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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JOHN S. KOZA

HON. JAMES A. LEACH

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2001

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce my colleagues to John S. Koza of Iowa City, Iowa. John is the Junior Achievement National Middle School Volunteer of the Year. Over the past 12 years, John has taught 38 classes in basic business methods as a Junior Achievement instructor. His open, honest and caring teaching style creates a fun, relaxed environment in which students both learn the skills needed to be successful entrepreneurs and are imbued through John’s example with the importance of giving back to your community.

John’s work in the Junior Achievement exemplifies the history of program as a quintessential American success story. As the exodus from farm to city accelerated in this country at the beginning of the 20th century, so did the need to prepare young people for the demands of a changing workplace. Junior Achievement was founded in Massachusetts in 1919 as a collection of small, after school business clubs to help meet that need, with students learning how to create business plans, to set up appropriate accounting procedures, and to learn basic manufacturing, advertising and marketing techniques.

In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge hosted a White House reception to kick off a national fundraising drive for Junior Achievement, and by the late 1920’s there were nearly 800 JA Clubs with 8,000 participants in 13 cities throughout New England.

During World War II, enterprising students in JA business clubs applied their ingenuity to aid the war effort. In Chicago, JA students won a contract to manufacture 10,000 pants hangers for the Army; in Pittsburgh, JA students developed a specially lined box to dispose of incendiary devices which was approved by Civil Defense and sold locally; elsewhere, they organized drives to obtain badly needed scrap metal.

The 1950’s saw Junior Achievement increase five-fold, with President Eisenhower declaring the week of January 30 to February 5, 1955, “National Junior Achievement Week.” By then, Junior Achievement was operating in 139 cities in most of the 50 states. By 1982, JA’s formal curricula had expanded to Applied Economics, Project Business and Business Basics; by 1988, more than one million students were participating in its programs.

Today, through the efforts of more than 10,000 volunteers like John Koza in the classrooms of America, Junior Achievements reaches over four million students in grades K to 12 annually. JA international takes the free enterprise message of hope and opportunity to more than 1.5 million students in 111 countries.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate John Koza of Iowa City for his outstanding service to Junior Achievement and the young people of Iowa. He is a wonderful example for us all.

TRIBUTE TO LOLA QUESENBERRY

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2001

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lola Quesenberry, who recently celebrated 19 years of service with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) through the Earth Team volunteer program. Lola has logged over 18,000 hours of service since she began volunteering in Bythie, California where she worked with the Palo Verde Resource Conservation District.

While in California, Lola assisted with the development of an intensive agricultural irrigation water management program. Her primary role was to operate a Campbell Pacific Nuclear neutron probe, which is an accurate method of monitoring soil moisture, at over 200 sites. Lola also assisted with the evaluation of over 50 irrigation systems, helping the farmers to optimize their water use and thereby conserve our precious water resources. She was also involved with the development of the McCoy Wash PL566 Small Watershed project—a project that is currently under construction.

Upon moving to New Jersey in 1987 to help care for her invalid mother-in-law, Lola continued her Earth Team involvement by volunteering for the South Jersey Resource Conservation, and Development Council. Lola’s major responsibility is assisting with the development of the Resource Information Service Everyone (R.I.S.E.) program. This fully functional program includes operation of eighteen Campbell Scientific weather stations located in seven southern New Jersey counties and four Campbell Scientific water quality stations. R.I.S.E. features a comprehensive Internet web site to disseminate irrigation scheduling to farmers, homeowners, and facilities managers, while also providing environmental education to interested organizations and schoolchildren.

Lola actively participates in numerous watershed projects in New Jersey. She attends meetings and provides a unique perspective to the NRCS-led Milestone watershed project, the proposed Repaupo Creek watershed project, and the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission’s two projects—Crosswicks WMA20 and the Lower Delaware Tributaries WMA 16.

Lola has volunteered time to assist the Bear Creek Conservancy/Stewardship Association with the creation and maintenance of a fresh water marsh for waterfowl habitat. She also volunteers to the South Jersey Chapter of Quail Unlimited to help create upland wildlife habitat.

For over 19 years, Lola Quesenberry’s volunteer spirit, together with the synergy gained from working with other Earth Team members and resource conservation professionals, has helped to conserve resources and improve the environment in California and New Jersey.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES H. MALONEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2001

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, due to business in my district, on Monday, June 25, 2001, I missed rollcall votes Nos. 186, 187, and 188. Had I been present, I would have voted “Aye” on rollcall No. 186, “Aye” on rollcall No. 187, and “Aye” on rollcall No. 188.