

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY KIRSTEN
FRENCH AND RICHARD K. EAMER

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dorothy Kirsten French and Richard K. Eamer, co-founders of The John Douglas French Alzheimer's Foundation; and to Dennis F. Holt for his philanthropic work in advancing the research of causes of Alzheimer's disease.

I am happy to report that on Sunday, October 24, 1999, The Founding Associates will celebrate its 15th anniversary during a special ceremony that will honor Dennis F. Holt, Chairman and CEO of Western International Media, Inc., and an active member of the Board of Directors of The John Douglas French Alzheimer's Foundation. Mr. Holt has engaged in philanthropic work to advance research in the causes of Alzheimer's Disease. He has donated \$2 million of broadcast time towards public service announcements in 24 markets. He is a distinguished leader in changing the nature of advertising and media buying practices. Mr. Holt is an inspiration in perseverance and triumph over adversity. He demonstrates an uncommon commitment to help others and exemplifies this commitment with The John Douglas French Alzheimer's Foundation.

Dorothy French and Richard Eamer co-founded The John Douglass French Alzheimer Foundation to honor Dorothy's husband Dr. John Douglas, co-founder of UCLA's Brain Research Institute, and who sadly became a victim of Alzheimer's disease himself in 1989.

Since 1983, the John French Alzheimer's Foundation has been dedicated to finding the cause and cure of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. The foundation has raised more than \$18 million through its fundraising efforts, and has helped to fund the work of such noted scientists as Dr. Stanley B. Pruisner, a 1997 Nobel Laureate.

Alzheimer's is one of the most costly and debilitating of illnesses, afflicting more than four million Americans every year, slowly robbing them of their memory and ability to care for themselves. As our nation ages, and more and more families face this terrible disease, the need for organizations such as the John Douglas French Alzheimer Foundation will be increasingly important. I am pleased Congress has in recent years substantially increased the nation's investment in medical research. For the current budget year, fiscal 1999, Congress has approved a budget of \$15.6 billion, a 14 percent increase, for the National Institute of Health, which leads the nation's biomedical research effort. This increase will fund important research into understanding and treating Alzheimer's and other diseases.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in honoring Dorothy French, Richard Eamer, and Dennis Holt, three citizens committed to the finding of a cure for Alzheimer's disease and improving the lives of their fellow Americans.

TRIBUTE TO BUDDY G. BELSHE

HON. CHRISTOPHER COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Buddy G. Belshe, who has completed his 50th year as an ocean lifeguard in Orange County, California.

Buddy Belshe, a longtime lifeguard with the City of Newport Beach, California, has devoted his life to preserving the lives of others. Beginning his career in 1950, he continues to serve today working with and overseeing the number of men and women who keep our Southern California beaches safe and protected.

In addition to his service to the residents and visitors of Newport Beach, Buddy's accomplishments also include his longtime service with the United States Lifesaving Association, where he has served as both Vice President and Secretary, and on the board of the California State Lifesaving Association.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I ask my colleagues to join with me in honoring Buddy G. Belshe. It is fitting that all of us join with the family, friends, and the community of Newport Beach, California in recognizing his lifelong service and dedication to public safety.

DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATION ACT, 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 1999

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2684) making appropriations for the Department of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes:

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Chairman, once again, the Republican leadership is attempting to cut housing programs that assist our nation's most vulnerable citizens. In the midst of

one of the greatest economic expansions our country has ever known, we should be doing everything we can to help people move from homelessness to home ownership, and public housing is critical in this transition.

All the talk about revitalization and economic integration becomes mere rhetoric when we see such drastic funding cuts proposed for our nation's most impoverished communities.

While the President's budget would have increased vital investments in families and communities by \$2 billion, the Republican version of this bill, if passed, would have a devastating impact on these same communities nationwide.

In my district, Florida's third, the effects of these cuts could prove disastrous. Jacksonville stands to lose more than \$5 million if the VA-HUD bill passes, Orlando could lose \$1.9 million, and Daytona could lose \$842,000.

These cuts would be devastating to the families that rely on public housing services. The number of families with worst case housing needs—defined as paying more than 50 percent of income on rent—remains at an all-time high. Furthermore, families in the transition from welfare to work have a special need for assistance since housing is typically their greatest financial burden.

The slight increase in section 8 funding is not enough, since virtually all other housing programs designed to help the needy, such as HOPE VI, Community Development Block Grants, and of particular concern to me are the funding cuts for Brownfields clean up and development, and lead based paint abatement, especially since there is a new superfund site in my district!

Overall, the cuts represent an estimated 156,000 fewer housing units for low-income families; 16,000 homeless families and persons with AIDS who will not receive vital housing and related services; and 97,000 jobs that will not be generated in communities that need them.

For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to vote against H.R. 2684.

CONGRATULATING PHILIP J.
MCLEWIN ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Philip J. McLewin on the occasion of his retirement as president of the Bergen County Central Trades and Labor Council of the AFL-CIO. Mr. McLewin has been a dedicated and respected labor leader in northern New Jersey, fighting for the rights of working men and women as they seek to achieve the American dream. Mr. McLewin exhibited progressive leadership, building coalitions and

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