EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

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IN HONOR OF JAY W. WEISS

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN
OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, November 18, 1999

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Jay Weiss is a true philanthropist in my Congressional district, who while a successful businessman, has always believed that it is one’s duty to give back to the community. Jay has contributed a great deal to our community and especially to Jackson Memorial Hospital, located in Miami, Florida.

For those associated with Jackson, Jay Weiss will always be seen as its patron, as he has selflessly devoted himself to promoting the humanitarian mission of the hospital. Over the last decade, many of the strides and accomplishments of the hospital can be attributed to Jay.

It was his vision and foresight which led to the creation of the Ryder Trauma Center. In this spirit, the Jay W. Weiss Humanitarian Award was established in 1993, to recognize outstanding leadership and selfless service. Jay has also been recognized by the National Conference for Community Injustice as a Silver Medallion Honoree. Additionally, he has served as a member of the University of Miami Board of Trustees and chaired the Board of Sylvester Cancer Center for the past seven years.

Miami has truly been blessed by Jay Weiss.

COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE COMPETITION AND PRIVATIZATION ACT OF 1999

SPEECH OF

HON. ALBERT RUSSELL WYNN
OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, November 10, 1999

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, today we consider H.R. 3261, the Communications Satellite Competition and Privatization Act. I do not think that anyone in this House would disagree with this bill’s purpose to create increased competition in the global communication satellite industry. This goal is commendable. However, I would like to express some concern about one of the provisions in this bill.

First, let me say that I am pleased that this bill would permit Lockheed Martin and COMSAT to complete their merger. This transaction, which has received approval from the Department of Justice, and has passed the first phase of FCC approval, has been in need of enabling legislation for over a year. Unfortunately, this bill puts unnecessary conditions on the lifting of COMSAT’s ownership cap and therefore on the Lockheed Martin-COMSAT merger. Earlier this year, the Senate passed satellite reform legislation, which does not contain these restrictions. It is my view that the House should not impose new restrictions during this process of creating open competition.

Conference, I would urge my colleagues to support the removal of the conditions on the Lockheed Martin-COMSAT merger. This merger is important for my constituents in Maryland, not withstanding American consumers who deserve more competition in the satellite services market.

Furthermore, the bill includes provisions of a bill introduced and led through the legislative process in the House by my fellow Commerce Committee colleague, Mrs. Emerson on the issue of improving the privacy protections afforded users of wireless communications devices. This bill, H.R. 514, overwhelmingly passed the House earlier this year. Inclusion of these provisions in this bill is a natural partnering of wireless telecommunications issues and will ease member consideration of these important concepts.

Wireless customers will benefit because their monthly bills will be simpler and the possibility of double taxation of their mobile calls from competing jurisdictions will be greatly reduced. Tax administration will be simplified for both government and industry.

I want to thank my colleagues for joining me in introducing this legislation. I look forward to working with all of them to ensure the full and speedy consideration of this proposal. I urge all my colleagues to support this legislation.

A TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL PATRICK O. ADAMS, OF CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE U.S. AIR FORCE

HON. JO ANN EMERSON
OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, November 18, 1999

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, on February 1, 2000, Brigadier General Patrick O. Adams, United States Air Force, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, will retire from active military service, culminating a long and distinguished career in the service of his country. His accomplishments touched every Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine serving in the US Armed Forces, an accomplishment few individuals in a career or even a lifetime can claim.

Brigadier General Adams was born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and was commissioned with through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps following his graduation from the University of Missouri at Columbia in 1968. Brigadier General Adams has spent the majority of his career in personal management positions. He has been stationed in Alabama, Texas, Oklahoma, and Colorado. His overseas assignments include Iran, Vietnam, Thailand, and Bulgaria.

Brigadier General Adams, distinguished himself by exceptionally brilliant service while serving his country in an exemplary career spanning over 31 years. In his final assignment as the Director, Manpower and Personnel, J-1, the Joint Staff, BG Adams displayed uncommon initiative and leadership in...