

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING MR. SCOTT STOREY

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 25, 2008

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Scott Storey, District Attorney for the First Judicial District of Colorado, including Jefferson and Gilpin counties, for his recent distinction as Elected Official of the Year by the West Chamber. A native son of Colorado, Mr. Storey's recognition is just a small display of appreciation for his commitment towards upholding justice and integrity in the legal realm.

Mr. Storey is a veteran prosecutor who has spent the last 20 years in public service.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in congratulating Mr. Storey for his dedicated work and promise for Coloradans.

HONORING JOHN PETE MICHAEL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the outstanding achievement of John P. "Pete" Michael of Kansas City, Missouri. Pete has been awarded the President's Volunteer Service Lifetime Achievement Award. This prestigious recognition requires more than four thousand hours of volunteer service over a lifetime.

Madam Speaker, Pete Michael has worked tirelessly on behalf of the children of the great state of Missouri for nearly all 74 years of his life. Pete has served as a police officer and Squadron Commander of the Civil Air Patrol. As a pilot, he has devoted countless hours to flying sick children to Shriners Hospitals to receive emergency care.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in applauding Pete Michael's selfless acts of generosity through volunteerism and his example which inspires all walks of life throughout our great Nation to help one another.

MS. GRACE DO DISTINGUISHED FINALIST PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 25, 2008

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Grace Do, who has been selected as a Distinguished Finalist for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award,

which honors young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism. The Prudential program was created in 1995 to emphasize the importance our nation places on service to others, and to encourage all young Americans to contribute to their communities.

A junior at Corona del Sol High School, Grace leads two tutoring programs in her community that help immigrants learn English. Grace, who used to struggle with English because she spoke Mandarin Chinese at home, is now co-director of the Chinese Immigrant Tutoring Center at her church, where she has volunteered for five years. In addition, she co-founded a similar tutoring program at a local library three years ago.

Grace should be proud of her accomplishments. Again, I congratulate Grace on her award and thank her for a job well done.

A TRIBUTE TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF PASADENA SUNRISE

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 25, 2008

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Rotary Club of Pasadena Sunrise upon the occasion of its seventieth anniversary. The Rotary Club of Pasadena Sunrise is a group whose members are active contributors to the community, both locally and nationally.

Over the past seventy years, the Rotary Club of Pasadena Sunrise has exemplified the Rotary motto: "Service Above Self." The club's nonprofit foundation has raised several hundred thousand dollars to benefit the community.

For over a decade, the Rotary Club of Pasadena Sunrise has "adopted" Field Elementary School in Pasadena and has donated to the school's library and landscaping. Annually, the club also recognizes outstanding Field Elementary School students. Minigrants are awarded annually to Pasadena Unified School District school teachers to meet needs that are not funded by the district.

Internationally, the club has done much volunteer service in Mexico, including building houses for the homeless, donating a fire truck and emergency vans to small towns, and sending medical supplies to villages. The club also provides funding for overseas projects in nations such as Uganda, Nigeria, and Liberia. In addition, the club is sponsoring a project in India, where a child care center and a computer/vocational center will be created in the village of Chahalka, India.

For their extraordinary commitment to making both the local and the international community a better place, I ask all members of Congress to join me in congratulating the members of the Rotary Club of Pasadena rise upon their seventieth anniversary.

HONORING THELMA TRAYLOR SEALE

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 25, 2008

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Mrs. Thelma Traylor Seale of Oakland, California. A caring friend, mentor, mother, and grandmother, Thelma was an extraordinary presence in our community. Mrs. Seale passed on January 25, 2008.

She was the loving mother of Mr. Bobby Seale, co-founder of the Black Panther Party, Ms. Bettye Seale-Williams, and Mr. John Henry Seale. With eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren, Thelma understood the value of family and the importance of togetherness. With Thelma's passing, we look to her family to remind us of her extraordinary life and her unwavering strength of character.

Mrs. Seale was 37 days shy of her 100th birthday at the time of her passing. The sheer breadth and substance of such a long life attests to Thelma's vitality and energy. She experienced first-hand the most important and dynamic moments in the struggles of African-Americans in our country throughout the last century. More than a witness, Thelma Traylor Seale was on the frontlines of history through the African-American community's resilient pursuit of equality and justice.

Mrs. Seale was born in Jasper, Texas on March 3, 1908. She was the fifteenth of sixteen children born to her family, and she lived to be the oldest. During World War II, Mrs. Seale was an employee of Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. She arrived in Berkeley, California in 1943, where she resided in the Codornices Village housing projects. In the 1950's Mrs. Seale moved to Oakland, where she remained as an involved and dedicated member of the community for the remainder of her life.

In spite of the many challenges Mrs. Seale faced in her life, the injustices she witnessed, and the hardships she overcame, she was known first and foremost for her sweet and caring personality. Mrs. Seale's love for others and the joy she spread through laughter and good humor are what her family remembers most about her.

A survivor, a loving matriarch, and a pillar in our community, Thelma will be sorely missed. However, we are thankful for the opportunities she gave us to come together and celebrate the hope and love in our lives. As we say goodbye to her, we have been given yet another opportunity to reflect on the rich past of our community and the century Thelma lived to see.

Today, California's 9th Congressional District salutes and honors a great human being, our beloved Thelma Traylor Seale. We extend

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our deepest condolences to Thelma's family and to her children. Thank you for sharing her great spirit with us. May her soul rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND
ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE GUAM
TERRITORIAL BAND

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 25, 2008

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, for more than 30 years now, the Guam Territorial Band has served the community of Guam by providing music for official events and activities, and more importantly, by helping young musicians in my district to hone and refine their musical talent.

With fond memories of the Navy Band's Sunday concerts in our Plaza de Espana prior to World War II, Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo, my late husband, established the Governor's Youth Band in 1976 to encourage young musicians to perform for the public outside the school setting. Interest and participation was immediate, and under the direction of Mr. Peter Leon Guerrero, the first Governor's Youth Band performed for the inauguration of Saipan's Governor Carlos S. Camacho. With funds raised entirely by community donations, the Governor's Youth Band traveled to Washington, DC and represented Guam in the parade for the inauguration of President Jimmy Carter in January 1977. With that auspicious start, the band evolved to fulfill Governor Bordallo's expectations, with one exception: the musicians remained unpaid volunteers.

Governor Bordallo's successor, Governor Paul Calvo, changed the band's name to the Guam Youth Band. The name was later changed again to the Guam Territorial Band and membership was opened to all ages. Today, supported entirely by private donations, the Guam Territorial Band continues its service to the people of Guam by performing at village fiestas, graduations, military change of command ceremonies, our annual Veteran's Day and Memorial Day commemorations, and other various public and private ceremonies.

Although severe cold weather in 1985 forced the cancellation of President Ronald Reagan's inaugural parade and precluded the band's performance at another presidential inaugural, the Guam Territorial Band continues to share its talent beyond Guam's shores. The band performed at the Republic of Palau's 5th Constitutional Anniversary in 1997; in Australia and New Zealand in 1993 and 2005; in South Korea in 1995; in the United Kingdom in 1998; in Japan in 1999 and 2003; in Hawaii's 19th Pacific Basin Music Festival in 2004; for President Bill Clinton's historic visit to Guam in 1998 and for Philippines President Fidel Ramos in 2002; and most recently, at the New York's Carnegie Hall as part of the New York Band and Orchestra Festival on April 21, 2007. The Guam Territorial Band is also expected to perform at the opening ceremonies of the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

The Guam Territorial Band is a recipient of the Australian International Music Festival's

Gold Award (2005) and Bronze Award (1993). It is also the second place winner of the International Lions Parade (Marching Unit) Competition (1998).

These accolades over the years are the result of the devotion of the volunteer musicians and from inspired and enthusiastic leadership. The band's first official director, Mr. George Toal, also was a founding member of the Guam Territorial Band Society, non-profit organization that supports the band. Mr. Toal's successors are Mr. Dave Poblete, Ms. Cheryl Bay, Mr. Charles Hardy, Mr. Brad McNeal, Dr. Milton Crotts, and Mr. Delfin Damian. The band's current director, Mr. Maximo Ronquillo, Jr., founded the Tumon Bay Music Festival in 2005. Organized with the help of Dr. Robert Halseth, professor of music at California State University, Sacramento, the festival has become the band's signature event and will be in its fourth year in March 2008.

We are proud of our territorial band and encourage its continued growth and success. We also commend Mr. Ronquillo, his predecessors, and all the members of the band, both past and present. Thank you all for the wonderful music you bring into our lives.

IN HONOR OF PHILLIP MOSES

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 25, 2008

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Phillip Moses, a good friend and a great constituent of the Eleventh Congressional District of Ohio.

Phillip Moses is characterized by many as an "affable and altruistic man." Phillip Moses joined the staff of the Case Western Reserve University law school on October 4, 1971, as building superintendent when the law school was located on Adelbert Road in Cleveland, Ohio. Since then he has worked tirelessly providing support for over one hundred faculty and staff, over six hundred students, and to keep the facilities of the building running smoothly.

Phillip's calm demeanor and great sense of humor have become an invaluable presence at the law school as well as his ability to prepare the building for classes and special events. Phillip has also been described by some as, "The ultimate handyman". When Phillip is not working in the law school, he can be found working on carpentry and construction projects at his home.

In 2004, Phillip Moses was chosen as one of three recipients of the President's Award for Distinguished Service at Case Western Reserve University. This is the highest award that the University confers on its staff personnel. The award recognizes an individual's dedication to provide outstanding service to the Case Western Reserve University community.

Phillip Moses retired from his work on February 1, 2008. Phillip and his wife will enjoy retirement in their newly purchased home in the suburbs of Nashville, Tennessee.

On behalf of the Eleventh Congressional District of Ohio it gives me great pleasure to

congratulate my friend, Phillip Moses, for his service to Case Western Reserve University, and the Eleventh Congressional District of Ohio.

MARKING THE 47TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE PEACE CORPS

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 25, 2008

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Peace Corps, one of the most important and worthy institutions our country has ever established. More than 190,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps Volunteers since its inception in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy, who inspired Americans to serve their country in the cause of peace by living and working in developing countries. I am proud that 34 of my constituents are currently serving as Volunteers in a number of countries around the world, and I wish them well in their worthwhile endeavors.

The Peace Corps brings out the best of the American character. It demonstrates to the rest of the world, where misconceptions of the United States are too often prevalent, that we are a caring people, interested in the well-being of mankind. The Volunteers live in the communities in which they serve by working as teachers and development experts, and they assist in post-conflict relief and reconstruction efforts and health care crises, such as the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

With the break-up of the former Soviet Union and the emergence of many new states around the world, Peace Corps Volunteers are serving in more countries than ever before. Volunteers learn more than 250 languages and dialects, and they receive extensive cross-cultural training that enables them to work effectively. In many remote places, they are often the only contact that villagers have with Americans. Our country owes the Peace Corps Volunteers, who often work under very difficult circumstances, a debt of gratitude for their service that has improved the image of our country overseas and improved the lives of millions of people around the globe.

HONORING SERGEANT JOSEPH
CHRISTOPHER GENTILE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 25, 2008

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Joseph Christopher Gentile on his retirement from the Metropolitan Police Department. With devotion, professionalism, and expertise, from October 9, 1967, until October 21, 2007, Sergeant Gentile, or the "godfather" as his friends and colleagues call him, fulfilled the mission of the Metropolitan Police Department to safeguard the District of Columbia and protect its residents and visitors by providing the highest quality of police service with integrity, compassion, and a commitment to innovation that integrates people, technology, and progressive business systems.