

TRIBUTE TO THE URBAN SCENE
AND HOST DON FRIERSON

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 20th anniversary of a radio institution in my hometown of Columbia, South Carolina. The Urban Scene is the first issue-oriented radio talk show in Columbia, and it remains a touchstone in the African American community today.

In 1988, WOIC radio began airing The Urban Scene with host Ben Scott. The next year, Gwen Foushee and Don Frierson took over the hosting duties, and by the end of 1989, Don was flying solo.

The next big change for The Urban Scene was its move from WOIC to WGCV/620 AM in Columbia in 2000. It is a testament to the popularity of the show that its loyal audience followed The Urban Scene, and many new listeners tuned in.

The Urban Scene quickly made its mark as the place to go for an in-depth discussion and debate of the issues of the day. Under Don's guidance, listeners feel comfortable to call in and give their opinions or ask questions. The topics covered on The Urban Scene run the gamut and are always entertaining and informative. Don has featured guests from all walks of life, including actor Danny Glover; House Majority Leader Dick Gephardt; former Miss America Kimberly Aiken; gospel legend Dr. Bobby Jones; civil rights pioneer Modjeska Simpkins; and nationally syndicated talk show host Bev Smith. I have been known to make appearances on The Urban Scene from time to time as well.

I don't believe The Urban Scene would have enjoyed its longevity without the leadership of Don Frierson. He has done a tremendous job over the last 19 years in creating a midday talk show that is consistently the talk of the town. As a native of Columbia, Don knows the issues that are important to his listeners. He graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1983 with a degree in journalism, and continues to work full-time for the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission.

Don maintains the pulse of the community by being involved in many activities. He has served on the board of Bethlehem Community Center, the Columbia Branch NAACP, and the South Carolina Conference of Branches of NAACP. He has volunteered his time with Big Brothers and Sisters of the Midlands, as a mentor, working with children in Richland School District One, and has assisted non-profit agencies and organizations in the areas of press and publicity. He is a volunteer docent with the South Carolina State Museum and has served as third Vice President of the Columbia Branch NAACP.

Don's many awards include the Living the Legacy Award, presented by the National Council of Negro Women for outstanding work in the field of Journalism; Certificate for Outstanding Community Service in the field of Journalism, from the Omicron Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; Community Leader of Excellence Award, from the Cush Fellowship Ministries; Million Man March Appreciation Award, from the Nation of Islam, for work in promoting the Million Man March; Martin Lu-

ther King Award for Community Service presented by Zion Baptist Church No.1; Award for Community Service, presented by Masjid Al-Islam; Outstanding Service Award from the Alcorn Middle School Community Task Force; Community Service Award from the Sister Clara Muhammad School; Certificate of Honor from the Columbia Branch NAACP for service; and a commendation from the South Carolina House of Representatives for public service.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me today in celebrating the 20th anniversary of The Urban Scene and the outstanding work of its host Don Frierson. The show and its host are synonymous with intelligent and thought-provoking radio. I applaud the tremendous service Don provides on The Urban Scene, and I am proud to call him a friend.

TUOLUMNE ME-WUK LAND
TRANSFER ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, thank you for the opportunity to express my support for H.R. 3490, the Tuolumne Me-Wuk Land Transfer Act of 2007. H.R. 3490 was considered and approved by the House of Representatives yesterday. This bill provides for the transfer of three small parcels of land from the Bureau of Land Management to the Bureau of Indian Affairs in trust for the benefit of the Tuolumne Me-Wuk Tribe located in Tuolumne, California.

I introduced this bill on behalf of the Tuolumne Me-Wuk, a federally recognized tribe in my district. In addition to providing for the land transfer, H.R. 3490 also extends the boundaries of the Tuolumne Me-Wuk Reservation to encompass the BLM lands and other certain lands that have either been taken into trust for the Tribe, or that the federal government has announced plans to take into trust for the Tribe.

The lands to be transferred are located in close proximity to the existing Tuolumne Me-Wuk Reservation. They include a small parcel which contains an active tribal burial ground, a parcel originally intended as an inter-tribal health facility that was never built, and a third parcel located near the first two. These lands will be available to meet the needs of tribal housing, along with cultural and infrastructure improvements. Furthermore, the Tuolumne Me-Wuk burial ground deserves to be properly maintained and preserved by the Tribe. None of these lands are to be used for tribal gaming.

The Bureau of Land Management expressed support for this land transfer in the Natural Resources Committee hearing earlier this month and has listed the parcels as available for disposal. In addition, there is local support for this non-controversial land transfer from the community and the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors.

I thank my colleagues for recognizing the benefits of this legislation and unanimously supporting the Tuolumne Me-Wuk Land Transfer Act of 2007. Furthermore, I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Senate to continue the movement of this important legislation.

HONORING THE OSAGE UNIT 278 OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the great work and service that Osage Unit 278 of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Iowa is doing on behalf of our young citizens' education.

The members of Osage Unit 278 place a great value on the education of our young citizens who will be the leaders of tomorrow. The Unit recently held a scholarship luncheon/bake sale on April 5, 2008, with the purpose of raising money to give scholarships to the graduating seniors of Osage High School. Their objective was met, and funds raised will allow for 13 scholarships of \$250.00 each to be awarded; 10 of those by the Unit; two to be given in honor of members by their families; and one from the Unit Auxiliary marching group known as the Starlighters.

Unit 278 also contributed \$250.00 to benefit the Special Olympians of the Osage School System, enabling them to attend the State of Iowa Special Olympics.

The work of the 381 member Unit has always been highly respected, regarded and appreciated by the community of Osage. Their work and dedication exemplifies the great Iowa spirit of giving to help others. And Unit 278 truly follows one of the guiding principles of the American Legion Auxiliary mission statement, "that Auxiliary members continue to be the leaders in all that is good in this nation today, tomorrow and for generations to come through serving others first and not self."

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in recognizing the dedicated work and accomplishments of Osage Unit 278 of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Iowa. I am proud and honored to represent all 381 members of the Unit in the United States House of Representatives and I wish them continued success in their future work.

HONORING THE 8TH BATTALION,
4TH REGIMENT

HON. VIRGIL H. GOODE, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

Mr. GOODE. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize the U.S. Army 8th Battalion, 4th Regiment on the occasion of their association reunion, which will take place May 2-6.

The 4th Artillery was authorized and constituted by an Act of Congress in June 1812, as the 4th Artillery Regiment. The regiment has seen continuous duty since that date. The 8th Battalion, 4th Artillery, has served in varied capacities throughout its illustrious service: Coast Artillery, Harbor Defense, Anti-Aircraft Artillery, Pack Artillery, 177mm Gun Battalion and as a 175mm 18 inch (SP) Gun Battalion.

On March 1, 1967, the 8th Battalion, 4th Artillery was activated at Fort Sill, OK, as a 175mm gun battalion. Its mission was to deploy on July 24, 1967, to the central highlands