

their church family Johnson Memorial Baptist Church is impressive and deserving of special recognition and honor. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Thomas and Audrey Johnson on their many years of love and commitment. May their life together continue to be full of joy and offer them many pleasant memories.

HONORING GEORGE KNIERIM

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 10, 2000

Mr. UDALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the passing of a special brand of American hero. George Knierim was an ordinary citizen who devoted his abundant skills to realize his vision of the United States aid effort in the third world. For 30 years, Knierim worked for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), sharing his agricultural knowledge, training, and expertise with governments and farmers in Nepal, Iraq, India, Afghanistan, Turkey, and Sri Lanka.

USAID had its origins in President Truman's Inaugural Address of 1949 when he said, "Only by helping the least fortunate of its members to help themselves can the human family achieve the decent, satisfying life that is the right of all people." This vision energized and motivated a generation of technical advisors to work in agriculture, education, and infrastructure improvements in remote, developing regions of the world. Knierim and his colleagues had an impact on the lives of countless people as they shared the benefits of our extensive American experience. He used his single-minded passion to help protect fragile environments, provide pure water supplies, improve irrigation practices and improve varieties of cereal grains for the developing world. Although he received much recognition for his work, he considered his most prestigious title to be "American Farmer." Among the many and varied achievements of his career, the one that pleased him most was the opportunity to reinvent and adapt Nineteenth century-style farm implements for use with Asian draft animals. "I just gave them the tools and ideas that the Mormons brought with them into the Salt Lake Valley," he said.

George Knierim is symbolic of the thousands of men and women who sacrificed the comfort of their homeland and family in the United States to share techniques and technology with people for whom simple existence and subsistence was a daily challenge.

Our nation has been blessed because of the contributions of compassionate people like George Knierim, who carried their kindness throughout the globe. Today, Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute to George Knierim, who shared a portion of the American dream with the world.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J.C. WATTS, JR.

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 10, 2000

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in my district on January 31, 2000 and missed Recorded Votes #2 (Authorizing the Use of the Rotunda for Holocaust Memorial) and #3 (the Hillary J. Farias and Samantha Reid Date-Rape Prevention Drug Act of 1999).

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on final passage of H. Con. Res. 244 and "aye" on final passage of H.R. 2130, on January 31, 2000.

INTRODUCTION OF A PRIVATE RELIEF BILL FOR LEILANI WINNEFRED TOOLEY

HON. GEORGE R. NETHERCUTT, JR.

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 10, 2000

Mr. NETHERCUTT. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce legislation to grant permanent residence to Leilani Tooley.

Leilani was adopted from China when she was less than one year old to a United States citizen father and a Micronesian mother. Through the 1980's when Leilani was a child, her father was a teacher, traveling throughout the Marshall Islands. Due to a translation error in China, an attempt to convey resident status upon Leilani was denied.

Leilani and her parents moved to the United States in 1992. Leilani was admitted as a CFA/FSM resident which allows her to remain in the United States legally but does not allow her to attend postsecondary school or to become a permanent resident or citizen. From 1992 through 1998, Leilani was eligible for citizenship by virtue of her living in the United States and being the adopted daughter of a United States citizen. Unfortunately, the naturalization process was never completed prior to her father's death in 1998. When her father passed away, Leilani's permanent resident mother began the naturalization process herself so that when completed, she could then convey permanent residence to her daughter. Unfortunately, Leilani's mother died in 1999, prior to her being naturalized.

Leilani is now alone in this country with no living relatives. She cannot return to China since she speaks no Chinese and she was released from that country when she was less than a year old, and she cannot return to the Pacific Islands since she was Chinese at birth. All of Leilani's friends and schoolmates are in the United States and it is only due to a string of unfortunate events that Leilani is not today a naturalized citizen. Leilani is a bright, industrious young lady, whose wish is to attend college. However, until this legislation is signed into law, her aspirations are on hold. I urge the swift passage of this bill, Mr. Speaker, to grant permanent residence to Leilani Tooley.

February 10, 2000

TRIBUTE TO HAMPTON POLICE CHIEF PAT MINETTI

HON. HERBERT H. BATEMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 10, 2000

Mr. BATEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent in my district, Pat Minetti. I would like to read a letter I sent to Pat in early January before we came back in session and then expand upon it with these remarks.

Dear Pat, it is with great pleasure that I write this letter of congratulations to you on the occasion of your retirement after an extraordinary tenure of 45 years as a member of the Hampton Police Division. Your commitment to your job is exemplified in the number of years of your dedicated service and your immeasurable accomplishments. In your 27 years as Chief, you achieved your goals and the Hampton Police force and the City of Hampton are better for it. I know the City of Hampton is proud to count you among one of its finest and is greatly indebted to you. Please know that Laura and I wish you the best in retirement.

Pat Minetti was a truly outstanding law enforcement officer and Chief of Police. His service to his community and its citizens has been honorable and faithful for 45 years. The story of Pat's service reflects the devotion to duty, family and community that helps to keep this nation, America, safe for families and individual citizens.

The son of Italian immigrants, Pat was born and raised in New Castle, Pennsylvania. As a young man, Pat worked in the steel mills and as a lumberjack while attending school. From his parents, and through his experiences growing up, he learned the important values of integrity, hard work and devotion to God, family and service.

Pat moved to Hampton, Virginia in 1955 and joined the Hampton Police Division. He started as a patrolman, walking a beat and serving families and small business. He was quickly recognized for his enthusiasm for law enforcement and genuine concern for the safety and rights of all citizens. He diligently worked through each rank, and with his unwavering desire to serve his citizens, he always applied himself to the most challenging operational positions out in the community. In 1972, his potential for senior leadership combined with his gifts and skills in law enforcement led the Mayor and the City Manager to select him to become Hampton's Chief of Police, a position he held for the past 28 years.

Pat's remarkable career, spanning the terms of eight Mayors and six City Managers, reflects a truly exceptional dedication to serving others and the ability to lead and grow an organization through long-term vision, passion and law enforcement expertise. Among his many accomplishments, Pat holds an MPA Degree from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government where he was elected Class Marshall. He also is a graduate of the 92nd Session of the FBI National Academy where he was awarded the J. Edgar Hoover Certificate of Scholastic Excellence.

Pat served as the 1989 President of the FBI National Academy Associates and is a past