

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2010 CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG/BUNDES RAT EXCHANGE

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, since 1983, the U.S. Congress and the German Bundestag and Bundesrat have conducted an annual exchange program for staff members from both countries. The program gives professional staff the opportunity to observe and learn about each other's political institutions and interact on issues of mutual interest.

A staff delegation from the U.S. Congress will be selected to visit Germany from July 3–11 of this year. During this 10 day exchange, the delegation will attend meetings with Bundestag/Bundesrat Members, Bundestag and Bundesrat party staff members, and representatives of numerous political, business, academic, and media agencies. Participants also will be hosted by a Bundestag Member during a district visit.

A comparable delegation of German staff members will visit the United States for 10 days April 24–May 2 of this year. They will attend similar meetings here in Washington and visit the districts of Members of Congress. The U.S. delegation is expected to facilitate these meetings.

The Congress-Bundestag/Bundesrat Exchange is highly regarded in Germany and the United States, and is one of several exchange programs sponsored by public and private institutions in the United States and Germany to foster better understanding of the politics and policies of both countries. This exchange is funded by the U.S. Department of States' Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The U.S. delegation should consist of experienced and accomplished Hill staff who can contribute to the success of the exchange on both sides of the Atlantic. The Bundestag reciprocates by sending senior staff professionals to the United States.

Applicants should have a demonstrable interest in events in Europe. Applicants need not be working in the field of foreign affairs, although such a background can be helpful. The composite U.S. delegation should exhibit a range of expertise in issues of mutual concern to the United States and Germany such as, but not limited to, trade, security, the environment, economic development, health care, and other social policy issues. This year's delegation should be familiar with transatlantic relations within the context of recent world events.

In addition, U.S. participants are expected to help plan and implement the program for the Bundestag/Bundesrat staff members when they visit the United States. Participants are expected to assist in planning topical meetings

in Washington, and are encouraged to host one or two staffers in their Member's district in July, or to arrange for such a visit to another Member's district.

Participants are selected by a committee composed of personnel from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the Department of State and past participants of the exchange.

Members of the House and Senate who would like a member of their staff to apply for participation in this year's program should direct them to submit a resume and cover letter in which they state their qualifications, the contributions they can make to a successful program and some assurances of their ability to participate during the time stated.

Applications may be sent to the Office of Interparliamentary Affairs, HB–28, the Capitol, by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9, 2010.

HONORING THE TAWAS AREA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY SOCCER TEAM

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the 2009 Tawas Area High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team and coach Ken Cook on capturing the team's eighth straight district championship title and their first regional championship. Throughout the season these young men worked together as a team, displaying exemplary athletic skills along with determination and focus.

The team ended their season with an impressive 20–3–1 record, winning their first ever regional championship in a 3–0 victory over the Newaygo Lions. Despite playing in tough conditions, the Braves were able to dominate the offense while maintaining a strong defense, led by a shutout performance by goalkeeper Nick Hulea. The team also defeated the Roscommon Bucks, 3–2 in the district championship game. This was the 8th consecutive district championship for the Braves and the 11th district title in 13 seasons.

In addition to their talent on the field, I commend the entire team and coaching staff for their excellent display of teamwork throughout the season. Every one of the Braves saw playing time, and each individual was able to contribute to the team's championship season. This hard work and team spirit is a reflection not only on these young men and their coaches, but also the entire Tawas community.

In addition to the teams winning record, senior Cody Jordan set a Tawas record 45 goals in the 2009 season. With 12 seniors on the team it is especially fitting that they ended their high school soccer career achieving the

long sought after goal of a regional championship.

Local sports play a key role in schools and communities throughout Northern Michigan. I congratulate each member of the 2009 Tawas Area High School Boys Varsity Soccer team: Seniors Kurds Branham, D.J. Decker, Aran Freel, Nicholas Hulea, Cody Jordan, Ryan Kaschner, Braden Kauffman, Derek Keim, Dylan Loga, Antoine Mauron, J.D. Putz and Travis Simmons; Juniors Talal Abdallah, Joseph Boensch, Andrew DiFilippo, Benjamin Enzenberger and Kyle Hewitt; Sophomores Dylan Gotcher and Tyler Jordan; and Managers Ali Jungquist and Audrey Thoryk.

I also applaud the leadership of head coach Ken Cook and assistant coaches Matt Friedemann and Dan DiFilippo. Their diligence on and off the field, and post-season vision and strategy guided the team through a successful season, culminating in an impressive series of post-season victories.

Madam Speaker, the 2009 Tawas Area High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team has won an impressive eight straight district titles and capped off another successful year with their first regional championship. These young men and their coaches set high goals for the season, played each game with power and passion, and delivered a memorable season for both the players and the Tawas community. Therefore I ask, Madam Speaker, that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in cheering on the players and coaches of this championship team. Go Braves.

RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF INTRADO

HON. BETSY MARKEY

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Ms. MARKEY of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Longmont, Colorado based Intrado on the occasion of the celebration of their 30-year anniversary.

Founded by two Boulder County Sheriffs, George Heinrichs and Stephen Meer, Intrado has played a key role in helping to define, build and maintain the country's complex emergency communications system. Today Intrado provides the core of the Nation's 9-1-1 infrastructure, supporting over 200 million calls to 9-1-1 each year. Intrado is responsible for the ultimate delivery of over 90% of all 9-1-1 calls in the country.

Intrado's history of emergency communications excellence is based on a strong foundation. Their extensive involvement in all aspects of the current 9-1-1 network has given them a unique perspective on how the system must evolve to support new technology, new system

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requirements and citizens' growing expectations.

9-1-1 is fundamental to telecommunications service. To meet this market requirement, Intrado helps telecommunications service providers ensure their subscribers' 9-1-1 calls are delivered to the correct public safety answering point (PSAP) over the dedicated 9-1-1 network along with the caller's accurate location information and call back number. As communications networks converge and 9-1-1 callers become more mobile, Intrado has a proven track record of both anticipating and pioneering the solutions needed to keep pace with subscribers' demands for ubiquitous access to 9-1-1.

Intrado's success has come in large part due to its leadership, dedication and perseverance in helping the public safety community. I want to thank them for all they have done to contribute to Colorado's economy and to the advancement of 9-1-1 communications around the country. Once again, congratulations on the anniversary of 30 years providing service to our community.

RECOGNIZING GARRETT METAL
DETECTORS OF GARLAND, TEXAS

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Garrett Metal Detectors, a global leader in the security industry for over forty-five years, which calls my own Third Congressional District of Texas home.

Founded by Charles and Eleanor Garrett in 1964, the Garland, Texas-based company specializes in the production of walk-through, hand-held and ground search metal detection products and training for security and law enforcement applications.

The company's three main divisions, Hobby, Security and Countermine/Explosive Remnants of War (ERW), define its outreach. While Garrett hobby detectors are the treasure-hunter's tool of choice, the company also produces advanced models specifically designed to pinpoint the danger of buried landmines. In addition, the company's expertise has been called on to provide security checkpoint screening at countless events worldwide including eleven Olympic Games and numerous political conventions, concerts, and awards shows.

In fact, Charles and Eleanor Garrett, Bob Podhrasky and Vaughan Garrett recently had a turn at carrying the Olympic torch as it makes its way to the 2010 Winter Games in Vancouver, Canada.

All products produced by Garrett are proudly designed, assembled and tested for quality control here in the USA. Due to its extraordinary success and global impact, the company has even been profiled by John Ratzemberger for his hit TV series, Made in America, which airs on the Travel Channel.

I am pleased to recognize Garrett Metal Detectors for its invaluable contribution to the safety and security of people worldwide. It is an honor and a privilege to represent this fine American business.

CONGRATULATING THE TRANSPORTATION TRADES DEPARTMENT, AFL-CIO (TTD) ON ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. STEVEN C. LaTOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. LATOURETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO (TTD), on its 20th anniversary. TTD is a leading advocacy organization for transportation workers and for a strong investment in our nation's infrastructure.

Throughout its 20-year history, TTD has consistently stood up for our nation's transportation workers. These outstanding men and women, many of whom I have the privilege to represent, are a backbone of our nation's economy. They work each day in an industry that has been dramatically altered by the larger economic and security crises facing our nation. Yet through it all, these dedicated men and women remain focused on public service and doing their jobs to their utmost ability.

As I and my colleagues can attest, TTD has helped policymakers understand the needs and concerns of those on the front lines of this important part of our daily life and our economy. We sadly don't invest enough on our infrastructure, and I am heartened to hear TTD call for greater investment in transportation infrastructure. They understand how it can both rebuild our nation and put Americans back to work. In my travels through Northeast Ohio, I see firsthand how our infrastructure is crumbling and families are struggling to get by. Our quality of life and the strength and efficiency of our economy will not fully improve unless we make critical infrastructure investments.

I again commend TTD on their anniversary, and I look forward to continuing to work with them on these issues facing our nation.

HONORING HARRY L. BEGLE,
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an American hero, Harry L. Begle of Brooksville, Florida. A decorated war veteran, Lieutenant Begle's service to our nation will forever be remembered by this Congress.

Born in Lexington, Virginia, Lt. Begle graduated from Fork Union Military Academy in 1943 and entered WW II soon thereafter.

He served as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 101st Airborne Division and an Assistant Platoon Leader with the H Company 3rd Battalion in the 506th Parachute Division. While deployed outside of Bastogne, Belgium, Lt. Begle's platoon came under attack by a German Infantry. To describe that moment, Lt. Begle said, it was then that "all hell broke loose". During the battle, Lt. Begle's hand was struck by a bullet, and his upper body was struck by shrapnel from an artillery shell explosion. The blast

caused wounds in his neck and left him in a British Military hospital for several months. Lt. Begle received a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart for his courageous actions in battle.

Despite his wounds and time spent away from the front lines, Lt. Begle returned to serve his country abroad once again in 1945. This time in Austria. He was later transferred to the 82nd Airborne Division when the Pacific ended.

In 1946, he returned home. He marched in the WW II victory parade in New York where he was greeted with a heroes welcome. He served as a reservist until 1949 when he was honorably discharged.

Long after his military days had passed, he continued to protect his fellow Americans, serving as a Washington D.C. Police Officer for 23 years; he retired in 1972.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Harry L. Begle; a beloved and decorated American hero. On behalf of a grateful nation, this Congress, his family and friends, I thank him for his service and sacrifice to our country.

HONORING MODESTO CHRISTIAN
HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate the Modesto Christian High School Varsity Football Team upon winning the California Interscholastic Federation Small Schools State Football Championship on Friday, December 18, 2009. The team will be honored on Thursday, January 7, 2010.

The Modesto Christian High School Varsity Football Team consists of 31 players including: Isaiah Burse, Jose Oseguera, Keaton Engel, Kevin Roy, Damien Bell-White, Nate Sudfeld, Aaron Brown, Dominic Dami, Alec Pearson, David Sielin, Dustin Hayes, Ryn Megee, Raymond Nelson, Nathan Straubinger, Johnny Juvera, Nick Carson, Brandon Baker, Danie Hague, Tyke Andrew, Vince Rovedatti, Cody Daniel, Matt Heinrich, Michael Fahlgren, Steve Rubalcava, Evan Schwartz, Vinny Warda, Jacob Alameda, Josh Lane, Tyler Jamison, Thomas Deshields and Colin Lane. The team was led by Head Coach, Mike Parsons and the rest of the coaching staff: Ron Megee, Andy Strickland, P. Jay Thirault, Darin Higgins, Steve Gleason, Adam Foster, Mark Dobbins and Noel Alfaro.

The hard work and dedication of the entire team led the Modesto Christian Crusaders to an undefeated season; winning eleven regular season games, three section playoff games and the final championship game with a final 15-0 record. The team not only won all of the games they played, but they dominated their opponents, averaging 45 points per game.

With Modesto Christian Principal Cynthia Jewel and Athletic Director Greg Pearce cheering the team on, the team made their way to the championship game. The game was held at the Home Depot Field in Carson,