

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 14, 1999

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent the morning of Wednesday, October 13, 1999, and as a result, missed rollcall vote 494. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote 494.

PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE IN SPACE EXPLORATION

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 14, 1999

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, today the House has passed the conference report of the bill making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies. This bill includes vital help for the city of Downey, California, as it adjusts to changes in America's space program.

For nearly seven decades, Downey has been a creative center in our efforts to explore space. At one time, some 28,000 workers were employed at NASA's manufacturing facilities in Downey, producing the Apollo command and service modules that took Neil Armstrong and our other astronauts to the moon and back. In more recent times, Downey has produced the Space Shuttle, but now all manufacturing work is being phased out and the remaining 3,000 workers will leave Downey's plants by the end of this year.

As the city makes the transition to new development and new jobs for this area, it also plans to preserve the rich heritage of Downey's role in our space program. This bill helps that effort by providing funds for a Space Science Museum and Educational Program as a key part of the new development.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the subcommittee chairman, Representative JIM WALSH, the ranking member, Representative ALAN MOLLOHAN, Representative JERRY LEWIS and all of the other Members and staff who have helped make this assistance a reality. When a community loses 3,000 high-skill jobs, it is a devastating blow. I am confident that Downey will recover and that it will, in fact, thrive in the years ahead, but it is very appropriate that we assist that recovery in any way we can and that we do so in a way that not only preserves a heritage that is important to Downey but to all Americans.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK DILLMAN

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 14, 1999

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of our country's great veterans, Mr. Frank Dillman. Frank was a member of

the old Fourth Marine Regiment which was stationed in China before being shipped out to the Philippines during the outbreak of World War II. This regiment arrived in the Philippines days before the Japanese arrived to continue the attack they had initiated at Pearl Harbor.

With no hope for reinforcements because of the destruction of the American Naval fleet days before, the Philippines were forced to surrender shortly after the fighting began. Frank survived the Bataan Death March, was interned in a prisoner-of-war camp before being transported to Japan where he was forced to work slave labor in a Mitsubishi-owned copper mine until Japan surrendered in 1945.

Following his release, Frank was asked by Marine Corps General Lem Shepherd to write a history of his ordeal. Frank agreed and, while working on his project, began collecting pictures, artifacts and stories that would eventually become an exhibit known as the Pacific Memorial Freedom Foundation. This exhibit includes the first American flag to be pulled down and desecrated by the Japanese at Baguio and an original copy of the Freedom Proclamation issued by General Douglas MacArthur. The exhibit has been displayed at a number of high school libraries in San Diego County and is currently located at the Veterans Memorial Center in Balboa Park in San Diego.

As news of the exhibit spread, Frank still receives pictures and artifacts as he continue to write extensively on the collection and the American and Filipino soldiers involved with the conflict. As we all know, America allowed Filipinos to enlist in the U.S. Navy while in the Philippines where they would eventually visit and experience San Diego during their travels. Many decided to make San Diego their home and, as a result, San Diego County has the greatest concentration of Filipinos of any county in California.

Mr. Speaker, Frank Dillman's vision has created an exhibit that reminds us all of our important history. His efforts honor our Nation's veterans and provide a unique service, not just to those in San Diego, but to our country as well.

TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH EMERY

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 Elizabeth Emery of Albuquerque, New Mexico, a gold medalist in the women's individual time trial cycling event at the 1999 Pan American Games.

Elizabeth started cycling at the age of 27. To some this would be described as a late start, however through hard work and commitment she made up for the time lost. Elizabeth Emery serves as a role model to young people, especially young woman. Her outstanding gold medal performance proved what can be accomplished when you set a goal, and work hard. We know that young women who are involved in sports are more likely to stay in school, set and achieve their goals and make

positive life choices. Ms. Emery is a successful woman athlete we can all learn from.

Please join me in commending her for proudly representing the United States and securing a spot on the US Team to compete at the 1999 World Cycling Championships, October 1999 in Italy.

IN HONOR OF MS. OLIVE WHITMORE ON CELEBRATING HER 99TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 14, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ms. Olive Whitmore as she celebrates her 99th birthday on October 14, 1999.

Ms. Whitmore is a native Clevelander, where she has lived and prospered. A member of the West Boulevard Church since she was three years old, she is now the oldest living member. Her faith in God and her belief in the everlasting have carried her through an amazing life. Her religious values are remarkable.

Olive Whitmore was a charter member of the Order of Eastern Star and a charter member of the Electra Club. While a member of the Electra Club she sang with the choir under the direction of Charles Dawes of the "Cleveland Orchestra". They sang at the first 4th of July festival at the Cleveland Municipal Stadium. It was said that the gathering was so large that the following year it was moved to Edgewater Park where it is still celebrated.

Ms. Whitmore worked at Halle's Department Store, downtown from 1957 to 1970. During her work at Halle's, she managed to help thousands of Clevelanders, always with a smile on her face, a twinkle in her eye, and a bounce in her step. After her retirement she became a noted traveler, visiting places from Nova Scotia to the United States. While a noted visitor to other places, her heart always remained grounded in her hometown.

Ms. Whitmore is the oldest of three children. She has a contagious joy for life and is a delightful woman. My distinguished colleagues, please join me in honoring Ms. Olive Whitmore on her 99th Milestone Birthday.

HONORING PATRICK HARTEN ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 14, 1999

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor an Irishman who has lived a long, full life of devotion to God and family, Patrick Harten, on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

Patrick Harten, who is my great uncle, was born on October 17th, 1899 in the Parish of Mullaghoran in County Cavan, Ireland. He was the third child of eight children raised by Patrick and Rose (White) Harten.

Patrick attended the Carnagh Upper National School, then later received training as a radio operator in Dublin.