

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING STANFORD NEWMAN

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Stanford Newman, a man who transformed the Tampa Bay community and the cigar industry during his more than 70 years as head of the J.C. Newman Cigar Co., based in Ybor City.

Son of a Hungarian immigrant, Stanford worked in the family business alongside his father, and then his two sons, and built J.C. Newman Cigar Co. into one of the largest manufacturers and distributors of cigars. The company, which owns Cuesta-Rey and Diamond Crown Cigars, is recognized by cigar aficionados across the globe.

Even at 90 years old, Stanford continued to go to work 5 days a week, serving as chairman of the company. During his tenure, Stanford successfully guided his company through tremendous changes in the cigar industry, most notably, the Cuban embargo, which forced Newman to abandon the use of the Cuban tobacco leaf in their cigars. Not only did Stanford rise to meet this and many other challenges, but he went on to see his business flourish in the 1970s, when his Cuesta-Rey #95 cigar became the largest selling premium cigar in the nation.

Stanford's leadership did not stop at the company doors. He served as President of the Cigar Manufacturers Association of Tampa for more than 20 years and Board member of the Cigar Association of America for more than 56 years. His success and contributions earned him the 2001 Ernst and Young Florida Entrepreneur of the Year title and induction into the Cigar Aficionado's Hall of Fame.

Fortunately for the people of Tampa Bay, Stanford was not just a cornerstone of the cigar industry—he was a cornerstone of our community as well. Stanford dedicated his time, talent, and money to improving this community in countless ways.

He served as board member of the Tampa Chamber of Commerce and Second National Bank of Tampa. Stanford was a member of the board of trustees at Congregation Schaarai Zedek, a longtime member of Tampa's Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow. He was one of the founders of the Ybor City State Museum, treasurer of the Berkeley Preparatory School and president of the Dad's Club. In addition, Stanford served as longtime director of the Latin America Fiesta and was a member of the Ye Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla, as well as a number of Tampa's social organizations.

It is particularly fitting that Stanford continues to serve his fellow man in death as he did in his long, rich life. Stanford donated his liver to a transplant patient upon his passing.

Mr. Speaker, Stanford Newman was an icon in the cigar industry and in Tampa Bay. His contributions to our community's economy and

culture will leave a lasting impression. On behalf of the entire Tampa Bay community, I extend my deepest sympathies to his family.

TRIBUTE TO KANSAS AFL-CIO EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER JIM DEHOFF

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend Jim DeHoff, who is retiring after almost 20 years as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Kansas AFL-CIO.

Mr. DeHoff has served as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Kansas AFL-CIO since 1987. Previously, he served as Vice-President of the Kansas State Pipetrades Association, and served on the Lawrence Central Labor Council and the State of Kansas Apprenticeship Council.

Throughout his career, Mr. DeHoff was committed to the working families of Kansas, and to providing them with a safer workplace, job opportunities and health care.

In recent years, Mr. DeHoff worked tirelessly to unite all working men and women and to resolve some of the divisions among various labor organizations.

Working families in Kansas owe much to Jim DeHoff for the opportunities and benefits they now enjoy. All of Kansas is a better place to live and work thanks to the efforts of men like Jim.

I wish Jim the very best in a retirement well earned and deserved.

IN HONOR OF VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF BOB BROOKS

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my good friend, Bob Brooks, Sheriff of Ventura County, California.

Sheriff Brooks will be honored this Saturday at the Southeast Ventura County YMCA Leadership Award Banquet. The theme for the evening is "Touching Lives, Creating Peaceful Communities." They couldn't have picked a better theme with which to honor Bob Brooks. He is a dedicated husband and father, professional law enforcement executive, and community leader.

Bob Brooks is a 45-year resident of Ventura County and a 33-year veteran of the Ventura County Sheriff's Department. He has served as the county's elected sheriff since June 27, 1998.

Under his guidance, Ventura County is routinely rated one of the safest counties in the United States, despite the challenges of a

growing gang presence in some parts of the county and the ever-present threat of terrorism. He oversees 1,200 sworn and civilian employees, 2,000 volunteers, and a budget of \$187 million.

Bob's success comes partly from a supportive community of 800,000 people, but also from his own dedication to law enforcement.

Having already earned a bachelor's degree in Public Administration and a master's in Organizational Management, Bob is now pursuing a master's in Homeland Security from the Naval Post Graduate School. He is also a graduate of the National Sheriff's Institute, the National Executive Institute, and the P.O.S.T. Command College, where he graduated with distinction.

Because of his knowledge, experience, and success, Bob is in demand as a speaker at symposiums and seminars, has taught at colleges and universities, and has published articles in law enforcement, Department of Defense, and educational publications.

In his spare time, he serves on the Board of Directors of several professional, educational, and charitable organizations, including the YMCA, past president of the Ventura County Boy Scouts of America, and Executive Board memberships for the California State Sheriffs' Association and the Major County Sheriffs' Association.

Sheriff Brooks is also an honorary Rotarian and attends Sunrise Christian Fellowship. Bob and Debbie have been married 36 years and have two grown sons. In keeping with Bob's example of serving his community, Jeff is employed by the Ventura Police Department and Brian by the County of Ventura.

"Touching Lives, Creating Peaceful Communities." That's Bob Brooks. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ventura County Sheriff Bob Brooks on this most deserved honor.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN B. DEAN

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge John B. Dean, Chief of Police of the Waterford Police Department, upon his retirement from a distinguished career in public service.

From a young age, Chief Dean dedicated his life to protecting the citizens of Michigan. At age 15, he enrolled as a cadet in the Waterford Police Department before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps. Following his military service, Chief Dean first joined the Detroit Police Department before returning to Waterford in 1975, where he continued his career in law enforcement. Over the next three decades, Chief Dean advanced through the ranks of the Waterford Police Department, eventually serving as a Patrol Officer, Undercover Officer, Patrol Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, Youth Liaison Officer, Patrol Lieutenant,

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and Detective Bureau Commander. In January of 2000, he was promoted to Chief of Police.

A Central Michigan University alumnus and graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy, Chief Dean also served on the Police and Fire Pension Board of Waterford Township, Board of Directors of the Boy Scouts of America, Board of Directors of the Oakland County Chiefs of Police, the State Police Advisory Board, and as Treasurer of the Michigan Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems. For his tireless service to the community, Chief Dean has been recognized with the Officer of the Year Award; the Medal for Bravery; the Meritorious Service Award; and was named Waterford Employee of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, for 31 years, Chief John B. Dean has unwaveringly upheld his oath to protect and defend the citizens of Michigan. As he enters the next phase of his life, he leaves behind a legacy of dedication, honor, and courage. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Chief Dean upon his retirement and recognizing his years of loyal service to our community and our country.

TRIBUTE TO GERALDINE BARNES

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Geraldine Barnes, a tireless activist in the West Tampa community, who lost her battle with colon cancer last month.

A Middleton High School and Hillsborough Community College graduate, Geraldine dedicated her life to helping improve her community. She worked for Hillsborough County as a community organization specialist for 36 years, served on the Tampa Housing Authority board for more than a decade, helped initiate the West Tampa Community Development Corp. to drive the rehabilitation of West Tampa, and worked at the West Tampa Neighborhood Service Center, providing services to low-income residents.

Young or old, Geraldine served anyone in need, always with a focus on strengthening her community, improving opportunities for its residents and giving the people of West Tampa a voice. Even throughout her struggle with cancer, Geraldine continued to volunteer her time and her strength.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to Geraldine Barnes, not only for her tireless efforts on our behalf, but also for the example she has set for all of us to follow. On behalf of the Tampa Bay community, I extend my deepest sympathies to Geraldine's family.

THE PRAIRIE ROSE CHAPTER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION SALUTES CONSTITUTION WEEK

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, the week of September 17–23 has been officially designated as Constitution Week. This marks

the 219th anniversary of the signing of our Constitution.

The guardian of our liberties, our Constitution established our republic as a self-governing nation dedicated to rule by law. This document is the cornerstone of our freedom. It was written to protect every American from the abuse of power by government. Without that restraint, our founders believed the republic would perish.

The ideals upon which our Constitution is based are reinforced each day by the success of our political system to which it gave birth. The success of our way of government requires an enlightened citizenry.

Constitution Week provides an opportunity for all Americans to recall the achievements of our founders, the nature of limited government, and the rights, privileges and responsibilities of citizenship. It provides us the opportunity to be better informed about our rights, freedoms and duties as citizens.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I particularly want to take note of the outstanding work of the Prairie Rose Chapter of the Kansas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which is actively involved in the Third Congressional District in events this week commemorating Constitution Week. The Prairie Rose Chapter has been involved with this effort in our communities for a number of years and I commend them for doing so.

Our Constitution has served us well for over 200 years, but it will continue as a strong, vibrant, and vitafoundation for freedom only so long as the American people remain dedicated to the basic principles on which it rests. Thus, as the United States continues into its third century of constitutional democracy, let us renew our commitment to, in the words of our Constitution's preamble: "form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity. . . ." I know that the Prairie Rose Chapter of the Kansas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution joins with me in urging all Americans to renew their commitment to, and understanding of, our Constitution, particularly during our current time of crisis, when Americans are fighting overseas to defend our liberties here at home.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to make the following rollcall votes on September 7, 2006:

H. Res. 981, Providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 503) to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption (rollcall vote 430). Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

On Agreeing to the Goodlatte of Virginia Amendment to H.R. 503 (rollcall vote 431). Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

On Agreeing to the King of Iowa Amendment to H.R. 503 (rollcall vote 432). Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

H.R. 503, On Passage of the Horse Protection Act (rollcall vote 433). Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

H.R. 5122, On Motion to Instruct Conferees on the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 (rollcall vote 434). Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

H.R. 5122, On Closing Portions of the Conference P National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 (rollcall vote 435). Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

TRIBUTE TO JUSTO "BILL" NORIEGA

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Justo "Bill" Noriega, of Brandon, Florida, a pharmacist and family businessman who dedicated his life to helping his customers and his community.

Born in Ybor City, Bill earned his pharmacy degree at the University of Florida, graduating with high honors. Bill set up shop in the heart of Brandon, founding Bill's Prescription Center 50 years ago and working there until his cancer forced him to stay home.

Even in the face of growing competition, Bill's Prescription Center continues to be one of Brandon's longest-operating family businesses because of Bill's dedication to his customers. Bill took time with everyone who walked through his door—carefully listening to their concerns and patiently answering their questions—and he was known for helping patients who were unable to pay for their prescriptions. Always a servant to the community, Bill made sure his business continued delivering medicines to homebound customers, and his generosity extended beyond the pharmacy doors through his support of numerous community organizations.

On behalf of the entire Tampa Bay community, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to the Noriega family. Bill was a role model for all of us, and I know that under his son John's watch, Bill's legacy of service will continue at Bill's Prescription Center.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, on the legislative day of Tuesday, September 12, 2006, the House had a vote on rollcall 437, H. Res. 175, recognizing the importance of establishing a national memorial at the World Trade Center site to commemorate and mourn the events of February 26, 1993, and September 11, 2001. I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, July 13, 2006, I had to tend to some family