EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF U.S. MARINE CORPS SERGEANT CHAD D. FROKJER

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 23, 2011

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and courage of U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Chad D. Frokjer of Maplewood, Minnesota.

Sergeant Frokjer was a member of a dismounted patrol conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan when an improvised explosive device detonated, killing him on June 30, 2011. The convoy commander of a mobile assault team for the Battalion's Alpha Company, he was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force based in Camp Pendleton, California.

A graduate of North High School in North Saint Paul, Minnesota, Sergeant Frokjer, 27, joined the Marine Corps in 2003. He served two tours in Iraq before being deployed most recently to Afghanistan on March 27, and was scheduled to leave the military in October, 2012.

Sergeant Frokjer's father, Brian, recalls that his son enlisted in the Marines after the tragedy of September 11, 2001. His love for the United States is what inspired him to ''make sure nothing like that ever happened again.'' Every wall in his childhood bedroom is covered with photos and documents highlighting his eight years as a Marine, from the photo of him with his friend and fellow Marine sergeant, Eric Oden, to his top citation for excellence in navigation curriculum which he received during his time at Camp Pendleton. The photos depict just a handful of the many that knew and loved him. He is remembered for his passionate commitment to working with his fellow servicemen to serve the citizens of the United States, as represented by the trophy he won for his outstanding performance during an infantry squad leader course.

Sergeant Frokjer married Leslie, the love of his life, last fall. In January of this year, the couple was elated to learn that they were expecting a baby, due September 28. Their unborn son, Eli James Frokjer, will never know his father, but he will know that his father died while valiantly defending this country and the freedoms which he loved dearly. Eli James will know that his country is safer because of his father's courageous and honorable sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the life of Sgt. Chad D. Frokjer for his brave and honorable service to the United States and his commitment to protecting our freedom. I extend my deepest sympathies to Sergeant Frokjer's widow, Leslie, his parents, Arlene and Brian, and his sister, Nikki, for their profound loss.

EVRAZ PUEBLO STEEL TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 23, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Evraz Pueblo Steel and its importance to Pueblo and the entire State of Colorado. I want to share a good news story about this business in my district that is not only a success story but a company that is meeting the challenges of global competition.

The Evraz Pueblo steel mill has—for more than 100 years—provided steel made in Colorado to projects throughout America and the world. Today it is the largest employer in Pueblo with 1,200 workers; its workforce has expanded by more than 10 percent in just the past year.

In these tough economic times, it's great to report on a business that's expanding and creating high-quality, family-sustaining jobs. But the impact of the Pueblo mill goes beyond those workers and their families. It is a major economic engine for the region and the potential expansion shows the commitment the company has to the continued economic growth of the region.

The company reports that last year it invested $36 million with nearly 400 Colorado-based suppliers. These figures include more than 200 suppliers in the Pueblo area, which represents a $24 million infusion into Pueblo's economy.

The company shared with me the fact that this facility is looked to by others in the steel industry as an innovator in efficient operations that put top-flight environmental protection at a premium. Evraz Pueblo has achieved this status by taking proactive steps to assure environmental protection, investing $30 million in environmental improvements since 2008. Today, Evraz Pueblo uses the lowest-emitting commercially available method of steel production.

Coupling economic success with strong, proactive environmental protection proves that the two are not antagonistic or mutually exclusive. In fact, I would argue that the best companies are those that make both a priority.

In these difficult economic times, we are often focused on the struggles of our manufacturing base coupled with widespread job losses. These challenges are touching every corner of our country. It is important, when we can to point out companies that are beating the odds, growing their job base and expanding market share in a globally competitive economy. I am pleased that the Evraz Pueblo steel mill, in Colorado's Third Congressional District, is a shining example of a growing company that couples economic success with environmental protection.

Mr. Speaker, this is an impressive manufacturing facility. I commend the employees and the company for the great job they are doing together in Pueblo.

HONORING SANTA CLARA COUNTY ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY ROLANDA PIERRE-DIXON UPON HER RETIREMENT

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 23, 2011

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and commend Santa Clara County Assistant District Attorney Rolanda Pierre-Dixon who is retiring in August after over 30 years of service. Ms. Pierre-Dixon's tenure has been marked by professionalism, universal respect, style and grace.

By the time Ms. Pierre-Dixon entered ninth grade, she knew that she would be an attorney. Her call to service came when, at that young age, she learned that lawyers ''speak for those who can't speak for themselves.'' She applied herself with the aim of achieving that goal and graduated from San Jose State University and Santa Clara University School of Law.

In her professional life, Ms. Pierre-Dixon has become an expert in the prosecution of domestic violence crimes. She gained this expertise in a very personal way when a friend sought her help in getting out of an abusive relationship. Seeking to give the abused a voice, in 1991, Ms. Pierre-Dixon started the Domestic Violence Unit in the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office and supervised that unit for over 17 years. This unit now reviews over 4,400 cases per year. She also serves as the Office Liaison on Human Trafficking, and she has been the Supervisor of the Family Violence Unit, Victim Witness Advocates, Criminal Issuing and the Victim Restitution Unit.

Tireless in her efforts to speak for those who can't speak for themselves, Ms. Pierre-Dixon serves on numerous committees and holds an executive office position on the Domestic Violence Council. She chairs the Domestic Violence Review Committee, is a Senior Fellow of the American Leadership Forum Silicon Valley, Advisory Board Member of the SJSU School of Nursing, Board Member of the SJSU Administration of Justice Bureau, and a Member of the State Bar Commission on Access and Fairness.

I know I join many others in Santa Clara County in thanking Ms. Pierre-Dixon for her indefatigable efforts to prevent and end domestic violence in our community, and I wish her well upon her retirement.

HONORING DR. ROBERT L. MOORE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 23, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of community member Dr. Robert L. Moore for his 16 years of work with Clinic Ole, in Napa, California.

Dr. Moore studied at the University of California-Berkeley, where he majored in biochemistry. He later went on to earn a Master's degree in Public Health from Columbia University and a Medical degree from the University of California San Francisco Medical School.

In 1995, two years after graduating medical school, he joined Clinic Ole, a small non-profit clinic which served 4,000 patients a year at the time. In 1998, Dr. Moore was given the position of Medical Director and the clinic had expanded its capacity to serve 15,000 patients annually. Since then, Clinic Ole has continued to experience rapid growth due to Dr. Moore's leadership and tireless commitment to provide compassionate and high quality health care. He was the driving force behind the clinic's implementation of electronic health records and the re-engineering of patient visits, which allows the clinic to provide same-day or same-week appointments for all patients, which now number more than 22,000 each year.

Dr. Moore has served on the Board of Directors of Healthy Moms and Babies, and is the Medical Director for Redwood Community Health Coalition, a coalition of community health centers across northern California. Over the years, his passion for community health has led him to win several awards, including the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Napa County Hispanic Network in 2008 and the Hero Award from the California Primary Care Association in 2009.

Dr. Moore is being recognized for his many achievements in providing high quality health care to Napa County residents, and for his role as a dedicated teacher and mentor to the Clinic Ole staff.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we acknowledge Dr. Robert L. Moore for his 16 years of devoted service to the Napa Valley Community.

RECOGNIZING THE HAMPTON CLASSIC HORSE SHOW

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 23, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a staple of summer life on the East End of Long Island for nearly four decades—the Hampton Classic Horse Show. Taking place from August 28 to September 4, the Hampton Classic celebrates its 36th anniversary in 2011 as one of the nation's premier hunter/jumper horse shows and Long Island's prime summer social event.

The Hampton Classic traces its roots to the earliest years of the twentieth century, when local equestrian enthusiasts gathered in the fields overlooking Lake Agawam in Southampton for the inaugural ''Horse Show.'' The Horse Show quickly gathered a large following among the East End's residents through its tenure as the Hamptons' preeminent celebration. Eventually interrupted by World War II, the energy behind the Horse Show waned during the forties and fifties, and the exhibition ceased operations.

In the late 1960s, momentum gathered for a revival of the Horse Show to fulfill the growing interest in one of the Hamptons' favorite pastimes. In the early years of the revitalized Southampton Horse Show, the social activities surrounding the event became as popular as the horse jumping itself. However, in 1976, Marie-Christophe de Menil proposed to expand the Southampton Horse Show from a local event to five-day ''A'' rated event that would draw top riders and horses from around the country. In 1977, the Hampton Classic formally incorporated the Southampton Horse Show. This merger resulted in the Hampton Classic as it has been commonly known ever since.

The Hampton Classic is a boon to local charities and philanthropic organizations across Long Island, including the Southampton Hospital, ASPCA, Stony Brook University Medical Center, Sag Harbor Food Pantry, and Bridgehampton Fire Department to name just a few. Notably, the Hampton Classic also hosts the finals of the Long Island Horse Show Series for Riders with Disabilities.

This year, the Hampton Classic will feature approximately 1,600 horses from around the world and will award roughly $700,000 in prizes. Expecting close to 50,000 over the course of the Classic, the show will result in millions of dollars stimulating our local economy.

While it takes scores of dedicated staff members and sponsors to organize an event of this magnitude, I would be remiss if I did not specifically point out the contributions of Betty Knight Scripps. I would like to thank Ms. Scripps for her continued support of not only the Hampton Classic, but also for the other numerous philanthropic endeavors in which she participates. As co-founder of the Edward W. and Betty Knight Scripps Foundation with her late husband, Edward, Ms. Scripps is exalted on Long Island for her support of groups such as the American Red Cross, the Mayo Clinic, and the Thomas Jefferson Foundation for nearly 30 years.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the Hampton Classic for its contributions to eastern Long Island. I am proud to represent and recognize this celebrated institution in my district, and I wish good luck to all organizers, riders, spectators, and sponsors as they enjoy this wonderful event.