

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, on September 8, 2004, I was unable to be present for rollcall vote No. 428, on agreeing to the Rep. Joel Hefley Amendment to H.R. 5006, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2005; for rollcall vote No. 429, on agreeing to the Rep. George Miller Amendment to H.R. 5006, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2005; and, for rollcall vote No. 430, on the Motion that the Committee Rise. Had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 428, "yes" on rollcall vote No. 429, and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 430.

IN HONOR OF THE OPENING OF
TEXANS CAN! AT PAUL QUINN
COLLEGE

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the opening of Texans Can! at Paul Quinn College on September 17, 2004. I am very delighted to join my fellow colleagues in highlighting the tremendous public service that this organization has provided to the local community and praise its current expansion.

In almost 20 years of service, *Texans Can!* have provided educational opportunities to more than thirty thousand academically at-risk students who may have never finished high school. *Texans Cans* currently operates three campus locations in the greater Dallas community, and the new location at Paul Quinn College will provide additional capacity to enroll more students that otherwise might not receive a quality educational experience.

The new campus at Paul Quinn College will serve as an outreach to students from neighborhoods in Duncanville, DeSoto, Grand Prairie, Lancaster and other surrounding communities. I congratulate the first year's class of students at this new location, as they christen the new school and help pave the way for all of the students that will follow them in the future.

I wish *Texans Cans* continued success in their service to the future of our community, and I thank Mr. Grant East the founder of *Texans Can!*, the teachers, administrators, and staff of *Texans Can!* for their unswerving commitment to education.

HONORING KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA'S OLYMPIC MEDALISTS

HON. WILLIAM M. THOMAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I wish to commend four Olympic medalists from Kern County, California, which I am privileged to represent, on their outstanding performances at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. I am proud to recognize and praise these athletes for their dedication, resolve, and extraordinary talent that so perfectly epitomize the American spirit.

Joey Hansen of Bakersfield helped power the eight-man rowing crew to a gold medal—the first victory in 40 years for the United States in that event. In the kayak slalom, Rebecca Giddens, demonstrating expert skills honed in relentless practice on the Kern River, came from behind to win the silver medal. Swimmer Larsen Jensen, also of Bakersfield, shattered his own American record by eleven seconds in the 1,500 meter freestyle. Finally, Bakersfield's Gabe Woodward also made Kern County proud when he helped guide the 4x 100-meter freestyle relay team to a bronze medal.

Each of these four champions reflects the spirit of hard work and perseverance that is cherished in Kern County, and each resident of Kern County takes great pride in their achievements in Athens. We congratulate Joey, Rebecca, Larsen, and Gabe for making us proud. While I want to especially salute Kern County's Olympians, I also want to laud the achievements of each of the men and women who admirably and honorably represented the United States at the Olympics this summer. They made an entire Nation proud.

HONORING DAVID CREQUE

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and achievements of an extraordinary man, David Creque of Oakland, California. David was an instrumental figure in East Bay politics and government for over three decades, and will be missed greatly by those who knew him, as well as by those whose lives have been touched by his work. David passed away on July 15, 2004, and is survived by his wife Sandy and their two children, as well as six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

David was born in Hayward, California on September 20, 1932. After growing up and at-

tending school in Oakland, he went on to serve in the Korean War and obtain his Masters Degree from the University of Oregon. Upon the completion of his education, David returned to Oakland and began teaching high school biology. Active in local government affairs, David would not only become the longest serving member of the Alameda Civil Service Commission, serving from 1977 until 2003, but would also serve extensively as foreman of the Alameda County Grand Jury during the late 1970s, and on the Oakland Port Commission from 1979 until 1983.

In addition, David was an active and dedicated member of the local labor movement for several decades. As a teacher, he was a member of his local union, and was later elected president of AFT Local 771. He would go on to become a member of the Executive Committee of the Central Labor Council of Alameda County, where he served with dedication until 1999, after which he remained a Council Delegate.

On September 11, 2004, David's friends and family will gather to honor his extraordinary life, and the impact that his tireless efforts to better the Oakland and East Bay communities had on the lives of those around him. David was a unique and distinguished individual not only because of his outstanding accomplishments, but also because of his generous spirit and commitment to helping others. He will be greatly missed by his family, his friends, and the people of the 9th Congressional District.

MOURNING THE PASSAGE OF THE
LATE JAMES ELLIOTT WEEKS

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passage of James Elliott Weeks. Mr. Weeks passed away on September 8, 2004.

James Weeks was born in March 1917 in Claude, Texas. James served as a Captain in the Army during World War II. He then served as an Assistant Attorney General of Texas, and was elected County Attorney of Lubbock, Texas. He was later elected to the Abilene School Board and the Texas Board of Education. Captain Weeks was a member of the Texas and Supreme Court bar.

James Weeks is survived by his wife Inez, three sons, and eight grandchildren. I urge the House to join me in mourning his passing and remembering him for his life of public service.

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