

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY CONSERVATION CLUB

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge the Western Wayne County Conservation Club, a group dedicated to the preservation and continuation of outdoor sporting for all generations, upon reaching their 70th anniversary of the club's establishment.

The Western Wayne County Conservation Club provides many services to the Michigan community. The Club has created more opportunities for outdoor sporting with their sponsorship of a launching trap and skeet fields, a 3-D walk-thru archery range, and a black powder group with a walk-thru range. Additionally, The Wayne County Conservation Club has fundraisers for the Pinkerton School for the Blind, the Rouge River Clean-up, hunter education classes, Girl Scout and Boy Scout camping activities, and for the University of Michigan Burn Center.

The Western Wayne County Conservation Club has been recognized for their dedication to outdoor sports. The Club has received prominent awards including the President's Award from the National Wildlife Federations, North American Hunter's Safety Award, and the National Rifle Association President's Award. To the Michigan community, the Wayne County Conservation Club is an organization dedicated to their goals, committed to serving their community and defending Americans' Second Amendment Rights.

Madam Speaker, the Western Wayne County Conservation Club is a group which has mastered outdoor sporting and has excelled in using their mission to help other community organizations. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Western Wayne County Conservation Club for reaching 70 years as an organization and honoring the group's devoted service to the community and our country.

CONGRATULATING BRIAR BUSH NATURE CENTER ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to congratulate Briar Bush Nature Center on the occasion of its 100th anniversary. Briar Bush Nature Center is a true testament to community outreach and wildlife preservation, both in its work over the past century and in its very roots.

In 1908, a Quaker couple, Everett and Florence Griscom, fell in love with a twelve acre plot in the heart of Abington, Pennsylvania.

They found the area so beautiful that they began inviting friends and family to spend days with them in the tranquil area and soon, local children and adults began flocking to the refuge that the Griscoms had fondly named "Briar Bush."

After the Griscoms passed away, area residents led by T. Russell Frank established the "Friends of Briar Bush" organization, which was instrumental in encouraging the Township to acquire the land in 1962. The Friends of Briar Bush carried on the Griscoms' mission by offering the woodland retreat as a Natural Education Center for local children and adults.

Over the years, Briar Bush has become an important facet of the Abington Community. In 2000, the Center implemented a renovation project to make the Center even more visitor-friendly and expanded their education programs, which has enabled the Center to serve over 47,000 visitors annually.

Briar Bush programs have received numerous awards, including "Best of Philly." The Briar Bush day camp is currently in the running for a Nickelodeon "Parents Pick Award" for the best day camp for small children.

The Briar Bush Nature Center is a true Abington community treasure. It is my pleasure to stand before you to honor this special organization for achieving its' 100th anniversary milestone. It is my most sincere hope that Briar Bush will continue to educate our community about the joy of nature for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DISASTER RECOVERY AND RELIEF EFFORTS IN DEARBORN COUNTY

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and recognize the extraordinary contributions of emergency management, disaster response, and recovery personnel as well as elected officials and community leaders in my district which was devastated by the recent severe weather in Indiana.

I wish particularly to honor the Board of Commissioners, County Council, and all the other outstanding individuals in Dearborn County who rose to the occasion during these difficult times. This area suffered greatly from severe storms and weather, creating a catastrophe of nature that inflicted injuries, destroyed property, and displaced many of our citizens. In response, these officials went above and beyond the call of duty, showing great poise while saving many lives and serving the people of their communities.

Madam Speaker, I commend these fine men and women for their tremendous dedication to the Hoosier families, businesses, farmers and communities that they serve. As Hoosiers continue to recover from Mother Nature's fury, I

feel confident that the people of Dearborn County will be well served by these officials.

RECOGNITION OF ENERGY, CITIZENS, AND ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION FOR INDIANA AND AMERICA EVENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Energy, Citizens, and Economic Transformation for Indiana and America event held on July 7, 2008, sponsored by the University of Notre Dame Energy Center. This conference brought together leaders in energy research from the University of Notre Dame, the U.S. Department of Energy, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Purdue University, the state of Indiana, and academic think tanks.

The University of Notre Dame Energy Center was established in 2005 to develop new technologies for energy efficiency, safe nuclear waste storage, clean coal utilization, CO₂ separation and sequestration, and alternative renewable energy sources. The Center also plays a key role in energy education and literacy, affecting energy policy and exploring the ethical implications associated with energy sources, availability and policy. It involves approximately 25 faculty members in the Colleges of Engineering, Science, Arts & Letters and Business. The Notre Dame Energy Center and its faculty members have funding support from the U.S. Department of Energy and extensive collaborations with researchers at Sandia, Argonne National Labs and the National Energy Technology Laboratory.

Meeting U.S. energy needs in an environmentally sustainable manner without jeopardizing economic growth or national security interests through undue reliance on foreign energy sources is arguably our most demanding challenge. Achieving this goal will require multiple solutions and strategies. To meet this challenge, the University of Notre Dame, through their Energy Center and conferences such as this, combines existing research expertise and new research infrastructure with visionary thinkers from both Indiana and the federal government.

A collaboration also is currently being undertaken by the Notre Dame Energy Center that addresses the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, which is a resource that is very important to the Northwest Indiana community. This project seeks to provide energy-related consulting services to the park during the coming summer months that will promote the responsible use of an irreplaceable national treasure. As part of the project, students will track and quantify the cost savings related to energy use reduction and lower greenhouse gas emissions. This collaboration will help preserve the unique ecosystem of the Indiana

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Dunes National Lakeshore and will allow future generations to enjoy this tremendous natural, educational, and recreational asset of Northwest Indiana.

I would like to thank Dr. Joan Brennecke and Dr. Paul Bohn for organizing the July 7th event and for their tireless work in addressing our nation's energy problems. The conference will offer Hoosiers the opportunity to hear from state and national leaders in energy research. While prices at the gas pumps may be getting most of the attention now, the energy crisis is about more than just oil. As a nation, with the help of our research universities, we need to continue efforts in examining our entire mix of energy sources and how to go about changing that mix over the long term in order to increase our economic and national security.

The state of Indiana and its industries can benefit from this type of research and discussion, and I believe that Indiana will be at the forefront of this nation's energy revolution. The sluggish economy and increasing energy costs have left families struggling to make ends meet. The work being done by those involved at this event seek to ease their burden and create the next generation of energy-related jobs in Indiana.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF RIVERDALE, GEORGIA

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to the City of Riverdale, Georgia for reaching its 100th anniversary this July. Home to over 15,000 people, this great city, on the outskirts of the bustling city of Atlanta, is known for its close knit communities, beautiful landscapes and abundant resources. With a rich history of vibrant festivals and community building activities, Riverdale prides itself on promoting the well-being of its residents. This city was formally founded in 1908 as a railroad depot. However, its history traces back to before the Civil War and owes much of its early success to a generous donation of land by Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Rivers, who wanted to see the area and its businesses thrive and prosper.

The City of Riverdale will mark the occasion by holding a Centennial Celebration. This celebration will include a full commemoration of the centennial year as well as a tribute to Riverdale's rich history. Additionally, the Centennial Celebration will strive to educate the public on the history of Riverdale, encourage community involvement and recognize organizations, businesses, and institutions that have been a part of this city for 100 years. Among the events planned for this celebration are a Centennial Parade, concerts and picnics, a Centennial Gala and a Tree Planting, as well as other activities designed to further foster a greater sense of involvement among the city's residents.

I would like to recognize Dr. Evelyn Wynn-Dixon, Mayor of Riverdale, along with City Council members Rick Scoggins, Wayne Franklin Hall, Wanda Wallace, and Kenneth Ruffin for their hard work and dedication to this community. And congratulations are cer-

tainly due to the great residents of this city who are the true heart of this community. Their hard work, family values, and commitment contribute to the daily growth of Riverdale. I look forward to seeing the continual development and prosperity of this city and it is an honor to represent them in the United States Congress.

In closing, I would like to extend my congratulations to the city of Riverdale for marking its 100th Anniversary and I wish them a healthy and prosperous one hundred more.

TRIBUTE TO LISA KOLL

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great achievement by the Fort Dodge, Iowa native and current member of the Iowa State University women's track team, Lisa Koll. Lisa earned a national championship in the NCAA women's 10,000 meter race.

Although Lisa never won a state championship in her career at Fort Dodge High School, as a collegiate sophomore, she won a national title on the same blue track at Drake University where the Iowa High School State Championships are held. She is the first Iowa State track athlete to win a national championship since 1984 after completing the over six mile race in 32:44.95—short of her own American collegiate record of 32:11.13 set earlier this spring, but good enough for a Drake Stadium Record and national championship.

Lisa's impressive feat demonstrates the reward for hard work, dedication and determination. I am honored to represent Lisa Koll in the United States Congress, and I know that all of my colleagues join me in congratulating her on her national championship and wish her success in her future running career.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UKRAINIAN GENOCIDE ON THE OCCASION OF THE WALK AGAINST GENOCIDE IN NEW YORK CITY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the genocide perpetrated on the Ukrainian people by Joseph Stalin's murderous Soviet regime. This month, countless Ukrainian-Americans and persons of goodwill, including members of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America and the United Ukrainian American Organizations of New York, join together in a Walk Against Genocide in New York City in remembrance of the terrible events in the Ukraine in 1932-33 that took the lives of millions. Participants in the Walk are honoring the Ukrainians who perished in the famine by observing a moment of remembrance.

Three quarters of a century ago, the Ukrainian genocide, also referred to as the Holodomor, or "Death by Starvation," was

consciously inflicted upon the Ukrainian people by the totalitarian tyranny of dictator Joseph Stalin. With its radical agricultural collectivization policies, Stalin's brutal Soviet regime caused widespread famine and mass starvation, systematically murdering millions of innocent men, women and children.

The Holodomor was an intentional act perpetrated against the Ukrainians as punishment for their resistance to Soviet control. Evidence in the form of recently released KGB archival documents reveal the Soviet government's ruthless plans. The Commission on the Ukraine Famine created by the United States Congress in 1985 issued a report 3 years later confirming the existence of a deliberate policy to starve the Ukrainian people and concluded in 1988 that "Joseph Stalin and those around him committed genocide against Ukrainians in 1932-1933."

In sheer numbers, this genocidal tragedy ranks among the worst examples of man's inhumanity towards man, and offers one of history's starkest examples of the devastation that is wrought by oppressive governments when they use food as a weapon. The Holodomor was perhaps the greatest national catastrophe in the history of the Ukraine, and its emotional repercussions still affect the Ukrainian people to this day.

By remembering that horrific period, we work towards a day when such atrocities will never again occur in the world. This year, the 75th anniversary of the famine was commemorated in Kiev and indeed throughout the world. All Americans should join in remembering this historical atrocity and resolve to act against future crimes against humanity. The Walk Against Genocide not only serves to commemorate the innocent men, women and children of the Ukraine who lost their lives, but also to take a stand against acts of genocide that still occur in the world today. The Walk Against Genocide is thus an uplifting manifestation of the enduring resilience of the human spirit.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in saluting the participants in the Walk Against Genocide and in recognizing the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America and the United Ukrainian American Organizations of New York on the occasion of the 75th anniversary commemorating the Ukrainian genocide.

BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR LOUIS E. TESSIER, THE SUPERVISOR OF THE TOWN OF LAKE GEORGE, NY

HON. KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mrs. GILLIBRAND. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to rise today on behalf of Louis E. Tessier, the Supervisor of the Town of Lake George, in recognition of his 80th birthday on July 19, 2008. I extend my congratulations on this special occasion to Lou, his wife Mary, his daughter, Rene, and to his entire family.

Mr. Tessier has a distinguished career in public service. He was elected into and has held his office since 1984. He served as the Warren County Budget Officer from 1992 through 1995 and as the Warren County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors from