

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING NICHOLAS GIGLIO FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nicholas Giglio, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 98, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Nicholas has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Nicholas has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Nicholas Giglio for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HOYTS

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2006

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two of my most accomplished and most inspiring constituents. Dick Hoyt, of Holland, Massachusetts, and his son Rick, are a world famous pair, known around the world for their frequent appearances at road races, marathons, and triathlons. They are not, however, average athletes.

In 1962 Rick Hoyt was born with his umbilical cord wrapped around his neck. Doctors told Rick's parents, Dick and Judy, that their son would be unable to live on his own and that he should be institutionalized. They refused.

Instead, the Hoyts did all that they could to enroll Rick in public school with other children his age. Their first major breakthrough came when a group of engineers from Tufts University built, in 1972, an interactive computer that enabled Rick to communicate. His first words took his family by surprise. They learned that he had been following the Stanley Cup finals along with the rest of his family when he said, "Go Bruins."

From that moment forward, Rick was unstoppable. He was admitted to public school in 1975, and 2 years after that, asked his father to enter their first race together: a five mile benefit run for another local athlete who had been paralyzed in an accident. Dick says that he remembers Rick telling him that night that he did not feel handicapped when they were competing together.

They completed their first marathon, in 1981 in Boston. Four years later, they competed in a triathlon, for which Dick had to not only learn how to swim, but then do so in the race with a small boat tied to his waist with which he pulled Rick.

While continuing to race, Rick also furthered his education. In 1993, Rick graduated from Boston University with a degree in Special Education.

Today the Hoyts have completed 206 triathlons, 20 Duathlons, 64 marathons, and over 500 other races. They have biked across New England and America. Their best time for a marathon, running together with Dick pushing Rick, is 2 hours and 40 minutes, only 35 minutes short of the world record holder who, of course, was not pushing another person while running. This past year they competed in their twenty-fifth Boston Marathon. I personally have run the SIDS Road Race in Springfield, Massachusetts, with the Hoyts many times including this past fall.

Truly, the Hoyt's story is one of a deep love and commitment between father and son, and is one that speaks to all of us. They have won awards from organizations around the world, and regularly receive letters from others whose lives they have touched. Dick Hoyt and his son Rick are truly two of the most remarkable people I have the honor of calling friends, and I am proud to be able to pay tribute to them here on the Floor of the House of Representatives.

SUPPORTING THE NEOTROPICAL MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVA- TION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2006

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Improvement Act of 2006, introduced by my friend from Wisconsin, Mr. KIND. I was one of the coauthors of the original Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act in 2000, and I am very pleased to see this new legislation make its way through the process again. This has been a highly successful program, and its reauthorization will help to continue this record of success.

The hundreds of species of birds that migrate through our Nation every year are facing urgent threats. Warblers, plovers, and kites were once common, but many species are now listed as endangered or are dwindling rapidly and will soon approach that point. The Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act has greatly helped the effort to protect these creatures here and in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Like the other multinational species conservation programs including the Great Apes Conservation Act—whose reauthorization is

still pending—the Migratory Bird program has done an excellent job of matching public funds with private donations. In fact, this program has brought in more than \$60 million in private sector funds to protect and restore habitat, to study species declines, to provide technical assistance, and to encourage public-private and international partnerships.

Mr. KIND's legislation will enable the Interior Department to continue providing this much-needed funding to conservation efforts both in the United States and throughout the Americas. He has done an excellent job shepherding this bill through the House, and I am hopeful that the Act will soon be reauthorized.

HONORING TOYOTA MOTOR'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY IN GEORGETOWN, KENTUCKY

HON. BEN CHANDLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2006

Mr. CHANDLER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Georgetown, Kentucky, and Toyota for their successful 20-year partnership that has resulted in significant opportunities for Georgetown residents and substantial growth for Toyota.

The benefits to Kentucky cannot be overstated. Toyota is among the top employers in the Commonwealth, with 7,000 jobs in Georgetown alone. That total does not include the many spin-off benefits in terms of economic development from the many suppliers and partners that have started operations in the vicinity of Georgetown. Kentucky benefits from the thousands of secure, well-paying jobs our citizens can be proud to go to every day. Supporting economic development is one of my most important jobs in Congress. It strengthens families and communities, and it makes possible all the promise America has to offer—education, reliable health care, a better home, and safe, stable communities. We are fortunate to have Toyota help provide that environment.

Toyota, also, has thrived during this 20-year period, thanks to its hard-working, dedicated team in Kentucky. Its Georgetown operation now produces a half million cars a year, far more than what was projected when it opened. During that time, Toyota has become one of the top manufacturers of cars, in terms of number and quality, and we in Kentucky are proud that those cars are American-made.

Toyota has given back to Kentucky in so many ways. It is deeply involved in our civic life. Toyota provides jobs for Kentucky residents, but it also supports our schools and youth programs for the next generation. Toyota generates significant tax revenue for Kentucky and our cities and counties, but it also participates in our community activities, sharing its resources and the time and talents of its employees.

And Toyota foresees even more opportunity in Kentucky. I am pleased that it has selected

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