

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATION OF THE 60TH BIRTHDAY OF DAVID ALLEN

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today in honor of my dear friend David Allen, who will celebrate his 60th birthday on November 15, 2007. Born in Pittsburgh, PA, and raised in the Collinwood/Glenville neighborhood of Cleveland, David is a proud 1965 graduate of Glenville High School. He went on to receive an associate's degree from Cuyahoga Community College, bachelor's degree from Cleveland State University and a master's degree from Boston University. Additionally, David served honorably in the United States Army obtaining the rank of captain.

David began his career as a research economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, where he researched the impact of reserve requirements on commercial bank profitability in Federal Reserve District I.

In 1975, he came to the hill as a majority staff consultant for the House Budget Committee. There he served as staff liaison to my predecessor Congressman Louis Stokes and Congressman Parren Mitchell. Some of the highlights of his tenure include: heading task forces on health, labor and education, and housing and community development; helping develop first Congressional Black Caucus Alternative Budget; and authoring the first 10 percent minority business set-aside included as an amendment in the Local Public Works Act of 1976. He would later serve as senior economist for the Joint Economic Committee where he advised Congressman Stokes on business and economic development issues in the Cleveland district.

After years of public and private service, David and his wife Sandra founded The KEVRIC Company, Inc. in 1981, which was named in honor of their two sons, Kevin and Eric. The company provided management, technical, and scientific support services to private and public sector clients. He sold the KEVRIC Company in 2003 and would later found another consulting firm, Stepco, named as a tribute to his daughter.

Though we grew up in close proximity to each other, I did not meet David until he began dating my dear friend Sandra when we were students at Case Western Reserve University. Since that time our friendship has continued to grow. David's stellar accomplishments and success reflect his tremendous hard work and determination. He is a shining example for people of color and all people of the realization of the "American Dream" and I am extremely proud to call him my friend.

On behalf of the people of the 11th Congressional District, I am extremely pleased to join with his wife Sandra; children Kevin, Eric and Stephanie, my goddaughter and namesake; his two daughters-in-law, three grand-

children, family and friends in wishing David Allen a very happy and blessed 60th birthday! And I wish you many, many, more.

HONORING "DIGGER" O'DELL, 2007 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER

HON. TIMOTHY WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Donald "Digger" O'Dell upon receiving the 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award. It is with great admiration I congratulate Donald "Digger" O'Dell on behalf of all those who have benefited from his hard work and dedication.

Digger O'Dell is a lifelong resident of Chelsea, Michigan. He served his country in the Korean War from 1952 to 1955, and continues to serve his country and his community through his continuous acts of kindness. Whether it is helping to roof a home, cleaning the snow off a sidewalk, or taking someone to the airport or hospital, he never seeks acknowledgement in the things that he does, because in his own words, "it's what human beings should do."

Mr. O'Dell is retired from Chelsea Proving Grounds and has been a part-time employee of Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home for the past 25 years. He is a member of the Washtenaw County Veterans Honor Guard and performs on average 100 military funerals per year. Digger has been a member of the American Legion Post 31 and the VFW Post 4076 for well over 50 years.

The most thoughtful act of kindness occurred this past year when Digger and his wife Margaret placed over 1,200 flags on graves of veterans in the Chelsea area. They have done this meaningful job for many years, but this year they had no assistance. As he continues to serve his country and his community, it is realized that Donald "Digger" O'Dell is one of the unsung heroes of Chelsea.

I personally thank Donald "Digger" O'Dell for his continued service to his country and the Chelsea community. May others know of my high regard for his selfless contributions and service to others, as well as my best wishes for him in the future.

HONORING EDWARD (ED) ST. JOHN

HON. C. A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Edward, Ed, St. John, founder, president, and CEO of St. John Properties, Inc. After graduating from the University of Maryland in College Park in 1961,

Ed St. John founded St. John Properties, Inc. Since 1971, St. John Properties has developed, constructed, and maintained ownership of over 13 million square feet of office, industrial, and retail space. The company serves business space requirements of over 1,600 tenants in Maryland, Colorado, Wisconsin, Virginia, and Louisiana.

Ed is a leader and active member of the community. He serves on the boards of several organizations, including the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, the Economic Alliance for Greater Baltimore, Anne Arundel County Economic Development Corporation, the Johns Hopkins University Real Estate Institute, and the Maryland Science Center. He was inducted into the Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame in 2001, and named Maryland Entrepreneur of the Year for Real Estate in 1997.

Ed St. John created the Edward A. St. John Foundation in 1998 with a philanthropic focus on educational enrichment for children based on the belief that education has the power to transform lives and strengthen communities. To date, more than \$40 million has been pledged and donated through outright contributions and gifts-in-kind to over 300 educational, medical, philanthropic, and other non-profit organizations throughout the Baltimore/Washington region.

Many colleges and universities have benefited enormously from Ed's philanthropic endeavors. The Edward St. John Endowed Scholarship at Bowie State University provides scholarships based on merit and financial need to full-time students who are majoring in either business administration or mathematics. In addition, he has made a \$5.85 million commitment to the Johns Hopkins University School of Professional Studies in Business and Education. His donation will launch a full-time master's degree program to complement the university's part-time real estate curriculum.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Edward, Ed, St. John. His legacy as a leader in real estate will be matched only by his devotion to philanthropic projects. It is with great pride that I congratulate Ed St. John on his exemplary career in the real estate business.

CONGRATULATING RALEIGH WILKERSON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor the long and distinguished career of Raleigh Wilkerson, on the occasion of his retirement from the Alabama Farmers Federation.

With a career spanning over 33 years, Raleigh served in almost every capacity at the

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Alabama Farmers Federation. Raleigh joined the Federation in May 1974 as a field representative for a nine-county region of the Black Belt. He was named director of the beef division 5 years later and has overseen the cotton; meat, goat and sheep; and hay and forage divisions.

In his first year as director of the beef division, Raleigh initiated the annual Beef Tour, which continues to remain popular with Alabama's cattle producers. As beef director, he headed a beef marketing program—a highly successful program that in 1 year helped ship about \$30 million worth of Alabama cattle to 19 different States. Even though the marketing program has been phased out, the relationships established with other States are still paying dividends today.

As director of the cotton division, he helped bring the Boll Weevil Eradication Project to Alabama. Because he missed the personal interaction with farmers throughout the State, Raleigh surrendered his position with the Commodity Division in 2003 to return to the field as area organization director. Last year, Raleigh was named president of the newly formed Alabama Youth Agricultural Foundation, an organization that seeks to serve as a perennial source of funding for helping Alabama youth in agriculture. Raleigh has graciously agreed to continue to serve in this capacity until it is more established.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a dedicated community leader and friend to many throughout Alabama. I know his family, his wife, Nancy; their daughters, Allison McCain and Avery Beatty; his many friends; Alabama farmers, and past and present Alabama Farmers Federation employees join me in praising his accomplishments and extending thanks for his service over the years on behalf of the city of Camden and the State of Alabama.

Raleigh will surely enjoy the well deserved time he now has to spend with family and loved ones. On behalf of a grateful community, I wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF THE SOLANO COUNTY CHILD WELFARE SERVICES DIVISION FOR THE UNVEILING OF THE SOLANO HEART GALLERY

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise with the support of my colleague, the Honorable GEORGE MILLER, in the House of Representatives, to recognize the Solano County Child Welfare Services Division for the unveiling of the Solano Heart Gallery. Their tireless efforts throughout the years have facilitated the placement of numerous foster children into permanent homes. It is especially fitting to highlight the success of the Solano County Child Welfare Division during our celebration of National Adoption Month.

Throughout the United States there are more than half a million children in foster care, with more than a fifth of those children looking for permanent homes. In the foster care system, far too often it becomes difficult to keep

brothers and sisters in the same home. In addition, many of these children face difficult physical, emotional, and behavioral challenges. These stressors compound developmental concerns and make the necessity of a permanent home even more critical. In response, the Solano County Child Welfare Division chooses to live by this simple creed, "Every child deserves a permanent, loving family and a home in which they can develop to their fullest potential." This creed is exemplified by the dedication and commitment that we see every day in Solano County.

As we celebrate the 17th annual National Adoption Month, the Solano County Child Welfare Division continues to find new and effective ways to match foster children with "forever families." Building on its success from previous years, and the ability to place 57 children into permanent homes in 2007, the Solano County Child Welfare Division is unveiling the Solano Heart Gallery. This gallery will feature many of the 190 children in Solano County who are currently seeking stable and loving homes. This Heart Gallery will travel throughout Solano visiting every city in the county during the 2008 calendar year.

We are proud to represent a county that places such a high priority on the future of our children. It is because of dedicated public servants in our community that we can all expect great things from this next generation of children. We are pleased to say that through the work of the Solano County Child Welfare Division and the newly unveiled Solano Heart Gallery, the children of Solano County will always come first.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SERGEANT PHILLIP DAVID QUANDT

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary life and accomplishments of St. Petersburg Police Department Sergeant Phillip David Quandt.

Phillip Quandt was a lifelong resident of St. Petersburg, Florida. He was born on February 2, 1962 in St. Anthony's Hospital. He graduated from Central Pinellas Christian School in 1980 and earned his Bachelor's degree from Bob Jones University. Never one to sit idle, Phillip not only obtained his Master's degree in 1997 from Troy State University, but was working on his Doctorate at Argosy University until his recent passing and tragic death on August 27, 2007.

Madam Speaker, Phillip Quandt's ambitions set him on a bright law enforcement career with the St. Petersburg Police Department where he was hired on November 5, 1984. Sworn in as a police officer on July 31, 1985, Phillip immediately distinguished himself as a rising star in the Department. In addition to serving as a patrol officer, Phillip was a prolific DUI officer, Community Police Officer, Career Criminal Detective, and Auto Theft Detective. Then on May 1, 2000, Phillip Quandt was promoted to the high ranking level of Sergeant. He served as both a Community Policing Sergeant and a Patrol Sergeant.

Even though Sgt. Quandt was a shining star in the St. Petersburg Police Department, he

shone even more brilliant in his family life. He met his lovely wife, Robbyn, in college and fell deeply in love. The two were married on January 2, 1987. Phillip and Robbyn were blessed with two wonderful children, fifteen-year old, Ryan, and eleven-year old, Trevor.

Like the St. Petersburg Police Department, Robbyn and the boys are absolutely devastated by the sudden and unexpected passing of Phillip. While their loss is profound, I am certain that they are proud to continue the legacy of service and honor that Sgt. Quandt has left behind.

Madam Speaker, I salute Sergeant Phillip David Quandt for a job well done and pray for his family and their well being.

TRIBUTE TO U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, today I offer my congratulations to the United States Marshals Service, as well as a hearty "Welcome Home" to Fort Smith, Arkansas.

At "high noon" today, trucks from ABF Freight System arrived with precious cargo: the history of the United States Marshals Service. They arrived from Wyoming to their new hometown of Fort Smith, the future site of the United States Marshals Museum.

Today's arrival is a symbolic event, but just a temporary stop. The Marshals collection, now inside Arkansas' borders, will be secured in a safe location while we build a proper home of the legendary history of the Marshals Service.

From the arrival of the "Hanging Judge" Isaac Parker and through such men as Deputy Marshal Bass Reeves, an African-American deputy who arrested more than 3,000 men, the history of the Marshals Service and the history of Fort Smith, Arkansas, have been continually linked.

Today, we take the next step in making that link permanent. The legacy of the United States Marshals Service is now in Arkansas.

Congratulations to Fort Smith and congratulations to the United States Marshals.

Welcome home.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I was detained in my district and was unable to have my vote recorded on the House floor on Monday, November 5, 2007, for H.R. 3222 (roll No. 1034), H.R. 513 (roll No. 1035), and H. Res. 744 (roll No. 1036). Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of these measures.