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EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SPEECH OF

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 6, 2001*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a great friend and colleague, the late Congressman JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY. The passing of JOE MOAKLEY is a loss for the entire country. Indeed, those of us who had a chance to learn from and serve with this great man will truly miss him.

Throughout his career in public life, JOE MOAKLEY was a spokesman and warrior for the people of South Boston. He made it no secret that he would do whatever he needed to bring federal funds and programs to the State of Massachusetts and the rest of the U.S. With JOE's help, Boston was able to clean up the Boston Harbor, establish an African-American historic site within the borders of the city, create a subsidized home heating credit for those who could not afford to heat their homes in the winter, as well as move forward with a variety of major infrastructure projects. Many of us, at one time or another, looked to JOE for advice on how to get funding for programs in our own districts.

While serving as a Member of Congress, JOE MOAKLEY rarely stood at the back of the line and followed the group. On the contrary, he walked to the front of the line and lead. JOE was a leader in Latin American issues. With this profile, he often took stances on issues that were not always looked favorably upon by many of his colleagues, including taking meetings with Cuba's Fidel Castro. As Chairman of the House Committee on Rules for more than four and a half years, JOE helped structure the operations of the House and lead the Democratic Party in improving the overall quality of life in the U.S.

The one thing that I will miss most about JOE MOAKLEY, however, is the enjoyment I have gotten from watching the late Congressman fight for the issues he held closest to his heart. Last week, the Boston Daily Globe referred to JOE as the "People's Legislator." That he truly was. JOE always looked forward to going home and being with the people he represented—the people he loved. As Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino said, "The people of Boston have lost a true friend and a legend . . . one of the giants." During my tenure as a Member of Congress, I have attempted to emulate JOE's dedication to the people he represented. I can only hope that when I pass, I too will be referred to as a people's legislator. Thank you JOE for everything you have done for this the people of America as well as this institution. Your leadership and smile will be truly missed.

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TEACHING EXPERTISE OF JOHN CAVANAUGH

**HON. TOM DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 7, 2001*

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor an individual who has played an essential role in our society. That individual is John Cavanaugh. Mr. Cavanaugh was born in Bethesda, Maryland, and graduated from Georgetown University. He entered the teaching professional in 1973 as a German instructor at Georgetown Preparatory School. In 1976, he began teaching at the Congressional School of Virginia. During his tenure, Mr. Cavanaugh has taught United States History, American Government, World History, Geography, Latin, Italian, and Spanish. He has served as Yearbook Advisor for over two decades and is currently Chair of the Social Studies Department at the Congressional Schools of Virginia.

The range of courses Mr. Cavanaugh has taught reflects the expansiveness of his mind and his concern for the interactions of the multifarious peoples within our society. Mr. Cavanaugh also brings keen intellect to his work and inspires his students to be like him—that is, to use their intellects. He is a model teacher because he creates an appetite for knowledge and then teaches his students how to satisfy this appetite.

When this school year draws to a close, John Cavanaugh will have completed 25 years as a teacher at the Congressional Schools of Virginia.

As we contemplate the problems of our education system and debate the solutions to those problems, it is important to focus on the many great educators within the system who have committed their lives and careers to inspiring youngsters to learn. John Cavanaugh stands for them all.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I want to congratulate John on his many achievements and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors. I hope my colleagues will join me in saluting a man who gives much hope to our future.

A TRIBUTE TO LION LEROY FOSTER

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 7, 2001*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Lion Leroy Foster for his tireless work on behalf of his community.

Leroy Foster is a charter member of the Laurelton Lions Club. Since the club's inception in 1980, he has maintained a 100 percent attendance at all meetings and events. His dedication has shown throughout his 21 terms as a Member of the Board. During those 21 terms, he has served as President, first Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, as well as the Chair of numerous Committees.

Leroy earned is BBA in Accounting from Pace University. He is currently a Second Vice

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President of the TIAA-CREF directing the Tax Reporting Division. He is the father of two children. Tanya and his deceased son, Leroy Jr.

Leroy works extensively for his community at the district level. He is currently serving as a Board Member of the Habitat for Humanity Brooklyn Chapter. He has also served as Vice District Governor, Zone Chair, Region Chair and many other distinguished positions. While serving as District Governor, Mr. Foster organized the members of his district to build houses in Brooklyn and Queens.

Having a long and distinguished career as a delegate, he has attended international, national, regional, state and district conventions and Leadership Forums.

In addition, Leroy has received numerous awards for his community service. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow and is a recipient of The Boy Scouts of America Citizenship Award to name a few.

Mr. Speaker, Lion Leroy Foster has devoted his life to serving his community. However, what sets him aside from his peers is that he has never faulted in his commitment. Lion Leroy Foster is and has been a man to respect and emulate. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable man..

COMMENDING YOUNG SOUTHWEST FLORIDIANS FOR THEIR SERVICE AND HEALTH CARE TO ELDERLY COSTA RICANS

**HON. PORTER J. GOSS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 7, 2001*

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, while for most of us it is sometimes difficult to find time to participate in service activities locally, it is nearly impossible to reach out to those who need assistance internationally. As the plight of many citizens of poorer countries often goes unrecognized, it is notable when a group reaches across our nation's borders to offer aid. It is even more impressive when those taking the initiative to do so are young people.

Recently, twelve of my constituents, members of the Barron Collier High School Key Club, traveled to San Jose, Costa Rica to charter the first Key Club in that country. This was a large undertaking, supported by almost 50 businesses, Kiwanis Clubs and individuals. These young Southwest Floridians trained their counterparts at the Marian Baker High School and then set out together to provide service and health care necessities to elderly Costa Ricans. The students also demonstrated their eagerness to serve the community as they worked to improve conditions at a local park and clean the littered beaches.

These students have proven that respected values exist worldwide. As these culturally dissimilar teens worked side by side, they exhibited that compassion is an attribute native to all. It is outstanding international efforts such as these that restore faith in America's youth. I congratulate the Barron Collier students and encourage them to continue upholding the mission of Kiwanis International to improve the