

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING PAMELA BONNETT

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pamela Bonnett, who immigrated from British Guiana, South America to the United States in 1969 when there was an urgent need for Registered Professional Nurses. She graduated from St. Joseph's College with a bachelor of science in health administration and a masters degree in public health education from Hunter College, City University of New York.

Currently a patient service manager at the Visiting Nurse Service of New York, Inc., she is responsible for a team of registered professional nurses providing care to the chronically ill and the geriatric community. Prior to holding this position, Ms. Bonnett was an administrator/associate administrator with Nurse Referrals Inc., responsible for their license program, professional development, utilization and standards of care, to ensure agency compliance with the New York State Department of Health Regulations. She chaired the Quality Assurance Committee of Certified Home Health Care Agencies and other professional staff. Moreover she evaluated contract compliance and made recommendations to the NYC Health and Hospital Corporation and acted as a liaison and marketing agent between the Nurse Referrals Inc., and NYC Health and Hospital Certified Home Care Agencies.

Among other positions held were assistant director of nursing/director of in service education at the Woodland Rehabilitation Center, New Rochelle; executive director, Bushwick Stuyvesant Heights Home Attendant Agency; community health nurse, Beth Israel Hospital and; clinical manager of the Community Geriatric Clinic at the Brookdale Hospital Medical Center.

Pamela Bonnett is currently a member of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., Member of the Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc., past member of the board of directors for the Boys and Girls of America, Hempstead Boys and Girls Club, and a past member of the community board of St. John's Episcopal Hospital in Brooklyn.

Madam Speaker, Pamela Bonnett epitomizes what is good about public health service and we should recognize her for being a role model to young boys and girls in the community. She is a person who is making a difference in people's lives.

HONORING KYLE E. BOWMAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle E. Bowman, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 314, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kyle has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Kyle started his journey with the Boy Scouts seven years ago earning 28 merit badges. Over the years Kyle has been involved in scouting, he has held many leadership positions such as historian, librarian, patrol and assistant patrol leader. Kyle is an Ordeal in the Order of the Arrow and is a Foxman in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Kyle has attended H. Roe Bartle Reservation for three years and has also camped at Camp Nash on four separate occasions. For his Eagle Scout project, Kyle designed and constructed two horse mounting platforms for Heartland Presbyterian Center.

Madam Speaker, I would be remiss if I did not mention the strong family foundation Kyle has supporting him. His proud parents Mark and Britt Bowman, as well as his sister, Amanda.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kyle E. Bowman for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING DR. MARK KUSHNER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

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Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Mark Kushner, a distinguished professor and Dean of the College of Engineering at Iowa State University on winning the Semiconductor Industry Association annual award for outstanding work and exemplary leadership by university researchers.

Dr. Kushner received his BA in Astronomy and BS in Engineering from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1976 and earned his MS and PhD in Applied Physics from the California Institute of Technology in 1977 and 1979. From 1986 to 2005, Dr. Kushner was the Founder Professor of Engineering in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. In 2005, Dr. Kushner became the Dean of Engineering and the James Melsa Professor at Iowa State University with ap-

pointments in the departments of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Materials Science and Engineering, and Chemical Engineering.

For 18 years, Dr. Kushner has worked with the Semiconductor Research Corporation, and his work is widely recognized as the "Gold Standard" for the semiconductor industry. He has published more than 210 journal articles and delivered more than 170 invited symposia presentations on topics related to plasma and thermal materials processing, gas and solid state lasers, pulse power plasmas, chemical lasers, and laser spectroscopy. Dr. Kushner has also trained dozens of Ph.D.s who continue to drive innovation and progress in microelectronics.

Dr. Kushner's efforts in research and training play a crucial role in expanding horizons in semiconductors and the field of engineering for the benefit of society. I consider it an honor to represent Dr. Kushner in Congress, and I wish him continued success in his groundbreaking efforts in the semiconductor industry and his academic work in the field of engineering.

HONORING LORNA MULLINGS

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Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Lorna Mullings, a remarkable woman who after a 13-year career in banking, pursued her real passion of nursing. So in 1986, as a new immigrant, an active church worker, a wife and mother of two small children, Lorna Mullings decided to return to school and become a Registered Nurse.

In June of 1992, she graduated from St. Joseph College with a bachelors degree in nursing. Amid the cheers of her now teenage children, she graduated Hunter College with a double masters in nursing and public health in 2002. However, midway through pursuing her masters degree which was focusing on HIV/AIDS, she was doing course work on health disparities among developed and developing countries when "something hit home." There was a definite connection with a previous paper in her undergraduate studies in which she documented her life's goal to work among the poor people of Somalia. This was also a time of defining professional and personal dreams and because her belief in God was so strong, she knew that becoming a missionary nurse was her special calling.

With her pastor's/husband's approval, blessing, and backing, she formed the Dorcas Medical Mission in 1999. In 2000, Lorna planned and implemented the mission's first outreach to Kingston, Jamaica. Since that time, she has led 15 medical missions to nine countries, bringing free dental, medical, surgical, food

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and clothing to thousands of needy families worldwide. In addition to these missions, she is currently in the process of opening an orphanage in Alexandria, South Africa for the caring of children left orphaned by parents who were victims of HIV/AIDS.

Lorna Mullings has worked as a nurse for over 15 years in the areas of medical, surgical, endoscopy, recovery, psychiatry, administration and community health. Today, she works as a nurse manager at the Interfaith Medical Center, managing the pediatric and medical surgical units.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Mullings is well deserving of our respect for her humanitarian works and charitable outreach—she went on to initiate the Rugby Feeding Program, which now feeds over 70 homeless people with hot meals 4 days a week and heads the Rugby Family Services. Her compassion for the less fortunate is indeed noteworthy, and I am proud to recognize her today.

KATHERINE HOFFMAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Katherine Hoffman of Trenton, Missouri. Katherine is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of America, and earning the most prestigious award of Girl Scout Gold Award.

Katherine has been very active with her troop, participating in many scout activities. In order to receive the prestigious Gold Award, Katherine has completed all seven requirements that promote community service, personal and spiritual growth, positive values and leadership skills.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Katherine Hoffman for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of America and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Girl Scout Gold Award.

HONORING CORN BELT POWER COOPERATIVE

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

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Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Corn Belt Power Cooperative of Humboldt, Iowa, on the occasion of their 60th anniversary.

Before 1947, electric cooperatives were unable to keep up with farmers' additional need of electricity to power their homes and farms, and power companies in the cities were wary of selling electricity to rural Iowa. As a result of the increased demand, two smaller power cooperatives merged to create a partnership that could build a larger coal-fired generation, thus forming Corn Belt Power.

In the early years, Corn Belt Power was a source for electric lights, storing and preparing food in rural homes, pumping water, and bringing ease to daily farm chores. Today Corn Belt Power is a source of power for sophisticated livestock systems and computers, heat pumps and efficient heating and cooling systems for homes. Corn Belt Power has withstood many ups and downs, including the energy crisis in the 1970s, the farm crisis of the 1980s, and our need for energy efficiency today.

Corn Belt Power Cooperative of Humboldt is dedicated to benefiting rural Iowa and the agricultural community, and for this I offer them my utmost congratulations and thanks. It is an honor to represent the employees of Corn Belt Power, the board of directors, and President Donald Feldman in the U.S. Congress, and I wish them continued success in serving the people of rural Iowa.

HONORING GEORGIA MILLER-MCCORKLE

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Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Georgia Miller-McCorkle, who immigrated to the United States in 1980 from Trinidad, West Indies, where as a child she always excelled in school, getting merit cards along with excellent report cards. As a child, she was asked, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Her answer was always, "I want to be a teacher."

At first, Ms. McCorkle settled in this country, got married, and raised five children: Sherwin, Vonetta, Fredericka, Tristan, and Robmesh. During that time, she worked at jobs fulfilling the basic home needs and helping to pay the bills, but something was missing.

Subsequently, she attended Brooklyn College, receiving her bachelor of arts, BA, degree in special education and her master's degree in special education from Long Island University. She joined the Department of Education in 1989, where her teaching skills included student-centered instruction, educational technology, parental involvement in student learning, critical thinking, individual learning plans, student motivation strategies, and active and meaningful learning activities.

Georgia Miller-McCorkle has worked with students from kindergarten through 12th grades, teaching science, music, and art, and was dean of students for 6 years. Further, she counseled mild to profoundly mentally challenged young adults, supervising their daily activities and developing long- and short-term goals at a group home for mentally challenged adults for 3 years.

She provides cognitive and motor development skills for babies with developmental delays from birth to 3 years old in the Early Intervention Program and has been doing so for almost 12 years.

This remarkable woman is certified in: LSCI, Life Space Crisis Intervention; TCI, Therapeutic Crisis Intervention; FBA, Functional Behavioral Assessment; CPR, Cardio-Pulmonary

Resuscitation; beginning sign language; and first aid.

Madam Speaker, it behooves us to recognize this woman who exhibits such passion for the teaching profession and still teaches the early childhood grades, K-2, enjoying her job to the fullest. She is indeed living out her dream.

MELISSA FUERST

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

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Wednesday, March 12, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Melissa Fuerst of Blue Springs, Missouri. Melissa is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of America, and earning the most prestigious award of Girl Scout Gold Award.

Melissa has been very active with her troop, participating in many scout activities. In order to receive the prestigious Gold Award, Melissa has completed all seven requirements that promote community service, personal and spiritual growth, positive values and leadership skills.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Melissa Fuerst for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of America and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Girl Scout Gold Award.

HONORING DONNA EASTMAN

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

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Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Donna Eastman for reaching an important milestone as a public servant to the citizens of Callender, Iowa.

For the past 25 years, Donna, a life-long resident of Callender, has served as the city clerk. As city clerk of a small town, Donna performs many diverse tasks for the community. She handles the utilities, budget, public records, city water, sewer, garbage and electric fees. Donna also files information for the mayor and city council and serves as a liaison between city residents and their elected officials. She has a strong understanding of the needs and desires of the community. With her experience and knowledge of the town she has become the town's unofficial ambassador.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in commending Donna Eastman for her years of leadership and service to the people of Callender. I consider it an honor to represent her in the United States Congress and I wish her the best in her future endeavors.