

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING AMMA SRI  
KARUNAMAYI

**HON. BILL FOSTER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 10, 2013*

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor Amma Sri Karunamayi, a Hindu spiritual leader who has devoted her life to serving humanity.

Amma has devoted her life to the service of others, through her charitable works in India feeding the poor; building free schools, housing, an orphanage and a hospital; and through her efforts to teach meditation and peaceful living. Since 1995, Amma has been making trips to the United States to lead public meditation programs and share discourses on peace, tolerance and religious harmony.

This weekend she will travel to the Balaji Temple in Aurora, Illinois, to share her message of peace, tolerance and harmony.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Amma Sri Karunamayi, whose commitment to helping others has served as inspiration around the world.

HONORING MR. PHIL LEWIS

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 10, 2013*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Phil Lewis, and to congratulate him on his retirement. Mr. Lewis is an outstanding individual who has served as executive editor of the Naples Daily News since 1997.

Mr. Lewis began his journalism career in Washington Court House, Ohio, as a sports editor and city editor of the Record-Herald. His career with the Naples Daily News however began in 1978, when he joined the paper as a reporter. His stellar work as a reporter earned him a quick promotion to city editor. From there he became managing editor of the newspaper in 1989, a position he held for eight years. Finally, in 1997 he was promoted to editor.

Under his leadership the Naples Daily News, and its employees, have been recognized locally, at the state level, and nationally. The paper has received numerous awards during Mr. Lewis' time as editor, and has developed a national reputation for excellence. For example, in 2003 the paper was given the Scripps Howard National Journalism Award for environmental reporting with "Gulf in Peril", a 15-part series documenting the declining health of the Gulf of Mexico. In 2006 the newspaper's website received Editor & Publisher's EPPy Award when it was named Best Internet News Service under 1 million unique monthly visitors.

Having known Mr. Lewis for a little over a decade, I know that he has consistently dem-

onstrated the highest degree of integrity. He has been dedicated to his profession and has worked tirelessly to ensure thorough, fair, and insightful news reporting. The employees and subscribers to the Naples Daily News have truly been lucky to have such an exceptional editor heading their newspaper.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Phil Lewis for his tremendous service to Naples, and the Naples Daily News and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

TRIBUTE TO COMMAND SERGEANT  
MAJOR LAWRENCE VANCE

**HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 10, 2013*

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished military career of West Virginia National Guard Command Sergeant Major Lawrence Ray Vance. CSM Vance's service is one of honor and devotion; to which the people of West Virginia and the United States of America owe a tremendous debt of gratitude.

Lawrence Vance began serving his country in 1971 when he enlisted in the United States Army. Following a short stint as a civilian, Vance joined the WVNG in 1975 and embarked on a journey that would take him around the globe. He began as an Armor Crewman at Fort Hood, Texas, and gained extensive experience as a Tank Commander at Camp Casey, Korea; Fort Benning, Georgia; Ferris Barracks, Germany; and Fort Polk, Louisiana. He returned to WV in 1981 as a Motor Sergeant with the WVNG, later earning the rank of Command Sergeant Major after completing the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy Course in June of 2005. In the same year, he was promoted to the fourth highest position of leadership in the WVNG, State Enlisted Leader.

CSM Vance has received a host of awards and decorations throughout his service to our country, including the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medals, Achievement Medals, Good Conduct Medals, and Reserve Components Achievement Medals, among many others. In addition to the federal awards, CSM Vance received state recognition in the form of multiple WV Achievement Ribbons, Emergency Service Ribbons, State Service Ribbons, and Minute Man Ribbons, as well as a North Carolina Achievement Ribbon for his service to the state.

CSM Vance lives in Charleston, West Virginia, with his wife, Ute. Together they have five children and sixteen grandchildren, many of whom followed their father's footsteps through work in the military or ministry.

On May 31, 2013 CSM Vance will retire from the WVNG after 38 years, 5 months, and 18 days of commendable service. Mr. Speak-

er, on behalf of the State of West Virginia and the United States of America, I would like to thank CSM Lawrence Vance for his years of selfless service to our state and country.

ANIMAL DRUG AND ANIMAL  
GENERIC DRUG USER FEE REAU-  
THORIZATION ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 3, 2013*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I oppose the Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Reauthorization Act of 2013 (S. 622).

While the Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Reauthorization Act of 2013 (S. 622) will improve the FDA's ability to evaluate and process the approval of drugs for use in animals, it fails to require the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to also address the growing overuse of antibiotics fed to our nation's livestock that ends up on our dinner tables.

According to the New York Times article of June 2, 2013 ("Pressure Grows to Create Drugs for 'Superbugs'"), America is facing a worsening crisis in which drug development has not kept pace with the growth of resistant bacterial strains. More than 70,000 Americans die each year from antibiotic resistant infections. Scientists agree that antibiotic overuse, including in animals and on farms, is a contributor to development of resistant bacteria. Congress must start to address the looming public health crisis posed by the combination of a shortage of effective antibiotics and a rising threat of antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

Congress needs to direct the FDA to develop better means of data collection and research on antibiotic use in both humans and animals. Without this information, we cannot fully understand the breadth and depth of this issue and its impact on our health. Reducing unnecessary overprescribing and overuse of antibiotics in an appropriate manner is an important step to improve both human and animal health. I urge my colleagues to vote no.

HONORING MRS. MAJORIE SNYDER  
STALLWORTH

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 10, 2013*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Marjorie Snyder Stallworth, a distinguished woman from the 24th Congressional District of the great State of Florida. In celebration of Women's History Month, I recognize her many years of leadership and service.

Mrs. Snyder Stallworth is the Co-Pastor of the Living Word of God World Wide Evangelistic Faith Ministry. She has served our

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