

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING DR. MARION
DOWNS

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2007

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable woman, Dr. Marion Downs, who has dedicated her life to the service of caring for disabled children.

Marion Downs is a Professor Emerita at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. Her laborious efforts and dedication have led her to publish numerous articles and lecture on the topic of hearing loss within infants. She has received copious awards including two gold medals of achievement, one from the University of Colorado and one from the University of Minnesota. In addition, her name adorns The Marion Downs National Center for Infant Hearing which was established to honor Dr. Downs and provide a venue for the continuation of her research and work.

In appreciation of her accomplishments, Dr. Downs has been awarded with the Highest Recognition Award from the Department of Health and Human Services. This award is given to distinguished citizens who have made substantial life-changing advances to the physically handicapped within society. Dr. Downs has made considerable contributions towards the national screening of newborns with real or potential hearing disabilities through early detection methods.

Madam Speaker, we are truly privileged to have individuals who dedicate their lives to others. Dr. Marion Downs is one such individual. It is with great pleasure that I acknowledge her and all of her outstanding achievements.

CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF
HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TEXAS FOR
BEING NAMED THE SAFEST CITY
IN TEXAS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the city of Highland Village, Texas for being named the safest city in Texas.

Highland Village has been named the safest community in north Texas for the past 5 years straight and is now also the safest city in the entire State of Texas. A report by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Reports shows that Highland Village has the lowest index crime rate and the lowest violent and property crime rate for 2006.

Mayor Dianne Costa attributes this award to the outstanding work of the Highland Village police officers and the citizens of Highland Village and their efforts to keep the city safe.

The police department utilizes a community-policing model, which focuses on a proactive approach through crime prevention and education.

I extend my sincere congratulations to the city of Highland Village, Texas for their great achievement. I thank Mayor Costa and the Highland Village police officers in their continued effort to keep the community of Highland Village as safe as possible. It is an honor to have such a great city in the 26th district of Texas.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS. GINI
BRITTON

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2007

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise with Representative MIKE ROGERS of Michigan to honor and acknowledge the distinguished life of Gini Britton, who entered God's eternal paradise far too soon for those of us she leaves behind.

A devoted wife, mother, and friend, Gini dedicated her life to her family and her community. She married her husband Dick on September 4, 1976, and the couple bore their first child, Michelle, in 1980. In 1985, their second daughter, Bridget, was born. The family would soon move to Northville Township, Michigan and Gini decided to enter public service.

In the early 1990s, she was elected to the Northville Township Board of Trustees. As a member of the board of trustees she developed a legendary reputation for the promotion of effective governance and constituent service.

Gini continued her selfless service to her community as a community liaison and assistant to several Members of Congress, including myself and Representative MIKE ROGERS. Her moral and compassionate character made her not only an exceptional employee, but a great friend and a genuine blessing to the State of Michigan.

In 2005, Gini battled breast cancer, and Dick, Michelle and Bridget stood by her side through chemotherapy and at every major consultation or procedure as she fought to defeat the disease. Her unfaltering bravery is an example for all of us.

Madam Speaker, on Thursday, October 4, 2007, Gini Britton passed away. For 56 years, Gini enriched the lives of everyone she met; and, by her absence, we are all diminished. I ask my colleagues to join me and Representative ROGERS in mourning her passing; extending our deepest sorrow to all she loved and all who loved her; and commemorating her lifetime of bringing joy to those whose lives she touched.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2007

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, on October 10, 2007, due to a personal obligation, I missed the following recorded votes: Roll No. 959, on the Motion to Recommit on H.R. 3056—Tax Collection Responsibility Act—Motion to Recommit; had I been present, I would have voted "nay"; and Roll No. 960, on H.R. 3056—Tax Collection Responsibility Act; had I been present, I would have voted "aye".

COMMEMORATING JERI
MILSTEAD'S RECEIPT OF CA-
REER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2007

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the distinguished career of Dr. Jeri A. Milstead, professor and dean of the College of Nursing at the University of Toledo in Ohio. Dr. Milstead is to be honored by her peers at the University of Toledo Medical Center with a Career Achievement Award. The Career Achievement Award is bestowed upon senior faculty who are well respected for exceptional academic achievements, strong leadership and who have established prominence in their area of expertise. Recipients are also recognized for outstanding citizenship and the tremendous impact they have had on the institution and the community throughout their career. Dr. Milstead epitomizes these criteria.

Jeri Milstead is internationally known as an expert in public policy and the politics of health care and serves as a health policy expert to the International Council of Nurses in Geneva, Switzerland. She is the editor and senior author of Health Policy and Politics, A Nurse's Guide, 3rd ed. that is sold on three continents and Handbook of Nursing Leadership: Creative Skills for a Culture of Safety. Dr. Milstead was a policy advisor in the Washington, DC office of Senator DANIEL K. INOUE, was president of the State Board of Nursing for South Carolina, and held leadership positions in the State Nurses Associations in Ohio, Pennsylvania and South Carolina. Her research focused on needle exchange programs in the United States and the Netherlands. She has published in national and international journals, is a reviewer for several refereed nursing journals and was editor-in-chief of *The International Nurse* from 1995 to 2006 when the publication was retired.

Dr. Milstead holds a PhD in Political Science with majors in health policy and comparative politics from the University of Georgia, an MS and BS, cum laude, in nursing

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