

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING DALE FISSELER, THE NEW CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS

### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 7, 2008*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dale Fisseler on obtaining the position of City Manager for the City of Fort Worth. Mr. Fisseler was recently promoted from his previous position with the City of Fort Worth as Assistant City Manager and will now be taking over the reins as City Manager of the fifth largest city in Texas.

Mr. Fisseler has been working for the City of Fort Worth since 1990, where he started as a Water Superintendent. In 1999, he was named Director of the City of Fort Worth's Water Department, which provides water to almost 1 million people throughout Fort Worth and Tarrant County.

Many local officials agree that Mr. Fisseler is most deserving of this position. Fort Worth Mayor Mike Moncrief supported this notion by stating that "obviously Mr. Fisseler is familiar with our city's history, challenges and opportunities. We are very pleased that the best person for the job was already a member of our Fort Worth family."

It with great honor that I congratulate Dale Fisseler on this deserving opportunity and wish him the best in his future endeavors. The North Texas region is truly fortunate to have the type of dedicated public servant that Dale Fisseler personifies, and I wish him every success during his tenure as the City Manager of Fort Worth.

HONORING MARSHALL HENTHORNE, NICK NULL, JEFFERY SHOWALTER, AND MARK STRICKLAND FOR THEIR HEROIC EFFORTS

### HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 7, 2008*

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Marshall Henthorne, Nick Null, Jeffery Showalter, and Mark Strickland for their heroic efforts in responding to a tractor-trailer accident.

On December 10, 2007 a tractor trailer flipped over the side of the Interstate 64 Bridge in Charleston, West Virginia and fell 80 feet into the Kanawha River. The two men in the tractor trailer were submerged in the cold waters of the Kanawha River and trapped in the cab for nearly 20 minutes.

Corporal Nick Null of the Charleston Police Department was the first on the scene to aid

the rescue efforts. Lieutenant Mark Strickland of the Charleston Police Department and firefighters Jeffery Showalter and Marshall Henthorne of the Charleston Fire Department all worked to cut the top of the cab to get the two men, Huseen Awad, and Phillip Chaizoi, 57 of Columbus, Ohio to safety.

These four men demonstrated courage and selflessness and in diving into the cold, swift, current of the Kanawha River to save the lives of these two men. Both men were rushed to Charleston Area Medical Center and sent to the intensive care unit where Chaizoi was listed under evaluation and Awad later perished.

I am proud to honor Marshall Henthorne, Nick Null, Jeffery Showalter, and Mark Strickland as hometown heroes and I'm proud to call them fellow, West Virginians.

IN HONOR OF PEARL CAREY

### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 7, 2008*

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American and community servant, Pearl Carey, for her lifetime of achievements and service above self. Pearl is a long time resident of the Monterey Peninsula. All of us who have had the good fortune over the years to befriend her, know that Pearl has been one of the busiest people on the Monterey Peninsula—a true divine spark who has helped to light the way for all.

Pearl grew up in Oklahoma, her girlhood ambition was to become a Christian missionary in Africa. She never realized that dream, but instead devoted much of her adult life to helping improve the lives of those around her, particularly children. She worked with the local YMCA, Salvation Army, Community Theater of Carmel, the National Council of Negro Women and the United Fund. Working with children has been one of her primary passions. "I just love kids," is her simple explanation. She was the employment interviewer in the Neighborhood Youth Corps and Job Corps, worked with Head Start, owned and operated a child care center, was the CETA coordinator in the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, and is a life member of the PTA.

The list of Pearl's general community activities is also long. She was a member of the National Council of Negro Women, an advisory member of the Welfare Rights Organization, volunteered at Eskaton Hospital, a board member of Turning Point Prison Mother Program, and chaired the Seaside Community Heart Fund. Her political involvement included stints as the minority coordinator for California Governor Jerry Brown's 1968 campaign, screening co-chairperson for George McGovern's California primary campaign, co-chair of

the Northern California Black Caucus and the State Affirmative Action Committee, and delegate to the 1972 Democratic convention.

On top of all of her public service activities, Pearl has also been a local, regional, and even national leader in the golf community. Golf has always held an attraction for Pearl, but as a youth, few if any opportunities to play were available for an African American woman. When her military husband was stationed on the Monterey Peninsula, Pearl decided to take lessons and realize her ambition. She quickly expanded her golf game beyond the occasional game. Over the years, she has served as president of the Pacific Women's Golf Association, president and treasurer of the Western States Golf Association, president of the Seaside Women's Golf Club, and founder and director of the Seaside Junior Golf Program. She received the Joe Dey Award from the USGA, California Golf Writers Award, and Northern California Golf Association Golden State Award, honoring her for her activities. Today, Carey is involved with the First Tee of Monterey County, along with her duties at the Seaside Junior Golf Program, board of directors for the AT&T Junior Golf Association, and as the treasurer of the Western States Golf Association.

Madam Speaker, the list goes on and on, and we cannot hope to list all of her many activities throughout her life. Most people would be happy with a fraction of her accomplishments. On February 9, 2008, Pearl will receive another honor in Monterey, the NAACP President's Award. No better choice could have been made than Pearl Morris Carey. I know my fellow members join me in congratulating her upon this well-deserved tribute.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 7, 2008*

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 29 H. Res. 867—Commending the Houston Dynamo soccer team for winning the 2007 Major League Soccer Cup, I was attending a funeral for a soldier killed in Iraq.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

TORNADOS THAT AFFECTED ARKANSAS

### HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 7, 2008*

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to offer our thoughts and prayers to the

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victims of the recent tornados that have devastated many parts of Arkansas and the surrounding region. On behalf of the Congress I especially extend our sympathies to the families who have lost a loved one in this terrible tragedy.

As we move to rebuild our State, I commend all those who have reached out to their neighbors to provide assistance in this time of need. As families and businesses begin the cleanup process, I am committed to helping these individuals get the resources they need to rebuild their lives and communities.

Arkansans are great people who exemplify Southern hospitality and I have great faith our communities will persevere and prevail through this difficult time.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JOHN CAMPBELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 7, 2008*

Mr. CAMPBELL of California. Madam Speaker, on February 6, 2008, I missed roll-call votes 29–31. My flight from California to Washington, DC, did not get me back in time. Had I been here, I would have voted “yes” on all three votes.

Rollcall Vote 29: On Motion To Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 867, Commending the Houston Dynamo soccer team for winning the 2007 Major League Soccer Cup;

Rollcall Vote 30: On Motion To Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 942, Recognizing the significance of Black History Month; and

Rollcall Vote 31: On Motion To Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 943, Remembering the space shuttle *Challenger* disaster and honoring its crew members, who lost their lives on January 28, 1986.

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#### IN MEMORY OF JUNE IMPSON

### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 7, 2008*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember June Impson, longtime professor for Texas Women’s University and beloved local artist to the citizens of North Texas.

Ms. Impson was on the faculty of the Texas Women’s University Department of Family Sciences from 1976 until her retirement in 1998. During her career in academia, she continued to pursue art and was an active member of the Denton, Texas-based Visual Arts Society of Texas. She served as an officer in the society, and Ms. Impson also taught workshops and learned alongside her fellow members.

Ms. Impson was known for her paintings and collages of flowers, especially the wildflowers of Texas. “I love nature,” Ms. Impson once said. “All of it. Rocks, and dirt.”

Her work was described as “immediate, bold, and beautifully painted.” She was thought by many to be inspirational, gentle,

imaginative, encouraging, and inclusive and she will be greatly missed in the art community as well as the North Texas and Texas Women’s University communities.

She was so loved by the art community around her that the Visual Arts Society of Texas established a scholarship fund in Ms. Impson’s name before her death.

I extended my thoughts to her husband, Billy Roy Switzer, and her two sons, Loren and Keiller, as well as a long list of family members and friends. June Impson will be greatly missed by the many that are fortunate enough to have known her, and I am certain that her artwork will continue to inspire others for years to come.

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#### HONORING THE COPPELL FIRE DEPARTMENT

### HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 7, 2008*

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, a golden anniversary is indeed a special milestone, and today I am proud to recognize the Coppell Fire Department’s 50th anniversary. This exemplary and dedicated group of firefighters continues a proud 50-year long tradition of excellence.

As emergency responders for the City of Coppell, Texas, the Coppell Fire Department prides themselves on building a safe community through exceptional services. The Coppell Fire Department provides fire prevention, fire suppression, transport emergency medical services, and technical rescue to the City of Coppell and the North Texas Region. The Department also offers special community services such as a Smoke Detector Program, Fire Extinguisher Training, Fire Safety Training, CPR Training, and Child Safety Seat Installation, just to name a few.

The Coppell Fire Department includes 92 highly trained members operating from four facilities strategically located throughout the city. Each member is fully committed to continuing the traditions of providing a level of public service that is second to none.

Chief Kevin Richardson and his department will be celebrating the 50th anniversary all year long. In honor of the occasion, a special commemorative helmet shield has been designed, restoration of the department’s first fire engine is complete, and a commemorative album will be used to honor the department’s 50 years of service to the community.

The Coppell Fire Department’s 50 years of hard work and commitment to the citizens of Coppell is worthy of recognition. I offer my sincere congratulations on their golden anniversary, and I am most honored to represent this outstanding department in the 24th District of Texas.

#### CONGRATULATING THE 2007 WEST VIRGINIA BOYS SOCCER STATE CHAMPIONS

### HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 7, 2008*

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2007 West Virginia Boys Soccer State Champions, the George Washington High School Patriots of Charleston, West Virginia.

The West Virginia State Tournament took place in Beckley on November 3, 2007. The Patriots played defending champions, Hurricane High School in the final game of the tournament.

Head Coach Tom Hopper, who was named 2007 WV Soccer Coach of the Year and assistant coaches; Dave Nelson, Kevin Cushing, Dan Thistlethwaite and Gordon Green led the young men to victory winning overall 18–4–3 season. The Patriots made George Washington High School history, as the first soccer team to win a state championship.

The players include captains; Connell Green, Sam McElwee, Yale Tiley, and Zack Claudio and Tyler Chiantas, Adam Boland, Jesse Dreyer, Christopher Power, Luca DiPiero, PJ Wolfe, Jake Stevens, Ian Thistlethwaite, Evan Loflin, Charlie McElwee, Andrew Robey, Kurt Suter, Thomas Edens, Blair Suter, Paul Stroebel, Shahir Amin, and Adeeb Derakhshan.

Madam Speaker, it gives me great pride to acknowledge the George Washington High School Patriots as the 2007 West Virginia Boys Soccer State Champions. Again, congratulations to these talented young men.

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#### IN HONOR OF JOSEPH ST. CLAIR

### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 7, 2008*

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a man of action and principle, Mr. Joseph St. Clair. Joe and his wife, Maria, came to the United States from Hungary in 1939. When this country entered World War II he was required to take his family back to Hungary. As a civilian English and history teacher in German-occupied territory, he was assigned to monitor American prisoners of war. He refused to cooperate with the Germans and had to go into hiding. The 6-week long winter siege of Budapest by the U.S. was a particularly difficult time for his friends and family, living in a bomb shelter and coming out at night to butcher frozen horses to feed themselves. Living through these experiences shaped his character and priorities: devotion to family, service above self, and leadership.

After the war he was again in danger, this time from the Communist Party. As friends and colleagues disappeared, he realized that he needed to get his family out of Hungary. With the help of Americans, Joe was able to get them all to Switzerland, and eventually back to the United States. He changed his