

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A PROCLAMATION HONORING ELOSIE HAGAN FOR HER SERVICE WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Elosie Hagan began volunteering with the Red Cross in 1957; and

Whereas, Elosie Hagan is 99 years young; and

Whereas, she was recognized for her more than 50 years of volunteer services during the American Red Cross of Knox County's 2008 Volunteer Awards program; and

Whereas, Elosie Hagan continues to exemplify a special dedication to service and community; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend and thank Elosie Hagan for her contributions to her community and country.

RECOGNIZING MAYOR BOB PHELPS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations and thanks to Mayor Bob Phelps for all the years of service he dedicated to the city of Farmers Branch, Texas.

Mr. Bob Phelps was born in Oklahoma, but got to Texas as soon as possible. He married his high school sweetheart, Dee, in 1955 and they started their journey together in Dallas. They have a son, Rob, and a daughter, Kim, and three grandchildren, Shane, Shealee and Dusty.

At the age of 19 they bought their first home in Farmers Branch in 1957. Bob started his career with State Farm in 1963 and has won many trips and awards. Some of his accomplishments are: member of the Presidents Club, which is the top 50 agents in the company, select agent, Millionaire Club numerous times, Legion of Honor Club, and the Bronze Tablet Club.

After being involved in several elections in Oklahoma helping his Dad run for county sheriff, Bob became interested in serving the great city of Farmers Branch and was appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Building Code Board of Appeals in 1984. Bob was first elected to the City Council in 1986 and served 9 years on the Council. Bob was elected mayor of Farmers Branch in May of 1996 and was unopposed in 1999 and 2002 and 2005.

Bob served on numerous boards where he showed the same dedication and determina-

tion expressed as the mayor of Farmers Branch. Again, I would like to thank Mayor Bob Phelps for his service to the community.

IN MEMORY OF AMIT ZUTSHI

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Amit Zutshi, whose untimely death at age 30 on March 19, 2008 saddened the entire community.

Amit was a resident of Fremont, California and shall be remembered fondly for the difference he made in the lives of others. Amit comes from an active family committed to community service. He followed his family's dedication to activism and the promotion of unity.

Amit was born at Cedars Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles and graduated from Mission San Jose High School in 1995. He attended graduate school and was working toward an MBA from University of Phoenix after receiving degrees in information technology and business. He was employed by Microsoft and also worked for an eCommerce company in Santa Clara, California.

On May 30, 2008, Amit's younger brother Rahul will introduce the Amit Zutshi Foundation. The Foundation's focus will be on children in need of social and community based services to help them thrive. May 30 also marks the 7th annual meeting of the Indo American Community Federation, a group Amit's father Jeevan founded to celebrate diversity.

It is fitting that Amit's memory be honored by the formation of the Amit Zutshi Foundation. Amit leaves a legacy of hard work and caring for others. The Foundation will honor his legacy.

SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF A BEBE MOORE CAMPBELL NATIONAL MINORITY MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 134, to establish July as Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month. The plight of families suffering from mental illness is immense due to an absence of adequate social services and the unwarranted stigma surrounding mental health issues. Due to the unwarranted social stigma and a systemic failure to ensure health care coverage, over two-

thirds of the people who suffer from mental illness go untreated according to the Department of Health and Human Services. Within minority communities, even greater needs exist for mental health services. African Americans have less access to mental health services, and often receive an inferior quality of care. Higher rates of uninsured individuals also compound this problem within minority communities.

According to the National Institute on Mental Health, 20 percent of children and 26.2 percent of adults suffer from a diagnosable mental disorder in a given year. As the leading cause of disability in the U.S., many people suffer from more than one mental disorder at a given time. The need for mental health awareness is immense, particularly in the minority community.

Sadly, Bebe Moore Campbell's untimely death from brain cancer means that she is not here to see the passage of this resolution. However, it is comforting to know that her legacy lives on not only through her literature but also through this important resolution. I strongly believe that this resolution and the establishment of July as Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month will address and raise awareness in minority communities of the existence of mental illness and the need for mental health services.

I am honored to remember Bebe Moore Campbell, a premier journalist, who authored a children's book entitled, *Sometimes My Mommy Gets Angry*, winner of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill's Outstanding Literature Award. Through this story of how a little girl copes with being reared by a mentally ill mother, Moore Campbell was able to raise public awareness on mental health issues and heighten the consciousness of this topic within minority communities.

I proudly join my colleagues in support of this resolution and will continue to work tirelessly as an advocate for increased mental health services.

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to support H. Res. 1153, a resolution celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. As an Executive Board member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), and as the Representative for a district that is 12 percent Asian American, I understand how important it is to recognize the Asian Pacific American (APA) community for their valuable contributions to our Nation's history and development.

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month was celebrated for the first time in May of 1990,

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