EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS
IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM WILSON STERRETT
HON. IKE SKELTON
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that William Wilson Sterrett, of Independence, Missouri, passed away on June 20, 1999.

Born June 15, 1909, in Slater, Missouri, Mr. Sterrett was the son of the late Joseph B. and Elizabeth Galdwell Sterrett. He married Rachel W. Finch on December 19, 1936, in Washington, DC.

Mr. Sterrett was a 1926 graduate of Slater Higher School and a 1930 graduate of Missouri Valley College in Marshall. He attended the University of Missouri-Columbia for two years and graduated from George Washington University Law School in 1935. He served as Deputy Circuit Clerk of Saline County from 1932–1934. He passed the Bar in December 1934 and practiced law in Saline County for 53 years at Sterrett Law Office. He was secretary to Congressman William Nelson in Washington, DC, from 1934–40. He was counsel to the War Production Board for a year, and the Air Transport Command for two years. He returned to Slater in 1946 where he served as city attorney from 1946–1981.

Mr. Sterret was active in the community. He served as chairman of the Saline County Red Cross and on the Slater Public School board from 1948–52. He was a member, deacon, trustee, elder and Sunday school teacher at the Slater Presbyterian Church. He was president of the Saline County Bar Association from 1983–91 and vice president from 1991–93. He was a longtime member of the Slater Rotary club where he was a past president and the club’s first Paul Harris Fellow in 1995.

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Mr. Speaker, I know the Members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his wife, Rachel; his two sons, Joseph and James; and his three grandchildren.

Mr. NETHERCUTT. Mr. Chairman, in my previous statement in support of H.R. 2561, I acknowledged the much enhanced capability of our KC–135 tanker aircraft that this bill provides. It is my hope that the Air Force will look at locating these reengined National Guard aircraft consistent with ongoing total force initiatives to maximize Guard and Active efficiencies through enhanced integration and commonality of equipment.

I am also supportive of the quality of life initiatives contained in this legislation. We have provided for significant increases in spare parts, $453 million over the request, equipment repair, $279 million over the request, and real property maintenance, $854 million over the request. We also provide an additional $88 million for soldier support equipment, such as cold weather clothing and initial issue equipment. Spare parts, well-maintained facilities and quality equipment is as important to a soldier’s morale as a pay raise, and this bill meets both requirements.

As Chairman of the Diabetes Caucus, I am pleased that the bill also supports a continuing project with the Joslin Diabetes Center, which serves to enhance the lives of military personnel and their dependents. The partnership with Joslin will reduce human suffering and health care costs associated with diabetes for DOD personnel and VA beneficiaries, using strengths in the areas of research, detection, prevention and managed care protocols.

This legislation will meet critical modernization and quality of life needs and deserves the support of all members.

IN MEMORY OF THE LATE BETTY LOU STEVENSON
HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the memory of Betty Lou Stevenson by submitting the following article from the Fullerton Observer, honoring her “life of inspiration”, for the RECORD.

From the Fullerton Observer, Issue Number 183, Tuesday, July 27, 1999

BETTY LOU STEVENSON—A LIFE OF INSPIRATION

“Service Above Self” best summarizes the extraordinary life of Betty Lou Stevenson. Over 300 community members attended her memorial at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Fullerton on June 7, 1999 to honor her enormous contributions and positive, energetic spirit. She was very proud of her Scottish heritage and a bagpiper performed at her memorial service. Those in attendance also learned some of the following about this remarkable lady.

Betty Lou was born in Portland, Oregon. Her father being a construction engineer, the family moved on average of once a year, meaning Betty Lou was perpetually the “new student” in school. She learned to “go with the flow” and be comfortable in almost any social situation. Betty Lou attended the University of Oregon from 1957–60, where as a member of the Chi Omega sorority and of the Heads of Houses she was listed in Who’s Who in America Universities and Colleges.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

SPEECH OF
HON. GEORGE R. NETHERCUTT, JR.
OF WASHINGTON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, July 22, 1999

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