

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE JULIAN C. DIXON, MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SPEECH OF

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2000

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I have served with Congressman JULIAN DIXON for the past eight years. I was saddened by the news early Friday morning, December 8, 2000, that JULIAN DIXON is no longer with us. My heartfelt condolences go out to his beloved wife Bettye and son Cary. He will be missed by our colleagues of this United States Congress.

When I thought of JULIAN, I thought of him as an officer and gentleman. JULIAN was an officer. As an officer, he was honorable, noble, trustworthy, and a quiet commander. As a gentleman, he was a man of chivalrous and genuine qualities.

Service was the guiding principle of his life. He was the eminent expression of congenial relationships, and yes character and temperament changed with every activity he was involved with. Lives touched by Representative DIXON became engaged and thereafter empathetic, kindly and honorable.

He worked hard for his constituents of California. He never tired of spreading princely qualities to everyone he met. Yes, he was a consensus builder. He will be missed.

With Representative DIXON, it was never about winning, but it was truly about how you managed the hand you were dealt.

He was an officer. He was a gentleman. He was my colleague.

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SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2000

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, today, I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of JULIAN C. DIXON.

Mr. DIXON was a great member of Congress, and is to be commended for his accomplishments as the fifth ranking Democrat on the Appropriations Committee and as the ranking member on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

He was well-known for his commitment to our nation's civil rights and for the instrumental

role he played in minimizing the effects of natural disasters that struck his community. His leadership in the bipartisan effort to secure federal support for the Alameda Corridor project in Los Angeles and in obtaining federal funds for communities hard hit by cuts in defense spending are to also be commended.

JULIAN C. DIXON will be sorely missed on Capitol Hill. I extend my deepest sympathy to his family.

OSHA ERGO-NONSENSE

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2000

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member highly commends this December 14, 2000, editorial from the Norfolk Daily News expressing strong concern regarding the new Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulation on ergonomics.

ERGO-NONSENSE

NEW OSHA WORKPLACE REGULATION ISN'T BASED ON A COMPLETED STUDY

The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration calls its new regulation the "Ergonomics Program Standard." The National Federation of Independent Businesses has a different description: "Ergo-nonsense."

"Scheduled to take effect on Jan. 16, 2001, it is, without question, the most burdensome, expensive and intrusive regulation ever to be imposed on the small-business community," said Jack Faris, federation president.

We would have to agree. Ostensibly designed to help prevent repetitive motion injuries, like carpal tunnel syndrome, the new regulation will require employers to alter the workplace in order to do so. It's a noble intent.

But the regulation assumes that employers aren't already doing everything possible to take care of the health and well-being of employees. The regulation also doesn't have a scientific basis, seeing as how the National Academy of Science's study on ergonomics isn't even completed yet.

It's also curious how this 1,688-page regulation was able to be introduced and published in about a year's time, when, on average, it takes OSHA four years to do so with other regulations.

Because President Clinton allowed the regulation to move forward, it now will take legal action to stop it. That's not a sure thing, so business owners everywhere had better start preparing for their own version of "ergo-nonsense."

HONORING ELIZABETH MARQUARDT

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2000

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Elizabeth Marquardt. Elizabeth Marquardt has served for 22 years as a Governing Member of the Petaluma California School Board, the longest term in its history. Her vision, intelligence, and dedication has impacted the lives of hundreds of thousands of Petaluma students.

During her tenure Elizabeth was instrumental in raising money for schools and co-founding the Petaluma Educational Foundation. From sorting through the budget challenges following the passage of California Proposition 13 to hiring three superintendents, she has given generously her time and energy. Elizabeth has accomplished this while fostering a friendly, cooperative atmosphere that has helped board members work together to reach decisions that are best for the children of Petaluma.

It is my great pleasure to pay tribute to Elizabeth Marquardt. I am very proud to represent such a remarkable woman.

TRIBUTE TO MARIA MAGDA O'KEEFE

HON. BILL PASCHELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2000

Mr. PASCHELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the deeds of a person I am proud to call my friend, Maria Magda O'Keefe of Paterson, New Jersey, who was recognized on Thursday, November 9, 2000 on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Hispanic Multi Purpose Service Center. It is only appropriate that she be honored as she retires from the Paterson City Council, for she has a long history of caring, generosity and commitment to others.

Maria was recognized for her many years of leadership in Paterson, which I have been honored to represent in Congress since 1997, and so it is only fitting that these words are immortalized in the annals of this greatest of all freely elected bodies.

Councilwoman Magda has a varied educational background and has studied in a multitude of fields. The State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs certified her as a Social Worker. Also, the National Association of Forensic Counselors certified her to be a Domestic Violence Counselor. In addition, she is a Registered Nurse having earned her diploma

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