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IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY W.
JAMES

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is a distinct honor for me to place this dedication to Dorothy W. James in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Her husband, "Chappie" James, was a fighter pilot's fighter pilot, an Air Force great and a super American. The death of his wife brings back many memories of a great Air Force career backed by an outstanding wife. Her burial in Arlington Cemetery is a fitting tribute for a woman who gave so much to America.

REFLECTIONS ON THE LIFE OF DOROTHY W.
JAMES

Dorothy Watkins James was born on June 27, 1921 to James Andrew and Daisy Hicks Watkins in Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. After a lengthy illness she departed this life on May 2, 2000.

She attended the Chambliss Children's House Elementary School and completed high school on the campus of Tuskegee Institute, Mr. James' mother and father were avid tennis players. Dorothy and her sister Aubrey became involved in the sport at an early age. Dorothy continued to play tennis in high school, and was also a drum major-ette in the Tuskegee Institute Band. Additionally, she played piano and was a student of the daughter of Booker T. Washington.

While attending college at Tuskegee Institute, she met and married her husband of thirty-six years Daniel "Chappie" James, Jr. of Pensacola, Florida and they were married until his death in 1978. As the wife of an Air Force officer, she lived in many locations in the United States, Asia, and Europe. She was involved in numerous charitable endeavors and most proud of her contributions to what is now known as the Air Force Village Retirement Communities. She was a loyal and dedicated supporter of the Air Force community and family support programs.

Dorothy and Daniel were blessed with a daughter and two sons and she guided each through the formative years of their lives. As a result of her love, care and persistence and guidance, each has enjoyed a rich and rewarding life. She will be missed by all who have known her for her quiet selfless dedication to family, friends and community.

She is survived by her daughter Danice D. Berry, son-in-law Dr. Frank W. Berry, Jr.; son Major General Daniel James III, and daughter-in-law Dana M. James; son Claude A. James and daughter-in-law Diane James; granddaughters Jamie Michelle Berry and Brittany Diane James; grandsons Frank W. Berry III, Max S. Berry and Ryan N. James; a sister Aubrey W. Simms and brother-in-law Robert H. Simms; a niece and nephew, and many devoted extended family and friends.

NATIONAL TEACHER DAY—A
TRIBUTE TO MARIANNA MALM

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, this week America observes the 15th annual National

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

Teacher Appreciation Week and celebrates the vital role that teachers play in the lives of our children. Today is also National Teacher Day, and I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all American educators. I would also like to recognize one teacher in particular, Marianna Malm, who teaches English at North High School in Fargo, North Dakota. Marianna was chosen to be the Teacher of the Year from my home state of North Dakota, and on behalf of the entire state, I would like to thank her for her dedication to our children.

All of us, whether as children or as parents, are aware of the positive role that teachers play in our lives. Despite that fact, there is a growing disconnect between our admiration for educators and our willingness to take the steps required to recruit and retrain them. In North Dakota, the recruitment and retention of teachers has rightfully become a dominant topic of discussion, especially after news stories have reported that nearly one-third of the state's public school teachers are older than 50 and nearing retirement.

From my kindergarten days in Valley City all the way through law school at the University of North Dakota, I was blessed to have been influenced by teachers who cared enough about me and their vocation to engage my interest in the vast world opened up by education. As these educators and others begin to retire in numbers we have never before experienced, we must reassess our federal, state and local policies to attract and retain quality teachers.

First and foremost, we need to reevaluate our own priorities. Just as North Dakota's farmers invest in their crops, knowing that better seeds produce a better yield, we as a state must ensure our children's future by investing in high-quality teachers. This nation's greatest natural resource is our children—and those who dedicate their lives to their education should be appropriately rewarded for their commitment.

Keeping four-star teachers like Marianna in North Dakota schools is a challenge, particularly in more rural regions of the state. I have cosponsored legislation, the Rural Teachers Recruitment Act, which would establish grants for rural school districts to develop teacher incentive programs. While the 'Information Age' has opened up an entirely new world for rural schools, no computer or internet connection can replace a committed teacher. Every school district, no matter how big or how small, should be built on quality teachers.

The changing face of North Dakota's countryside will continue to affect our classrooms. We should use this time of change to remember the importance of a top-notch education and the teachers who make it happen. We cannot continue the pattern of training our educators in top-quality North Dakota universities only to lose them to other states with higher teacher salaries. There is no profession more important to America's future, and North Dakota's future, than teaching.

During National Teachers Appreciation Week, we need to take the time to say thank you to those who taught us when we were children and to those who teach our children today. This week and every week, we should express our gratitude to our quality teachers

like Marianna Malm by working hard to keep them in North Dakota schools.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SISTER M.
JOSEPH BARDEN UPON HER RE-
TIREMENT

HON. DAVE WELDON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on June 30, 2000, Sister M. Joseph Barden will be retiring after twenty-nine years of faithful service to an entire generation of America's youth. Since 1971 Sister Joseph has led Ascension Catholic School, in Melbourne, Florida as its principal.

Since beginning her commitment to educating children in Catholic schools while living in Ardee, Ireland in 1957, Sister Joseph has touched the lives and influenced the hearts and minds of thousands of children.

During her tenure at Ascension School, enrollment nearly tripled. Sister Joseph oversaw the renovation and construction of a brand new educational facility, and assisted the school in receiving initial accreditation in 1973 and continuing accreditation three more times.

In 1985, the school received the "Exemplary School Award" from the United States Department of Education, while she continued to help and encourage her students to receive many local, state, and national awards. She initialized prekindergarten classes and "Extended Care Programs," to increase the positive role that religious instruction and educational excellence has on our nation's youth. Sister Joseph enabled teachers and staff to offer at least twenty-four extra-curricular programs serving about four hundred students, encouraging them to use their special God given gifts and talents. Because of Sister Joseph, Ascension remains a school of excellence.

The thousands of students, parents, faculty, and staff, as well as the general public, whose lives she touched, owe Sister Joseph a debt of gratitude. After nearly three decades of service, I want to extend my congratulations and best wishes to Sister Joseph Barden on her retirement from the school.

God has richly blessed Sister Joseph's work, and I pray that He continues to bless her in her future service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, Yesterday I was unavoidably absent on a matter of critical importance and missed the following votes:

On H.R. 3577, increased authorization for north side pumping division of the Minidoka reclamation project, introduced by the gentleman from Idaho, Mr. SIMPSON, I would have voted "yea."

On H. Con. Res. 89 recognizing the Hermann Monument and Hermann Heights Park

in New Ulm, Minnesota, as a national symbol of contributions of Americans of German heritage, introduced by the gentleman from Minnesota, Mr. MINGE, I would have voted "yea."

On H. Con. Res. 296, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the necessity to expedite the settlement process for discrimination claims against the Department of Agriculture brought by African-American farmers, introduced by the gentleman from Arkansas, Mr. DICKEY, I would have voted "nay."

IN HONOR OF THE CONFERRAL OF
PAPAL HONORS ON REVEREND
MONSIGNOR FREDERICK EID

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Reverend Monsignor Frederick M. Eid for being named a Prelate of Honor of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, a remarkable accomplishment. His conferral of Papal honors is the crowning achievement in a long and illustrious career dedicated to the Catholic faith and the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey.

Throughout his life and career, Reverend Monsignor Eid demonstrated a willingness to reach out to his community in a meaningful way, and he has enriched the lives of many through his efforts to foster spiritual growth.

Reverend Monsignor Eid officially began his extraordinary dedication to church and community the day he was ordained to the priesthood of the Archdiocese of Newark on May 31, 1947. His many assignments for the Archdiocese of Newark include: St. Michael's Church, Union City, New Jersey; the Missionary Archdiocese of Tegucigalpa, Honduras; the Black Mission of Holy Spirit, Orange, New Jersey; St. Peter Chaver, Montclair, New Jersey; St. Mary's Church and High School, Jersey City, New Jersey; and Our Lady of Grace, Hoboken, New Jersey. In addition, he was chosen as chaplain of the Hoboken P.B.A., the Hoboken Fire Department, and the Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps. He is also the chairman of the Child Placement Review Board of the Superior Court of Hudson County, New Jersey.

At Our Lady of Grace, Reverend Monsignor Eid was called upon to form a center for Hispanic culture. He answered the call by developing a Spanish liturgy instruction center for children and youth. I myself attended Our Lady of Grace in kindergarten, several years before he arrived.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me as I honor Reverend Monsignor Frederick Eid for all he has accomplished in a life devoted to faith and community.

HONORING REVEREND ROGER
POHL

HON. DEBBIE STABENOW

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Reverend Roger Pohl

who has been called to become the new director of the Ecumenical Center and International Residence (ECIR) at the University of Michigan.

Reverend Pohl currently is senior minister of the Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ in Lansing, Michigan. He serves on the Human Relations Board of the City of Lansing and as chairperson of the community's Alliance Against Hate. A 1969 graduate of Yale University Divinity School, Reverend Pohl has demonstrated immeasurable dedication to both domestic and international cooperation and understanding.

This is a time to both say goodbye to a dear friend on behalf of our Lansing church home and community as well as to extend warm heartfelt congratulations on his new job. The campus ministry that Reverend Pohl will lead has three main objectives: (1) to facilitate global education in the hope that peace may prevail; (2) to promote the ethical and religious bases for enduring friendships; and (3) to be an international community where people of the world may learn to live together and care for one another.

Furthering international understanding, global friendship, and interfaith dialogue are areas in which Reverend Pohl indisputably has a wealth of knowledge, experience, and longstanding commitment.

I thank Reverend Pohl for the example he has set for people across the globe and wish him continued success as he prepares for this worthy journey of multicultural leadership.

IN MEMORY OF MYRA LENARD

HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I honor the loving memory of Myra Lenard, who passed away on May 1, 2000.

Since I was first elected to the United States Congress, I worked with Myra to promote freedom and democracy in Poland, particularly during its time under the former communist regime. Mrs. Lenard's mission for Poland and for many Polish Americans was to seek help and support for their native land. She dedicated her entire body of knowledge to the advancement of Poland to make it a more democratic nation. She was a true champion of democracy and a liberator of freedom. Today, I cherish the memory of our friendship.

Casimira (Myra) Lenard was born in Poland and immigrated to Chicago with her parents. She became an active member in Polonia through her membership in the Polish National Alliance. She later became President of the Polish Women's Civic Club promoting scholarships for students of Polish heritage and advocating civic responsibility.

In 1962 Myra's husband, Casimir (now retired U.S. Army Colonel), was assigned to the Pentagon and the family moved to the Washington, DC area. From 1962 to 1972, she oversaw the management of nine Washington, DC offices, and by 1972 she became owner of three personnel consulting firms. She was twice elected to the office of President of the

Capital Area Personnel Services Association initiating a successful lobbying effort for Title 7, Civil Rights Act of 1964, and for the advancement of equal employment opportunities. Later she served on the Board of the National Employment Association in Public Relations and for three years was the Chairperson of the Ethics Committee covering a five-state area on the East Coast.

Even with a very busy business schedule she managed to contribute her time to many charitable undertakings. The most notable of her undertakings occurred after the withdrawal of the U.S. Forces from Vietnam. She established a special office to find "fee free" employment for hundreds of Vietnamese refugees. Within a few months, her project was so successful that the city government called upon her expertise to develop a similar project for the District of Columbia. By 1975, her efforts earned her the "President's Award" from her peers for "Outstanding Service and Singular Contribution to the Community and to the Private Placement of Industry." Her determination continued to prevail with her assistance to the Solidarity movement in Poland.

After leaving the placement industry in 1981, she assumed the position of Executive Director of the Polish American Congress (PAC) in Washington, DC. She continued to work with the Solidarity movement by coordinating the "Solidarity Express," a train made up of twenty-two railroad cars with relief goods valued at \$7 million. This was recognized as the premier publicized undertaking by the PAC Charitable Foundation (PACCF). She honored the first anniversary of Solidarity by organizing PAC to create the "Solidarity Convoy" of thirty-two forty-foot container trucks from 32 states, of relief cargo, valued over \$10 million. Without losing sight of her mission, she persisted in expanding PAC and PACCF contacts with the Administration, the Department of State, the U.S. Congress and other government agencies, closely monitoring Capitol Hill activity related to Poland. Within a few years, PAC was able to lobby strongly for the Immigration Reform Act of 1986 and the Support of Eastern European Democracy Act of 1989 (SEED ACT) with appropriations set aside for Poland.

Finally, Mrs. Lenard received various awards such as: "The PAC Charitable Foundation Appreciation Award," the "Distinguished Service Award" from the Illinois Division of the Polish American Congress, the "Champion of Democracy" from the College of Democracy for her outstanding leadership towards the Solidarity movement, "The National Citizen of the Year" by the Polish-American Eagle of Buffalo, and the "Commander's Cross Order of Merit with Star" from the President of Poland which is the highest foreign civilian award bestowed by the Polish government. All of these awards truly embody Mrs. Lenard's ambition and determination for what is right and just both nationally and internationally.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Casimira (Myra) Lenard will always be remembered for her dedication and devotion to civic responsibility for her native Poland and for the United States. I offer her memory, family, and friends my best wishes for the advancement of freedom throughout the world.