

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THE MADNESS MUST END

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, amazingly, today yet another tragic shooting claimed another promising life.

Not far from my district, near Flint in Mount Morris Township, a six-year-old girl was shot and killed by a classmate. A first grader had a gun and shot a classmate.

These tragedies go on every day. Thirteen children a day are killed by gun violence. Over 5,000 children are killed every year because of guns falling into the wrong hands.

This madness must end.

But, because the Republican leadership insists on pandering to the extreme right wing who thinks that one reasonable gun safety law is one too many, the insanity goes on.

The gun safety conference has not met since August of 1999. Today, I am writing for the fifth time to House Judiciary Committee Chairman HENRY HYDE to urge the Republican Leadership to stop stalling and call a conference meeting.

It is starting to hit close to home for every Member of this House, Mr. Speaker. How many more senseless killings will it take before the Republican Leadership acts? How many more promising young lives do we have to lose?

Quit stalling. Close the gun show loophole. Require child safety locks. Ban the importation of high capacity ammunition clips.

HONORING MS. ROSE MARIE BELL OF MORRIS, IL

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

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Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Ms. Rose Marie Bell of Morris, IL, for the nearly seventeen years of service she has put forth as the Grundy County Circuit Clerk.

In 1983, Robert T. Williamson retired from his duties as Grundy County Circuit Clerk. Ms. Rose Marie Bell, a lifetime resident of the County Seat of Grundy County, was wisely appointed to the position. The Circuit Clerk's seat is open every four years, which means Ms. Bell was elected on four separate occasions before retiring in December of 1999. Three of the four elections were unopposed. This shows her leadership both professionally and in the community have been cherished by the good people of Grundy County.

In 1988, Ms. Bell had the unenviable task of computerizing and automating the Circuit

Clerk's office. She led her office through this trying and difficult time. When the spirits were low in the office she would comfort her workers by saying, "And this too shall pass." Ms. Bell told the programmer she wanted a system where a deputy clerk could type in the court proceedings from within the courtroom and they would automatically transfer to the Clerk's office. The programmer said it could not be done, but Ms. Rose Marie Bell insisted on the installation. That particular system was used at that time by many Clerks' offices throughout the state and the code to access the record sheet was "Rose01". A down state judge, upon meeting Ms. Bell, said he was, "pleased to finally meet 'Rose01'."

Not only has Ms. Bell served the public in an official capacity, she was also the founding force of "Breaking Away" which is a victims of domestic violence organization. The organization provides shelter, counseling, and assistance to women and their children who need to detach themselves from an abusive home life. She still is actively involved serving as President of the organization.

Along with being a mother to her four sons Timothy, Daniel, Jeffrey, and Gregory, she was also known as "Mother Bell" to her staff in times of crisis both personally and professionally. She truly is a pillar of the community, holding a County office for 17 years, helping found "Break Away", being a mother of four and a friend to many.

Mr. Speaker, I find it fitting and appropriate to recognize and congratulate the years of service Ms. Rose Marie Bell has given to the Morris community and the people of Grundy County.

HONORING THE LATE DOUGLAS E. DUNSDON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pause and remember the life of a man who meant a great deal to the Western Slope. Sadly, on February 27, 2000, Colorado said goodbye to Douglas Dunsdon. He was 81 years old.

Douglas spent nearly his entire life in the Glenwood Springs area. When the United States entered World War II, Douglas joined the United States Air Force and was stationed in Edin, England with the 8th Air Force, 100th Bomb Group. Douglas flew 25 missions. He earned a Distinguished Flying Cross, two Presidential Unit Citations, three Battle Stars, four Air Medals, a European Theater of Operations Medal and a group medal from the French and Polish governments. In addition, Douglas was a flight instructor for six months in Flight Control Communications in Bobington, England.

After the war, Douglas returned to Glenwood Springs. He influenced the community in many ways. He ran the bowling alley, now known as Dumont Building. He and his father and brother built the Alpine Apartments, now the Alpine Professional Building and he also worked at the Shoshone Power Plant until his retirement in 1976.

Douglas was an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, B.P.O.E. and was appointed National Aide-De-Camp in November of 1966 and was Commander of the VFW for three terms.

Douglas was also a wonderful husband and a loving father. I had the privilege of knowing Douglas and grew up with his children. "Mr. Dunsdon" was a very kind man and I have many fond memories of him and his family.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to offer this tribute to a great man who will be sorely missed by all those who knew him. He was truly a great American who among other things, fought for the freedom that we enjoy today.

HONORING THE UPSTATE URBAN LEAGUE OF GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

HON. JIM DeMINT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Mr. DeMINT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remind my friends in this chamber that freedom in America is created not by government, but by individuals who take responsibility upon themselves and share in the responsibilities of community. When citizens take this responsibility, local people keep dollars, decisions and freedom in their hands. It is my honor several times each year to present the Congressional Spirit of Freedom Award to members of the 4th District of South Carolina. This non-partisan award goes to individuals, organizations, schools, and businesses that go above and beyond the call of duty to advance the spirit and ideals of freedom and volunteerism in service to the communities of South Carolina.

It is my pleasure today to honor one such group, the Upstate Urban League in Greenville, SC that has embodied these ideals. The Urban League's Pre-College Enrollment/Talent Search program has taken the initiative in making sure every Upstate child achieves his or her full potential. They have done this by providing SAT workshops, college visitation tours, and financial aid workshops for disadvantaged students, all without relying on government funding. In 1998 alone, they helped one hundred and thirty-three students raise their SAT scores by as much as two hundred and eighty points. I commend them for their work that helps students reach their dreams of going to college and succeeding in

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