

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN LEIDE
WILLIAM DEFUSCO

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Leide William DeFusco of Pueblo, Colorado. Capt. DeFusco served as a police officer, SWAT team member and field training officer for over twenty years. Capt. DeFusco was tragically killed in the line of duty, while conducting a narcotics investigation over the San Isabel Forest.

Born in Pueblo on September 15, 1968, Capt. DeFusco attended Trinidad State Junior College, where he was elected Student Body President and graduated with a degree in criminal justice. Capt. DeFusco then accepted a position at the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office, and excelled as a dedicated officer, trainer and detective.

Later, Capt. DeFusco achieved the rank of Commander in the SWAT team and succeeded as a lead instructor. Capt. DeFusco leaves behind his wife, Wendy, four beloved children and a host of family and friends, including those fellow officers with whom he was proud to serve.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Capt. Leide William DeFusco. I rise today on behalf of the citizens of Colorado's 3rd Congressional District, who are proud to call such a courageous man one of their own.

IN RECOGNITION OF NAVY WEEK
2012

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of 2012 Navy Week, held from August 27th through September 4th in the Greater Cleveland, Ohio area—just one of 15 cities selected from across the nation.

In each of the 15 cities, Navy Week events for local residents will include the Blue Angels Navy Flight Demonstration Team; the Leap Frogs Navy Parachute Team; visiting ships from the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, and the Royal Canadian Navy; Navy Band musical performances; Admirals and several other senior leaders within the Navy who will interact with local business, government, and educational leaders; Navy simulator and interactive displays; visits to area schools; community service projects; and visits with local veterans.

Navy Week in Cleveland was a special event as it ran in conjunction with the commemoration of the bicentennial of both the War of 1812 and our country's national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner." Cleveland Navy Week included a special ceremony held

on Sunday, August 26th aboard the USS COD Submarine Memorial to honor two local Ohioans, World War II veteran James Tedrick and Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran Michael Dobec, with combat medals presented by Senator Sherrod Brown. A few of the other special events included a performance at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame by the Navy Band, a Navy diver demonstration in the shark tank at the Greater Cleveland Aquarium, and Navy sailors working together with Habitat for Humanity to help build a home in Lakewood, Ohio.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the celebration of the 2012 Cleveland Navy Week.

THE DEATH OF LARRY GRANT

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, it is my regrettable duty to report the death of a great American, Larry Grant. Mr. Grant died on August 22, 2012 in Torrance, California. He was 86. Perhaps more than any other person, Mr. Grant was responsible for founding the parade commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King that was the first in Los Angeles and became one of the largest in the nation.

Mr. Grant was instrumental in starting the Kingdom Day Parade where thousands of spectators lined the streets to celebrate civil rights leader Dr. King. With a deep love for his country, Mr. Grant was driven by passion to create a platform to showcase past and present black leaders in the community and hopefully inspire the youth. Mr. Grant traveled the three-mile route in South Los Angeles with a procession of colorful floats, marching bands and dance troupes trailing behind.

Mr. Grant created the yearly event as an entertaining way to unite the community. It also became a means of mending wounds. In the aftermath of the 1992 Los Angeles riots, when tensions were still thick between Korean store owners and black residents, Grant appointed a Korean taekwondo master to serve as co-chair.

Mr. Grant was one of the pioneers of Black bankers in the State of California. After serving 20 years in the Army, including World War II and the Korean War, he earned a degree in banking from the University of Maryland. He was the President and CEO of Pacific Coast Bank in San Diego, California where he started banking in 1964 until his retirement in 1984.

In 1979, his colleagues encouraged Mr. Grant to form the nonprofit National Cultural Corp. A year later Mr. Grant threw the first King parade in San Diego, before the civil rights activist's birthday was recognized as a national holiday. Mr. Grant was eager to bring the parade's success to Los Angeles. On January 20, 1986, Los Angeles hosted the first

Kingdom Day Parade. It was also the first year that King's birthday was celebrated as a federal holiday.

I remember fondly Mr. Grant's devotion to keeping the legacy of Dr. King alive through the annual Kingdom Day Parade in Los Angeles. He earned the love and respect from countless people through his selfless acts. Mr. Grant was a leader in the community and was instrumental in sharing Dr. King's philosophy with future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for a moment of silence in memory of Larry Grant.

IN HONOR OF MAYOR VINCENT
SCRIBONI

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Vincent Scriboni for his years of tireless public service to the Borough of Oaklyn, New Jersey. Mayor Scriboni was a pillar of his community who devoted his time to the community as a Councilman and Mayor.

Mayor Scriboni dedicated his life to serving his community members and our country. As a Navy veteran from World War II, Mayor Scriboni served with distinction in order to protect the freedoms that all of us as American citizens cherish.

Serving in the U.S. Navy was only the beginning of Mayor Scriboni's service to the Nation. He served as a Councilman for seventeen years and Mayor of Oaklyn for eight years. During his time in office, Mayor Scriboni was known as the "People's Mayor" because of his can-do attitude and willingness to volunteer to take on community projects. Among his many accomplishments, Mayor Scriboni managed Oaklyn's budget and was able to renovate the public works department without creating a deficit. In addition, Mayor Scriboni combined the two fire companies of Oaklyn, making the fire company more efficient and cost effective while still meeting the needs of residents. In concert with these efforts, Mayor Scriboni organized a coalition of local mayors that could share equipment and services. The coalition also saved the town money because the townships could make joint purchases on new equipment. Mayor Scriboni's excellent budgetary skills allowed him to increase the police force from six members to eleven members, which increased safety in the town.

Furthermore, Vincent Scriboni was a member of several organizations dedicated to giving back to the Oaklyn community, including serving as commander of his VFW Post 4463 and participating in the Oaklyn chapter of American Legion Riders, Post 84. Mayor Scriboni led the efforts to help fellow veterans get the care they needed by providing transportation to the VA Hospital. Along with his VFW Post, the Mayor also participated in Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy, which are

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