

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

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HONORING STAFF SERGEANT ORY MARIONEUX, SR. ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BILL CASSIDY

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CASSIDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Staff Sergeant Ory Marioneaux, Sr., U.S. Army, on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

Born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on October 28, 1919, Ory Marioneaux has lived in Baton Rouge nearly all his 90 years. He graduated from McKinley High School in 1940 and rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army, fighting for our country in the European Theatre of World War II in 1942.

After his honorable discharge from military service, Ory returned to Baton Rouge and was reunited with his wife, Mary Agnes Honore, with whom he raised eight children, twenty-two grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

Ory worked in service to the people of Baton Rouge throughout his career, both as a private contractor and public employee. Ory worked as a maintenance supervisor for the Housing Authority, a construction supervisor for the city of Baton Rouge, and a teacher of the World War II defense program at Southern University.

Ory Marioneaux has led a life of service to his country and devotion to his family that should serve as an example to us all. I join his family in wishing him, on behalf of a grateful country, a happy 90th birthday.

BAY PINES HOSPITAL AND EMPLOYEES NAMED BEST IN THE VA

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, the Department of Veterans Affairs Hospital at Bay Pines, Florida, which I have the great honor to represent, will be honored Friday with the prestigious Robert W. Carey Trophy Award for Performance Excellence.

The hospital and its hundreds of dedicated employees and volunteers are being recognized with this, the Department's highest recognition across all its departments, including the Veterans Health Administration, the Veterans Benefits Administration, and the National Cemetery Administration.

Bay Pines was recognized by the VA last year as "A Top Quality Achiever" for organizational excellence in seven key areas: leadership; strategic planning; customer and market focus; measurement, analysis, and knowledge management; human resources; process management; and results.

With this award, Bay Pines is not just one of the best hospitals and VA organizations, it is the very best anywhere in the nation. This just confirms what veterans in the Tampa Bay area already know.

Hospital Director Wallace Hopkins and the entire team at Bay Pines work hard to provide veterans with the highest quality care they deserve and have earned from a grateful nation. And Bay Pines does not rest on its laurels. The hospital and its staff continue to find ways to improve the delivery of care and services.

The hospital has opened a new and larger Emergency Room that doubles the capacity for emergency care services including emergency mental healthcare. Bay Pines has under construction a Radiation Oncology Center to provide veterans with state of the art cancer treatment. The design is being completed and the ground will be broken soon on a new Mental Health Center of Excellence that will bring together under one room and improve the delivery of specialized inpatient, outpatient, and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder programs. And planning is underway for a new and larger Eye Care Clinic and Ambulatory Surgery Center.

The 2009 Carey Trophy Award is a great honor for all Bay Pines employees and is a signal that their dedication and hard work is recognized and appreciated. And it is appreciated the most by those who are the recipients of their professional and compassionate care—our nation's veterans and their families.

Madam Speaker, it is my hope that my colleagues will join me in saying well done to Wallace Hopkins and all the employees and volunteers at Bay Pines who work so hard and take such pride in honoring America's heroes everyday with the best health care services available anywhere in our great nation.

HONORING DENNIS DEYOUNG AS A "GREAT PERFORMER OF ILLINOIS"

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dennis DeYoung on his recognition as a Great Performer of Illinois. Great Performers of Illinois is an annual celebration of the very best art and culture in the State of Illinois. As both his talents and his humanitarian contributions to the State of Illinois attest, Mr. DeYoung is indeed worthy of recognition.

A musician from his youngest years, Mr. DeYoung found his audience when he formed the band that would later become Styx with a group of friends while growing up in Chicago. Over the course of Styx's storied career, Mr. DeYoung served as lead vocalist, songwriter, keyboardist, producer, and in many other capacities. The band's musical run has included a string of multi-platinum albums, worldwide fame, and top 10 hits in three different decades. That Styx remains one of the biggest-selling performers in the history of recorded music is a testament to Mr. DeYoung's remarkable talent and restless creativity. His numerous hits include such utterly original, distinctive, and memorable songs as "Lady," "Come Sail Away," "Babe," and "Mr. Roboto."

Mr. DeYoung's music is only part of his contribution to society. He is a tireless advocate and supporter of the fight against childhood cancer. In keeping with this mission, he performed a benefit concert in Chicago on October 24th, with proceeds going to the cause of childhood cancer research.

I ask you to join me in honoring Dennis DeYoung for his remarkable achievements in both music and society, and his recognition as a Great Performer of Illinois.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR LESLIE G. WILSON—SCOTTSDALE HEALTHCARE'S "SALUTE TO MILITARY" HONOREE

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a member of the Armed Forces from my home state of Arizona. Each month, Scottsdale Healthcare honors service members who perform diligent service to this country. For October, they recognized Major Leslie G. Wilson.

I commend Scottsdale Healthcare for paying tribute to such an outstanding service member for her bravery and service to our country.

During her military career, Major Wilson has been deployed three times as a military nurse officer. Most recently, Wilson was deployed in

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