

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING CONGRESSMAN MARTIN OLAV SABO'S CAREER OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 27, 2006

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate a fellow Minnesotan, Congressman MARTIN SABO of Minneapolis, on his distinguished career of public service.

The neighboring cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, MN, are known as the "Twin Cities." As the representative from St. Paul, it has been my privilege to serve in Congress with my "Twin brother" MARTIN SABO. After I was first elected to the U.S. House, he immediately became an expert mentor, always generous with time-tested insights. I will never forget the much-needed help he and his staff offered me as I made a difficult transition into Congress following the death of my predecessor, Congressman Bruce Vento. Six years on, we are partners working to solve the problems facing the families of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Through these collaborations, I have come to admire his wisdom—garnered through his personal experience, knowledge and integrity—and recognize what the Congress will lose following his much-deserved retirement.

Martin's public life began 45 years ago when he was elected to the Minnesota State House of Representatives at the young age of 22. He went on to serve with distinction as both House Speaker and minority leader until his election to Congress in 1978.

During his nine terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, Mr. SABO's patient dedication to results and sound governance earned him the respect and trust of his colleagues. In his position on the powerful Appropriations Committee, Congressman SABO directed federal funds to advance Minnesota's transportation system and improve the quality of life for U.S. soldiers and their families. As Chairman of the House Budget Committee in 1993, he played a central role in shaping and supporting President Clinton's landmark budget, which righted America's fiscal course and set the stage for years of unprecedented economic growth and prosperity.

Outside of the House Chamber and Capitol Hill committee rooms, Mr. SABO championed causes close to his heart. He promoted educational and cultural exchanges between the United States and Norway as a co-founder of the Friends of Norway Caucus in the House. As a fellow Norwegian, I can attest to the success of these exchanges in reinforcing the bonds between Minnesota and Norway. Mr. SABO also combined his passion for Minnesota Twins baseball with big league Washington politics by serving as the long-time manager for the Democratic squad at the annual congressional baseball game where, in

my opinion, he equaled Minnesota Twin greats Tom Kelly and Ron Gardenhire.

Congressman SABO's tactical mastery and commonsense approach in the dugout is an honest metaphor for his model of leadership in Congress. He worked on behalf of Minnesota in the tradition of Minnesotans—with quiet dignity, progressive ideals and intent of purpose. His instinct for good policy and a focus on the needs of real people over partisan politics has served his constituents and his country well. We are honored to inherit his legacy of a public life, honorably lived. While I am certain his wife Sylvia and his children and grandchildren look forward to spending more time with him, he will be dearly missed by his colleagues at the Capitol.

HONORING MR. GEORGE MARTIN FOR HIS LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO PEACE AND JUSTICE

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my constituent, Mr. George Paz Martin, a longtime activist, community leader and cherished friend who is being honored this month with the Lifetime Peacemaker Award by the Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice. I can think of no more appropriate recipient for this award. Throughout his life, Mr. Martin has exhibited tireless activism, a limitless command of skills and approaches, and a relentless pursuit of justice and peace.

There is scarcely a social justice issue on which George Martin has not served a crucial leadership role. Coming of age in the civil rights movement, he fought for equality and desegregation in housing, education, and employment, among other things. He has served numerous organizations that provide community development and services for housing, healthcare, and economic development. An internationally renowned peace activist and Green Party leader, he is also extremely involved in local efforts to address the needs of the veterans' community.

Not only do his social justice interests know no bounds, but his combination of skills and approaches to the pursuit of justice make him a relentless champion. Having worked in the corporate world, he understands the utility of marketing and promotions in broadening the peace movement. He has built local, national and international coalitions against violence within neighborhoods and among nations. He is a highly sought-after public speaker, who has participated in nearly every major peace rally since the invasion of Iraq. He has traveled throughout the world building relationships with other peace movements, and serv-

ing as a witness to the devastation caused by war and violence.

Finally, Mr. Martin demonstrates seemingly limitless personal commitment. He brings care and compassion to every struggle. It is the hallmark of his style that he has crafted a movement against the Iraq war that takes account of the humanity of everyone involved, including those involved in the fighting, the policymakers, the peace leaders and those who support the war.

I am indebted to George for his expertise, his friendship, and the example of his leadership and I am honored to have this opportunity to thank him for his lifelong commitment to equality, peace, non-violence and justice.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 27, 2006

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the vote on H. Res. 1088 and H. Res. 1091, I would have voted "yea."

COMMENDING CHAIRMAN HENRY HYDE

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Chairman HENRY HYDE on a remarkable career and to congratulate him on his retirement from the U.S. Congress.

Chairman HYDE has honorably served the citizens of Illinois' 6th District since 1975. He has an impressive record of legislative accomplishments, has led two powerful committees and has been conferred 8 honorary degrees.

I have had the honor to serve under Chairman HYDE on the House International Relations Committee for the past four years. During a time of growing international pressures, he has led this committee with skill and dignity. His commitment to the integrity of the House has taught me a great deal about the legislative process. His respect for the minority, interest in listening to all voices and his common-sense leadership has been critical in ensuring civil debate and productive solutions to extremely difficult problems.

This leadership was evident during the successful passage of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, PEPFAR, which has helped to bring needed urgency and attention to this global crisis. Mr. HYDE and his committee staff enabled me, as a first term member, to ensure that my amendment to set

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aside 10 percent of funding for orphans and vulnerable children was passed as part of this bill. The enactment of this legislation is a testament to Mr. HYDE's ability to bring people and ideas together to make a real difference for families around the world.

In March of 2005, I had the pleasure of traveling with a congressional delegation led by Chairman HYDE to Mexico and Panama. We had the opportunity to meet with President Vincente Fox of Mexico and President Torrijos of Panama to discuss issues of mutual importance to our countries. It was a wonderful experience for me to see firsthand the respect that leaders around the world have for Mr. HYDE.

Chairman HYDE has been a mentor and a friend and I will miss his leadership in the U.S. House. I thank him for his service to the 6th District of Illinois, the country and the world, and wish him the very best in his retirement.

IN TRIBUTE TO THE LEGAL AID
SOCIETY OF MILWAUKEE

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 27, 2006

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today in celebration of the 90th anniversary of the Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee.

Since 1916, this non-profit organization in my district has provided invaluable legal services to low-income people and other vulnerable members of society. Now serving over 8,000 people a year, the Legal Aid Society specializes in advocating for children, people living with HIV/AIDS, the elderly, immigrants, those with mental illnesses, prisoners, and victims of domestic abuse. As a result of their work, thousands of people in my district have been protected from exploitation and discrimination, and many others have received redress when their basic human rights were violated.

The Legal Aid Society has been a pioneer not only in representing vulnerable people, but also in developing mechanisms to ensure consumer relief, protection against discrimination, and equal access to legal representation. The Legal Aid Society took the lead in establishing the first small claims court in Milwaukee and together with the Milwaukee Bar Association, set up the state's first lawyer referral service. In 1957, the Legal Aid Society initiated the state's first public defender system.

Widely recognized throughout the State for these innovations, the Legal Aid Society is one of the foremost organizations in Wisconsin working to make sure that the law serves everyone. Several current and former Wisconsin State Supreme Court Justices worked at the Legal Aid Society before ascending to the high court, a testament both to the quality of legal representation this organization provides and to the role it plays in ensuring that attention to consumer law and the issues that affect low-income people are considered throughout the legal system.

I am very grateful to the Legal Aid Society, and its current and former employees, for their

commitment to ensuring that everyone has a voice in the system. It is a privilege to thank them for their dedicated service and salute this impressive progressive record.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JO ANN DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 27, 2006

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, due to a medical treatment, I was not able to attend votes on December 8th and 9th, 2006. Had I been present and had there been a rollcall vote, I would have voted "yea" on H.R. 6407, legislation to reform the postal laws of the United States.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 27, 2006

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I missed two Rollcall votes late in the night on Friday, December 8, 2006. I would like to enter into the record how I intended to vote on the missed Rollcall votes:

On Roll #542, On a Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 3718, the Pool and Spa Safety Act, I would have voted YES.

On Roll #543, On a Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 3546, the Dietary Supplement and Nonprescription Drug Consumer Protection Act, I would have voted YES.

IN RECOGNITION AND REMEMBRANCE OF THE LIFE OF U.S. ARMY SERGEANT BRYAN T. McDONOUGH

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and courage of U.S. Army Sergeant Bryan T. McDonough.

Sergeant McDonough was on patrol near Fallujah, Iraq when a bomb exploded near his vehicle, killing him and fellow Minnesotan Spec. Corey Rystad, and injuring two others, on December 2nd, 2006.

A graduate of Roseville Area High School, SGT McDonough, 22, was enrolled in classes at St. Cloud Technical College before he was deployed to Iraq in March 2006.

Sergeant McDonough's father, Tom, shared how after learning more about the families left behind by the many men and women who were injured or killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, McDonough decided to enlist in the Minnesota Army National Guard in September 2003. He was assigned to B Company 2nd Combined Arms Battalion, 136th Infantry, based out of Crookston, Minnesota. As testimony to his leadership and dedication while in the Min-

nesota Army National Guard, he was posthumously promoted from the rank of Specialist to Sergeant.

The McDonough family lovingly describes Bryan as an avid sportsman who enjoyed spending time bass fishing and hunting with his family at their cabin in Wisconsin. They cherish their memories of a considerate, generous young man who always tried to make sure that those he was with were happy. Perhaps the most poignant example of SGT McDonough's concern for others was his stated desire that his family and friends not worry about his safety during his deployment.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the life of Sergeant McDonough for his brave and honorable service to the United States and his commitment to protecting our freedom. He possessed great courage, love of our country and a strong sense of duty toward his fellow Americans. Sergeant McDonough's parents, Tom and Renee, his brother and sisters, Shannon, Katie, and Kevin, and his many friends have my deepest sympathies for their profound loss.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESERVING CRIME VICTIMS' RESTITUTION ACT

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 27, 2006

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I introduced the Preserving Crime Victims' Restitution Act of 2006. This legislation would clarify the procedures that should be applied when a criminal defendant dies after he or she has been duly convicted but before the appeals are final.

The need for this legislation has been made evident in recent months. Earlier this year, Enron founder Kenneth Lay was found guilty in both jury and bench trials of 10 criminal charges, including securities fraud, wire fraud involving false and misleading statements, bank fraud and conspiracy. Prosecutors sought \$43.5 million in restitution for the victims of Mr. Lay's crimes.

However, prior to the scheduled sentencing, Mr. Lay died from a heart attack. As a result, on October 17, 2006, U.S. District Judge Sim Lake wiped clean Mr. Lay's criminal record. The convictions were dismissed under a common law rule known as "abatement," which nullifies a conviction when a defendant dies before the conviction is affirmed on appeal, regardless of the merits of the claim. Judge Lake made clear that his ruling simply followed the binding precedent issued in 2004 by the full U.S. Court of Appeals for the fifth circuit, in a case called United States v. Estate of Parsons. Last month, the Department of Justice withdrew its notice of appeal on Judge Lake's ruling.

Congress holds a serious responsibility to address this situation in a timely manner. Unless we act quickly, thousands of Enron shareholders and employees, many of whom lost their entire life savings when Enron's \$60 billion in market share and \$2 billion in pension funds suddenly disappeared, will further lose out on what little restitution they might otherwise receive on the loss of their hard-earned assets and pension funds.