

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE GREATER
READING 16TH ANNUAL DR. MAR-
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HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 12, 2007

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the organizers of The Greater Reading Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, a fantastic community event celebrating its 16th year on January 12, 2007.

This event is one part of a holiday weekend devoted to celebrating the contributions to history and the legacy of a man who was so important to our nation—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Through non-violent protest and peaceful demonstration, Dr. King taught us lessons of equality, tolerance and understanding by drawing attention to the social injustice and racial discrimination experienced by so many of our fellow Americans for far too long.

During this year's celebration, community leaders like Mr. Albert Boscov, Ms. Barbara Marshall, Captain Bill Jimenez and Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell will receive the 2006 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Image Award. This award, given annually during the celebration, is bestowed on those community leaders who exemplify the spirit of Dr. King's life-mission and who strive to make our society a better place for all to live.

Fellowship, friendship and family will fill the air as my constituents from the greater Reading area join together to celebrate Dr. King and honor his memory.

So I ask, Madam Speaker, that my colleagues join me today in recognizing all the hard work and effort that is sure to make the Greater Reading 16th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration an event most benefiting of the community and of Dr. King's legacy to us all.

TRIBUTE TO QUINTANNA WILSON
HALL ALLINIECE

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I would like to honor the memory of Quintanna Wilson Hall Alliniece. Mrs. Alliniece lived a life dedicated to her strong faith and to the education of multiple generations of Houston students.

Mrs. Alliniece was born in Brazoria County, Texas and moved to Houston to attend high school. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the Houston College for Negroes in 1942 and a Masters degree in Education from Texas Southern University.

A leader in her community, Mrs. Alliniece taught English and Mathematics for over forty

years in the Sweeny and Houston Independent School Districts. She held leadership roles in numerous organizations including the Houston League of Business and Professional Women, Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Interfaith Ministries Food Pantry, and the YWCA. Mrs. Alliniece was also a life-long member of the Greater Zion Missionary Baptist Church where she served as Mission II President for over 35 years.

Finally, Madam Speaker, Quintanna Wilson Hall Alliniece will be missed dearly by her son and my close friend Anthony Hall Jr. He is a well-respected member of the Houston community and Chief Administrative Officer of the City of Houston. She will also be missed by her daughter-in law Carolyn, grandchildren, sisters and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She will be remembered in the City of Houston as a dedicated educator and valued community leader. May she rest in the peace she has richly earned.

IN OPPOSITION TO ESCALATION
OF THE WAR IN IRAQ

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 12, 2007

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, this week, President Bush confirmed what I have known for some time: He is delusional. Twenty-thousand more troops in Iraq? No one supports this escalation: not the Joint Chiefs of Staff, not the Iraq Study Group and certainly not the American people.

This administration has made mistake after mistake in an unnecessary war of its choosing. Now the President insists on sacrificing more lives, more money, and more goodwill on an increasingly lost cause.

If God really does talk to this President, I wish God would tell the President to "Bring the troops home now!" This is what the Iraqis need and it's what the American people overwhelmingly declared they wanted in November.

President Bush is incapable of managing the debacle in Iraq. Congress must therefore take matters into its own hands, blocking funding for the "surge" in particular and stopping all funding for the war in Iraq in general. Let's bring our troops home.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF KOREAN AMERICANS

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 12, 2007

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 104th anniversary of the arrival of the first Korean immigrants to the United States, which is this Saturday, Jan-

uary 13, 2007. This date also marks the annual celebration of Korean American Day as designated by the Centennial Committees of Korean Immigration and Korean Americans.

Korean Americans have thrived in the United States since their arrival in the Hawaiian Islands in 1903. The contributions of Korean Americans to our society are found in nearly every community across our country and span the fields of arts and entertainment, economics, medicine, science and religion, among many others. Many Korean immigrants have established successful new businesses, have risen to assume important civic leadership roles within their communities, and have developed pioneering, lifesaving medical procedures.

In the early 1950s, thousands of Koreans, fleeing from war, poverty and desolation, came to the United States. The trend of Koreans immigrating to the United States continued in the years to come. In the 1960s, President John F. Kennedy lifted the United States security clearance requirement which restricted travel to and from Guam. The lifting of this security clearance requirement enabled immigration to and international investment on Guam from Korea and other countries in Asia.

Koreans began to establish residence on Guam as early as the 1970s, and in the 1980s many new Korean families arrived on island to establish a new beginning in America. Today, Korean Americans are an integral part of our island family. On this day, we celebrate the richness of their culture, their traditions, their achievements, and their contributions to our community. To that end, I also want to recognize the Korean Association of Guam. The Association serves as an important support group for new immigrants from Korea, and through its efforts, the professional and civic interests of the Korean American community on Guam are preserved and advanced.

The contributions of Korean Americans are found not only in Guam, but also in every community across the United States. Korean Americans are key contributors in the economic, medical, academic and religious fields. Notably, at least 4,000 Korean Americans serve in the United States Armed Forces. Many of these servicemembers have completed tours of duty in the Global War on Terrorism or are deployed in Iraq. Whether they are serving as leaders in their communities or fighting alongside their fellow Americans in defense of our country, Korean Americans have demonstrated their significant presence in and contributions to the United States.

I wish to express my heartfelt support for the greater Korean American community on the occasion of the 104th anniversary of the arrival of the first Korean immigrants to the United States. In doing so, I also take the opportunity to recognize the growth and contributions of the Korean Association of Guam, which was established to advance the professional and civic interests of Korean Americans in our community. Today, the Korean Association of Guam serves as an important welcoming support group for new immigrants from

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