EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HON. BOB CLEMENT
OF TENNESSEE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 28, 2001

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. John Younger of Nashville, Ten-
nessee, on the occasion of his retirement. John Younger's thirty-year career in education has
fittingly culminated in his most recent po-
tition in 1992; Educator of the Year for
the Davidson County Metropolitan School System.

Younger's employment with DEA com-
promised the DEA and was confirmed by the
Secretary of the Year for Metropolitan Nashville Schools;
Younger earned a B.S. degree from Middle
Mercado for his superb service to this great
Highland Heights Junior High School. In
June 1987, he became principal at Bellevue
High School, overseeing more than 750 seventh
to eleventh graders.
Younger's excellent performances,
Younger earned a B.S. degree from Middle
State Teacher's College, and he also chairs
the Tennessee Teachers Credit Union and is a distin-
guished member of the American Association of School Business Officials.

Blue-collar federal employees, a majority of
whom work for the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Department of Veterans Affairs
(VA), are key to the security and defense of
our nation. They perform a range of duties
throughout Middle Tennessee. They have one
child and four grandchildren.

honor Mr. John Younger of Nashville, Ten-
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field numerous times by his peers. These
awards include: Tennessee's Outstanding
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In 1992, Younger was selected to receive the
Kappa Delta Pi Distinguished Member Award from the Southeastern
Association of School Business Officials.

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way to work together over the years in many ca-

capacities. He is a role model for young Ameri-
cans. He grew up in the D.E.A. and the D.E.A.
grew with him. The success of this great
law enforcement agency is the culmination of the
efforts of men and women like Julio Mercado.
His story is an outstanding example of how one man, who came from humble beginnings,
can serve his country and his fellow man and
can truly make a difference. Our country owes
him and his family, a great debt of gratitude.

Julio F. Mercado began his law enforce-
career with the New York Police De-
partment, assigned to the 47th Precinct, in
1973. During that period, he worked with
DEA as part of the Task Force. Mr.
Mercado's employment with DEA comm-
enced in 1973, with his assignment to the
New York Field Division. During his tenure,
he conducted nearly 700 undercover buys and
had a 100% conviction rate. Mr. Mercado,
who is fluent in the Spanish language, re-
mained in New York until his assignment to
San Juan, Puerto Rico, in 1984. He was pro-
moted to Group Supervisor in 1987 and was
transferred to the McAllen District Office.
McAllen, Texas. In 1990, Mr. Mercado re-
served as Staff Coordinator of the Heroin In-
vestigations Section until 1992. Next, he was
assigned to the Special Operations Division,
where he served as the Deputy Chief. In 1995,
Mr. Mercado was promoted to Assistant Spe-
cial Agent in Charge, Caribbean Division.
San Juan, Puerto Rico. During this assign-
ment he became involved in many high-pro-
file cases, as well as community drug edu-
cation and prevention programs in Puerto Rico.

Mr. Mercado was selected as Special Agent
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