

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE IN RECOGNITION OF  
DR. EDISON O. JACKSON

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 12, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Edison O. Jackson, the President of Medgar Evers College of the City University of New York and a foremost leader in higher education who is now retiring after twenty years with the College.

Dr. Jackson was born in Heathsville, Virginia. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology, a Master of Arts degree in Counseling from Howard University, a Master of Divinity degree from New York Theological Seminary, and a Doctorate in Education from Rutgers University with an emphasis on the philosophy, function, role, and administration of urban educational institutions.

After an impressive twenty years in higher education, Dr. Jackson was welcomed to Medgar Evers College as its 5th President. He quickly formulated and implemented a new vision for the College's future, spearheading the creation of the Freshman Year Program, increasing student retention, creating three new academic schools, and restoring the institution's senior college status in 1994.

To increase the enrollment and academic success of African American males, Dr. Jackson established the nationally recognized Male Development and Empowerment Center to groom and guide men through their higher education career and to prepare them for the workforce. Consequently, Medgar Evers has increased its enrollment of African American men by 13 percent.

Dr. Jackson has served and/or holds membership in a number of prominent civic, educational, and community organizations. He has also written on issues of concern to educators regarding minority students, including student retention and the role of spiritual leadership in higher education.

Dr. Jackson has been honored for his decades of service and achievements from scores of elected officials, educational institutions, and community organizations.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Dr. Edison O. Jackson, a visionary leader and an inspiration to all of New York.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Dr. Edison O. Jackson.

CENTRAL DAVIDSON—THREE  
TIMES A CHAMPION

**HON. HOWARD COBLE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 12, 2009*

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, a softball team at a high school in our congressional

district proved this year that even when you lose your key player for a large part of the season, when the whole team pulls together, greatness can still be achieved. Despite losing 2008 News & Record All-Area Player of the Year Chelsea Leonard to a knee injury on November 25, 2008, the Central Davidson High School softball team came together and finished its 21–7 season with a championship title. “We’ve been through some tough times this year,” Coach Gene Poindexter told *The Dispatch*. “Got knocked down a couple times. Got black eyes a couple of times. We just kept fighting, and we worked hard to get back in the playoffs; I can’t say enough about all these freshmen, sophomores and juniors. They’re a great bunch of kids who worked their tails off.” On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we wish to congratulate the Spartans for winning their third consecutive 2A state softball championship.

The Spartans defeated Richlands by a score of 1–0 on Saturday, June 6, 2009. Freshman extraordinaire Carley Tysinger ripped a 1–0 pitch into left for a single to drive in the biggest run of the season and the only run of the title game. And that one-run lead was all that was needed with senior Chelsea Leonard on the mound. Leonard returned in time for the postseason and was named tournament MVP. Leonard threw a one-hitter with 19 strikeouts against Richlands in the title game.

The championship season was a team effort led by seniors Kelsey Rountree and Chelsea Leonard, juniors Haley Hanes, Laura Fritts, Haley Thore, Nicole Perry, and Mindi Morris, sophomores Kara Lohr, Whitney Lohr, Jazmine Charles, Emma Comer, and Megan Yountz, and freshmen Charity McGath, Carley Tysinger, Allie Stovall, and Lauren Bryant.

Also assisting the team during this season were assistant coaches Jim Welborn, Bryan Starnes, Greg Leonard, Sterling Charles, Mike Pickett, Jordan Stogner, Jodi Duncan, the voice of the Spartans, announcer Stuart Joontz, scorekeeper Mitzi Tysinger and last but not least, manager Xavier “Sabby” Rosales.

Again, on behalf of the Sixth District, we would like to congratulate Principal Emily Lipe, Athletic Director and Head Coach Gene Poindexter, and everyone affiliated with the Spartans. Congratulations to Central Davidson on a spectacular season and for winning its third consecutive 2A state softball championship.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT, FISCAL YEARS 2010 AND 2011

SPEECH OF

**HON. BRAD SHERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under

consideration the bill (H.R. 2410) to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and the Peace Corps for fiscal years 2010 and 2011, to modernize the Foreign Service, and for other purposes.

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Chair, during consideration of H.R. 2410, the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, I voted for the Royce amendment regarding Eritrea. I know that Eritrea is sending a diplomatic delegation to the United States at the present time, and that sensitive negotiations are taking place in the region. It is my hope that Eritrea will dramatically change its policies as a result of this diplomatic action, and designation of Eritrea as a State Sponsor would be unnecessary. Had this provision been adopted in the House, it could have been (and would have been) removed from the bill in conference should such a change of policy come about. Therefore, I felt that the amendment was worthy of support at this stage of the legislative process notwithstanding the legitimate concerns raised by opponents of the amendment.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL J. WOOTTEN

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 12, 2009*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an exceptional man. On Wednesday, June 10th, the federal government and, in particular, the General Services Administration lost an exemplary public servant, a genuine and trusted friend, and a devoted husband and father. On that day Michael J. Wootten, lost his courageous battle with cancer. Mike was the epitome of a fine public servant. He was accurate, detailed, inquisitive, and thorough in his work. He left our federal government and federal workforce the richer for his service.

He began his legal career as a law clerk, serving the office of the 5th district solicitor, Richland County, South Carolina. When he arrived in Washington D.C., Mike served as Majority Staff Counsel to the Committee on the Judiciary of the United States Senate. As full Committee staff counsel, Mike was responsible for issues of Administrative Law and Procedures, Courts, and Juvenile Justice.

Mike then moved on to the Department of Justice, where he spent three years in the Civil Division as Assistant Director of the Office of Policy and Legislation and Special Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General. One of Mike's accomplishments as Special Counsel was assisting in the confirmation of Justice Anthony Kennedy to the U.S. Supreme Court. Before departing Justice to join GSA, Mike served briefly as the Acting General Counsel for the President's Commission on Privatization.

Upon his arrival at the General Services Administration, Mike quickly became the “go to” lawyer for advice and counsel on real property law and legislative matters involving the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act

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