EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

APPR ECIATION OF WAL-MART’S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

HON. ASA HUTCHINSON
OF ARKANSAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 20, 2000

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. Speaker, I recently stood on our National Mall between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument, near the site of the planned memorial to honor our World War II veterans. I was delighted to join Senator Dole and others at the site, and I rise today to thank Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and its thousands of associates for their contributions to the memorial.

Wal-Mart has raised $14.5 million for the World War II Memorial, the largest single contribution to the memorial. Store employees from across the country mounted a nine month grassroots fundraising drive to raise $9 million in funds, which the Wal-Mart Foundation partially matched.

The World War II Memorial will be a fitting tribute to our country’s noble generation which defeated nazism, preserved freedom, and taught us all what sacrifice really means. On behalf of the Third Congressional District of Arkansas, I would like to thank Wal-Mart employees and all those who have worked to honor our veterans.

HONORING LARRY CALLOWAY

HON. TOM UDALL
OF NEW MEXICO
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Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call to the attention of the House the retirement of a leading journalist and commentator for the State of New Mexico. Larry Calloway, who stepped down this month from his regular column at the Albuquerque Journal, will be missed by thousands of readers who were faithful followers of his thrice-weekly column. His refreshing and anecdotal comments, which covered civic activities and politics, were always immensely interesting and entertaining. His remarkable contributions to the people of New Mexico cannot be understated. Thank you, Larry, and best wishes in your new endeavors.

HONORING PETER J. LIACOURAS UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor President Peter J. Liacouras, who is retiring after an unprecedented 18 years at the helm of Temple University.

President Liacouras has been called “a man who reminisces about the future.” Under his guidance, Temple University has achieved national prominence as a model public research university in a central-city setting, with suburban and international locations and programs.

A Temple professor of law for nearly four decades, and a former Dean of Temple’s Law School, Mr. Liacouras has presided since 1982 over an institution with a distinguished faculty, including some 29,000 students on seven campuses in the Philadelphia region which encompasses successful campuses in Rome and Tokyo. Temple has 16,000 full-time and part-time employees, a renowned Health Sciences Center and Temple University Health System, 200,000 alumni and alumni in 92 nations around the world, and 16 schools and colleges, offering bachelor’s degrees in 135 areas, master’s in 82 fields, and doctoral degrees in 49 areas.

President Liacouras’s career has been characterized by six constants: continuous pursuit of excellence; (2) opening of universities and professions to persons from historically underrepresented groups; (3) a hard-nosed commitment to fiscal responsibility; (4) leadership from historically underrepresented groups; (3) a hard-nosed commitment to fiscal responsibility; (4) leadership in effectuating change; (5) far-reaching academic improvements in the institution, with close and respectful collaboration with neighbors; and (6) the view that the human condition is universal, and education should be viewed simultaneously in the prism of the world and the local neighborhood.

The son of Greek immigrants, Mr. Liacouras, as Dean of Temple Law School, became a national leader in developing model programs of university and community cooperation, as well as fair and sensible admissions policies for professional schools.

Under Mr. Liacouras, Temple’s objectives have included: revitalizing its Main Campus, which, as a result, is providing the spark for the first tangible renewal of a long-neglected section of the City of Philadelphia; strengthening undergraduate, graduate, and professional education in the region, nation, and world; restructuring Temple’s schools and college to meet the needs of students and to recognize the rapidly changing environment of higher education; using Temple’s resources to improve urban public education; strengthening the University’s research mission; providing and expanding health care for all citizens, regardless of ability to pay; building better community relations.

Mr. Speaker, Peter J. Liacouras should be commended for his extraordinary leadership and integrity as the steward of one of our great public institutions of higher learning, Temple University.