

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO KYRIE HILLS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Kyrie Hills for her passionate devotion as a leader to inspire others through the performing arts.

Ms. Hills is the daughter of Harold and Patricia Hills and the second oldest of three siblings. Ms. Hills and her family are active members at Berean Baptist Church in Brooklyn, NY where Dr. Arlee Griffin, Jr. is their Pastor and Rev. Byron Benton is the Youth Pastor.

Ms. Hills is currently a sophomore at Clark Atlanta University where she is pursuing a degree in psychology with the aspiration to become a psychotherapist. One of her greatest passions is dance and the performing arts, where she strives to bring her community together. During the summer of 2011 Ms. Hills worked as a camp counselor at Inspired, a performing arts camp in Brooklyn, NY. That same summer she was recruited to perform in the acclaimed play "For Christian Girls", written and directed by Termaine Price at Berean Baptist Church.

Ms. Hills also attends Chapel on CAU campus, and is a member of the choir and sings praises. Currently Ms. Hills is the CCO Rep of CAU Dance Theater and aspires to be President of the Dance Theater next academic year. Ms. Hills has previously served as the section leader of BCD "Royal Dame" dance line and she is the former Vice President of the Ministry of Sacred Dance at Berean Baptist Church.

Ms. Hills has been awarded several awards and was recognized for her performing arts throughout Brooklyn. In 2009 Ms. Hills performed in Dance Africa at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, was recognized by the National Council of Negro Women, and received the Joseph A.E. Jones "Youth of the Year Award" for outstanding and dedicated service to the Youth Ministry at Berean Baptist Church.

Aside from her extraordinary accomplishments in the performing arts, Ms. Hills also performs community service in Atlanta with the NAACP, while also mentoring children at the Booker T Washington Middle School with a group called Lady B Fly.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of Ms. Kyrie Hills.

MR. WALLACE L. BOYLE

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Wallace L. Boyle Jr. of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, for his faithful and dedicated service

to the United States of America through turbulent times.

Wallace Boyle joined the Army Air Corps in 1940. At that time, there was no draft, so an enlistee could choose where he wanted to be stationed. Mr. Boyle selected Hawaii as his duty station, and he was sent to Wheeler Air Field. This put him about 24 miles from Pearl Harbor on the morning of December 7, 1941. The Japanese flew over and attacked Wheeler Air Field on the way to the naval base. The Japanese attack on Wheeler destroyed two-thirds of the aircraft at the field.

On that morning, Wallace Boyle was in the mess hall. He was just handed a plate of pancakes when the first bomb struck. Mr. Boyle ran outside and began helping his wounded comrades. More than 2,400 American lives were lost on that day, and almost 1,300 were injured.

During World War II, Mr. Boyle served at Andover Airfield in England, in France, in Belgium, and in Germany. He was discharged from the Army in 1945.

Mr. Speaker, Wallace L. Boyle Jr., who is only months away from his 90th birthday, is a fine example of the faithful and dedicated men and women that make up our Armed Forces. His selfless actions, and those of his generation, should forever be remembered and cherished by a grateful Nation.

BILL LIVINGOOD, HOUSE SERGEANT AT ARMS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POE of Texas. "Mr. Speaker, the President of the United States."

The announcement of the President at the State of the Union is how Americans have come to know the House Sergeant at Arms, Bill Livingood.

This duty is just one of many responsibilities of the House Sergeant at Arms.

He most importantly ensures the safety of Members, staff, and visitors as the chief law enforcement officer in the House.

And sadly Mr. Livingood, the third longest serving Sergeant at Arms, is retiring.

Bill is a wonderful person and accomplished public servant.

He has served the House since 1998 through some of the most trying times in our history and previously served our country as a member of the Secret Service.

I've known Bill for over 25 years beginning when I was a Judge in Texas, and he was the head of the Secret Service field office in Houston. His agents would file cases that were sometimes heard in my court.

I am sad to see him go but he has made a mark on this institution with improvements in security and steadfast leadership that is a model for all who serve in the people's house.

Congratulations on your retirement, Bill, and thank you for your service to the House of

Representatives and the United States of America.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING BRENT BAIR

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man that needs no introduction in Michigan, nor the transportation and intelligent transportation network in the country.

After 34 years of public service to the Road Commission for Oakland County, Brent Bair will be retiring at the end of the year. A pillar of the community, Mr. Bair has a long and distinguished resume.

Serving as the Managing Director of the Road Commission for Oakland County, his department is responsible for the largest county road system in Michigan, second in size to the state highway system, and currently operates the second largest system of adaptive traffic signals in the nation. He is widely respected as a leading expert on road funding in Michigan and has been an advocate on behalf of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and ITS funding. He is a founding member and past president of the Intelligent Transportation Society of Michigan as well as an active member in and former chairman of the national ITS association, ITS America.

As the Chairman of the Intelligent Transportation Systems' Caucus in the House of Representatives, I have long looked to Brent for advice and guidance on good governance and ITS policy. Early on I recognized the benefits to including technological advances in our cars, highways and infrastructure. Through educational programs and ongoing efforts by Brent and ITS Michigan, Congress has recognized that in this economic climate of doing more with less, ITS solutions are an important step towards fiscal responsibility and more importantly, smart solutions.

A tireless advocate for his community, Brent Bair will be missed. I wish him and his family all the best in the years to come.

HONORING SUPREME COURT JUSTICE FRANK A. SEDITA, JR.

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a moment to have the House pause in its deliberations this morning to honor New York State Supreme Court Justice Frank A. Sedita, Jr., whose three decade judicial career will end this year. The Judge, best known to friends and family as "Chickie," is among the most

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