

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING MEDRAD ON
2010 MALCOLM BALDRIGE NA-
TIONAL QUALITY AWARD

HON. JASON ALTMIRE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. ALTMIRE. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize MEDRAD Incorporated as a recipient of the 2010 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award—the nation's highest presidential honor for excellence in manufacturing.

MEDRAD began in the kitchen of its founder, Dr. M. Stephen Heilman, more than forty years ago and continues to showcase western Pennsylvania as a leader in medical technology. Today, the company manufactures cutting edge medical devices used for diagnosing and treating diseases. MEDRAD's international headquarters are located in my district and it employs more than 1,400 individuals throughout the Pittsburgh region.

The company is recognized as a market leader in the United States and Europe as it continues to produce quality medical equipment for healthcare providers and patients. MEDRAD has been a pioneer in medical imaging technology, enabling doctors to get specific scans that lead to faster, more accurate treatment. The company has also been an excellent source of job creation and economic development in western Pennsylvania. It has helped the region transform itself from one dominated by the steel industry and manufacturing to an emerging medical, life-science, and technology hub.

The Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award recognizes exemplary companies committed to high achievement and superior performance strategies. Congress established the award in 1987 in an effort to enhance the competitiveness of U.S. businesses through recognition of model companies.

Madam Speaker, since 1988 only 86 organizations have received this award. As a previous recipient of this award in 2003, MEDRAD becomes one of only five repeat-winners in the award's 23-year history.

I would like to extend my congratulations to MEDRAD and its employees for receiving the 2010 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE
LIFE OF THEODORE C. SORENSEN

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Theodore C.

“Ted” Sorensen, peerless wordsmith and presidential counselor, who died on October 31, 2010, only a week before the 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's election.

Born in Lincoln, Nebraska, Ted Sorensen always mused about the impact that Lincoln—the President and the place—had on his life. He grew up immersed in the language and lore of Lincoln, excelling at speech and debate and engaging in impassioned discussions with his father, C.A. Sorensen, Nebraska's Attorney General and a close associate of the progressive Republican Senator George Norris. By the time Ted Sorensen made his way to Washington DC after graduating with honors from the University of Nebraska and its law school, his rigorous, homespun upbringing made him the perfect partner for Kennedy.

Joining Kennedy's staff as a legislative aide only days after Kennedy's election to the Senate, Ted Sorensen remained with him until the fateful day in Dallas that forever changed America. For a decade, they were inseparable. Kennedy called Ted Sorensen his “intellectual blood bank,” and Ted often said that he could finish Kennedy's sentences for him. Together they renewed our commitment to civil rights, averted a nuclear war, and began the race to reach the stars. Their unique and enduring relationship defined a decade, and in concert they called on a nation to serve and to sacrifice.

Though shattered by loss, Ted Sorensen did not let unspeakable tragedy silence him. He wrote and lectured widely on public affairs, publishing a bestselling Kennedy biography and his own memoirs. He practiced law, aided candidates and officeholders, and mentored a younger generation of writers. As one of the last living links to the Kennedy legacy, Ted Sorensen felt a special responsibility to share the spirit of his fallen friend. After Ted's passing, Caroline Kennedy thanked him for “his guidance, his generosity of spirit and the special time he took to teach my children about their grandfather.” For 82 years, he remained committed to the same people and principles. In the final analysis, Ted Sorensen was sustained by the world of words, just as his words sustained the world.

How do we honor a man whose own enduring words pay him far greater tribute than ours ever could? Paying tribute to Nebraska Senator George Norris, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed the following criteria: “History asks, ‘Did the man have integrity? Did the man have courage? Did the man have consistency?’” Like his lifelong political hero Norris, this much Ted Sorensen had—and more.

Much more than a counselor to a president, Ted Sorensen was the keeper of the Kennedy flame, and the conscience and unrivaled communicator of liberalism in America. Largely thanks to him, Kennedy campaigned in poetry and governed in the same manner. Ted

Sorensen's speeches were poetry written in the meter of American memory, and it is fitting that he has become part of our national narrative himself as his prose takes its place in the pantheon of the past. Together with his friend and political patron, Ted Sorensen lit a fire, and the glow from that fire continues to truly light the world.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest condolences to Ted's wife, Gillian Martin Sorensen; his children, Eric, Stephen, Philip, and Juliet; his seven grandchildren; his brother, Philip; and his sister, Ruth. Ted Sorensen was the last and the best of the New Frontier, and words cannot adequately express his impact. We have lost the man who challenged our country to live up to its promise in liquid, living prose. His words and his work will live on in the muted marble of the Kennedy gravesite, and in the hearts and minds of all those who thrilled to his vision of a kinder, more just America. He and President Kennedy inspired me and drew me to public service, and I am especially blessed to pay tribute to this extraordinary American. Ted Sorensen has drafted the words and the blueprint; now, the trumpet summons us once more, and again the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans. We mourn his passing and we accept his final challenge to realize our Nation's best ideals.

RECOGNIZING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE HONORABLE PAUL W. TRESSLER

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Honorable Paul W. Tressler who is retiring after faithfully serving the people of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania as a judge, prosecutor and public defender for much of the last four decades.

Judge Tressler's distinguished public service career started as a prosecutor in the District Attorney's Office in 1968, eventually organizing and supervising the County's first Narcotics Task Force and serving as head of the appellate division. Appointed by Gov. Richard Thornburgh to fill a vacancy on the bench in April 1983, Judge Tressler later that year was elected to a full term and has held the job since then.

Improving the adjudication process for juveniles, and ensuring the effectiveness of the various programs for young offenders, have been hallmarks of Judge Tressler's tenure. As Juvenile Judge, he established the first trunancy program in Montgomery County and played a central role in securing a grant to establish a model program to prevent children

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