

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### TRIBUTE TO ALBERTA STONECIPHER

#### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 19, 2000*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Alberta Stonecipher of Bethalto, IL. Mrs. Stonecipher is the mother of nine children, and has eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She has made it her responsibility to be an active participant in the Madison County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

Despite the fact that Mrs. Stonecipher has not lost one of her own to a drunk driver, she asked her children for Mother's Day to donate their money to MADD instead of buying her gifts. As a result, her family donated \$125 to the fight against drunk driving.

I want to thank Mrs. Stonecipher for finding such an important cause and devoting herself to it. Her dedication to helping those who have been a victim to drunk driving and to helping stop it is truly remarkable.

### TRIBUTE TO LINDA DEWITT

#### HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 19, 2000*

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, choose a major cause in the Galesburg area and you would find Linda DeWitt. She fought for union causes, women's issues and a host of community oriented programs and projects.

Linda DeWitt was a long time union activist and worker at Protexall in Galesburg, Illinois. She was the President of her local union, UNITE Local 920 for more than 20 years. She was also the chairwoman of the board of the Chicago and Central States Joint Board of UNITE and the President of the Galesburg Trades and Labor Council.

Linda died on May 15th.

When Linda wasn't at work at Protexall hemming or pressing pants—a job she did for 28 years—Linda was doing union work. If she wasn't involved in matters relating her union UNITE, you could find her at the Galesburg Labor Temple tending to matters there. Or perhaps tending to matters involving the Midwest Employees Credit Union, which she chaired.

Linda ran the Labor Assembly in Galesburg and that meant running the bingo to keep the place going. She ran the bingo and did the cooking. She was the chair of the Bingo Board for 18 years. Linda put everything into making sure that the bingo was fun. She was creative in coming up with new ideas, games and prizes to make bingo more than just a game.

Many people believe Linda lived at the union hall.

Linda was proud that Galesburg had one of the oldest Labor Day Parades in the country. She was the principal organizer of that parade for many years.

According to her co-workers, Linda had the ability to fit 36 hours worth of accomplishments into a 24-hour day. Linda was always gracious and kind-hearted—always thinking of others and trying to help them before herself.

During her battle with a brain tumor, the Peoria Journal Star did a feature about Linda's struggle. The article depicted Linda's attitude and her religious faith. Incredibly Linda characterized her illness as a win-win situation. But Linda was always a person who could find light in dark situations.

One of her fellow union members of UNITE Local 920 said she will always remember Linda telling her to "just keep smiling". That says it all about Linda DeWitt.

Linda was quoted as saying that she's tried to live her life "where people can say I've done good." There can be no question about all the good that Linda DeWitt has been a part of throughout her entire life.

She was always dedicated to her family and her work and she did so much for her union and the community.

Her passing is a tremendous loss for West Central Illinois, the community of Galesburg, her union and her family.

### HONORING FORESTVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S SIXTH GRADE TEACHERS, DR. JUDITH ISAACSON, AND PRINCIPAL DAVE KULP

#### HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 19, 2000*

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the faculty of Forestville Elementary School, particularly its sixth grade teachers, Assistant Principal Dr. Judith Isaacson, and Principal Dave Kulp. I join the sixth grade class of 2000 in saluting the wonderful job they have done and their tireless dedication to their students.

Forestville Elementary has flourished in the twenty years since opening its doors in 1980. It is currently in the top six percent of elementary schools, statewide, with regard to Standards of Learning passage. But its greatest accomplishment by far is the education and values that Forestville instills into each and every student that walks through its halls and studies in its classrooms.

This elementary school is leaping into the 21st century by taking full advantage of today's technology and using it to its full potential in the classroom. It has a fully equipped in-

formation center which includes CD-ROM, laser disc, and telecommunications stations. Each day, students use classroom computers to accomplish tasks that integrate technology use into all curriculum areas.

Forestville Elementary does not only educate its students in the use of the latest technology, but also emphasizes some of the most important life lessons a child can learn—the joy of helping others and a commitment to the community in which he or she lives. There is a school wide "buddy" program where younger children are paired with older ones who listen to them read aloud, help them complete special projects, and accompany them on field trips. Also, an active outreach program provides school supplies, food, clothing, gifts, and other needed materials to the school's adopted "sister" school, a local homeless shelter, and victims of natural disasters.

Forestville also encourages children to learn by example—their parents'. The parents in this community work closely with the school on activities such as Project HUG, a reading program for first and second grade students which gives trained parent volunteers the opportunity to work with students who need reinforcement of skills. Over 100 percent regularly volunteer to help children in the computer labs.

And, of course, none of this would be possible without the loving dedication of faculty and staff like Dr. Judith Isaacson and Principal Dave Kulp. These individuals help to create an enthusiastic environment that not only encourages the students to pursue their studies with vigor, but also helps them develop a love of learning that will stay with them throughout their lives. The faculty and staff are the people who bring Forestville's Core Knowledge Sequence to life in the classroom, ensuring that each student has a solid, coherent foundation in history, geography, mathematics, science, language arts, and the fine arts. They are the people who are teaching these children to have a sharp mind, an honest heart, and a strong sense of duty to both their community and their country. I am glad to see that the education of the future leaders of the 21st century are in these very capable hands.

Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, I would like to commend Forestville Elementary and all its faculty and staff for the outstanding job they have done with these students. On behalf of the sixth grade class, thank you for your hard work, dedication, and endless support.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 19, 2000*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I was absent and unable to vote the afternoon of June

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15, 2000. I would have voted in favor of the Sanders of Vermont amendment (rollcall No. 286). I would have voted in favor of the motion to recommit (rollcall No. 287). I would have voted against the Nethercutt amendment (rollcall No. 288). I would have voted against the Weldon amendment (rollcall No. 289). I would have voted in favor of the motion to recommit (rollcall No. 290). I would have voted against final passage (rollcall No. 291).

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TRIBUTE TO SHELLY BAUGH

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 19, 2000*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to share the story of a young woman from Centralia, IL, Shelly Baugh. Shelly's father served his country honorably and was killed during the Vietnam conflict when she was only 3 months old.

Until recently, she had spent her life trying to find any details out about her father, Pvt. Richie Githins. Twelve years ago a man who had served with her father made contact with her. His name was Chuck Gregoire of Allen Park, MI. Since then Shelly and Chuck have spent many hours together talking about her brave father. The pair also traveled to Vietnam together to see the place where her father was killed at gun point.

With yesterday being Flag Day, and with Father's Day just around the corner, Shelly's story is especially poignant. It is easy to get caught up in our day-to-day struggles, that we sometimes forget what is truly important—our family and our spirit. Shelly never forgot these values.

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to Shelly for keeping the story of her father alive. Her father gave the ultimate sacrifice to protect our flag and our way of life. Shelly has fought hard to capture and remember her father's spirit. To both of them, I say thank you for a job well done.

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HONORING DOUG HARRISON

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 19, 2000*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Doug Harrison for his 30 years of outstanding community service with the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District and Fresno County.

Mr. Harrison is the General Manager-Secretary of the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District, having served in that capacity since 1972. The American Waterworks Association recognized his work in urban run-off quality research as the best water resources research of 1988. Also, Mr. Harrison was acknowledged by the State Water Resource Control Board in 1993 for federal Clean Water Act program assistance. Subsequently, he was named by the American Public Works Association as one of the Top Ten Public Works

Leaders in the nation in 1993; and, Manager of the Year, 1999, by the California Special Districts Association.

Mr. Harrison has spoken nationally on urban storm water and flood control issues, including frequent testimony before the Congress of the United States and the California State Legislature. He has also published numerous articles and was a contributing author for a national water resources policy white paper developed by the National Water alliance for the Bush Administration.

He also serves as a Board Member of the San Joaquin River Conservancy. He is currently serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Association of California Water Agencies, and is also the past President and a current Board Member of the National Association of Flood and Storm Water Management Agencies.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor Doug Harrison for his 30 years of service with the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District and Fresno County. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Harrison many more years of continued success.

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TRIBUTE TO RICHARD H. MARRIOTT

**HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 19, 2000*

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Richard H. Marriott, former mayor of Sacramento. One of our area's most outstanding citizens, Mr. Marriott passed away on Sunday, June 4, 2000, due to complications with cancer and heart problems. As his friends and family gather for his memorial service, I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in commemorating his life and many accomplishments.

Born in Ely, NE, Richard Marriott was one of four children of the former Anna Gertude Bernard and Joseph E. Marriott. He graduated from Nevada City Union High School in 1935, and he earned his bachelor's degree in English from the University of San Francisco in 1940. He went on to perform his graduate work at the University of California, Berkeley.

Richard Marriott's distinguished political career began in 1959 at a time when there was no district system in local politics. Starting in 1968, he began the first of two terms as mayor of Sacramento.

In 1975, he was appointed by then-Governor, Jerry Brown, to the State Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board. Four years later, the governor named him deputy secretary of the Health and Welfare Agency. He retired from public service in 1982.

As a city councilman, Richard Marriott made a name for himself in championing the defense of organized labor. As mayor, he continued that pursuit. In addition to fighting for workers' rights, he served as editor and manager of the Valley Union Labor Bulletin. According to former mayor Phillip Isenberg, Mr. Marriott was the only modern mayor to come from organized labor.

Among various other accolades, Richard Marriott was credited with establishing pre-

vailing wage rates for plumbers and other craftsmen on the City Hall payroll. This helped to ensure they were paid equitably with their unionized counterparts in the private sector.

In a time when the mayor's position was mainly a ceremonial job, Richard Marriott fought to extend the position's influence. He fought for his beliefs and worked to represent the citizens of Sacramento. His career was truly exemplary, and he stands out as one of Sacramento's finest public servants.

Mr. Speaker, as Richard Marriott's friends and family gather for his memorial service, I am honored to pay tribute to a much admired and respected man of our community. He touched so many others with his conviction and dedication to his family and the city of Sacramento. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in wishing Mr. Marriott's family our deepest condolences for their great loss.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RONNIE SHOWS**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 19, 2000*

Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, I was away from the floor of the House on Thursday, June 15, 2000 to attend to official business in my congressional district and was unable to cast recorded votes on roll calls 280 through 291, relating to Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2001.

Mr. Speaker, I regret not being able to vote on any of these rollcalls, but I particularly regret being unable to cast my vote against the Slaughter amendment to provide additional federal funding for the National Endowment for the Arts.

The visual and performing arts are important to me, but I do not believe it is appropriate for the federal government to have a major role in subsidizing the arts. The NEA is at fault for having funded blasphemous endeavors that offer no redeeming benefit to our community. Attempts by NEA officials to assure me that these offenses will no longer occur have not been convincing. Furthermore, I cannot justify this funding at a time when we are trying to preserve Social Security and Medicare and pay of our crushing national debt.

Fortunately, the NEA increases approved by the Slaughter amendment were erased in a subsequent amendment that was approved by voice vote.

Mr. Speaker, had I been present for rollcalls 280 through 291, I would have cast the following votes:

Rollcall 280: "Aye" on the Hansen amendment to the Dicks amendment, to remove the reference to the planning and management of national monuments.

Rollcall 281: "No" on Dicks amendment, to add a new section to provide that any limitation imposed by the bill which is related to planning and management of national monuments or activities related to the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Plan shall not apply to any activity which is otherwise authorized by law.

Rollcall 282: "Aye" on the Stearns amendment, to reduce the amount for NEA by 2 percent and to transfer the money to the fire management account.