

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL  
DOUGLAS M. PIERCE

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Brigadier General Douglas M. Pierce, Deputy Adjutant General of the Iowa Air National Guard, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to his state and country.

After graduating from Westview High School in Lake City, Iowa, General Douglas Pierce earned a bachelor of science degree in animal science from Iowa State University in 1968, followed later by a master of science degree in personnel management and counseling from Troy State University in 1981.

In 1969, General Pierce's long and distinguished career in America's Armed Forces began when he was commissioned in the United States Air Force. He was an Honor Graduate and awarded the aeronautical rating of pilot during Undergraduate Pilot Training in 1970. He was a T-37 Instructor Pilot until April 1974 when he joined the Iowa Air National Guard, 132d Fighter Wing as a combat-ready pilot. General Pierce served as Flight Commander and Chief, Standardization and Evaluation until 1983 when he transferred to Headquarters Iowa National Guard as Executive Support Officer to the adjutant general. In 1985, General Pierce returned to the 132d Fighter Wing as the 124th Fighter Squadron Operations Officer until 1990 when he was selected as the Operations Group commander. He became the vice commander for the 132d Fighter Wing in 1999 until he transferred to Headquarters Iowa Air National Guard as the vice commander in 2002. In 2004, General Pierce assumed the duties as Assistant Adjutant General, Air.

For the past 39 years, General Pierce has served faithfully and honorably, earning a long list of military awards and decorations. He has accumulated over 5,800 flying hours and flown many different military aircrafts. General Pierce's long-standing commitment to the Iowa Air National Guard and his country has earned him the respect, honor and dignity of all who have served with him. For this I offer him my utmost congratulations and thanks.

I commend Brigadier General Douglas M. Pierce for his many years of loyalty and service to our great nation. It is an immense honor to represent General Pierce in the United States Congress, and I wish him a happy retirement from the Iowa Air National Guard and all the best in his future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING SYNGENTA OF  
LOUISIANA FOR RECEIVING THE  
PACE AWARD

**HON. DONALD J. CAZAYOUX, JR.**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2008*

Mr. CAZAYOUX. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the hard work and dedication of a local Louisiana manufacturer. The manufacturer that I am recognizing has demonstrated innovation in manufacturing operations and a commitment to community involvement.

Syngenta, a global agribusiness with operations in my district in Louisiana, manufactures the active ingredients atrazine and benoxacor, and formulates Touchdown®, Karate®, and Halex™ GT brands, among other products, for the agricultural sector. The economic impact that Syngenta brings to St. Gabriel, Louisiana, is significant. The chemical facility employs more than 700 company and contract employees with an annual payroll of \$58 million. This local manufacturer has made noteworthy advances in productivity through the implementation of lean manufacturing methods and processes that transform and streamline operations through the company. Because of these accomplishments, Syngenta will be honored by the Manufacturing Extension Partnership of Louisiana (MEPOL), with the fourth annual Platinum Award for Continued Excellence (PACE) Award.

MEPOL, a non-profit business resource based at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, serves to provide business and technical assistance to emerging and established manufacturing firms throughout the State of Louisiana. Since 1997, MEPOL, based on a philosophy of education, encouragement, and empowerment, has worked with manufacturers such as Syngenta to increase their productivity and profitability.

Working with MEPOL, Syngenta developed a steering committee to assist in developing the ideal state with benchmarks to identify quantifiable impact. In less than 6 months, more than 150 ideas were generated, and within 1 year, \$1.7 million cost savings were validated. The problem solving process included visible metrics and methods to assure continuous improvement projects are a daily focus during each shift.

Syngenta also participates in numerous community outreach programs and charities. Each year, the company educates more than 5,000 public and private school students and contributes over 1,200 to promote the field of science. Syngenta has also made substantial financial contributions to the local United Way campaign. I congratulate Syngenta on being a respected leader in manufacturing whose commitment to advancement and continued success has led to this outstanding achievement.

IN MEMORY OF MAYOR WILLIAM  
C. JENKINS

**HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2008*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mayor William C. "Bill" Jenkins, an exemplary public servant and my good friend. Early on Wednesday, July 2, 2008, Bill lost a hard-fought battle with cancer, and Scottsdale lost one of its finest citizens. Bill was 79 years old.

After earning two degrees from Arizona State University, Bill gave back to Arizona's public education system by teaching American government and economics in the Scottsdale Unified School District for 29 years. From 1966 to 1974, he took his lessons from the classroom and applied them to the city as a member of the Scottsdale City Council. Then, in 1974, the good people of Scottsdale elected Bill as their mayor. Every afternoon he rode his bike from Scottsdale High School across the street to City Hall to assume his job as mayor.

Despite the demands of his position, his dedication to his students never wavered. He set a great example as he originated the monthly "Mayor's Breakfast," founded the Scottsdale Historical Society, established Youth-in-Government Day, and laid the groundwork for the city's Environmentally Sensitive Land Ordinance.

Under his leadership, Scottsdale underwent one of its greatest periods of economic growth. Among many other projects, Bill oversaw the construction and dedication of Scottsdale's first senior center, the completion of City Hall, and the construction of Scottsdale's Maricopa County court building.

As testimony to his impact on the city, Bill has been inducted into the Scottsdale History Hall of Fame, received Scottsdale Leadership's Wells Fargo Herbert R. Drinkwater Leadership Award, and recently won the title of Arizona Culturekeeper for his efforts to preserve the city's historic landmarks.

It would take much more time to list all of Bill Jenkins' accomplishments, but the ultimate record of his work lies in the positive and lasting impact he has made upon the hearts and minds of the people he served.

Madam Speaker, please join me and Bill's wife and children in mourning the loss and honoring the legacy of Bill Jenkins.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF CHARLES  
SEBES

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2008*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance and honor of Charles

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