EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SALUTE TO HURRICANE VOLUNTEER MARC OBERLIN OF SAVE-A-LOT

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute those individuals and organizations that opened their hearts and dedicated both financial and emotional support to the evacuees of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. All of the States along the gulf coast have endured terrible hardships during this hurricane season, and I know that the generosity of North Texans played a vital role in bringing some peace into their lives.

Today, I want to specifically thank one man, his store and his donation. Marc Oberlin, from Save-A-Lot donated $5,572 worth of various food and supplies for volunteers during hurricane Katrina.

Save-A-Lot is one of the Nation's leading extreme value, limited assortment grocery chains, operating value-oriented stores in all types of neighborhoods—urban, rural and suburban. Today the company's annual system-wide retail sales exceed $4 billion and are expected to grow as the company expands its store network.

I stand here today to sincerely thank Marc Oberlin for his donation. It is people like him that I am proud to call a fellow Texan. Through his contribution, he not only stands as a devoted and giving American citizen, but he serves as an inspiration to others.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. LEON LYNCH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and honor that I congratulate Mr. Leon Lynch on his retirement from the position as United Steel Workers of America Vice President of Human Affairs. Leon has spent nearly 40 years dedicating his life to the interests of the USWA and many social and political organizations throughout the country. His career at the USWA has allowed him the opportunity to touch the lives of numerous people. In honor of his gracious service to the USWA, there will be a celebration of his accomplishments on Friday, October 28, 2005, at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary, IN.

Leon Lynch has accomplished many visionary goals throughout his career. Leon joined USWA Local 1011 in 1956 at the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company Mill in East Chicago, Indiana. He has served on many local committees and was President of the YS&T Federal Credit Union. In 1968 Leon was named a staff representative and an International Representative in 1973. In 1994, he was appointed by President Bill Clinton to the Advisory Council on Unemployment Compensation. In 1995, Leon was elected to the AFL–CIO Executive Council, and in December of 2000, President Clinton appointed Leon to the Air Traffic Service Board of the Federal Aviation Administration.

Not only has Leon had many positive accomplishments throughout his career at the USWA, he has also actively contributed to his community through participation in various programs aimed at improving opportunities for people. Leon is a member of the executive committee of the Democratic National Committee, Chairman of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, President of the Workers Defense League, a board member of the National Endowment for Democracy, and a member of the Labor Roundtable of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators.

Leon has served six terms as the USWA's International Vice President for Human Affairs. He was appointed to that post when it was created by the USWA's 18th Constitutional Convention in 1976. As Vice President, he oversees the USWA's civil rights and human rights efforts. He chairs the Container Industry Conference and handles the negotiations for Rexam, Crown Cork & Seal, and Silgan Containers. He also chairs the Public Employees Conference, International Constitution Committee, and the Steelworkers Health and Welfare Fund.

Leon's family and friends should be proud of his efforts, as his leadership has served as a beacon of hope throughout the country. Leon's longstanding commitment to improving the quality of life for Steelworkers is truly inspirational and should be commended. Our community has certainly been rewarded by the true service, uncompromising dedication and loyalty displayed by Leon Lynch.

Mr. Speaker, Leon Lynch has given his time and efforts selflessly to the members of the USWA throughout his years of service. He has taught every member of the USWA the true meaning of service. I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. Leon Lynch for his outstanding contributions. I am proud to commend him for his lifetime of service and dedication.

HONORING GINGER ARMSTRONG

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ginger Armstrong of Tuolumne County, California for her tireless service and contributions to her community. At the end of the month of October, Ms. Armstrong will retire from her position as an Advocacy Consultant with the Tuolumne County Alliance for Resources and the Environment (TuCARE). An event to celebrate Ms. Armstrong's professional accomplishments and contributions will occur on October 27, 2005 in Sonora, California.

A native of New Mexico, Ginger Armstrong moved to Tuolumne County in 1971, where she taught in the Tuolumne County public school system for over 20 years. After teaching in the public school system, Ms. Armstrong became the Education Coordinator for TuCARE, an organization established to advise the public on conservation practices and the utilization of our natural resources.

In the late 1990's, Ginger earned the position of Executive Director of TuCARE, where she demonstrated exemplary leadership on issues concerning the long term viability of natural resources and conservation of public and private lands.

Together with her husband Jim, the Armstrong's own and operate Jim Armstrong Logging. In addition to the logging operation, the Armstrong's own Snowy Peaks Christmas Tree Farm and plan to operate a strawberry and blueberry farm.

Ginger and her husband Jim have two children, Matt and Haley.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Ginger Armstrong for her years of service to Tuolumne County and dedication to natural resource issues. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Ginger many years of continued success.

HONORING CRESCENT ELEMENTARY FOR BECOMING A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I honor Crescent Elementary School in Raleigh County, West Virginia for their remarkable academic achievements. Next month, Crescent will receive the highest national honor in education as a No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School. Out of 738 schools in West Virginia, Crescent is one of just three to receive the award, and one of only 295 in the United States.

Crescent Elementary School qualifies for this award because the school has dramatically improved student performance on the State assessment test. In light of the fact that 62 percent of Crescent's 284 students, are of low socioeconomic background, this accomplishment is even more commendable. On the State assessment test, the entire school tested in the 80th percentile in math and reading. Another great achievement for the school is a 98 percent attendance rate during the 2004–2005 school year.

At the November ceremony to honor the 2005 No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon Schools, United States Assistant Secretary of Education, Kevin F. Sullivan, will recognize