

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF AMERISKA
DOMOVINA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ameriska Domovina, one of the oldest Slovenian papers in the world and Northeast Ohio's oldest ethnic newspaper, as it ceases publication this August after one-hundred and ten years in circulation.

Ameriska Domovina was first published in Cleveland, Ohio in 1898, making it the Ohio's oldest ethnic newspaper. James V. Debevec inherited the newspaper from his father, James E. Debevec, who assumed responsibility of the paper in the 1930's with the intention of preparing new immigrants from Slovenia for their citizenship tests. James V. changed the content of the newspaper with the changing needs of the community, using it as a forum to teach and preserve Slovenian culture and traditions to the growing community of Slovenian-Americans. The paper, like all ethnic newspapers, has been vital in connecting the Slovenian community with their roots and as well as with other Slovenian communities in North America. Debevec printed news from Slovenian communities in the United States and Canada in the newspaper.

Ameriska Domovina has over two-thousand subscribers; each newspaper is printed using Debevec's own printing press, at an office located on St. Claire Avenue in Downtown Cleveland. The last issue of Ameriska Domovina will be distributed to its subscribers on August 21, 2008, following the retirement of Debevec, his wife, and their colleague.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of Ameriska Domovina, Northeast Ohio's oldest ethnic newspaper, and in recognition of the contributions of the Slovenian-American community in the Greater Cleveland area.

IN HONOR OF NORMAN
LONGFELLOW SMITH

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Norman Longfellow Smith, a dedicated and outstanding public servant from the 10th Congressional District of Virginia. Mr. Smith passed away on May 26 at his home in Middleburg.

Mr. Smith, the former deputy chief of operations in the CIA's counterintelligence services, committed 27 tireless years to the Agency as an analyst, missile specialist, and counterintelligence officer. Mr. Smith also served in the United States Army and achieved the rank

of colonel in his tenure along with a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart.

I am inserting, for the record, the obituary which appeared in The Washington Post on June 7. Mr. Smith was an exemplary public servant and a fine example of devotion and allegiance to his country and family.

NORMAN LONGFELLOW SMITH, 83; CIA
OFFICIAL

(By Patricia Sullivan)

Norman Longfellow Smith, 83, a former deputy chief of operations in the CIA's counterintelligence service, died of congestive heart failure and complications of Guillain-Barre Syndrome on May 26 at his home in Middleburg.

Mr. Smith, who joined the CIA in 1951, analyzed Soviet armaments and, after the Soviets launched Sputnik, specialized in ballistic missiles and space vehicles. In 1960, he chaired an intelligence community task force to monitor missile activity outside the Soviet Union.

Dino Brugioni, an imagery analyst with the CIA's National Photographic Interpretation Center who worked with Mr. Smith, described him as a defensive-missile specialist in the agency's Office of Scientific Intelligence who focused on surface-to-air missiles.

Brugioni, who wrote "Eyeball to Eyeball: The Inside Story of the Cuban Missile Crisis" (1990), said others in the interpretation center spotted surface-to-air missile sites in spy satellite photographs taken over Cuba in fall 1962. The short, pipe-smoking Mr. Smith was called in, and he began writing daily reports, concluding that construction was rushing forward and that some sites would be operational in two weeks, Brugioni said.

A short time later, when a U.S. U-2 spy plane was shot down over Cuba and low-altitude spy flights came under fire, Mr. Smith did the analysis about how and why it happened, Brugioni said in an interview. Intercepted radio traffic was in Russian, so it was clear that the Soviets were involved. The information sparked what came to be known as the Cuban missile crisis.

Mr. Smith was reassigned in 1968 to the CIA's counterintelligence staff. He rose to the top ranks of the division, which handles clandestine operations overseas. He held that job until the CIA was reorganized in 1975 and 1976, in the wake of newspaper and Senate investigations over revelations that the agency had assassinated foreign leaders and conducted surveillance on thousands of American citizens active in the antiwar movement.

Mr. Smith then became executive director of a task force to modernize and reform management procedures in the Directorate of Operations, and he retired in 1978. He worked 10 more years as a consultant for several defense contractors.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he was drafted into the Army during World War II and spent several years at Purdue University in Indiana until he was sent to Europe with an infantry division. He became an officer in the Army Reserve and retired in 1980 as a colonel. Among his military awards were a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart.

He graduated from Colgate University and in the 1950s completed a doctoral degree at the London School of Economics. He also at-

tended the National University of Mexico, Heidelberg University in Germany, New York University and Georgetown University.

He was past president of the International Order of the Knights of the Round Table in Arlington and treasurer of the Arts Club of Washington. He was a member of the Diplomatic and Consular Officers, Retired, the Central Intelligence Retirees' Association, the Association of Former Intelligence Officers, the Fairfax Hunt Club and the Evergreen Country Club.

He was a Republican Party precinct chairman in Fairfax County and a member of the Emmanuel and Trinity Episcopal churches in Middleburg and Upperville.

His marriage to Deana Browne Smith ended in divorce.

Survivors include his wife of 22 years, Carolyn L. Tillotson-Smith of Middleburg.

HONORING WORLD WAR II VET-
ERANS PRIVATE THURMAN
MCMILLEN, PRIVATE FIRST
CLASS J.B. BURKS, CORPORAL
LELAND WHITEHORN, AND PRI-
VATE FIRST CLASS JAMES
KNIGHTON

HON. TRAVIS W. CHILDERS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Mr. CHILDERS. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise to welcome a group of World War II veterans from Mississippi's First District to Washington, DC. I am honored to welcome these members of the greatest generation to Washington to visit the National World War II Memorial. Built to honor the 16 million Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen, Coast Guardsmen, and Merchant Mariners who served our Nation during World War II, the National World War II Memorial serves as a reminder of their sacrifice and service to millions of visitors.

The members of this special group are some of the few remaining survivors of the Battle of Iwo Jima. This battle was strategic to American success in the Pacific Theater and marked the first attack by U.S. troops on the Japanese home islands. Iwo Jima saw some of the fiercest fighting and lasted more than a month as American service members bravely fought against the heavily fortified positions of the Japanese Imperial Army.

After landing on the third day of pitched battle, Private Thurman McMillen fought courageously for thirty three days.

Private First Class J.B. Burks stayed on Iwo Jima for twenty nine days after his arrival on the first day of battle.

Corporal Leland Whitehorn arrived on the islands on the first day of the fight and was wounded on his third day.

Private First Class James Knighton also served honorably during the Battle of Iwo Jima.

On behalf of Mississippi's First District, I am honored to offer our deepest appreciation to these brave men. During the current time of

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war it is most appropriate to recognize both today's troops and their forefathers. Our community is proud to be home to veterans who have defended our freedom in the past and to our soldiers who continue to fight for freedom today. I know that my colleagues will join me in welcoming these courageous warriors to our Nation's capital and thanking them, these soldiers of the greatest generation, for their invaluable service to our country.

THE DAILY 45: 2 LITTLE GIRLS
KILLED IN A SMALL OKLAHOMA
TOWN

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, the Department of Justice tells us that, every day, 45 people, on average, are fatally shot in the United States. I grieve, daily, in solidarity with those I serve in Chicago over the senseless loss of life from guns, especially among our children. There are thousands of other communities across our Nation that, likewise, see their children cut down by perpetrators wielding the merciless barrel of a gun.

Today, it's my sad responsibility to extend my condolences to the family and friends of 13-year-old Taylor Paschal-Placker and her 11-year-old best friend, Skyla Whitaker, who lost their lives on Sunday, June 8. Both were shot while walking not far from their homes in the small, rural town of Weleetka, Oklahoma. As law enforcement officials continue to investigate this crime, these children's families and their close knit community of 1,000 are grieving and frightened while a murderer remains at large.

Americans of conscience must come together to stop the senseless death of "The Daily 45." When will we say "enough is enough, stop the killing!"

RECOGNIZING DR. ROBERT
DIXON—SCOTTSDALE HEALTH-
CARE'S "SALUTE TO MILITARY"
HONOREE

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Robert Dixon, Scottsdale Healthcare's "Salute to Military" Honoree for June 2008. Scottsdale Healthcare is recognizing Dr. Dixon and other physicians with a connection to the Armed Services for their dedication to saving lives and securing our freedom.

Since the program's inauguration in 2004, Scottsdale Healthcare has provided over 300 medical personnel with outstanding trauma skill training. The program is offered in partnership with Maricopa Integrated Health System and has focused on the Air National Guard, Luke Air Force Base, and Davis Monthan Air Force Base.

Dr. Robert Dixon is a deserving recipient of Scottsdale Healthcare's tribute. He is a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Air Force, stationed at the 56th Medical Group of Luke Air Force Base in Arizona since 2004. Dr. Dixon will be deployed to Iraq in May of 2008, which will be his fourth deployment to the Middle East and Southwest Asia.

He was the first surgeon to participate in Scottsdale Healthcare's Military Training Program in preparation for deployment to the Gulf. The Military Training Program is designed to maintain trauma skills and integrates trauma surgery, neurosurgery, burn trauma, and other critical skills. He played a prominent role in the development and testing of the pilot project at Scottsdale Healthcare, in conjunction with Dr. Michael Foley and Dr. Ken Ransom.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Dr. Robert Dixon's tireless service and sacrifice to this country.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF DEPUTY
DENNIS POLLEY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the diligent and steadfast service by Chief Deputy Dennis Polley and congratulate him on his retirement from the Marshall County Police department. During Dennis's tenure as Chief Deputy he has consistently demonstrated commitment to his position, his co-workers and his community.

For the last 32 years, Chief Deputy Polley served Marshall County faithfully and honorably. Chief Deputy Polley's daily courage goes above and beyond what we are asked of as citizens of this country. His service in providing safety to his community earns him respect and honor and for this I offer him my utmost respect, congratulations and thanks.

I commend Officer Dennis Polley for his many years of loyal service in protecting Iowans. It is an immense honor to represent Officer Polley in the United States Congress, and I know that my colleagues join me in wishing him a long, happy, and healthy retirement.

SAINT CATHERINE HOSPITAL 80TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great sincerity and appreciation that I stand today to recognize the 80th anniversary of Saint Catherine Hospital in East Chicago, Indiana. For the past 80 years, Saint Catherine Hospital has served the city of East Chicago and the citizens of northwest Indiana by offering quality care to those in need.

In the 1920s, recognizing the need for a healthcare facility in the heavily industrialized

city of East Chicago, Indiana, community and business leaders began investigating the possibility of building a hospital within city limits. With the guidance of the Manufacturers Association of East Chicago and the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ (Ancilla Domini Sisters), a committee was appointed, led by Colonel Walter J. Riley. Due to the tireless efforts of these community and business leaders to formulate plans and raise money, Saint Catherine Hospital opened its doors on May 17, 1928.

Over the years, with the continued support of the Riley family and the Inland Steel Ryerson Foundation, the hospital flourished, increasing not only the number of beds but also the depth of its services. The medical staff at this time became well-known for their innovation and medical advancements, eventually creating the first school of x-ray technology in 1936. In addition, Saint Catherine Hospital became a very important location in the fight against polio, and in 1963, was the venue for the first open-heart operation. Expansion of the hospital continued through the years with new wings and remodeling, a new patient tower in 1987, and the Family Birthing Center in 1997.

In 2001, Donald S. Powers, a true visionary and one of northwest Indiana's finest citizens, brought together Saint Catherine Hospital, Community Hospital in Munster, and the Saint Mary Medical Center in Hobart to create the Community Healthcare System. From this vision emerged a partnership that would allow these outstanding hospitals to work together instead of competing with each other, resulting in one of America's best integrated healthcare delivery systems.

Subsequently, a \$2.5 million MRI system was added at Saint Catherine Hospital and in 2002, a \$2.2 million renovation of the emergency room was completed. In 2005, the CyberKnife Center opened, which brought the Community Healthcare System its most impressive piece of technology to date. Recently, Saint Catherine Hospital was awarded the 2008 HealthGrades Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence, making it the third consecutive year that the hospital has received this award.

In honor of the 80th anniversary celebration, Saint Catherine Hospital will recognize the companies and individuals who have aided in the construction and enhancement of the hospital. These honorees are: Donald S. Powers, ArcelorMittal Steel, ASF Keystone, BP, NIPSCO, the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ (Ancilla Domini Sisters), the Block family, and the Riley family.

Madam Speaker, at this time I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these honorees, as well as the staff and administration of Saint Catherine Hospital, past and present, who have spent the past 80 years providing quality healthcare services to the people of northwest Indiana. Through their efforts and their standards of excellence, many in the northwest Indiana community have had the opportunity to enhance their lives. It is the compassion and commitment of facilities like Saint Catherine Hospital that make northwest Indiana such a great community, and they are to be commended for their selflessness and dedication.