

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF THE CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL'S CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

### HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 23, 2010*

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, today I honor the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of that remarkable organization and celebration of that milestone by one of the BSA's premier institutions, the Chester County Council headquartered in West Chester, Pennsylvania.

As we well know, the BSA is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. The Boy Scouts provide a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness. For a century, the BSA has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The Boy Scouts of America believes—and, through a century of experience, knows—that helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society.

It is the purpose of the Chester County Council to provide the communities of Chester County in Pennsylvania and the northwestern corner of Cecil County in Maryland with the finest of Scouting programs and services. They have done so admirably since 1910 with the fledgling West Chester Troop 1. The following year a more robust Paoli Troop 1 was formed and today it is the oldest continuously documented troop in Chester County.

The Chester County Council is comprised of four exceedingly well run districts: Lenni Lenape serving communities in the West Chester Area and Unionville-Chadds Ford School Districts; Diamond Rock serving the Phoenixville Area, Great Valley, and Treddyfferin-Easttown School Districts; Horseshoe Trail serving the Downingtown Area, Coatesville Area, Owen J. Roberts, and Chester County portions of Twin Valley and Spring-Ford School Districts; and Octoraro serving the Avon Grove, Kennett Consolidated, Octorara, Oxford School Districts and the Cecil County, Maryland communities of Rising Sun and Conowingo. Together these impressive organizations offer 151 sponsored clubs with approximately 13,000 members.

Joining the Chester County Council in its centennial celebration will be two American heroes, Drs. Vincent and Vance Moss. Vince, a cardiothoracic surgeon, and Vance, a renal transplant surgeon, earned the rank of Eagle Scout at the age of 14. Soon after, they joined the Civil Air Patrol to earn the second highest honor in that organization—the Amelia Earhart award. Drs. Moss and Moss earned their undergraduate degrees in Science from Pennsylvania State University and medical degrees from Temple University School of Medicine.

While at Temple, Drs. Moss and Moss initiated "Increase the Peace" rallies in and around Philadelphia to help combat violent crimes against African Americans. After graduating from medical school, they were each commissioned as a Captain in the United States Army Medical Corps in 1998, and promoted to Major in 2004. In the course of their military service, these two extraordinary humanitarians have deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq as members of the U.S. Army Reserves where they have rendered inestimable assistance to Afghan and Iraqi civilians and our Soldiers in the field. They are role models of the first order and epitomize all that is right in Scouting and the United States of America.

The Boy Scouts' record of achievement is exemplary, and I join all of the good people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and our nation in wishing the Boy Scouts of America and its Chester County Council another century of invaluable service to our community.

TRIBUTE TO THE EXCELLENCE OF SCHOOLS IN THE 4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF IOWA

### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 23, 2010*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the excellence of schools in the 4th Congressional District of Iowa, and to specifically congratulate the fourteen high schools in the district that made the list of America's Best High Schools.

U.S. News and World Reports compiled a list of America's Best High Schools by using a formula produced in collaboration with Standard and Poor's School Evaluation Services, a K-12 data research group. Each school was measured and evaluated in a three-step process that analyzes how schools are educating all of their students, then minority and disadvantaged students, and finally their college bound students based on student scores on statewide tests, Advanced Placement tests, and International Baccalaureate tests.

Of the more than 21,500 high schools in the United States, 1,189 earned a Bronze ranking. I am proud to congratulate Corwith-Wesley High School in Corwith; Eagle Grove High School in Eagle Grove; Graettinger/Terril High School in Graettinger; Kee High School in Lansing; Perry High School in Perry; Pomeroy High School in Pomeroy; North Central Junior-Senior High School in Manly; Nashua-Plainfield High School in Nashua; Lake Mills Senior High School in Lake Mills; Turkey Valley Junior-Senior High School in Jackson Junction; Ruthven-Ayrshire High School in Ruthven; Rockwell City-Lytton High School in Rockwell City; West Marshall High School in State Center; and Woden-Crystal Lake-Titonka High School in Crystal Lake; for all earning Bronze rankings. These high schools characterize the high value Iowans have always placed in quality education.

I consider it a great honor to represent the teachers, students, school board members and administrations of each of the fourteen high schools in the 4th Congressional District who made the list of one of America's Best High Schools in the United States Congress. I wish these schools, and all educators in the 4th Congressional District continued academic excellence as they provide a positive impact on our future generations to come.

RETIREMENT OF JOHN B. CATOE, JR., FROM THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 23, 2010*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize John B. Catoe, Jr., who was born and raised in the District of Columbia and returned home to one of the toughest jobs in Washington, the General Manager of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA or Metro, which includes the Metrorail, Metrobus and MetroAccess systems). Mr. Catoe is retiring from the agency he led into a new era, the transition from construction of the system toward a core mission of safely operating and modernizing the system. Undertaking such a dramatic change in culture, attitude, and mission is not for the faint of heart. John Catoe was the first general manager of WMATA to take this giant leap forward, and doing so has not been an easy task.

He met the problems of WMATA as he walked into the agency. The agency itself had churned through four general managers in the span of about a year. In the weeks before and after his arrival in January 2007, four pedestrians were fatally struck by Metrobuses. A train derailed, sending 20 people to the hospital. Fire and smoke caused major delays during the morning commute on the busiest Metrorail line. A Metrobus caught fire. Reports of three suspicious packages disrupted the morning commute on a busy day.

Mr. Catoe convened weekend safety meetings with bus operators and supervisors. He established a mentor program for new bus operators, and saw to it that more than 3,200 bus operators were trained to understand traffic from a pedestrian's perspective. His intense efforts effectively put an end to the spate of pedestrian fatalities involving Metrobus.

Catoe faced nearly insurmountable challenges with grace and strength. He expertly navigated a political thicket within the highest levels of government when billions of dollars in funding were at stake for the extension of Metrorail to Tysons Corner and Dulles Airport. Those extensions will go forward due in no small part to John Catoe's leadership.

He helped bring a successful conclusion to the five-year effort to secure a source of dedicated funding for WMATA, which has been

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