

## 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 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**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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space flight. In addition, I am happy to know that the House has continued its investment in the Hubble Space Telescope which has provided inspiration worldwide to young and old, scientists and non-scientists alike. Hubble is one of the most important astronomical instruments in the history of NASA, and has made extraordinary contributions to scientific research and the inspiration of our youth. Finally, I am grateful that this Authorization includes language that will help ensure equal access to NASA education programs for minority and under-privileged students. The bill also properly funds the Space Grant Program which helps to promote strong science, mathematics and technology education from elementary school through graduate school.

The innovation, discovery and invention that NASA has brought to not only the United States, but also to the world is not complete. We must continue to explore the bounds of space, demand scientific breakthroughs, and enrapture the minds of children. Congress' stewardship of NASA allows our Nation to reach for the stars.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING  
PAUL JOHNSON AND CHARLOTTE  
JOHNSON ON THEIR 80TH BIRTH-  
DAYS

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 26, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Paul Johnson was born on September 4, 1925; and Whereas, Charlotte Johnson was born on July 29, 1925; and

Whereas, both Paul and Charlotte Johnson are celebrating their 80th Birthdays, on this day, June 25, 2005; and

Whereas, Paul and Charlotte Johnson have exemplified a love for each other, and must be commended on their upcoming 55th Anniversary on December 16, 2005.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Paul and Charlotte Johnson as they celebrate their 80th Birthdays.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS  
WITH RESPECT TO COMMEMORATION  
OF WOMEN SUFFRAGISTS

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.J. Res. 59, a resolution commemorating the women suffragists who fought, and won the right for women to vote in the United States.

This legislation applauds women's rights activists whose commitment to changing an unjust system led to the eventual passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920. As we all know, the 19th Amendment granted women in the United States the right to vote.

The women's suffrage movement began in the mid nineteenth century when Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton held the first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, New York, on July 19, 1848. Established in 1869, the National American Woman Suffrage Association fought tirelessly against discrimination and oppression, often times receiving severe punishment in response to their protests.

After only several decades, due to the progress of women's rights activists, women in the U.S. experienced advancement in property rights, employment and educational opportunities, divorce and child custody laws, and increased social freedoms. As new generations of women continued to bolster the strength of the movement, they initiated a social revolution that would touch every aspect of life.

The time has come for Congress to recognize these brave individuals who struggled for equality in the face of adversity, and ultimately amended our constitution to allow for equality among both genders. The suffragists' accomplishments are a credit to American democracy. Their unfettered commitment to equality for women should serve as an example to nations in which this struggle is still being fought today.

Mr. Speaker, let me conclude by again expressing my support for this legislation and encourage my colleagues' support. It should be a precedence of this Congress to acknowledge the significance of the women's rights movement and honor its leaders with a day of commemoration.

CONGRATULATING LIEUTENANT  
GENERAL RICHARD A. HACK

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 26, 2005*

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an exceptional officer in the United States Army, Lieutenant General Richard A. Hack, upon his retirement after 33 years of distinguished service.

Throughout his career, Lieutenant General Hack has personified the values of duty, integrity, and selfless service across the many missions the Army has provided in defense of our Nation. As the Chief of Staff and Deputy Commanding General of the United States Army Materiel Command, Lieutenant General Hack has made lasting contributions to the Army Materiel Command; an organization that employs more than 50,000 in 149 locations worldwide to include 43 states and 38 countries. It is my sincere privilege to recognize his many accomplishments. I commend his superb service to the United States Army and this great Nation.

Lieutenant General Hack is a second-generation Army officer, the son of Colonel (Ret) and Mrs. Sidney Hack of Columbia, SC. He graduated from the Virginia Military Institute and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps. Upon completion of the Ordnance Officer Basic Course, he was assigned to Fort Knox, KY, where he served as Platoon Leader and later Shop Officer for

the 530th and 514th Maintenance Companies. He was then assigned to Schweinfurt, Germany, as Shop Officer of the 596th and 903rd Maintenance Company and served as Commander, 42nd Maintenance Company in Furth, Germany.

Following the Ordnance Officer Advanced Course, Lieutenant General Hack participated in the Training with Industry program at Sikorsky Aircraft Company in Stratford, CT, and was subsequently assigned to Rock Island Arsenal, IL, as a Materiel Management Staff Officer and later as Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, U.S. Army Armament Materiel Command.

After graduation from Command and General Staff College, Lieutenant General Hack was assigned to the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Stewart, GA, where he served as Materiel Officer and Support Operations Officer for the 724th Main Support Battalion, Executive Officer of the 24th Forward Support Battalion, and Chief, Division Materiel Management Center.

Following his Fort Stewart assignments, Lieutenant General Hack served as the U.S. Army Europe Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics staff in Heidelberg, Germany, and then commanded the 705th Main Support Battalion, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Polk, LA. After command, he was a staff officer at the Ordnance Center and School at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD. After graduation from the U.S. Army War College, Lieutenant General Hack returned to 24 Infantry Division where he commanded the 24th Infantry Division Support Command. He then served as the Executive Officer to the Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Materiel Command. His subsequent assignments include: Assistant Division Commander for Support of the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Hood, TX; Commanding General, 13th Corps Support Command, Fort Hood, TX; and Commanding General of the 21st Theater Support Command, United States Army Europe, Germany.

Throughout his military career, Lieutenant General Hack has been a sterling example of leadership and professionalism. Special thanks must also be given to Lieutenant General Hack's wife, Rosanne, and their son, 1st Lieutenant Richard J. Hack. First Lieutenant Hack carries on the family tradition as the 3rd generation to serve in our Armed Forces, and is currently serving in Iraq. Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to express my gratitude to Lieutenant General Hack for his service to our country. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding his past accomplishments and wishing him the best of luck in all future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 26, 2005*

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on official business on Monday, July 25, 2005. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: Rollcall vote No. 417, "yea"; rollcall vote No. 418, "yea"; rollcall vote No. 419, "yea."