

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### A TRIBUTE TO JOVENES, INC. AND ITS NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED STREET SOCCER TEAM

#### HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 31, 2008*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize four highly motivated and talented street soccer players and their coach who traveled from Los Angeles to our nation's capital this summer to compete in the Homeless USA Cup. This was the first time a team from Los Angeles joined the street soccer tournament, which this year included homeless and formerly homeless youth from 11 cities throughout the country.

I am especially proud of the fact that this talented and resilient team was sponsored by Jovenes, Inc., an exemplary community organization that provides needed services to homeless and low-income Latinos in my 34th Congressional District.

Jovenes, Inc. was founded in 1989 by Reverend Richard Estrada, Associate Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Downtown, Los Angeles. Initially, Father Estrada created Jovenes, Inc.—which means youth in Spanish—to address the dire needs of homeless immigrant youth in Los Angeles.

Today, while Jovenes, Inc. remains committed to assisting the immigrant Latino community, the non-profit organization has expanded its reach. Jovenes, Inc. assists at-risk young people ages 16 to 24, foster youth, homeless individuals of all ages, and low-income families. Each year, an estimated 1,500 youth benefit from Jovenes, Inc.'s services, which include emergency and transitional housing, arts programs, mental health services, health education, employment preparation, financial literacy classes for families, after-school programs, GED preparation and computer courses.

Madam Speaker, I have had the pleasure of working with Father Estrada and Jovenes, Inc. on several occasions. He is an uplifting and positive force throughout the community and I thank him for his advocacy and tireless work to improve the lives of young people and families in my district and elsewhere in Los Angeles County.

Clearly, the notable success of our four street soccer players—Johny, Densi, Carlos and Peter—who competed in the Homeless USA Cup in June have the dedicated staff of Jovenes, Inc., especially Executive Director Ernesto Montañón, and Director of Programs/Team Coach Andrea Marchetti, to thank for working to make such memorable and empowering opportunities available to them.

While our star street soccer players from Los Angeles lost in their final round against a Minnesota team at the U.S. Homeless Cup, their unstoppable performance in the quali-

fy round got them noticed. They were all selected for spots on the national team. Three of the players will travel to Australia in December to represent the United States in the Homeless World Cup. The fourth player will serve as an alternate. In addition, all four athletes have been invited to come back to next year's Homeless USA Cup to motivate and serve as examples for new teams and players. In between competitions, the Jovenes, Inc. players continue to work to turn their lives around by resuming their education, furthering their careers, and chasing their goals to live independently in a stable and safe environment.

The organization's newsletter poignantly sums up the impact of the street-soccer tournaments in helping to inspire and motivate these soccer players. "For our youth this is the country that is giving them an opportunity for a successful life, and they will do their best to make everybody proud of them, on and off the pitch! . . . Through soccer, homeless individuals have a way to find the motivation, energy and discipline to solve their daily struggles and feel appreciated and respected. Jovenes, Inc. will continue this experience in the future to motivate our youth to succeed through sports in their life."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in recognizing the significant work of Father Estrada and Jovenes, Inc. in bettering the lives of young people and Latino families in the community. I also congratulate Johny, Densi, Carlos and Peter for their exceptional street-soccer abilities. They are truly an inspiration, on and off the soccer field. After all, as they have shown, with the right support and a lot of hard work, anything is possible.

### TRIBUTE TO THE KOSSUTH COUNTY FAIR

#### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 31, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Kossuth County Fair on its 150th year anniversary, from July 24 to August 3, 2008. The Kossuth County Fair is located in Algona, Iowa and serves the approximate 17,000 residents of the county in North Central Iowa.

Throughout many years the Kossuth County Fair has thrived and kept the county together with community fellowship, celebration and camaraderie. I congratulate the Kossuth County Fair on this historic anniversary. It is an honor to represent the past and current members of the county fair board in the United States Congress. I wish the Kossuth County Fair an equally storied future.

### PAYING TRIBUTE TO DUNCAN MCCOY

#### HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 31, 2008*

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to rise today to honor my friend Duncan McCoy by entering his name in the Congressional Record, the official record of the proceedings and debates of the United States Congress since 1873. Today, I honor Duncan McCoy for his service to the Boulder City community and congratulate him on his retirement.

Duncan has dedicated his life to enriching the lives of others and sharing his passion for reading. Duncan is a veteran librarian with over 38 years of experience and he became Director of the Boulder City library in 1989. Upon becoming Director, Mr. McCoy has continuously and tirelessly advocated for the Boulder City Library. His tenacity and hard work paid off when he was able to secure bond funding to help the library move into a much larger building to expand its growth.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor my friend Duncan McCoy. His vision and commitment to excellence have greatly enriched the Boulder City community and allowed many of our friends and neighbors to experience the joys of reading. I applaud his efforts and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

### RECOGNIZING THE HOPE AND LIGHT FOUNDATION

#### HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 31, 2008*

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Hope and Light Foundation for their enduring commitment to the elimination of Spinal Muscular Atrophy.

Founded by Aaron and Stephanie Miller after their first child was diagnosed with SMA, this group has tirelessly advocated research and education to eliminate this threat. They have armed families with the latest data and educated public, business, and community leaders about the need for more focus on this genetic disorder.

Thanks in part to their work, such as co-funding the first FDA approved drug trial for SMA Type I and organizing the first Southeastern conference dedicated to SMA care and research, the families and researchers working to find a cure are closer than ever. Out of over 600 neurological disorders analyzed by the National Institutes of Health, SMA is considered the closest to realizing effective treatment.

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Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me and recognize the Hope and Light Foundation for their positive efforts for thousands of children and families affected by Spinal Muscular Atrophy.

TRIBUTE TO SANDY HUANG

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 31, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sandy Huang, of Ames, Iowa, one of fifty outstanding U.S. high school students selected to attend the twenty-fifth annual Research Science Institute sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Education and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The mission of the Center for Excellence in Education is to nurture young scholars to careers of excellence and leadership in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The Research Science Institute is a highly competitive six-week program which emphasizes advanced theory and research in mathematics, the sciences, and engineering. Sandy was selected for this program upon scoring in the upper one-percent of those in the U.S. who took the PSAT exam. From June to August 2008, Sandy will learn from distinguished professors and conduct a research project.

I commend Sandy Huang for his commitment to leadership in science and technology. He is a future leader of this country of whom Iowa is very proud. I am honored to represent Sandy in the United States Congress and I wish him the best in future endeavors.

HONORING SHERIFF BROWNLOW

**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 31, 2008*

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize an outstanding citizen and public servant, J.R. Ronny Brownlow, in honor of his retirement from law enforcement after serving the public for 44 years.

In 1964, Sheriff Brownlow began his life of public service at the Mesquite Police Department. Three years later, Sheriff Brownlow moved to the Texas Department of Public Safety where he served for 27 years as a Highway Patrolman and a Texas Ranger.

Since then, Sheriff Brownlow has worked as the Anderson County Chief Deputy Sheriff, spent 1 year with the U.S. Marshals Service, and worked 3 years as the Henderson County Chief Deputy Sheriff. In 2000, he was elected Henderson County Sheriff and has worked tirelessly since then.

Sheriff Brownlow's work has not gone unnoticed. In addition to receiving the Peace Officer Award for Excellence, Sheriff Brownlow secured a spot in the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and in 2004 won the Chairman's Award from the Texas Ranger Association Foundation. This year, Sheriff Brownlow was named the 2008 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Sheriff Brownlow accomplished all this while raising three sons and a daughter. Currently, he is a proud grandfather of four and husband to wife Theresa.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Fifth District of Texas, I am honored to recognize Sheriff J.R. Ronny Brownlow for his courage in protecting and serving citizens all across the Fifth District of Texas.

MS. SALLY GALEGO HONORED FOR  
HER LONGEVITY

**HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 31, 2008*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Sally Galego of Largo, Florida who I am proud to represent, for being one of Florida's longest living persons at 108 years old.

During Ms. Galego's rich life she has witnessed the popularization of indoor plumbing, electricity, flight, the internet and so many wonderful innovations that made the last century so great. Born in 1900, she lived through the American Century, a time of great turmoil and triumph, through which our nation has become one of the truly great nations of the world.

For the benefit of my colleagues, I would like to include in the RECORD a story about Ms. Galego from her hometown paper, the Largo Leader.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Galego is a reminder of this last century as we look forward to the new one stretched out ahead of us. Please join me in congratulating her for her long lifetime of experiences.

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(By Thomas Michalski)

LARGO—Sally Galego will be 108 years old on Saturday, June 14. She might be among the oldest person in Pinellas County, man or woman, and possibly the state, but still goes to the YMCA three times a week to exercise.

She was born before the Wright Brothers flew their first plane and before the popularity of electricity, automobiles, radio and television came along.

"I have many, many fond memories," Galego said. Born June 14, 1900 in Belfast, Maine, she and her two brothers and two sisters grew up on a 100-acre farm. There was no electricity. No telephones. No inside plumbing.

One sister, Louise, 99, of Bangor, Maine, survives and the two sisters stay in touch on a regular basis.

Galego's father was killed by a swarm of bees when she was 9. She later not only graduated elementary school, but high school and college as well. That was almost unheard of in those days. Galego recalls seeing television for the first time at the 1939-40 New York World's Fair.

Over the years, she traveled the world to visit the pyramids in Egypt, the Vatican in Rome and toured England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and other countries.

TRIBUTE TO NICK DONOFRIO

**HON. PETER WELCH**

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 31, 2008*

Mr. WELCH of Vermont. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to Mr. Nick Donofrio who is retiring after more than 40 years in various leadership capacities at the IBM Corporation.

Nick Donofrio is an adopted son of the Green Mountain State. For many years, Nick led IBM's semiconductor development and manufacturing facility in Burlington and he and his wife, Anita, raised their two children, Nicole and Michael, in Vermont.

Nick joined IBM in 1967 and spent the early part of his career in integrated circuit and chip development, as a designer of logic and memory chips. He held numerous technical management positions and, later, executive positions in several of IBM's product divisions. He has led many of IBM's major development and manufacturing teams—from semiconductor and storage technologies, to microprocessors and personal computers, to IBM's entire family of servers.

Nick has always been a champion for innovation across IBM and its global ecosystem. He has been the leader of IBM's global technology strategy. In addition to his strategic business mission, Nick has led the development and retention of IBM's technical population and strives to enrich that community with a diversity of culture and thought.

Nick has been focused sharply on advancing education, employment and career opportunities for under represented minorities and women—all issues of great importance to me as well.

He served for many years on the Board of Directors for the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering (NACME). He has served on the Board of Directors for INROADS, a non-profit organization focused on the training and development of talented minority youth for professional careers in business and industry, and he is co-chair of the New York Hall of Science. A fellow Italian-American, Nick was awarded the prestigious 2007 National Education and Leadership Award from the Sons of Italy Foundation.

He is the holder of seven technology patents and is a member of numerous technical and science honor societies. In 2002, Nick was recognized by Europe's Institution of Electrical Engineers with the Mensforth International Gold Medal for outstanding contributions to the advancement of manufacturing engineering. In 2003, he was named Industry Week magazine's Technology Leader of the Year, the University of Arizona's Technical Executive of the Year, and was presented with the Rodney D. Chipp Memorial Award by the Society of Women Engineers for his outstanding contributions to the advancement of women in the engineering field. In 2005, Nick was elected a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, he was presented with Syracuse University's highest alumni honor—the George Arents Pioneer Medal, and he was honored by CNBC with its Overall Technology Leadership Award.