

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER
COULSON, M.D.

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker: whereas, Captain Christopher Coulson has devoted himself to serving his country through his deployment to Iraq with the Ohio Army National Guard; and Whereas, Captain Coulson has dedicated 18 years in the Ohio Army National Guard; and

Whereas, Captain Coulson has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Captain Coulson must be commended for the hard work and dedication he continues to put forth in protecting our Nation's freedoms and liberties.

Therefore, I join with the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio, Chris's family and friends in congratulating Captain Christopher Coulson as he continues to proudly serve our country overseas in Iraq.

RECOGNIZING FLINT HILL ELE-
MENTARY SCHOOL'S 50TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2005

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Flint Hill Elementary School as it prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

Since its establishment in 1955, Flint Hill Elementary School has committed itself to lofty standards of academic and extracurricular excellence. Over the years, as the Vienna area has expanded and diversified, Flint Hill has followed the community's example.

To this day, Flint Hill Elementary School remains a distinguished and greatly lauded school in many respects, from the arts to academics. The school boasts a number of unique programs, from a Cultural Arts Program to the Flint Hill Elementary School Morning News Team to an annual science fair. The garden serves as a living learning environment, which includes a butterfly garden and a greenhouse. The courtyard is a result of collaborative effort and hours of hard work by students, parents, and teachers. Technology continues to be paramount at Flint Hill, and every class is equipped with a computer presentation system and access to the Internet.

The mission of Flint Hill Elementary School is to promote student learning and high academic standards, while providing a respectful learning environment that develops individual academic achievement and supports social and emotional growth.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to thank Flint Hill Elementary School faculty and staff for the immeasurable contributions they have made to the community by shaping today's youth and tomorrow's future. I congratulate the school on its successes over the last 50 years and I wish it more successful years in the future. I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding this outstanding and distinguished institution.

COMMENDING THE CONTINUING
IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES
AND THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 18, 2005

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise improved relations and partnerships between the United States and the Republic of India. The United States and India have never been as committed to each other as they are today. Our two countries are two democratic nations that hold many of the same goals and ideals in common, such as supporting democratic institutions and eradicating global terrorism. The transformation of U.S.-India relations over the past four years has indeed strengthened economic and diplomatic cooperation between our two countries.

In the past year, United States and Indian officials have met countless times to address our economic and political agendas. Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Nicholas Burns, Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta, former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, and current Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice have all recently visited India to engage in constructive dialogue on improving U.S.-India relations. Additionally, Indian Defense Minister Pranab Mukherjee and External Affairs Minister Shri Natwar Singh have met with President Bush in Washington, D.C. The visit by the Honorable Prime Minister of India Manmohan Singh to the United States, including last week's bicameral address in the confines of this great Chamber also marks a commitment to the growth of our bilateral relationship.

The current acts of friendship on the part of the United States and India have demonstrated the improvement in relations and should be commended. The signing of the Next Steps in the Strategic Partnership (NSSP) initiative was an important contributor to the improved relationship between the United States and India. It addresses civilian space cooperation, civilian nuclear activities, high-technological trade and missile defense issues. Last month, both defense secretaries of the United States and India signed a ten-year military agreement. Additionally, U.S. commercial military sales to India have risen from \$5.6 million in 2003 to \$17.7 million in

2004, and are projected to surge to \$64 million in 2005. This increase in sales demonstrates the trust and promise of our partnership.

Mr. Speaker, the United States and India have made significant strides in improving our relationship. Because of that, U.S.-India relations have never been stronger. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution and join me in commending the continuing improvements in relations between the United States and the Republic of India. May our partnership with India be everlasting.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION AU-
THORIZATION ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 22, 2005

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3070) to reauthorize the human space flight, aeronautics, and science programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes:

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of H.R. 3070, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2005.

To support NASA's mission is to support the fundamental ideals of the United States of America: discovery, progress, freedom and imagination. President John F. Kennedy said in September of 1962 that "we set sail on this new sea because there is new knowledge to be gained, and new rights to be won, and they must be won and used for the progress of all people." President Kennedy understood the value of the exploration of space and his foresight was correct. Since its inception in 1958, NASA has accomplished many great scientific and technological feats, and NASA remains a leading force in scientific research to this day.

Innovations created by our space program have found their way into the clothes we wear, the food we eat, our national security, the medicines we use, the computers we rely on and in the vehicles that transport us. More importantly, NASA's exploration of space has allowed us to view Earth and the universe in a new way. While the tremendous technical and scientific accomplishments of NASA demonstrate that humans can achieve seemingly impossible feats, we also are humbled by the realization that Earth is just a tiny speck in the universe.

I am pleased to know that the Science Committee brought a bill to the floor that provides clear policy and funding provisions to ensure that NASA remains a multi-mission agency with robust research and development activities in science, aeronautics and human

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