

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

AMERICAN POW'S AND MIA'S

HON. BARBARA CUBIN

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 1998

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize American POWs and MIAs. In my home state of Wyoming, there is a deep feeling of respect and gratitude to all the men and women who have defended this country when they were called.

Two thousand eighty-six of these brave Americans are still missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War, including six from the state of Wyoming.

Although faced with the terrors and deprivations of war, they answered their nation's call. They bravely served even when some of their countrymen reviled and unfairly criticized their efforts.

These soldiers are Americans. They did their duty. The least we can do for them and their families is insist on nothing less than a full accounting for every one of them.

I urge President Clinton and my colleagues in the Congress to press Vietnam for unilateral actions to locate and return to our nation remains that would account for hundreds of American POW/MIAs and records to help obtain answers on many more.

I am pleased that patriotism is alive and well in America today. Governor Jim Geringer has issued a proclamation designating September 18, 1998, as POW/MIA Recognition Day in the State of Wyoming. These soldiers are not forgotten. Their families are not forgotten. Their priceless contributions to our freedom are not forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the text of this proclamation be inserted in the RECORD for every American to read.

GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION

TWO THOUSAND EIGHTY-SIX Americans are still missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War, including 6 from the State of Wyoming, and their families, friends, and fellow veterans still endure uncertainty concerning their fate.

UNITED STATES Government intelligence and other evidence confirm that Vietnam could unilaterally account for hundreds of missing Americans, including many of the 446 missing in Laos and the 75 still unaccounted for in Cambodia, by locating and returning identifiable remains and providing archival records to answer other discrepancies.

THE President has normalized relations with Vietnam, believing such action would generate increased unilateral account for Americans still missing from the Vietnam War, and such increased results have not yet been provided by the Government of Vietnam.

NOW, therefore, be it resolved that the State of Wyoming calls on the President to reinvigorate United States efforts to press

Vietnam for unilateral actions to locate and return to our nation remains that would account for hundreds of America's POW/MIA's and records to help obtain answers on many more.

FOR THESE SIGNIFICANT REASONS, I, JIM GERINGER, Governor of the States of Wyoming, do hereby proclaim September 18th, 1998, to be "POW/MIA Recognition Day" in Wyoming, and encourage all citizens to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wyoming to be affixed this 29th day of July, 1998

JIM GERINGER,
Governor.

IN HONOR OF ARISTIDES SOSA

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Aristides Sosa of Miami for the recent honor he received from the University of Nebraska. In his name, the institution created the "Aristides Sosa International Citizenship Award". It will be awarded annually to an individual who has demonstrated vision and dedication to the improvement of human relations.

This distinct recognition was presented to Dr. Sosa for his outstanding contribution to the World Affairs Conference and his extraordinary devotion to global education. For 16 years, Dr. Sosa was the director of International Programs and head of the Department of Languages for the University of Nebraska at Kearney where he established several study abroad programs in Europe and Latin America.

In the 1980's, when civil disturbances rocked South Florida, he initiated a variety of community programs to improve the inter-ethnic relations in Miami while he was the Director of the Metro-Dade County Department of Community Affairs.

After a well-deserved retirement this past year, Dr. Sosa has dedicated his time lecturing all over the United States at national and international conferences to offer his vast knowledge and expertise in the field of international relations. For his commitment to multi-cultural education and public service, I ask my colleagues to join me in distinguishing Dr. Aristides Sosa as the driving force and positive image for recipients of the "Aristides Sosa International Citizenship Award".

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. MARVIN R. SMITH, NATIONAL MINORITY ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute Mr. Marvin R. Smith, who today will receive the National Minority Advocate of the Year Award.

Mr. Speaker, almost 16 years ago, President Ronald Reagan designated the first full week of October 1983 as Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week. Designated by every President since then, MED Week is an annual national celebration in recognition of the contributions made by minority businesses to the Nation's economy as well as to acknowledge individuals whose efforts have advanced minority business development throughout the country.

Mr. Speaker, MED Week is the largest federal advocacy activity sponsored on behalf of minority businesses. It is jointly sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) and the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Office of Minority Enterprise Development. Each fall, MED Weeks are held across the country. Observances culminate at a National Conference in Washington, D.C. The week of September 20-26, 1998, was included in this year's presidential proclamation. Each year a theme is chosen by the MED Week Committee to reflect current issues or emphasis. This year's theme is "Creating a Competitive Advantage in a Changing Business environment."

Awards are presented by MBDA and SBA to minority-owned businesses and other individuals chosen from nominations received in the respective regional offices around the country. As nominations are received, they are reviewed and evaluated by panels in the regional offices. Award winners in the various categories from the five regional offices (Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, New York and San Francisco) are presented to MBDA head quarters and evaluated by a review panel at that level for national recognition.

Mr. Speaker, I feel honored to mention that Marvin R. Smith, who works as Manager of the Supplier Management and Business Affirmative Action Office (SM/BAAO) of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) (Livermore, CA) and a resident of the 9th District, has also been selected to receive the award of "National Minority Advocate of the Year." Just days after receiving the "Regional Minority Advocate of the Year Award" in San Francisco on September 10, 1998.

Mr. Smith has served in various managerial positions at LLNL for the past 20 years. The primary objective of the SM/BAAO is to enhance the quality of vendors doing business

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with LLNL and to simultaneously assist the laboratory in achieving its socioeconomic goals. As a part of this effort the SM/BAAO strives to identify qualified small, disadvantaged and women-owned businesses and to assist in enhancing their capabilities so that they become viable competitors with the larger integrated concerns currently providing supplies and service to the Laboratory, as well as to increase the extent to which they receive Laboratory Awards/Contracts, something we commonly know as procurement dollars.

I am proud to say that, during the past three fiscal years (1995, 1996 and 1997) as a result of Mr. Smith's leadership and efforts LLNL has provided \$180.86 million in direct procurement awards to small disadvantaged/minority business enterprises. During that same period of time \$43.7 million were awarded to 2nd tier disadvantage/minority subcontracts.

Mr. Smith, who is also a longtime civil rights activist, has held a host of positions on local, state and national committees, commissions and organizations. He has long been involved in leadership positions in a myriad of community activities relating, but not limited, to entrepreneurship, mentoring, youth awareness, community economic development, education, fairness in law enforcement/equity in justice and diversity.

Prior to assuming his position with the laboratory, Mr. Smith was the San Francisco Regional Director for the Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Compliance Division of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Previous to that he was a police officer for the Richmond (CA) Police Department.

Mr. Smith received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from California State University at Hayward; earned a Masters in Public Administration Degree from Golden Gate University in San Francisco; was a Ph.D. candidate in Public Administration at Golden Gate University (ABD) and holds several professional certificates in Management and Public Administration.

Mr. Speaker, today, I join with the organizers, sponsors and most of my Congressional colleagues in expressing my sincere congratulations to Marvin Smith for his commendable efforts and contributions to minority businesses.

Thank you for your commitment and service.

COMMEMORATING THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAN FRANCISCO CONSERVATION CORPS

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 15th anniversary of the San Francisco Conservation Corps.

In 1983, the San Francisco Conservation Corps was one of the first urban youth corps ever established to combine job skills training and academic enhancement. Fifteen years later, over 200 million hours of community

service have been performed by the San Francisco Conservation Corps and 130 youth corps groups have been created nationwide.

In San Francisco, Corpsmembers who range in age from 12 to 24 years provide a range of public benefit services while engaged in academic enrichment programs. Corpsmembers perform community outreach in schools, seismic retrofit and lead dust reduction in homes for low-income residents, install play structures for children, preserve and restore native habitats in the Presidio and coordinate neighborhood projects based on needs assessments conducted by high school aged Corpsmembers—to list just a few of their community contributions.

Through the San Francisco Conservation Corps Center's Environment-Community-Outreach Center (ECO), The Learning Center, and the Community Service and Training Center, urban youth learn the importance of teamwork, leadership, community service, and academic achievement. Most importantly, Corpsmembers develop a "can-do" attitude building self confidence.

The ECO Center provides job training, environmental education, and academic programs to adolescents and young adults in the Corps. This specialized training engages participants in technological and multi-media skills and activities necessary to prepare for today's job market.

The Learning Center focuses on challenging Corpsmembers to reach their highest level of educational achievement and aids in successful job placement. As a result, Corpsmembers are encouraged toward a commitment to life-long learning.

The Community Service and Training Center prepares young adults for a career and higher education. It serves to provide participants with confidence, strong work ethics, and responsibility to become effective community leaders.

On Saturday, September 26, 1998, the San Francisco Conservation Corps will host their 15th anniversary celebration. I salute the San Francisco Conservation Corps, its youth, staff and supporters for the important contribution to empowering urban youth to improve their lives while also working to improve San Francisco neighborhood communities.

Congratulations to the Corps on its 15th Anniversary. Our community appreciates and celebrates the Corps' leadership in support of youth, education and training, and community service. I extend special thanks and congratulations to Corpsmembers, Staff, Board Members, Executive Director Ann Cochrane, and Justice J. Anthony Kline on this special occasion.

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF THE KENNETT GRANGE NO. 19

HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 1998

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor an organization celebrating its 125th anniversary in my district in Pennsylvania.

The Kennett Grange No. 19 is now celebrating 125 years of continuous service to our area. Founded in the Borough of Kennett Square in 1873, this chapter is presently the third oldest in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, although it was the 19th one organized.

In 1932 when the Kennett School District consolidated, the members purchased the original Greenwood School building in Kennett Township and have been meeting there ever since. Now that is impressive! The dedication of the community to the continuation of this Grange must be commended.

On a local, county, state, and national level, this Grange has made a difference! Your active commitment has not gone unnoticed.

So today, I want to honor the Kennett Grange for the way they encourage family participation and promote community service and education here in Chester County and across the nation.

I and to wish them continued blessing. Here's to another 125 years!

A TRIBUTE TO TOGETHERNESS WITH LOVE CENTER ON THEIR SECOND ANNIVERSARY

HON. NYDIA VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 1998

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay a special tribute to Togetherness With Love Center, Inc., an organization in my district which has worked to provide social services to low income families.

In 1993, Togetherness With Love was founded in Brooklyn, New York by Mr. Cyril Joseph. He originally started this organization as a neighborhood alternative to the often overcrowded municipal soup kitchens in the area. Operating out of a tiny basement shop on DeKalb Ave., Mr. Joseph with the help of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the Jesus Cares Ministries began to distribute food to those in need.

Since its founding, Togetherness With Love has added 24 new staff members and has become a vital part of the community I serve. Most of those who enter its doors on a daily basis receive aid on health and immigrant issues, as well as assistance in employment and housing.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in Congress to join me in acknowledging and thanking the men and women of the Togetherness With Love Center for their excellent service and dedication.