

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF ARTHUR A. JUTTON ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 7, 2007*

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today with great pride, to honor someone who is very close to me and for whom I have the greatest respect; Mr. Arthur A. Jutton. Known as Art or Mr. Jutton to his colleagues, Art served as my Chief of Staff since my first day in office until his recent retirement this month. As one of the longest serving staff members here in the House of Representatives, there are very few Hill staffers and Washington professionals who did not know or have the utmost respect for him. I cannot begin to describe all the contributions that Art has made throughout what seems like an endless tenure here on Capitol Hill.

Art began his career working for former Congressman John Terry back in 1970. He served as Mr. Terry's District Representative until 1972. Art then worked for former Congressman Bill Walsh, my father, as his Field Representative from 1972 to 1978. In 1978, Art moved down to Washington D.C. to serve as the Administrative Assistant to former Congressman Gary Lee until 1982. In 1983, Art became the Administrative Assistant to former Congressman Gerry Solomon and served in that post until 1988 when he became my Chief of Staff. For the most part, all of the Members of Congress that Art has served have represented the Central New York region. As a Central Yorker himself, Art has helped all of us work diligently on behalf of the people of that region and also for the greater good of the country.

During his time in government, Art became a pillar of strength among those with whom he worked with. From his first days until his last minute, Art carried a work ethic second to none and was an everlasting source of knowledge. In the late 1970s, he started the New York State Republican Administrative Assistant Association. This group would meet once a month for a breakfast to discuss the issues that were not only on the political forefront, but primarily issues that affected the citizens of New York State. These meetings have since turned into the New York Republican Chiefs of Staff breakfasts that continue to this day. Over the years, Art became a mentor to all staff that was lucky enough to have worked with him. Though sticking true to his beliefs, he had an uncanny ability to maintain an open mind and adjust with the times as they changed.

Art not only created close relationships with staffers, but with all the employees of the House of Representatives. Every morning, bright and early, you could find Art in the Rayburn cafeteria sharing a cup of coffee with the Superintendent's staff. It was these early morning talks that Art credited as the source for the most useful information and inside tips.

Madam Speaker, I am happy for Art on his retirement and extremely proud of the 37

years of service he has given the people of Central New York. I know that although not here in Washington, Art will find a way to stay involved. The work he accomplished was done with the highest level of professionalism, a vigorous work ethic, and most importantly a loving heart. On behalf of my constituents, the constituents of the aforementioned former members and all of the wonderful staff with whom he worked with, I personally thank Art Jutton for all he has done. We will miss him.

RECOGNIZING THE 92ND BIRTHDAY OF DANNY QUILL

**HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 7, 2007*

Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I am proud to rise before you today to recognize the 92nd birthday of Danny Quill, decorated World War II veteran and Sergeant of Arms for the Yardley VFW Post 6393. Mr. Quill is the oldest and longest standing member of the Yardley VFW Post and the Knowles-Doyle American Legion Post 317. His service to this country began in 1942, and ever since he has inspired generations of men and women who have had the privilege of knowing him.

Mr. Quill was originally assigned to Washington, D.C. with the 176th Infantry Division responsible for protecting President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Following this assignment, Private First Class Quill was transferred to Fort Benning, Georgia, where he served as a machine gun instructor. Mr. Quill began his tour overseas with the 91st Infantry Division in Africa, but was quickly transported to Italy.

Alongside Polish and English Army regiments, Mr. Quill, a member of the 5th Army, saw his first combat near Naples under the command of General Mark Clark. From there, Madam Speaker, PFC Quill engaged in heavy combat as a machine gunner during campaigns through Appennino Mountains and Po Valley. Madame Speaker, so extreme and deadly was the fighting there, PFC Quill suffered the loss of 13 assistant ammunition loaders, along with many other men serving beside him.

His bravery and courageous service earned Mr. Quill a Combat Infantry Badge, Three Bronze Stars, a European Campaign Medal, a European-African Campaign Medal, a World War Two Victory Medal, and a Good Conduct Medal.

When Mr. Quill returned home, his sense of duty held strong, so with the same passion he began serving his community, a role he has played now for the better half of a century. For such enduring commitment to his family, friends and neighbors; to the men and women of his community and his country, Mr. Quill deserves the utmost respect and unconditional admiration. Madam Speaker, Mr. Quill stands as an ever-steady example of the American

ideal of integrity and character he fought for then and inspires today.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL FOR COMMISSION ON UNFAIR TAX BREAKS AND SUBSIDIES

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 7, 2007*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam Speaker. I am today introducing another bill intended to help reduced waste and inequity in the Federal budget.

There has been much discussion of individual spending items—"earmarks"—requested by individual members. They are not all bad, but I agree that some need closer scrutiny. That's why I have introduced a bill, H.R. 595, the Stimulating Leadership in Cutting Expenditures, or "SLICE" Act, to give the President a constitutionally sound version of a line-item veto that can force Congress to reconsider individual spending items.

But we need to recognize that earmarks are not the whole story. Much waste and inequity in the budget results not from 1-year spending items, but from ongoing tax breaks and subsidies that are built into the budget and will persist unless and until there are changes in relevant law.

Like earmarks, not all tax breaks and subsidies are bad—in fact, I think many are good for our country and deserve to continue or even be expanded. One example would be the tax breaks and other provisions to promote renewable energy and to help Americans become more efficient in their use of energy. And there are other examples as well.

But there is also an array of direct subsidies, tax breaks and indirect assistance created for the special benefit of a relatively small number of beneficiaries, sometimes at the expense of others.

Too often, such provisions have persisted because of the phenomenon that once made it nearly impossible for Congress to close unneeded military bases—the cost of each one is relatively small in overall terms, but very important to a few States or Congressional Districts, with the result that the potential budgetary benefit of a reform is not great enough to overcome the strong opposition from its defenders.

So, the bill I am introducing today would resolve this dilemma in the same way that an earlier Congress resolved the similar problem of eliminating unneeded military bases. It would do that by establishing an independent, bipartisan, and expert commission to review special-interest tax breaks and subsidies to see which should be ended or revised.

But this would not be just another commission to produce another report fated only to gather dust on congressional shelves. Instead, like the special commissions that have reviewed military bases, it would be key to a

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