

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO JAN BURNSIDE, OUTSTANDING COLORADO WOMAN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2001

Mr. MCINNIS Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to congratulate a remarkable woman, Jan Burnside, for her devotion to her community and to the people of the State of Colorado. After experiencing the devastating loss of her only daughter to suicide, Jan has devoted her life to helping prevent suicide. For her work in this critical area, Jan Burnside is being honored as an Outstanding Colorado Woman. Jan's contributions to the citizens of Colorado are great in number and deserve the recognition of Congress. Clearly, our State is better off because of Jan's service.

Jan's work in the field of suicide prevention has been tireless. Her work with the State of Colorado has touched many hearts and saved many lives. Too often, this crisis in our culture is overlooked. But thanks to Jan, that's not the case in Colorado. Jan has been at the forefront of the administrative, legislative and social push to reduce the specter of suicide in Colorado. Guided by her own great loss, Jan has worked boldly and bravely to prevent this tragedy from scarring other families.

As you can see, Mr. Speaker, Jan has shown profound courage that's an inspiration to us all. It is that inspiration that has earned her the high honor of being named Outstanding Colorado Woman. Jan is eminently deserving of this prestigious recognition.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I say thank you to Jan for her dedication and service to her community over the years and congratulate her on this deserved honor. She has been a tireless champion in a critically important field.

Jan, we are all proud of your work and grateful for your service!

CONGRATULATIONS TO SERGEANT JOHN JACK BRUBECK

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SKELTON Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that Sergeant John "Jack" Brubeck, of Lexington, MO, was recently honored by the Lexington Police Department for his 20 years of outstanding service.

Sergeant Brubeck has dutifully served the Lexington community for 20 years. He has worked under several police chiefs and has received numerous accolades during the last two decades. Sergeant Brubeck has been given a commendation medal for building evi-

dence, a felony commendation medal, and a time in service commendation. Sergeant Brubeck was also recognized for his dedicated investigative work on two felony cases which resulted in the charging of a suspect.

Mr. Speaker Sergeant Brubeck has dedicated 20 years to the police force, serving with honor and distinction. As he continues to protect and serve the citizens of Lexington, I am certain that the Members of the House will join me in wishing him all the best.

RECOGNIZING MR. ROBERT SAKATA OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2001

Mr. SCHAFFER Mr. Speaker, today I recognize one of my constituents, Mr. Robert Sakata of Brighton, Colorado. This month, Mr. Sakata was awarded The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Rosette, by the emperor of Japan for Sakata's commitment to better relations between the United States and Japan.

Mr. Sakata has played a major role as an American ambassador of goodwill. He has visited Japan to talk to corporate executives about American businesses, and to Japanese farmers about U.S. farming. He has hosted the emperor and empress of Japan at his Colorado farm. He has served on various agriculture boards, as well as the Japan America Society of Colorado.

Such patriotism is especially remarkable given the obstacles posed to Mr. Sakata early in life. The son of a truck driver, Mr. Sakata was born in California to Japanese-American parents. During World War II, he was set to an interment camp in Topaz, Utah, suffering one of American history's greatest injustices. During that time, Mr. Sakata was sponsored by a Colorado resident who put him to work on a farm near Brighton. From that point on, farming became Mr. Sakata's life.

After the war, Mr. Sakata began to farm for himself, with only 40 acres purchased on borrowed money. Today, Sakata Farms spans 3,000 acres of sweet corn, cabbage, onions and broccoli. His story is that of yet another American dream that came true because of hard work and perseverance.

I am extremely proud of Mr. Sakata. He is an extraordinary Coloradan and an outstanding American. His dedication to American-Japanese relations has made an enduring difference, especially within our agricultural community. I ask the House to join me in extending congratulations to Mr. Sakata of Colorado.

INTRODUCTION OF THE TEACHER TAX CUT ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2001

Mr. PAUL Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Teacher Tax Cut Act. This bill provides every teacher in America with a \$1,000 tax credit, thus raising every teacher's take-home pay without increasing federal spending. Passage of this bill is a major first step toward treating those who have dedicated their lives to educating America's children with the respect they deserve. Compared to other professionals teachers are underappreciated and underpaid. This must change if America is to have the finest education system in the world!

Quality education is impossible without quality teaching. If we want to ensure that the teaching profession attracts the very best people possible we must make sure that teachers receive the compensation they deserve. For too long now, we have seen partisan battles and displays of heightened rhetoric about who wants to provide the most assistance to education distract us from our important work of removing government-imposed barriers to educational excellence.

Since America's teachers are underpaid because they are overtaxed, the best way to raise teacher take-home pay is to reduce their taxes. Simply by raising teacher's take-home pay via a \$1,000 tax credit we can accomplish a number of important things. First, we show a true commitment to education. We also let America's teachers know that the American people and the Congress respect their work. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, by raising teacher take-home pay, the Teacher Tax Cut Act encourages highly-qualified professionals to enter, and remain in, the teaching profession.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I once again ask my colleagues to put aside partisan bickering and unite around the idea of helping educators by supporting the Teacher Tax Cut Act.

TRIBUTE TO JIM NICHOLSON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2001

Mr. MCINNIS Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to recognize an outstanding citizen and a remarkable leader, my friend Jim Nicholson, the now former head of the Republican National Committee. Jim is being honored on January 26, 2001 in Denver, Colorado for his accomplished service as Chairman of the Republican National Committee. During

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