

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THE RECOGNITION OF 25 YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE OFFICERS AND INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, as I did last year, I rise today to congratulate and recognize outstanding employees of the Officers (Clerk of the House, Sergeant at Arms, and Chief Administrative Officer) and Inspector General of the U.S. House of Representatives who have reached the milestone of 25 years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Our most important asset in the House is our dedicated employees, and their work, often behind the scenes, is vital in keeping the operations and services of the House running smoothly and efficiently. The employees we recognize today are acknowledged and commended for their hard work, dedication, and support of House Members, their staffs and constituents, and for their contributions day-in and day-out to the overall operations of the House. These employees have a wide range of responsibilities that support the legislative process, assure the security of the institution, and maintain our technology and service infrastructure. They have accomplished a great many things in a wide range of activities, and the House of Representatives and its Members, staff, and the general public, are better served because of them. The individuals we honor today have collectively provided four hundred fifty (450) years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives:

Linda Cain, Office of the Clerk;
John Clarke, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;
Corliss Clemons-James, Office of the Clerk;
Jodi Detwiler, Office of the Clerk;
KaSandra R. Greenhow, Office of the Sergeant at Arms;
Tina Hanonu, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;
Monroe Holliday, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;
Dorothy M. Jennings, Office of the Sergeant at Arms;
Deborah Jones, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;
Steven Kaeser, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;
Olga Kornacki, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;
Mary O'Brien, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;
Beth Pence, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;
Robert Ransom, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;
Sarah Ricanek, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;
Bruce Roland, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;

Anthony Scott, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;

Linda Rawl Shealy, Office of the Sergeant at Arms.

On behalf of the entire House community, I extend congratulations and once again recognize and thank these employees for their commitment to the U.S. House of Representatives as a whole, and to their respective House Officers and Inspector General in particular. Their long hours and hard work are invaluable, and their years of unwavering service, dedication, and commitment to the House set an example for their colleagues and other employees who will follow in their footsteps. I celebrate our honorees, and I am proud to stand before you and the nation on their behalf to recognize the importance of their public service.

HONORING PATRICIA YUNGCLAS

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great achievement by Patricia Yungclas of Webster City, Iowa. Patricia was named an Iowa Master Farm Homemaker by Wallace Farmer magazine. She was joined by three other farm homemakers who were recognized during a ceremony in Des Moines on September 10, 2010.

Since 1940, Wallace Farmer has been a sponsor of the Iowa Master Farm Homemaker Award. The honor recognizes these women for their fine work with their families, homes and community service.

The example set by Patricia demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and community service. Her triumph is an honor that we all can admire and be proud of.

I am honored to represent Patricia Yungclas in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues join me in congratulating Patricia and wishing her continued success.

HONORING MR. ABEBAW "MUNA" MERNE FEKI

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the passing of an esteemed leader in the Ethiopian American community and prominent entrepreneur, beloved to family and friends.

Born on March 31, 1962, Mr. Abebaw Merne Feki, affectionately known as "Muna," was raised in the Bole-Kotebe neighborhood of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Following the American dream like many before him, he immigrated to America in 1991. Muna was a small business owner and entre-

preneur at heart, buying a 7-Eleven in San Jose, California, which is home to a large Ethiopian community. Muna introduced Ethiopian products to the store, becoming the first ever franchise location to stock such merchandise. Recognizing the needs of the local community, his cultural infusion brought the business great success.

To serve the large Ethiopian community in San Jose, Muna and his wife opened Zeni's Restaurant, offering authentic Ethiopian-style cuisine. Zeni's Restaurant remains immensely popular among both Ethiopians and non-Ethiopians, considered by many to be the best Ethiopian restaurant in the Bay Area.

Not only did Muna establish a flourishing restaurant, he also created a warm and inclusive community environment for people of all backgrounds. Sharing his love of Ethiopian history and culture with all who entered, Muna made Zeni's Restaurant a central gathering point for the Ethiopian community in San Jose. Through such accomplishments he became an ambassador of the Ethiopian community.

As a patron of his restaurant, Muna and I became friends. He spoke of Ethiopian life and culture, and the struggles of Ethiopian and Ethiopian Americans. As a result of his efforts, I was inspired to found and chair the Congressional Caucus on Ethiopia and Ethiopian Americans, which seeks to support and advance the interests of Ethiopian and Ethiopian Americans across our nation.

I stand here today in great thanks for, and in high regard of, Muna's entrepreneurial talents and civic involvement. Muna's legacy will continue to serve generations of Ethiopian Americans. It is my hope that his legacy inspires others to support their own communities and educate others about the diverse history and traditions of their cultures. He will be missed greatly by the Silicon Valley community.

ENTERPRISE WHEAT RIDGE LORETTA DITIRRO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Enterprise Wheat Ridge under the leadership of President, Loretta DiTirro, for receiving the 2010 Wheat Ridge City Council Partnership Award.

Enterprise Wheat Ridge was started eight years ago and has since grown to over two hundred members. This is an association of dedicated businesses working together to support business and community. By offering networking and business education classes, they have become a valuable asset to many in the city of Wheat Ridge and surrounding areas.

Their community planning efforts are noteworthy and have included the Wheat Ridge

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