

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ELK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Elk Grove Baptist Church located in Elk Grove Village in my Congressional district. Elk Grove Baptist Church was founded with the dedication and signing of the church's charter in 1959.

Through the last fifty years, Elk Grove Baptist Church has grown into a thriving congregation of 200 weekly attendees and has become an important part of the community. From weekly outreach events, to Sunday morning worship services and community service, the church has proved to be a driving force in the township's growth and prosperity.

Over the years, Elk Grove Baptist Church has grown its facilities to keep pace with its outreach and expanding ministry. Since its inception, there have been nine senior pastors in the church's history and I am pleased to recognize the hard work and faithful service of the current Pastor, Reverend Curt Hansen.

Madam Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in recognizing the special occasion of this 50th Anniversary as we celebrate Elk Grove Baptist Church's legacy of faith, fellowship and service. I look forward to many more years of fruitfulness.

RECOGNIZING THE GOVERNMENTS OF TURKEY AND ARMENIA

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support the efforts underway to improve the relationship between the Republics of Turkey and Armenia.

Over the past several years, the two countries have been meeting quietly, with the assistance of Switzerland, to come to an agreement to normalize their relations and open the borders between Armenia and Turkey. I am pleased that these negotiations have been fruitful. A strong relationship between these two countries will benefit not only the citizens of Armenia and Turkey, but the region and world as well. I also encourage the two countries to continue to work together to finish this process.

I am optimistic that these efforts will lead to greater stabilization of the region, and I applaud and congratulate the governments of Armenia and Turkey on their efforts to date and offer our friendship and help as they move on to the next steps in the process.

COMMEMORATING THE 220TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I come to the floor today to commemorate the 220th Anniversary of the United States Marshals Service on September 24, 2009. The U.S. Marshals Service is our Nation's oldest and most versatile federal law enforcement agency. Since its national inception in 1789, the U.S. Marshals Service has served a unique place in America's history.

The first U.S. marshal in the Colorado Territory was appointed by President Lincoln and began his service on March 25, 1861. On August 1, 1876, Colorado became the 38th State, which created the Judicial District of Colorado. U.S. marshals and their deputies have served the District of Colorado since with great valor and courage. With their broad statutory law enforcement authority granted by the Judiciary Act of 1789, U.S. marshals and their deputies distributed presidential proclamations, tamed the American West, registered enemy aliens in time of war, helped conduct the national census, protected the President, and served on the front lines of the civil rights movement. More recently, deputy U.S. marshals have been called by Presidential orders and have served valiantly during national emergencies—large-scale natural disasters, hurricanes and to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

Today the men and women of the U.S. Marshals Service, District of Colorado, maintain their core mission to serve and protect our Federal courts. They ensure the safe conduct of judicial proceedings and protect Federal judges, jurors, and other members of the Federal judiciary. They provide for the safety and security of protected witnesses through the Witness Security Division. The U.S. Marshals Service also provides for the safe and secure transportation of federal inmates for federal court proceedings and to and from correctional facilities. Additionally, the U.S. Marshals Service is responsible for managing nearly 1.7 billion dollars worth of seized property illegally acquired through criminal means by maintaining and promptly disposing of assets through its Asset Forfeiture Program.

Most notably, the U.S. Marshals Service is the federal government's primary agency for conducting fugitive investigations. The men and women of the Marshals Service apprehend more federal fugitives than all other federal agencies combined. Working with law enforcement agencies at the federal, state and local levels, Marshals-led task forces arrested an additional 73,000 state and local fugitives, clearing 90,600 state and local felony warrants. The Marshals currently leads 82 district fugitive task forces and seven regional fugitive task forces dedicated to locating and appre-

hending wanted criminals. The U.S. Marshals Service has developed close working relationships with other law enforcement agencies on fugitive matters, and provides assistance, expertise and training to agencies on the federal, state, local and international levels. The U.S. Marshals Service is the premier agency to apprehend foreign fugitives believed to be in the United States, and it is the agency responsible for locating and extraditing American fugitives who flee to foreign countries.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I would therefore submit that we congratulate the U.S. Marshals Service on their 220th Anniversary for their past and present accomplishments, and that those men and women we recognize wear "America's Star" nationally in their selfless dedication to Justice, Integrity and Service.

STUDENT AID AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. GREGORIO KILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3221) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes:

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 3221, the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act. I wish to thank Chairman MILLER for his leadership on this bill, and express my thanks to the staff as well.

Madam Chair, the financial resources of local governments and college and university scholarship funds are quickly dwindling. I am encouraged that this Congress is working to ensure access to student grants and loans at a time when many families, including those in my district in the Northern Mariana Islands, are struggling to make ends meet. The changes made by H.R. 3221 will mean that even more students will get the opportunity to pursue higher education.

This legislation will raise the annual maximum Pell grant to unprecedented levels and ensure that these grants will continue to increase with the cost of tuition. It will open up an additional \$4 million for Pell grants in the Northern Marianas alone. It will make investments in financial aid that will benefit students from every district, no matter where they go to college. Increased funding to minority-serving institutions, including those with large populations of Pacific Islanders, will ensure that our students from the Northern Marianas are cared for and supported, both socially and academically, when they are so far away from their home.

Three quarters of a million dollars will be available in the Northern Marianas for programs that encourage students to stay in

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