

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LOUISE
LORENZI FOUNTAIN

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Louise Lorenzi Fountain, a lifelong citizen of Las Vegas, who died on Sunday, January 29, 2005, at the age of 92.

Louise was a link to the past as the last remaining child of David Lorenzi, the namesake of Lorenzi Park. Louise was born on November 14, 1913, to David Lorenzi, a French immigrant, and Julia Traverso Moore. Her younger years were devoted to helping her father develop and manage Lorenzi Lake Park, which was built by Lorenzi and is considered a primary landmark in the development and life of the citizens of Las Vegas. Louise's father has been noted as one of the 100 most influential citizens of Las Vegas. He opened the park in 1926 with a pair of man-made lakes, a swimming pool, a dance hall, a band shell, and other amenities that made it a recreational refuge in the desert.

Louise married Edgar Fountain in 1936. He had hitchhiked from Georgia in search of work on the construction of the Hoover Dam. The couple left Las Vegas for 10 years and lived in Grand Coulee, Washington, where Edgar helped build Grand Coulee Dam. After returning to Las Vegas, she became a full partner in several business ventures the couple started, including the Nevada Amusement Co., a Toyota dealership, and a television sales business.

Louise was active in two Methodist churches and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. She was a charter member and regent of the Valley of Fire Chapter of The Daughters of the American Revolution. She enjoyed gardening, playing bridge, and entertaining friends. She was a loving, wonderful person and a dear mother who will be sorely missed. Louise's life exemplifies her service and contributions to the city she loved. With her passing, a small fragment of beauty and kindness has left us.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand on the floor of the House to recognize Louise Lorenzi Fountain and the wonderful life that she lived.

HONORING ROCHELLE STEVENS

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

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Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the achievements of 2-time Olympic medalist and 11-time NCAA All-American Rochelle Stevens.

A native Memphian, Rochelle has racked up accomplishments both on and off the track. She is a credit to our community, and her determination and commitment to helping others are an inspiration.

For the past 15 years, The Rochelle Stevens Foundation has hosted an invitational track meet in Memphis that has funded scholarships and new shoes for athletes across the southeast.

Rochelle has made a difference. She has inspired our community by her example and her spirit, and we know our state is a better place for her work.

On February 24, 2006, Rochelle was elected to the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame in Nashville where she represents Memphis well.

We wish Rochelle all the best and thank her for giving back so much to our community.

MEDICARE PROGRAM NOT
CONFUSING

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to discuss the Medicare Part D prescription drug plan, a historic program that renews our commitment to our Nation's seniors.

This plan gives seniors choices for prescription drug coverage that will cost less while offering more benefits. It has brought Medicare, a program created 40 years ago, into the 21st century. Millions of seniors who were without access to drugs are now getting them and many are saving thousands of dollars a year.

Clearly, people have liked what they have heard about this program as sign-ups for the third week of February amounted to 546,000 and the week before, numbered 543,000. All told, almost 26 million people have signed up so far.

The Democrats say that seniors are confused about this program. I'm feeling a little bit confused myself and here's why: Democrats are holding town halls for the sole purpose of criticizing this plan while at the same time telling seniors they should consider signing up. Well, I guess I can understand why they are confused.

Mr. Speaker, there is nothing confusing about a program that will help Medicare beneficiaries pay for their prescription drugs while at the same time saving them money.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BOB BLUM

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

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Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bob Blum who has broadcasted at over

1,000 sporting events for the University of Nevada Las Vegas.

A member of the American Football Foundation Hall of Fame for his work with the old AFL's Oakland Raiders and San Diego Chargers, it is hard to find anyone who has seen more games than Bob since he began his play-by-play career in 1948. Still going strong at 85, he has been behind the microphone for 190 Rebels men's basketball games, 80 football games, 75 baseball games, 20 softball games and over 635 women's basketball games. His current position is the announcer for the Lady Rebels Basketball team.

Bob began commentating for UNLV in 1973. One of his most memorable games was in 1977 when the Rebels made the Final Four and were playing at Atlanta in the midst of UNLV coach Jerry Tarkanian's first round of wrangling with the NCAA. At the last minute Congressman Jim Santini had come to Atlanta and didn't have a ticket, so Bob allowed the Congressman to sit with him. The Congressman began cheering, and at half time Wayne Duke, the commissioner of the Big Ten and the head of the tournament committee, came over and told Bob that his guest was not allowed to cheer on the press row. Bob informed the Commissioner that his guest was none other than Congressman Santini, who was the chairman of the committee investigating the NCAA. Commissioner Duke then asked Bob to "Have him quiet down a little."

Another favorite game that Bob Blum remembers announcing took place the previous year, in 1976. UNLV played Hawaii-Hilo and beat them 164-111. With a combined score of 275 points, it is still the highest-scoring game in NCAA history.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to honor Bill Blum and his extraordinary career. I wish him the best at announcing for another 1,000 games.

HONORING GORDON L. ZEINE

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, it's not every day that I get the opportunity to recognize someone who has dedicated so many years of service to our country.

It's with thanks and appreciation that I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Gordon L. Zeine for his service as a member of the U.S. Navy, and for his work supporting our country's defense efforts in the years that followed.

Gordon's 8 years in the Navy and his decades working on technology that has enhanced our security are wonderful achievements—achievements that will have a lasting impact on our country. It's an impressive thing

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