

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO JOHN M. EVANS

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to John M. Evans—one of our Federal Government's finest public servants and a long time resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia. This March he retired from an exceptionally distinguished career of service to his country. He has served our nation as a career civil servant for over 33 years. He has been an exceptional leader and has played a key role in ensuring effective financial management for the Department of Defense. It gives me pride to have the opportunity to honor him today for his tremendous accomplishments.

Mr. Evans began his career with the Navy in the financial management field working for various field activities. He progressed to a management position in the Military Traffic Management Command at the Department of Defense where he had responsibility for Personnel and Administration.

Mr. Evans first served in the Department of Defense Comptroller office as a senior budget analyst for a number of major Department of Defense-wide programs, including the DoD Family Housing Program, the DoD Real Property Maintenance Program, Navy Military Construction, and DoD Depot Maintenance.

Mr. Evans also served as the Director for Revolving Funds beginning in April of 2000. While Director, he was responsible for financial management oversight for all DoD revolving and working capital funds, including the Defense Working Capital funds.

Since 2001, Mr. Evans was the Director for Operations. As Director, Mr. Evans was responsible for the Department's Operations and Maintenance appropriations, including programs that support the global war on terror and the Department's homeland security functions.

Senior leaders, both in the Congress and the Department of Defense, have benefited from Mr. Evans' experience, outstanding leadership, and distinguished performance. His efforts have enabled our nation's leaders to make the most effective use of defense resources to ensure America's military strength. On behalf of my colleagues, I thank him for his service to our country and wish him well on his retirement.

WE THE PEOPLE . . . THE CITIZEN
AND CONSTITUTION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, the future of this country is rooted in not just respect for,

but understanding the U.S. Constitution. This past weekend more than 1,200 students from across the United States will visit Washington, DC to compete in the national finals of the "We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution" competition. This outstanding program is the most extensive educational program in the country developed specifically to educate young people about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

I am proud to announce that 36 students from Grant High School in my congressional district represented the State of Oregon in this national event. These young scholars have worked diligently to reach the national finals and, through their experience, have gained a deep knowledge and understanding of the fundamental principles and values of our constitutional democracy. My neighborhood school has won the State Championship four times in the last six years. Last year they placed second in the nation.

The three-day national competition is modeled after hearings in the United States Congress. The hearings consist of oral presentations by high school students before a panel of adult judges on constitutional topics. The students' testimony is followed by a period of questioning by the judges who probe the depth of their understanding and ability to apply their constitutional knowledge.

Congratulations to Luis Alvarez, Austin Arias, Amelia Bell, Sukey Bernard, Thomas Brant, Becca Carlson, Max Chester, David Cooper, Hopi Costello, Hallie Craddock, Emma Dobbins, Yata Doe, Thomas Dudrey, Theo Erde-Wollheim, Arjav Ezekiel, Elena Fairley, Lauren Faulkner, Hannah Fisher, Laule'a Gorden-Kuehn, Ethan Gross, Phylcia Haggerty, Jennifer Hatton, Thomas Johnson, Austin Knutson, Joe Piucci, Jesse Poquette, Evan Pulvers, Max Schober, Lydia Sheehy, Emily Short, Kyle Sias, Katie Singleton, Natalie Stoll, David Streckert, Laura Yount, Ben Zarov and teacher Matt Campeau on placing number four in the country. They represent the future leaders of our nation and Oregon is proud of them.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DON
ENGLISH

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Don English, who died Tuesday April 18, 2006.

Don was the man behind many of the iconic photographs of Las Vegas taken over the last four decades. Many of his photos shot over the last 40 years went out on the wire services, and he was even awarded the Life Magazine picture of the week. Don's reputation

was such that he was the only photographer allowed in at Frank Sinatra's wedding to Mia Farrow. And he was one of the few that were able to shoot Elvis's wedding to Priscilla Anne Beaulieu at the Aladdin in 1967.

His ingenuity helped perpetuate the public's fascination with Las Vegas for decades, and his images will continue to be admired by people around the world for decades to come. He was truly one of the unsung heroes behind the development of Las Vegas.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the life and career of Don English. His contributions to Las Vegas commercial development and public image are immeasurable. He will be surely missed.

RECOGNIZING THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE'S 40-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue as it celebrates its 40th anniversary.

Since its inception in 1966, the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue has achieved great success. Through a combination of career and volunteer workers, the department has provided high quality fire, medical, emergency, environmental, and support services.

In my experiences with the department, I have seen its unwavering dedication to the Prince William County community as well as its uniformed and civilian employees' strong values of unity, performance, and personalized delivery.

The department employees' dedication does not stop at Prince William County's borders. In the aftermath of September 11, 2001, they joined their colleagues from neighboring jurisdictions to provide continual service during that time of crisis. Additionally, I have been witness to their selfless commitment to safety and humanitarian efforts across the nation, such as during the recent Katrina disaster.

I am confident that the core principles, which Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue continually display, will allow the department to continue to excel in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the men and women who serve in the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Prince William County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my

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