

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING TECHNICAL SERGEANT
ROBERT HORNER UPON HIS RE-
TIREMENT

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to stand before you today in recognition of Technical Sergeant Robert E. Horner. Robert will retire this December after more than 34 years of service to our country.

Robert enlisted with the U.S. Navy in September 1975. He served aboard the USS *John F. Kennedy* as an Aircraft Bosun Mate in the Atlantic Theater. In October 1979 he transferred to the U.S. Navy Reserve. He continued with the Navy Reserve until he transferred to the Air Force Reserve as a Propulsion Mechanic in 1983, at the 911th Air Force Reserve, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His service to our country continued through the gulf war and the war on terrorism; from 1995 through the present he served as Propulsion Mechanic before moving to the Aerial Spray Maintenance with the 910th Airlift Wing, Youngstown, Ohio. Robert continued his military service even through heart surgery in 1992. His distinguished career is punctuated by over a dozen awards and decorations, including the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Ribbon.

Robert demonstrates an exemplary commitment to his community even aside from his military service. In 1993 he accepted a commission for the West Farmington Police Department, and served the village of West Farmington for 8 years. In 2002 he was made Police Chief, and he continues at this post today.

Robert's current responsibilities as Technical Sergeant with the 910th Airlift Wing includes supervision of 12 reservists in the maintenance and operation of the Modular Aerial Spray System, the only full-time, fixed-wing aerial spray unit within the Defense Department.

Madam Speaker, Technical Sergeant Robert Horner has dedicated his life to serving his country and his community. In recognition of his many efforts on behalf of the American people, I ask that you and all of my distinguished colleagues join me in commending him for his lifetime of service and dedication.

INTRODUCING THE ENERGY
EFFICIENT MODERNIZATION ACT

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I am introducing the "Energy Efficiency Modernization

Act of 2009," to establish market incentives so that federally assisted housing can become more energy efficient.

Federally assisted housing programs provide real opportunities for green improvements. However, existing rules and regulations make it difficult for owners of federally assisted housing to maximize efforts and decrease our Nation's energy bill.

A 2008 study by the Government Accountability Office found that the Department of Housing and Urban Development spends an estimated \$5 billion annually on energy costs to pay for roughly 6 million units of housing, representing almost 17 percent of the Nation's rental housing stock.

Improving the energy efficiency of federally assisted housing by 25 to 40 percent would result in savings for HUD at roughly \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion annually, making the long-term cost savings for the Federal Government—and, most importantly, taxpayers—substantial.

Furthermore, energy efficiency improvements will provide stimulus to the economy in terms of capital projects and "green collar" jobs, create best practices for the industry on the whole and fulfill the mandate of HUD.

COMMEMORATING THE 175TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF ST. JOSEPH'S
VILLA IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 175th anniversary of St. Joseph's Villa in Richmond, Virginia.

St. Joseph's Villa has been serving the Richmond community since 1834 when it was established by the Daughters of Charity as an orphanage. It is now a nonsectarian organization and is the oldest and largest operating children's nonprofit in metropolitan Richmond.

Currently, the Villa works with more than 600 children and families on a daily basis. The mission of St. Joseph's Villa is to provide children with special needs, as well as their families, the opportunity to succeed through innovative and effective programs. To accomplish this mission, St. Joseph's Villa works with local school systems and parents to provide a variety of educational, residential and day programs to children and families dealing with autism, homelessness or physical and mental disabilities or other behaviors that classify the child as being "at risk." These programs include, to name just a few, the Dooley School at St. Joseph's Villa, for middle- and high-school students with learning disabilities and behavioral issues, the Dooley Center for Alternative Education, for students who have been suspended or expelled from their local high school, and the Dooley School at Cherokee Road, an elementary-school program for students with a variety of learning disabilities. Each program contains both academic and

behavioral components and their goal is to prepare the child for returning to his or her local school.

St. Joseph's Villa employs more than 300 full and part-time employees who are integral in making this organization a success. The Villa is committed to staff-development, involvement, and effective teamwork that respect the individuals they serve. I commend them on the services they have rendered to the Richmond community over the years.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing St. Joseph's Villa as it celebrates its anniversary and wishing the students and staff the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING CALEB MATHER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Caleb Mather, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 75, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Caleb has been very active with his troop participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Caleb has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Caleb Mather for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING BREAST CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month. As the month draws to a close, it is important that we acknowledge the impact that breast cancer has had on both women and men in our country. This October marks the 25th anniversary of the inaugural National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, celebrating a quarter century of awareness, education, and empowerment.

Each year, approximately 200,000 women and 1,700 men are diagnosed with breast cancer and more than 40,000 women and 450 men die from it. Breast cancer is sadly the most common cancer in women in the United States, but fortunately, there are about 2.5 million breast cancer survivors living in the United States today. This disease affects the lives of

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