

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

AUTHORIZING USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL SERVICE

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the many police and peace officers across this country who have made the ultimate sacrifice to keep our families and our communities safe, and to lend my support to H. Con. Res. 135, which authorizes the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

During this year's service, on May 15, our nation will honor one more fallen hero from Minnesota's Capital City. Last week my community was stunned and saddened by the death of St. Paul Police Sgt. Gerald Vick, who was killed in an act of senseless violence in the line of duty. Sgt. Vick knew well the dangers of his job, yet he exemplified the great bravery and selfless commitment of our city's finest.

After graduating from St. Paul's police academy in 1989, Sgt. Vick's career had "upward mobility," written all over it, according to the city's former chief of police. His personnel file was filled with approving letters from the chief. Sgt. Vick went above and beyond to protect our community and keep it a safe and healthy place to raise a family. After being promoted to sergeant in 1999 where he could have taken a much safer desk job, he only wanted to get back on the streets to the part of the job he love the most—working with the community.

Twice Sgt. Vick was awarded the St. Paul Police Department's highest honor, the Medal of Valor. The first time was in 1990 when he saved an infant from a burning building, then again in 1997 when he shot and killed an armed robbery suspect who pulled a gun on him. Sgt. Vick served for 16 years on the Saint Paul police force and was a true public servant. Jerry died on May 6, 2005 protecting the community—the job he loved so much. He will be deeply missed by his family, his friends, and his fellow officers.

I wish to express my sincere condolences as well as my thoughts and prayers to all those who loved and worked with Sgt. Gerald Vick.

SUSAN EDGERTON PRAISED FOR SERVICE TO VETERANS

HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2005

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to publicly recognize and express the gratitude of many in Congress and the veterans' commu-

nity to Susan Edgerton, Democratic Staff Director for the Subcommittee on Health of the Committee on Veterans Affairs in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Susan is leaving the Committee staff after more than 8 years of service, and what she has accomplished in that relatively brief time has literally touched every corner of the body of law covering veterans' health care services. Her achievements have had profound impact on both the VA health care system and the lives of those who enter the doors of its facilities. Prominent among her accomplishments are a heightened focus on mental health, long-term care and specialized services for veterans, access to emergency care and chiropractic care for veterans, comprehensive services for homeless veterans, and improved pay for VA physicians, nurses and dentists. She has been a principal player in assisting Members of Congress in the struggle to acquire adequate VA health care funding.

Before joining the Committee staff, Susan was the Program Director of Health Policy for Paralyzed Veterans of America here in Washington. She is a graduate of the University of Virginia and received a Masters of Science in Public Health in Health Policy and Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

She has used that education well. Like the majority of successful public servants, Susan has quietly and diligently toiled behind the scenes to improve the lot of those she serves. With great compassion and impressive political and legislative acumen, Susan has made her mark in and on this body, garnering tremendous respect and trust on both sides of the aisle, and also from her colleagues in the Senate and throughout the veterans' affairs community. She has been an extraordinary asset to me, to my staff, and most important, to the noble mission of caring for veterans and their families. I will miss her, and so will a great number of others in this chamber and beyond.

I know my colleagues will join with me in wishing Susan Edgerton well in her next and all future endeavors, and in thanking her for a job exceptionally well done.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LIONS CLUB OF WEBSTER GROVES, MO

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2005

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the Lions Club of Webster Groves, Missouri, in this, the year of its 80th anniversary. Since its establishment on March 12, 1925, the Lions Club has demonstrated a deep concern and commitment to the well-being of the community.

For the past 29 years, the Lions Club has held a summertime "Carnival & Barbecue." Since 1960, it has been an integral part of the

July 4th celebration in Webster Groves known as "Community Days." The Webster Lions provide amusement rides, midway booths, and delicious barbecued food over 4 days of family fun and wholesome festivities.

In recent years, the Lions Club has expanded its community involvement by donating their time and resources to support events such as "Make a Difference Day," the Fire Department's "Open House," the Police Department's "Public Safety Day," the "Opening Day" of the Youth Baseball and Softball Season, and an annual "Diabetes Screening & Information Day."

The generosity of the Lions Club can be seen throughout the community with the construction of new tennis courts, wading pools, scoreboards, and bathrooms in parks. Some of these items, including the 1939 Flagpole in Ruhe Park, have been symbols of the fine community of Webster Groves for generations.

Furthermore, the Lions Club motto of "we serve" has reached beyond the tangible. More than 50 organizations and programs, including the Webster-Rock Hill Ministries, Webster Groves Historical Society, various college scholarships, and Meals on Wheels, all receive annual financial contributions, the sum of which has exceeded \$2 million.

Today, the Lions Club of Webster Groves remain an integral part of the community.

Whether fostering civic improvement or donating time, money and effort, they are to be commended. I am honored to stand here today in recognition of the past 80 years of service.

RECOGNIZING THE PUBLIC SERV- ICE OF MS. MARCELLE FORTIER CITRON

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2005

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the great achievements and selfless service of Ms. Marcelle Fortier Citron of Lafayette, Louisiana. Ms. Citron has been helping the people of Acadiana for over fifty years. She began her service work in 1950, when she served as the co-chair for the Hospital Dental Clinic for Under-Privileged Children. During the 1950s she helped establish the Lafayette Day Nurseries, where underprivileged mothers could leave their children when they had to go to work. In 1962, Ms. Citron helped found the Pink Ladies and Candy Strippers for the Lafayette Sanitarium at the Lafayette General Hospital. She then served as the organization's president for three and a half years.

In 1982, Ms. Citron became a board member of the Faith House Battered Women's Shelter. She served on the board for nine years, including two as president. Frequently, Ms. Citron would provide shelter in her own home for the women and the families that

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