

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING GRANBY MAYOR DICK THOMPSON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today on behalf of Congress to pay tribute to a brave man, and a man who gave of himself to improve the lives of others. Mr. Speaker, the people of Colorado and of our nation lost an amazing man with the passing away of Granby Mayor Dick Thompson, but his heroic efforts will never be lost, because his actions and his character have helped shape his city and country in a positive way that can never be revoked.

In 1949, Dick married his wife Thelma, and eventually became a fantastic father to five children, Larry, Ron, Brenda, Gary, and Linda. A fine businessman, Dick started Thompson Excavating, and later, when his sons decided to join him in his successful business, changed it to Thompson and Sons Excavating.

Dick Thompson believed in self-reliance, freedom, and trust, and he took action to see these values implemented in his community, nation, and family. Dick learned firsthand the meaning of sacrifice at age 18 when he served in the South Pacific during World War II on the U.S.S. *Hazard*. He never forgot how to serve for the sake of the many, as he gave over 20 years on the town board without a single regret. Eventually, Dick took his political leadership skills to another level when he was elected Mayor in April of 2000. He won the community over with his common sense and his obvious interest for the well being of others. Middle Park Fair and Rodeo, who honored him as Pioneer of the Year, quotes him as saying, "We've always had a lot of good people in this country.* * * That's why I like to stay involved. I like the people." His positive energy shone through, and helped contribute to his success and to the success of Granby.

It is without a doubt, Mr. Speaker, that Dick Thompson has earned our utmost respect and thanks for his exemplary service and honesty. Today, I ask you to join me in honoring one of Colorado's finest leaders.

IN HONOR OF THE CONSECRATION OF THE MONASTERY MARCHA CHURCH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Consecration of The Monastery Marcha Church for the esteemed dedication by the abess, Igumanija Ana and two sisters,

Sisters Anastasia and Angelina, for their remarkable service to God and the Holy Orthodox Church.

Monastery Marcha in Richfield, Ohio is erected in remembrance of the original Monastery Marcha in Serbia, built in the 17th Century, which was destroyed during the war with Austria-Hungary. Even though it was rebuilt in 1924, it was destroyed once again in 1991. However, due to the devotion of the congregants, the Monastery Marcha in Richfield became what it is today, the first monastery established for the Serbian Orthodox nuns in the United States.

The Monastery is presently located on a beautiful 82 acre tract of land, which was purchased in 1968 for the sole purpose of building a Diocesan center. The spiritual and uplifting environmental atmosphere invites all those lost souls in need of spiritual enrichment, prayer, service, moral support, and love. The Monastery graciously houses a residence and living accommodations for monastics, a heavenly Chapel, and future plans hope to include a vast area for a cemetery and a residence for senior citizens.

Each week the Holy Services are conducted by an area Orthodox priest who graciously volunteers his priestly duties to the Monastery. The nuns derive income through the generous donations but find that the main source stems from producing vestments, making candles and selling religious articles. The nuns have hospitably provided many spiritual retreats at the Monastery and have become speakers and program presenters throughout Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York.

The nuns have taken an active part in service to the Monastery and it is well known that the doors of the Monastery are always open for all to enter.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring the Monastery Marcha Church for their many contributions to the diocese and wider religious community.

GAINING EARLY AWARENESS AND READINESS FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS (GEAR UP)

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2001

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, the President's request for Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is \$277 million for fiscal year 2002. Funding at this level puts the GEAR UP program in my district and many others at serious risk. We should do everything in our power to protect and augment programs like GEAR UP that have proven to be effective.

As you know, GEAR UP is a nationwide program to encourage disadvantaged children

to have high expectations, stay in school, study hard and make appropriate decisions that will lead them on the road to a college education. With high school dropout rates so high among Hispanics, programs like GEAR UP are critical. The program directs the Department of Education to offer competitive grants that will build partnerships while creating and expanding alliances between colleges and school districts which have at least 50 percent low-income students.

Since its enactment, GEAR UP has provided a much needed service to nearly 1.2 million children. No other federal program holds more promise for middle school children in low-income schools and does more to institutionalize the necessary reforms that provide early college awareness than GEAR UP. The 73 new partnership grants and seven new state grants awarded last year brought the two-year total to 237 GEAR UP partnerships and 28 state programs. The second year competition, like that of the first year, was extremely competitive. However, due to funding limitations, only 28 percent of the partnership applications and 33 percent of the state grant applications could be awarded. There is truly a demand for more GEAR UP money.

I believe it is critically important that we remain steadfast in our commitment to GEAR UP, which sends a message to students that a college education is indeed within their reach. I urge my colleagues to support \$425 million for GEAR UP in the fiscal year 2002 Labor, HHS and Education Appropriations bill to allow GEAR UP schools to continue to operate their programs.

HONORING TEEN OUTREACH THROUGH TECHNOLOGY (TOTT)

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Teen Outreach Through Technology (TOTT) for their exemplary service to their community. TOTT is a non-profit organization with an emphasis on youth delinquency prevention.

In 1986, Faye Johnson undertook an independent study at Fresno City College to explore the use of telecommunications with at-risk or troubled teens. Her study showed very positive results and shortly thereafter, a formal program was put in operation, volunteers were recruited, and TOTT became a non-profit organization. TOTT's purpose is to reduce juvenile delinquency by redirecting negative energy into a positive outcome through computer technology. Through the use of a computer network, newsletter and trained volunteer programs, youth are involved in the process of educating the public to their needs, exploring

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solutions to their problems, and improving their understanding of themselves and others.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Teen Outreach Through Technology for their innovative use of technology to serve young people in the Fresno area. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing TOTT many more years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL KELLY
STEPHEN KEITH

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2001

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Corporal Kelly Stephen Keith. Kelly Stephen Keith was born in 1978, the son of Donna Harter of Florence and Billy Keith of Cheraw, and stepson of Ronald Harter and Connie Keith. His siblings are Andy and Jay Keith of Cheraw and Dustin Brasington of Florence.

Kelly Keith joined the Marine Corps on December 17, 1996 shortly after graduating from Cheraw High School where he had received the "Spirit of the Brave Award" in his senior year. During his high school years, Kelly played in the marching band, was an avid fisherman and hunter, and enjoyed golf, music, and scuba diving. He was a Boy Scout for ten years, and a member of First Baptist Church of Cheraw.

Over the course of his first three years in the Marines, Keith was promoted four times and received numerous awards for good conduct and advanced to the rank of Corporal. He was assigned to Naval Aircrew Training, and later joined the Osprey Unit team. Before joining the Osprey Unit, Kelly was with the Marine Squadron assigned to transport the U.S. President and his staff.

Corporal Keith distinguished himself as the only Corporal, and the youngest officer, to be named crew chief on the Osprey test team. Keith was killed with eighteen other Marines on April 9, 2000 when their aircraft crashed in Arizona on a training exercise.

The South Carolina General Assembly passed a resolution on March 6, 2001 naming a portion of U.S. Highway 52 in honor of Corporal Keith. Corporal Kelly Stephen Keith was a man of integrity, honor, and respect. The service that he rendered for our nation was invaluable, and the memory of this soldier and great American should never die.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and my fellow South Carolinians in honoring Corporal Kelly Stephen Keith.

TRIBUTE TO JESSE GALLARDO

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2001

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jesse Gallardo as he recently celebrated the end of his tenure at Major Farms Inc. in Soledad, California. Mr. Gallardo

retired on March 31, 2001 bringing an end to sixty-four years of service to Major Farms Inc. and the entire Soledad community.

After moving from Orange County to Soledad as a young boy, Mr. Gallardo grew up living on the property of Major Farms. When he was fourteen years old, he began working full time on the farm, which at that time was barely one year into operation. Until his retirement at the age of seventy-eight, Mr. Gallardo continued to work ten hour days, six days a week, and in distant years past, it was common practice during the spinach harvests for Mr. Gallardo to work seventeen hour days. After twenty-three years at Major, Mr. Gallardo moved into Soledad, yet continued to work at Major Farms while simultaneously raising six children.

Mr. Gallardo's dedication and hard work was not exclusively held to Major Farms, rather his positive influence has infiltrated the entire city of Soledad. To honor Jesse Gallardo's dedication to the community of Soledad, the city of Soledad presented Mr. Gallardo with a plaque and even designated a baseball park in his honor. Every Fourth of July, Mr. Gallardo participates in a softball game at Jesse Gallardo Park.

Mr. Speaker, the service of local members of the community are an asset to this nation, and I applaud Mr. Gallardo's contributions. The retirement of Mr. Gallardo signifies the end to a dedicated sixty-four years of service to Major Farms and the entire Soledad community. It is clear that Jesse Gallardo's dedication has made a lasting impact on his community, and I join the city of Soledad in honoring Mr. Gallardo.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2001

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from votes on June 21, 2001 due to my daughter's graduation. I would have voted as follows:

Roll call vote: 178 "Yea"; 179, "No", 180, "Yea", 181, "Yea", 182, "Yea", 183, "Yea", 184, "No", 185, "Yea".

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT M.

MCKINNEY: 1910-2001

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2001

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise before the House of Representatives today to mark the passing of an important American, Robert Moody McKinney, editor and publisher of the Santa Fe New Mexican, the west's oldest newspaper.

Over my years of serving the people of New Mexico, I came to know and respect Mr. McKinney. I saw embodied in him the principles of a dedicated public servant and many of the high standards that we expect from a

newspaper editor and publisher. He was a man of great wit, humility, intelligence and integrity, and his many contributions to his country will never be forgotten.

I join many in mourning the death of Robert M. McKinney and send my heartfelt condolences to his family. I am including for the RECORD a copy of his obituary, which details his extraordinary career.

[From The Santa Fe New Mexican, June 25, 2001]

ROBERT M. MCKINNEY: 1910-2001, PAPER'S OWNER DEAD AT 90

ROBERT MOODY MCKINNEY, editor and publisher of THE SANTA FE NEW MEXICAN, died of pneumonia Sunday night at New York Hospital. He was 90. His daughter, Robin McKinney Martin of Nambé, was with him. He was a diplomat, corporate director, conservationist, veteran and poet.

During a distinguished career, McKinney served as assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior, U.S. ambassador to the International Atomic Energy Agency at Vienna, Austria, and as U.S. ambassador to Switzerland.

McKinney purchased The Santa Fe New Mexican in 1949 and was its editor and publisher for 52 years. Due to health problems from the high altitude of Santa Fe, McKinney sold the company to Gannett Co. in 1976, retaining the right to continue as editor and publisher.

After a protracted and celebrated court battle, which he won, McKinney resumed management of the newspaper in 1987 and repurchased the property in 1989.

Through his friendship with U.S. Sen. Clinton P. Anderson, McKinney was instrumental in securing the San Juan Chama water-diversion project. He also persuaded St. John's College of Annapolis, Md., to open its western campus in Santa Fe.

As publisher, he supported John Crosby's efforts to launch The Santa Fe Opera and staged conferences in the early 1960s on the advantages of managed municipal growth in Santa Fe.

Born in Shattuck, Okla., Aug. 28, 1910, McKinney grew up in Amarillo, Texas, and graduated from Amarillo High School in 1928. As a teen-ager, he was a cub reporter for the Amarillo Globe News.

He received a bachelor's degree, graduating Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Oklahoma in 1932 with a major in literature.

Upon graduation, he worked in New York City as an investment analyst at Standard Statistics, now Standard and Poor's. He served as a partner in his cousin Robert Young's investment firm from 1934 to 1950 and became financially successful by investing in bankrupt railroad stock at the depth of the Depression.

During World War II, McKinney, was a lieutenant junior grade in the U.S. Navy. He helped develop and manufacture the Tiny Tim rocket and participated in D-Day to observe how the devices pierced the armor of German tanks.

In 1943, he married Louise Trigg, the daughter of a ranching family from eastern New Mexico.

His career in government included appointments by five presidents.

President Harry S. Truman appointed him assistant secretary of the Department of Interior in 1951. President Dwight D. Eisenhower named him U.S. ambassador to the International Atomic Energy Commission. He was editor and principal author of a multivolume work on the peaceful uses of atomic energy.