

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TEEN VIOLENCE CONFERENCE

HON. FRANK MASCARA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 14, 1999

Mr. MASCARA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor three special constituents from my district who have been selected to take part in the "Voices Against Violence Congressional Teen Conference," to be held here in Washington, D.C. on October 19th and 20th, 1999.

I am pleased to announce that after a rigorous selection process, three bright young students from my district will join 400 teenage boys and girls from around the country to take part in the "Voices Against Violence Congressional Teen Conference." Jonathan Chambers, Steven Hoak, and Seth Caton have been chosen to come to the Conference to share their views and insight into the problem of teen violence.

Violence among our youth is a concern nationwide. We, as Members of Congress, can learn a great deal from the youth of our nation. They bring to us a fresh perspective based on real-life experiences. It is our responsibility to work with them to come up with realistic solutions.

One of the purposes of the Conference will be to draft a House Resolution that will define action Congress can take to help prevent youth violence. These 400 teenagers will present us with legislation that will guide us toward helping families, schools and communities in our districts solve this tragic problem.

Jonathan, Steven, and Seth were selected to participate in this monumental event because they demonstrated a true commitment to their schools and to their communities. Jonathan is a Senior at Trinity High School in Washington County; Steven is a Sophomore at California High School, also in Washington County; and Seth is a Senior at Laurel High School in Fayette County.

I know they are looking forward to being active participants in this Conference, and I am honored to have them represent the 20th Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

TRIBUTE TO MURIEL WATSON

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 14, 1999

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding service and dedication of a hometown heroine from my district, Mrs. Muriel Watson. On November 4, 1989, Mrs. Watson assembled a group of people with 23 cars on Dairy Mart Road where they turned on their headlights and shined them into Mexico for a half-hour as a protest against

illegal drugs and aliens coming into California from across the border. Mrs. Watson's late husband had been a Border Patrol agent for 30 years.

The enthusiasm of the participants made this event such a success that Mrs. Watson began to distribute flyers to friends, and friends of friends. On December 10, 1989, Mrs. Watson held another "Light Up the Border" with 60 cars, and the following month over 100 cars participated. The event was featured on the Roger Hedgecock radio show and in February, over 200 cars took part and in March over 1,000 cars showed up. By this time, Mrs. Watson was providing participants with printed instructions, asking them to stay in their cars for 45 minutes, turn on their lights for 30 minutes and then turn them off.

At about this same time, we were able to obtain an engineering unit from the California National Guard to work on border enforcement projects. This unit, under the direction of Captain Wade Rowley, began building several roads and a 10-foot high steel fence made of surplus steel landing mats. This fence was successful in stopping drive-throughs by drug smugglers and illegal aliens, but did not prevent several people from crawling under, or climbing over the barricade. It was then that Mrs. Watson's event was brought to my attention by my District Deputy Chief of Staff, Cato Cedillo, and I felt that her concept should be applied on the border on a more permanent basis. Consequently, we have added lights, sensors, and other detection devices to assist the Border Patrol agents with their responsibilities.

Before her work with "Light Up the Border", Mrs. Watson started a scholarship fund in 1982 for children of Border Patrol agents, providing two \$500 scholarships herself out of her own funds. Impressed with her commitment, I wanted to help this effort and in 1994 began to auction off signed lithographs of Olaf Weighost pictures with the proceeds going to the Watson Fund.

Mr. Speaker, in a time where apathy is the common attitude towards most of our problems, Mrs. Watson is a shining example of how one person can make a difference. Mrs. Watson not only created "Light Up the Border", but she herself lights up any gathering she attends.

TRIBUTE TO AARON ADOBERAVOSKI AND C.J. TRUJILLO

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 14, 1999

Mrs. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, I wish to bring to your attention the heroic acts of twelve years old Aaron Adoberavoski and nine year

old C.J. Trujillo. Aaron is a seventh grader at Kennedy Middle School and C.J. is a fourth grader at Tomasita Elementary School in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

In April 27, 1999, these two young boys were riding their bikes around Sandia Vista Park when they saw a man eluding some police officers. After a short while, the boys spotted a bag of money dropped in haste in a tunnel just off the park. The bag contained \$1,900. The money had been stolen earlier from a Norwest Bank branch in a Furr's grocery store. C.J. and Aaron found a police officer at the park and turned the money over to him.

Too often we do not recognize the positive things kids do. Aaron Adoberavoski and C.J. Trujillo showed that honesty is often its own reward and they were willing to act without hesitation.

Please join me in thanking Aaron Adoberavoski and C.J. Trujillo for this act of citizenship. They are true models of honesty and integrity in our great community of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

IN HONOR OF THE SAINT SAVA SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 14, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 90th anniversary of the Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral in Cleveland, OH. The festivities will be held on the weekend of October 23, 1999 to commemorate this great milestone in their history.

In the past 90 years the Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral has been a cornerstone of the Serbian community in Cleveland. Now, almost a century later, the cathedral has developed into a cherished place for learning, teaching, and growing. Through the leadership of its members and clergy, the cathedral has succeeded in passing on many beliefs and values. The cathedral has helped young children develop their heritage and learn about their culture. It is here that the members come together as a community and a family to share in their beliefs and traditions. Organizations like the Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral must be applauded and recognized for their years of dedication to so many generations of Clevelanders.

I urge my fellow colleagues to please join me in recognizing the dedication and faith of the families of the Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral as they celebrate 90 years of service in the Greater Cleveland area.

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