

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING CHAD EVAN DALE ROBERTS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 5, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Chad Evan Dale Roberts, 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 135, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Chad has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Chad has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO SALLIE AIJALEN MARX

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 5, 2008

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to say congratulations to Sallie Marx on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah.

In Judaism, Bat Mitzvah celebrates the coming of age of a Jewish girl. According to Jewish law, when Jewish children reach the age of majority (twelve for girls) they become responsible for their actions, Jewish ritual law, tradition, and ethics and are privileged to participate in all areas of Jewish community life. The celebrant is asked to perform a mitzvah project, providing a service to the greater community.

Sallie Aijalen Marx, 12 years old, from Bainbridge Island, Washington will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on May 17th, 2008 along with Grandmother Ruth Marx, Grandparents Gary and Phyllis Marx, Grandparents Mary Ellen and Andy Mendelsohn, Parents Josh and Stacey Marx, and lots of friends and relatives. As a mitzvah project she has raised \$5,500 for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and traveled across the state to run in the 5 K "Race for a Cure" in Spokane in April. Sallie raised more money than any other individual and all but two groups for the April event.

The Susan G. Komen for the Cure was founded in 1982 and launched the global

breast cancer movement. Today, Komen for the Cure is the world's largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists fighting to save lives, empower people, ensure quality care for all and energize science to find the cures. Thanks to events like the Komen Race for the Cure, they have invested nearly \$1 billion to fulfill their promise, becoming the largest source of nonprofit funds dedicated to the fight against breast cancer.

For the past 25 years, Komen for the Cure has played a critical role in every major advance in the fight against breast cancer—transforming how the world talks about and treats this disease and helping to turn millions of breast cancer patients into breast cancer survivors. Their contributions include more early detection, more hope, more research and more survivors.

On her web page Sallie said "One of the things that inspires me is that my grandma has had breast cancer since 1982. Unfortunately, I know many others who have been affected by breast cancer as well." Raising money for the Komen for the Cure Foundation and running in the Race for a Cure was the perfect mitzvah project given her sensitivity to breast cancer issues, her fund raising talent, and her athleticism.

Sallie is a bright young woman who excels in soccer, basketball, and lacrosse. Her middle name, Aijalen, means happiness in a Chilean indigenous language; a product of her parents' service in the Peace Corps in Chile. She enjoys cooking, loves to read Sports Illustrated, rooting for the Red Sox, and is an outstanding student. Sallie's mother Stacey joined her in the Race for a Cure while her father Josh and younger brother Nate cheered them on.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing Sallie and her family on her important day.

HONORING PAUL CODY JAMESON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 5, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Paul Cody Jameson, 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 135, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Paul has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Paul has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Paul Cody Jameson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of

America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

COMMENDING JOCKEY KENT DESORMEAUX FOR WINNING THE 134TH KENTUCKY DERBY

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 5, 2008

Mr. BOUSTANY. Madam Speaker, this past Saturday afternoon, with more than 157,000 people watching from the stands and millions watching from their homes, Big Brown won the 134th Kentucky Derby at Louisville, Kentucky's Churchill Downs. Ridden by Louisiana-native Kent Desormeaux, Big Brown proved his ability yet again, as the favorite became the seventh undefeated horse to win horse racing's most prestigious prize. Big Brown's trainer and owners now look ahead to the Preakness, the second leg of the Triple Crown.

Leading his third horse to the red roses of a Kentucky Derby win, Kent Desormeaux is no stranger to winning. Born in Maurice, Louisiana, Kent's first race was at Evangeline Downs with his first win coming aboard Miss Tavern on July 13, 1986. At 25 years old, the jockey became the youngest ever to notch 3,000 career wins. His successful career is a testament to hard work, determination and a love of his sport.

I know I join Kent's family and many in Acadiana in congratulating him on this most recent win and wishing him the best for continued success. Louisiana has a well-established record of producing winning jockeys and Kent certainly continues our legacy.

Unfortunately, Saturday's race did have sadness as second place, Eight Belles, was euthanized on the track. The filly, who ran an impressive race, collapsed after crossing the finish line. It was a tragic scene that reminds us all of the dangers of the sport.

The story Saturday though was Big Brown's big win. Desormeaux shepherded the horse from the outside gate through a crowded field and dictated the pace to give Big Brown the best shot at victory. As the lead pack rounded the final turn of the mile and a quarter race, Desormeaux gave Big Brown the signal, and the horse's effort left his competitors in the dust.

Again, congratulations to Kent Desormeaux, winning jockey of the 134th Kentucky Derby.

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HONORING THE THIRTIETH QUAD-
RENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE
SLAVONIC BENEVOLENT ORDER
OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 5, 2008

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the Thirtieth Quadrennial Convention of the Slavonic Benevolent Order of the State of Texas (SPJST), which will be held on June 8–11, 2008. For 111 years, SPJST has served as a fraternal organization and an educational tool for Czech immigrants to learn the democratic process, the value of free speech, and the importance of voting in their newly adopted homeland.

Today, there are more than 47,000 members of the SPJST in 120 lodges throughout the state of Texas. In recent years, SPJST has expanded to include youth activities and community service programs. As a result, many SPJST projects and members have been recognized by the Texas Fraternal Congress for their service and contribution to communities throughout Texas. SPJST has provided its members with identity and support throughout the years. In lodges all over the state of Texas members are committed to helping those in need by working in hospitals, providing scholarships, and supporting drug abuse programs and other charities. The members of SPJST have upheld the tradition of helping people to care for their families and their communities.

With its great commitment to its members, communities, and organizations that it serves, SPJST embodies the value and tradition of the great state of Texas.

HONORING JOSEPH K. JOHNSEN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 5, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joseph K. Johnsen, 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 135, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joseph has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Joseph has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

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

A TRIBUTE TO RIO LINDA UNION
SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 5, 2008

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the staff and volunteers of the Rio Linda Union School District and the services they provided to local students. For 94 years, the dedicated staff of the Rio Linda Union School District has carefully selected fully credentialed teachers, involved the community in the education process and worked tirelessly to meet the needs of students. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring some of Sacramento's finest educators.

Established in 1914 as a one-room school house, the district has grown into a 22 school, K–6 district. This award winning district is now Sacramento County's largest elementary school district, teaching 10,500 elementary students in the northern Sacramento area. These communities include Rio Linda, Foothill Farms, North Natomas, North Highlands, and McClellan Park.

Rio Linda Union School District offers rigorous educational programs for all students and aligns their curriculum and textbooks to state standards with the integration of arts and sciences into the classroom. The district prides itself on sustaining a quality learning environment, maintaining school grounds and ensuring a safe place for children to learn. Students have succeeded due to improved special education classes, expanded summer school, Reading Recovery program, family outreach workers, and before and after school activities to keep the children engaged in learning.

This district is made of a diverse population of students, bridging ethnicities and backgrounds. More than 36 different languages are spoken in this district and 26 percent of students have a limited proficiency in English. This is a challenge facing educators across our Nation, and the Rio Linda Union School District has met the challenge head on.

Rio Linda Union School District is driven by community volunteers. The efforts of the volunteers that help this district run are truly admirable. Approximately 3,000 parents volunteer each year to work in classrooms, chaperone field trips and serve on committees. Two annual events that showcase the dedication of volunteers in this district are the Volunteer Luncheon and the Principal for a Day program. More than 400 parents attend the annual Volunteer Luncheon where a "Volunteer of the Year" from each school is chosen. Their Principal for a Day program attracts community leaders making the program a state model.

This school district will soon be seeing a change due to the passage of Measure B which consolidates four northern Sacramento County school districts. In July of 2008, Rio Linda Union School District, Grant Joint Union High School, North Sacramento School District, and Del Paso Heights School District will merge to become Twin Rivers Union School District. Frank Porter, who is currently the Superintendent for Rio Linda Union School Dis-

trict has been hired as Interim Superintendent for this new district. Mr. Porter has worked as Superintendent for more than 6 years, during which eight Rio Linda schools received California Distinguished School Awards.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the Rio Linda Union School District's commitment to education and our community. Over the past 90 years, their success stories have been truly inspiring. As members of the Sacramento community gather at the Aerospace Museum, I ask my colleagues to come together and honor the tireless dedication shown by the Rio Linda Union School District's staff and volunteers in providing quality education for our children.

CONGRATULATING THE 2008
AMERICAN JUNIOR CURLING TEAM

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 5, 2008

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I want to congratulate the American Junior Curling Team for winning the 2008 World Junior Curling Championship in Osterlund, Sweden on March 9, 2008. The Plys Team, named after its captain, Chris Plys, had previously won the United States Junior National Championship to qualify to be the American team in the world championship.

Despite strong competition from the other teams at the championship, including Canada, Norway, Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, China, Scotland, Czech Republic and Sweden, which had home-field advantage, the American team persevered and took the title, the first for an American team since 1984. They defeated Sweden 7–5 for the title.

I want to commend Coach Phil Drobnick, Captain Chris Plys, Danny Plys and Aanders Brorson, of Duluth, Minnesota, Matt Perushek of Eveleth, Minnesota, and Matt Hamilton of McFarland, Wisconsin for their outstanding accomplishments. They bring great credit upon themselves, their communities, the United States and the sport of curling. I wish them well in their future endeavors.

HONORING MICHAEL ANDREW
GORSKI

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 5, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Michael Andrew Gorski, 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 395, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Michael has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Michael has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.