

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE CAREER OF THE  
HERALD-CITIZEN'S BILL SHUSTER

### HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 30, 2007

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bill Shuster, publisher of the Cookeville, Tennessee Herald-Citizen, upon the occasion of his retirement after 38 years with the newspaper.

Bill began his newspaper career as a journeyman printer in Nashville, and from there, became the pressman for the Putnam County Herald and the Cookeville Citizen. In 1970, he was named production manager of the two papers the same year they merged to become the Herald-Citizen. Bill became the newspaper's publisher in 1995.

I imagine that, in addition to witnessing the phenomenal growth of Cookeville during his tenure at the newspaper, Bill worked through many changes in technology to get the Herald-Citizen in the racks. Newspaper pages that were literally put together by staff hands are now put together on computer screens. Bill always made sure the Herald-Citizen was cutting edge—designing, building and moving into the plant on Neal Street; implementing computer software and hardware updates; and creating new sections of the newspaper.

While time has brought many changes, one thing that has remained constant is Bill's commitment to a fair story. I could not sum up Bill's work ethic any better than he did when he said, "Early on, I learned that hard work would bring rewards, how to treat people, how to set my moral compass, and that the best course is to put aside personal preferences and go straight to the side of public good."

I know Bill has always been concerned about his community and takes great pride in our Nation. I was always happy, when needed, to provide a flag for the Herald-Citizen facility, where I had the pleasure to celebrate its grand opening with Bill.

Bill, congratulations, again, on your retirement. I hope you enjoy many lazy days of fishing; many games of golf; traveling with your wife, Jan; and the opportunity to spend more time with your grandson, Eli.

RECOGNIZING MATTHEW DONALD  
MARSH FOR ACHIEVING THE  
RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 30, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Matthew Donald Marsh, 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 374, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Matthew has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the years Matthew has been involved with scouting, he has earned 34 merit badges and held numerous leadership positions, serving as Chaplains' Aide, Assistant Patrol Leader twice and Patrol Leader twice. Matthew has earned the 100 Night Camper Award and became a Runner in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

Matthew used his organizational and leadership skills to lead a group of boys and adults in restoring the trail erosion barriers at the Camp Fire Boys and Girls Camp Shawnee. He is currently a senior at the University of Missouri—Rolla where he is a student of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering.

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

COMMENDING EVAN APPLEMAN  
AND JAMES KENNEDY AND  
OTHER HONOREES IN THE 2007  
PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY  
AWARDS PROGRAM

### HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 30, 2007

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise tonight to congratulate two outstanding young Hoosiers, Evan Appleman and James Kennedy, for being named Indiana's top honorees in the 2007 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program; an honor conferred on only one high school student and one middle-level student in each State annual.

Evan Appleman, 18, of Indianapolis, is a senior at Lawrence North High School. Inspired by one of his teachers who once told him that ". . . the greatest problem people have is that they don't understand each other, not out of spite, but often out of ignorance," Evan took it upon himself to produce a series of bilingual television programs for a local cable TV channel as a way to promote greater understanding of the growing Hispanic community in Indianapolis; and to "bridge the gap" between the city's Hispanic and non-Hispanic cultures. The community's reaction has been overwhelmingly positive with many people even commenting that they previously "had no idea so much was going on in the community."

James Kennedy, 12, also of Indianapolis, is a sixth-grader at Creekside Middle School. Born with cerebral palsy, James became involved through his own doctor, Dr. Chuck Dietzen, with the Timmy Foundation; an organization which supports health and education initiatives in developing countries. James' work with the Foundation inspired him to do more than just raise money for a worthy cause. He began speaking at schools and other places about the importance of focusing on what peo-

ple can do, not what they can't do; about what it's like to have a disability; and about the important work being done by the Timmy Foundation. In addition, James agreed to serve as a "volunteer patient" to help students at the University of Indianapolis learn more about cerebral palsy. I think James myself summed up best why he does what he does. He said, "I feel what I do is important because it helps people understand that even though I wear braces on my legs and use a walker at school, I am just like any other kid with the same feelings and dreams."

I applaud Mr. Appleman and Mr. Kennedy for their willingness to get involved and make their communities better places to live, and for the positive impact I know they have had on the lives of others, both young and old. I also commend the other young people from Indiana who were named Distinguished Finalists for their outstanding volunteer service. They are Sarah Boesing, 17, of New Albany; Kacie Giles, 18, of Lebanon; Savannah Holderman, 17, of Mishawaka; Alison Mansfield, 12, of Fort Wayne; Brittany Oliver, 17, of Lafayette; and, Cory Sprunger, 18, of Berne.

Madam Speaker, the Prudential Spirit of Community Award, was originally created by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals in 1995 to impress upon all youth volunteers that their contributions to their communities are critically important and highly valued, and to inspire other young people to follow their example. I believe that young volunteers, like Evan and James, Sarah, Kacie, Savannah, Alison, Brittany and Cory truly embody what the Spirit of Community Award is all about. Their actions show that young Americans can—and do—play important roles in our communities, and that America's community spirit continues to hold tremendous promise for the future. I am proud to represent them in the U.S. House of Representatives, and I look forward to seeing what they accomplish in the future.

I ask my colleagues to join me now in recognizing and honoring all of these outstanding young women and men.

IN HONOR OF THE OUTSTANDING  
PUBLIC SERVICE OF DEBRA E.  
FERRONI AND ROBERT CRISS

### HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 30, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend two outstanding public servants who have dedicated themselves to the people of the State of New Jersey through their work with the New Jersey State Law Enforcement Officers Association.

Debbie Ferroni has been working with the Association since 1989 as its Executive Administrator. Jerry Leavy, the Association's President, says that he's not embarrassed to

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