

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTRODUCING THE SOUTHERN NEVADA READINESS CENTER ACT

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleagues, Representative JIM GIBBONS and Representative SHELLEY BERKLEY, to introduce the Southern Nevada Readiness Center Act.

The purpose of the Southern Nevada Readiness Center Act is to convey 35–50 acres of land from the McCarran Airport Cooperative Management Area Boundary to the Nevada National Guard for the purpose of building the Nevada National Guard Readiness Center. This Readiness Center will serve Henderson and southwest Las Vegas, and will allow the Nevada National Guard to have better access to the facilities and equipment they need for training.

The National Guard is our Nation's first line of defense in an ever-changing world. As the Guard's role expands, it is important that they are given the facilities and equipment they need to protect both Nevada and America at large. This Readiness Center will help Nevada's National Guard to achieve this goal, and I look forward to working with Congress to pass this bill into law.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE 5 NAVAL AVENGER TORPEDO BOMBERS OF FLIGHT 19

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 500, recognizing the 60th anniversary of the disappearance of five Avenger warplanes and one of the rescue aircraft sent to retrieve the lost pilots. The six planes flying out of the Naval Air Station of Banan River on December 5, 1945 contained a total of 27 men. These brave men have never been recovered. Their planes and all of their equipment have never been found, either.

As an interesting point, the disappearance of the planes happened somewhere off the eastern coast of Florida. The strange disappearance of these aircraft was the first incident in the lore of what became the story of the Bermuda Triangle. To date, the incident which we are acknowledging today is still the most cited example of strange occurrences in the Bermuda Triangle.

Mr. Speaker, we should remember the bravery of these 27 men by acknowledging the anniversary of their disappearance. It is a tragedy that for so many years, the cause of the

disappearance has remained unknown, leaving the families of the fallen pilots without answers.

For over 225 years, the freedom of America has been maintained by the fighting men and women of our Nation's Armed Forces. These courageous soldiers, sailors and marines put their lives on the line every day to preserve the safety and security of our Nation. In honoring the 27 men lost on December 5, 1945, we also honor the hundreds of thousands of men and women of America's Armed Forces whose heroic actions go unheralded every day.

In passing this resolution, we also honor the families of the fallen pilots, whose sacrifices on behalf of our country will never be forgotten.

I strongly support H. Res. 500, and I encourage my colleagues to do the same.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM KOLBE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, on November 16, I missed the vote H. Con. Res. 268, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding oversight of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (#594). I intended to vote "aye."

CONGRATULATING DR. ULYSSES S. CURRY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Ulysses S. Curry of Fresno, as the honored recipient of the Community Health Champion Award from West Fresno Health Care Coalition.

Dr. Curry has dedicated over 30 years of continuous medical service to Fresno and continues to devote his time to the community. Ever a generous doctor, Ulysses has donated much of his time to assist in the progression of the medical community in the Central Valley.

Upon graduation from Central High School in Omaha, Nebraska, Dr. Curry immediately attended the University of Kansas in 1939. Ulysses went on to Howard University to pursue his Master's Degree, followed by Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee from which he attained his medical degree. He did his internship at Saint Agnes Hospital in Raleigh, North Carolina immediately following medical school.

It was a residency program that originally brought Dr. Curry to California. After completing his residency in pediatrics at Fresno

County General Hospital in Fresno, Dr. Curry moved to Denver, Colorado to finish his residency in internal medicine at Denver Veterans Administrative Hospital. Dr. Ulysses Curry permanently returned to Fresno and opened his General/Family Practice at which he continues to practice medicine.

Dr. Curry is affiliated with many hospitals in the Central Valley, such as Fresno Community Hospital, Clovis Community Hospital and Sierra Community. Ulysses also has memberships with many professional medical associations. He is an active member of Fresno-Madera Medical Society, John Hale Medical Forum, California Medical Association as well as a lifetime membership to the California Academy of Family Physicians and the American Academy of Family Physicians.

It is obvious from his extensive career that Dr. Ulysses S. Curry is worthy of such recognition from the West Fresno Health Care Coalition. It is with great pleasure that I stand today and congratulate Dr. Curry for all of his achievements.

HONORING RICHARD H. SHAPIRO

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Richard H. Shapiro, Executive Director of the Congressional Management Foundation, CMF. Since 1988, Rick has tirelessly provided important and needed services in support of the institution of Congress. As Executive Director, Rick has become a leading expert on improving operations in the U.S. Congress. He has utilized that expertise in support of individual Member offices, in the training of literally thousands of Congressional staff, in providing research and best-practices information to House Administration, Committee and Member offices, and in writing landmark books and studies on Congressional management.

Mr. Speaker, Rick's involvement with Congress began in 1978, when he was a staff investigator at the former U.S. Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. While investigating Department of Defense procurement practices, Rick came to understand the importance of Congressional oversight. Effective oversight requires effective management, and as Rick came to understand this relationship, he came to appreciate the importance of good management in Congress.

Following graduate school, Rick returned to Congress as the Staff Director of the former House Post Office and Civil Service Subcommittee on Investigations, and subsequently as Staff Director at the House Small Business Subcommittee on Regulation and Business Opportunities. In those positions, he managed congressional staff and workload, laying the groundwork for his move to the Congressional Management Foundation as Deputy Executive Director in 1988. One year later, he became its Executive Director.

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