

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING ANGELA LOIS GREEN
AND ALEXANDER TODD HEWLETT

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 1999

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my best wishes to Angela Lois Green and Alexander Todd Hewlett on their upcoming wedding. Miss Green and Mr. Hewlett will be united in holy matrimony on May 8, 1999 at seven o'clock in the evening at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Houston. Reverend L. James Bankston will officiate the candlelight double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Congressman and Mrs. GENE GREEN of Houston. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Mildred Albers and the late Leon Albers of Houston, and Mr. and Mrs. Garland Green of Bedford, Pennsylvania. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hewlett of Tucson, Arizona. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watkins, and of the late Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hewlett, both of Tucson, Arizona.

Serving as Matron on Honor will be Sarah Goggans. Melissa Murray will serve as Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids will include Marina Monteforte, Erin Mireur, and Karen Zientek. Members of the House Party will be Karen Rudich, Amy White, and Nichole Sepulvado.

Serving his brother as Best Man will be Andrew Hewlett. Groomsmen will be Scott Davis, Brian Somers, Babak Mokari, and Chris Green, brother of the bride. Tony Chacon, Brian Ledden, and Matt Thompson will serve as ushers.

Angela is a 1993 Honor graduate of Aldine High School in Houston. She was a member and section leader of the Aldine Band, a member of the Honor Society, and served as President of the Student Council. In 1998, she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from the University of Texas at Austin, where she was a member and President of Alpha Xi Delta, and was a Robert C. Byrd Honor Scholar. She also served as Executive Vice President of the Panhellenic Council in 1996-97. She was recently elected President of the American Medical Students Association at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, where she is currently a second-year medical student.

Alex is a 1992 graduate of Sabino High School in Tucson, Arizona, where he was a member of the state champion Sabino Sabercats football team. In 1996, he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry from Pomona College in Claremont, California, where he was a member of Sigma Tau fraternity, and played football for the Pomona College Sagehens. Alex is a fourth-year medical student at Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Athens, Ohio. He received the Tucson Osteopathic Foundation Scholars

Award in 1997. He did clinical research at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City during the summer of 1997. He is currently doing clinical rotations at St. John West Shore Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, where he is the CORE Site Representative.

As Angela and Alex begin their new life together, may they always remember I Corinthians, which states: Love is patient and kind, love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

I would like to express my congratulations to Congressman GREEN and his wife Helen. I also ask that the House join me in wishing Angela and Alex a long and fruitful marriage. May their love continue to grow.

MEETING OUR COMMITMENT TO FUNDING SPECIAL EDUCATION

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 1999

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, as I meet with teachers, school administrators and school board members in Michigan's 10th Congressional District, one thing becomes clear—paying for the costs of teaching children with special needs is expensive.

Families with special needs children face unique challenges. I believe their children should be able to learn in the least restrictive environment. But that also means we have an obligation to help provide our schools with the tools they need to do the job. When it comes to educating our children—particularly for those who have special needs—we all have a role to play.

When the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) was first enacted in 1975, Congress committed to funding 40 percent of the cost. Unfortunately, the federal government has consistently fallen short of this goal. As special education costs continue to rise, we fall further behind. Currently, federal support for special needs education is at 12 percent. During such a prosperous moment in our history, surely we can do more to help our local communities and educators provide a thriving learning environment for our children who face the most challenges.

We need to step up to the plate and fulfill our commitment to our local schools. That is why I have joined a number of my colleagues in writing the President asking him to support a substantial increase in federal funding for special education, and it is why I believe we should fully fund the IDEA Act.

As we debate our budget priorities, I will continue to work with our families and local

schools to provide support for improving education for all our children. I am committed to ensuring that public education is among our highest budget priorities.

TRIBUTE TO THE WOMEN OF LAWTON

HON. J.C. WATTS, JR.

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 1999

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the efforts of the women of Lawton who are organizing "Lawton Women Unity '99," a day to recognize the accomplishments, the strengths, and the very being of womanhood. Hosted by "Created in His Image Ministries," on Saturday, May 8, 1999, the women of Lawton are invited to meet at the Lawton City Hall and encircle the building with a human prayer chain. They will pray for the women in Littleton, Colorado who have lost their children, as well as for others who have lost their children to violence. They will lift up the women in Kosovo and the leaders of the United States and the Lawton locality. They will pray for the needs of Lawton and Fort Sill.

The women of Lawton celebrate womanhood in the name of God and offer this open invitation to all women. It is the compassion of a woman, the deep love of a woman, and the tears of a woman that God calls for to affect change in the land. The Lawton women would like to encourage other groups with common interests in the name of women and God to organize similar events. It is the hope of the women of Lawton that the "Lawton Women Unity '99" will set a precedent in the celebration of the unity of womanhood and that the event will blossom to include statewide and nationwide participation in like events.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize the efforts of the women of Lawton. These women set an example for women, and men, across the nation to follow at a time when our nation cries for restoration and unity of our people is of utmost importance.

STOP THE INHUMANE TREATMENT OF DOGS AND CATS

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 1999

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, on April 29, 1999 I introduced the Dog and Cat Protection Act. I was appalled to learn about the use of dog and cat fur on coats, toys, and other merchandise as profiled in a recent segment of "Dateline NBC". Immediately thereafter, I

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