Weidner, Ryan Lattanzio, Ben Mears, Dan Frederes, Emma Fink, Eric Frauel, Randy Mason and Paul Whitmire.

The team won the regional and the New York State competitions to qualify for the national level where they competed against other teams from the United States. At the national level, medal winners from the Armstrong Middle School were Ben Mears and Dan Frederes, first place in Meteorology; Ben Mears, Dan Frederes, and Julie Weidner, fourth place in Experimental Design; and Paul Whitmire, fourth place in Compute This.

I would like to express my congratulations to the team for such an outstanding achievement

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