

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

LAWTON PAUL HUFFMAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Lawton Paul Huffman. Lawton is 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, Heart of America Council Troop 351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Lawton has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the four years Lawton has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Lawton became a Brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow and earned the Religious award of God and Church. Lawton has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Lawton worked with U.S. Navy Public Affairs in Hawaii and was selected to receive a relic from the U.S.S. *Arizona*. Lawton then constructed a new memorial to display the relic at Riverfront Park in Atchison, KS.

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

HONORING WORLD WAR II VETERAN, AVIATOR AND COMMUNITY ACTIVIST: MR. LEE ROY TEST

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great loss to our community, Mr. Lee Roy Test, who passed on December 20, 2009, at the age of 88.

Roy was a shining example of what has become known as "The Greatest Generation," enlisting in the Army Air Corps after the outbreak of World War II and serving as a copilot of the B-17 "Flying Fortress" in the 398th Bomb Group of the Mighty Eighth Air Force. He and his crew completed 32 missions over Europe in 77 days in the spring and summer of 1944, including D-Day.

After WWII, Roy returned to civilian life and worked as a linotype operator in Los Angeles. An automobile aficionado, Roy helped start the 4N Car Club in West Covina and owned many different foreign sports cars, his favorite being the Triumph TR-3. Competitions and car rallies were a family activity.

Roy and his wife Irene were active members of the local community, serving as Am-

bassadors of the Baldwin Park Chamber of Commerce for many years. He was also a volunteer in numerous organizations including Baldwin Park Adult and Community Education, Baldwin Park Friends of the Library, and Baldwin Park Historical Society, among many others.

Roy's extensive community involvement earned him the City of Baldwin Park Senior of the Year Award in 1999.

This was just one of many accolades Mr. Test received throughout the years, including recognitions and awards from local, state and federal officials. In 2008, State Assemblyman Hernandez honored Roy as the 57th Assembly District Veteran of the Year. And in October, 2009, Roy was given recognition as one of the founding members of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, which he co-founded as a youth in 1934.

Roy proudly supported several organizations that preserve history by maintaining WWII aircraft, and served as a docent at the Planes of Fame Air Museum at Chino Airport. He enjoyed the camaraderie of friends and loved flying, especially with the Warbirds. He particularly cherished displaying his WWII memorabilia at local air shows, and sharing his war experience with young students.

I urge all my House colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Lee Roy Test, a proud patriot and a fine gentleman, for his remarkable service and contributions to his community and to our nation.

THE 190TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIXWELL AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 190th anniversary of the oldest formally recognized African American United Church of Christ church in the world, and a New Haven institution: the Dixwell Avenue Congregational United Church of Christ.

This church was founded in troubled times for African-Americans, and it has persevered through recessions, depressions, and wars—including the great and terrible conflict that tore this nation apart and at last brought freedom to all our citizens. In the midst of long decades too often marked by segregation and prejudice, Dixwell survived—and even thrived. It has become a true fixture in our city of New Haven, and a proud beacon of tolerance, compassion, and justice.

In fact, it has been such a beacon since its very inception. On one hand the year 1820 is remembered as a bright moment for our young republic, with an Era of Good Feelings at hand and the memories of both the War of 1812 and the Panic of 1819 fading away. On the other, 1820 was the year of the Missouri

Compromise, and the dawning realization for many white Americans that the continued existence of slavery in a land of liberty was embarrassing, untenable, and morally wrong.

It was these twin pulls of optimism and growing concern about slavery that formed the crucible of 1820, the year that twenty-four former slaves and one young white graduate of the Yale ministry, 19-year-old Simeon Jocelyn, gathered together in New Haven to found the "Temple Street" church, or as they called it, the African Ecclesiastical Society.

This is a church founded in bright optimism, in the strong conviction that faith and love can overcome fear and prejudice. It was founded in a spirit of brotherhood and sisterhood, and in the finest American tradition of liberty and equality for all. And it has remained so, throughout the 190 years of its existence.

Indeed, the virtues that informed the founding of Dixwell have breathed through the congregation ever since. Now, as it was almost two centuries ago, Dixwell is still a place of hope and perseverance, of charity and compassion, of freedom, equality, and love.

I am exceedingly proud to honor the 190th anniversary of Dixwell church and its congregation today. And I hope very much it continues its proud role in the life of New Haven for many centuries to come.

“ECONOMIC RESEARCH SUGGESTS LAYING OFF LAYOFFS”

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, at my recent visit to a very important charitable organization known as Gifts to Give, in New Bedford, Massachusetts, I had a conversation with Dr. Steve Russell, who is the Superintendent of Schools in the town of Dartmouth. Gifts to Give, by the way, is an extremely creative organization that collects toys and other items important for children and distributes them to children in need. Stating it the way I have does not do justice to the extraordinarily creative, interactive organization known as Gifts to Give, and I am deeply impressed with the work of Jim Stevens, who has created something that benefits both the donors and the recipients alike, and gives people an extraordinary opportunity to engage in the most rewarding form of community service.

During my conversation with Dr. Russell, he handed me a copy of an article that had appeared in Newsweek on February 15th, written by Barbara Pfeffer. In the article, Professor Pfeffer makes a compelling case, drawing on academic research as well as sound argument, that reliance on layoffs, as a way of dealing with short-term economic distress for companies, is not only socially damaging, but economically unwise as well.

Madam Speaker, it is too long an article to be printed here entirely, so I did want to give

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