

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

LETTER OF COMMENDATION FOR
MR. WILLARD "SMITTY" SMITH,
USN (RET.)

HON. E. SCOTT RIGELL

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2011

Mr. RIGELL. Mr. Speaker, it is a high honor and privilege to commend Mr. Willard Smith of Virginia Beach, a patriot known to his friends and peers affectionately simply as "Smitty."

Smitty is not only recognized for his notable military service in the United States Navy, but for his commitment to the wellbeing and recovery of more than 500 of our nation's brave but now homeless veterans. After five tours of duty in Vietnam as a Navy Seabee, Smitty serves as Executive Director at Vetshouse, a unique nonprofit organization serving homeless veterans in the Tidewater area in Virginia. Vetshouse is not a shelter, but a 12-month program providing contemporary living quarters in a group environment, assistance in job hunting, transportation, personal skills and development guidance.

For having the courage not only to turn his own life around, but for having the compassion and commitment to help his fellow man do the same; For bringing health, hope, and happiness into the lives of so many around him; And for his discipline, dedication, and devotion to our nation's treasured veterans; I hereby commend Mr. Willard "Smitty" Smith.

TRIBUTE TO MR. DARRYL ANTHONY PANDY, INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED HOUSE MUSIC PIONEER

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2011

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life and labor of Mr. Darryl Anthony Pandy who made his heavenly transition on Friday, June 10, 2011. Darryl was a gifted vocalist who elevated the House music genre to international status in the mid 1980s.

One of the most sought-after voices in the House music world, the Chicago native with a 6-1/2-octave voice range was the lead vocal on "Love Can't Turn Around," a track by Chicago's Farley (Jackmaster Funk) Keith. The record was a United States club hit, but crossed over into the mainstream in the United Kingdom on London Records in August, 1986 and peaked at number 2 on Billboard's charts five weeks later. The song's surprising European success earned Darryl a coveted British Phonographic Industry (BPI) Award for dance music. In 1997, "Love Can't Turn Around" was re-released in the UK and peaked at number 40.

Other music hits included "Animal Magnetism", "Climax", "I Love Music", "Heaven's In Your Heart", "Love Turns To Pain", and "Work Your Body". In 1999, Darryl teamed up with CZR to record "Bad Enough", and reunited with Farley on the gospel house hit "He's My Best Friend". He released "Joy" with Dutch Johnson in 2003, "Dancing" with Laurent Wolf in 2004 and in 2005, he teamed up with René Süss to release "Clap Your Hands on the Dancefloor" on German imprint Tiefenrausch Records.

Darryl, who grew up in the Cabrini-Green public housing development, was a long-time member of Chicago's Life Center Church of God in Christ under Pastor T. L. Barrett.

Mr. Speaker, I was privileged to know Darryl and I want to encourage his mother, Beverly Garrett, his siblings William Harold Washington III and Krystal Garrett and his many friends and fans to always remember to look to the hills from which comes all of their help. Darryl's talent will be missed but through his music his legacy will live on. I am honored to pay tribute to this gifted music legend.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE LATE COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR JAKE BREWER

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2011

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the life and achievements of the late Command Sergeant Major Jake Brewer.

Throughout the entirety of his life, CSM Brewer epitomized the American spirit and exceptionalism. He committed himself and his career to this nation. His love of country and pursuit of helping others made him a beloved figure around central Ohio.

CSM Brewer, a two-war veteran who earned a bronze star for valor, served this nation valiantly during the Battle of the Bulge in World War II as a combat medic and was wounded fighting in Korea. His role in these historic conflicts represented a foreshadowing of his life's mission. Akin to the way he aided others on the battlefield in Europe and Korea, CSM Brewer went on to become a famed veterans' advocate in central Ohio.

During his stellar career serving veterans, CSM Brewer held many influential positions and acquired many distinct honors and accolades. He was a state commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and executive director of the United Service Organization (USO) of Central and Southern Ohio. Quite fittingly, the USO lounge at Port Columbus bears his name. Also, he helped construct the Military Veterans Education Foundation which assists in running Columbus' Veterans Day Parade

and Armed Forces Luncheon. In my opinion, Jake was a human being of immeasurable quality, one who possessed a winning character and benevolent nature. I and many other Ohioans were proud to have known him.

After 87 years of life, Jake Brewer recently passed away leaving a legacy of unwavering service to his country and to central Ohio. In light of his contributions and service, I believe he remains worthy of immense respect and admiration. He will be a sorely missed member of our community and his influence will resonate for years to come.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT COMMANDER STEPHEN A. MARTY, UNITED STATES NAVY

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2011

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Lieutenant Commander Stephen A. Marty as he prepares to leave the Navy's Appropriations Matters Office (FMBE) after three years of dedicated service to my distinguished colleagues of the House Appropriations Committee. Lieutenant Commander Marty's high energy approach and solid effort to foster relationships with Members of Congress and Congressional Staff ensured my staff received timely and accurate information on the Department of the Navy's medical programs. This account is especially important to me because it directly impacts our nation's wounded warriors.

I have worked with Lieutenant Commander Marty throughout his tenure in FMBE. His expertise in representing Navy Medical programs worth over \$6 billion annually helped the Department of the Navy achieve strategic and budgetary objectives for all medical accounts, including critical supplies and equipment for our nation's war fighters and wounded warriors. Additionally, Lieutenant Commander Marty meticulously planned and executed several challenging international Congressional Delegations for the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. Throughout each trip he ensured that the Subcommittee achieved its aims.

Lieutenant Commander Marty's outstanding tenure in FMBE exemplified the dedicated leadership, superb professionalism, and unwavering integrity that is the hallmark of a fine Naval officer. Through his duties as a Congressional Appropriations Liaison, he has had a positive influence on the Navy, its Sailors and Officers. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues today in saying thank you to Lieutenant Commander Stephen A. Marty for his dedication and service throughout his distinguished tour in FMBE.

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