

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEXT UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, ROB PORTMAN

HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2005

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate my good friend from Ohio, Rep. ROB PORTMAN. As you all know, ROB is likely to be confirmed by the Senate to be the next United States Trade Representative. His confirmation means that American companies and their products have a tireless advocate in the global marketplace.

While we all wish ROB the best, it's a sad day for the House of Representatives and the Republican Leadership team.

ROB PORTMAN is a true "people's legislator." From the moment he was elected from Ohio's Second Congressional District 12 years ago, ROB has worked tirelessly for the people of Ohio. He is a member of the Ways and Means Committee and serves as Vice-Chairman of the Budget Committee. His congressional work has done much to benefit the American people.

ROB authored or coauthored more than a dozen bills that passed both Houses and eventually became law. His accomplishments include improving our nation's pension laws, eliminating capital gains taxes on the sale of most homes, restructuring the IRS with significant new taxpayer rights, and in an area that is close to my heart, ROB helped enact legislation that supports community anti-drug efforts. Most recently, he assisted in drafting landmark legislation to create what we now know as the Department of Homeland Security, one of the largest and most significant reorganizations of the Federal government in our nation's history.

Since January 2001, ROB has served as the Chairman of the Elected Leadership for House Republicans. He has been an outstanding and invaluable member of our team in the House.

The list of ROB PORTMAN's contributions to the House of Representatives and the American people could go on and on. The Nation is fortunate to have had his service in the House of Representatives.

I am especially privileged to have had ROB PORTMAN's friendship as well. His character and integrity are unquestionable. His dedication to our country and his constituents is surpassed only by his devotion to his wife Jane and their three children.

It is my pleasure to congratulate the next United States Trade Representative, ROB PORTMAN. I wish him the very best.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF MR. JAMES PATRICK NEWMAN AND ELIZABETH A. WADDEN IN CELEBRATION OF THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: MAY 7, 2005

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Jim and Betty Newman, as they celebrate fifty years of devotion to each other, to their family, extended family and many close friends. This unbreakable union represents a deep and abiding love, not only for each other, but also for their children, grandchildren and for their community.

Jim Newman and Betty Wadden were both born and raised on Cleveland's Westside. They were married at St. Colman's Catholic Church on May 7, 1955. They moved a few miles west to Lakewood, where together they raised six children: Barbara, Timothy, Dennis, William, Daniel and James. They remain a loving, guiding force in the lives of their children, and also in the lives of their eighteen grandchildren, all of whom remain in the Cleveland area. Jim and Betty instilled a strong sense of kindness, humor and integrity into the hearts and minds of their children. They taught by example, interspersed by Jim's quick wit and Betty's caring nature, offering lessons that reflected their own lives—lives framed by hard work, patience, laughter and enduring strength during difficult moments. Besides commitment to family and community, both Jim and Betty share concern for our country and our world. Jim is a United States Veteran, having honorably served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

Jim and Betty were able to effectively balance the demands of family, work and community, with family as the main focus. Jim is now retired from CEI, following more than thirty years of service. Betty is also retired after working for many years as a member of the Baker's Union with Fisher-Fazio and Rini-Rego's. Today, they remain active within the lives of their family, parish and community. When winter finally breaks, Jim and Betty spend peaceful summer days along the shores of Lake Erie, where they gather with family and friends at their Marblehead cottage.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Jim and Betty Newman, as we join them in celebration of this joyous occasion—their 50th wedding anniversary. Jim and Betty continue to inspire those around them to live life with love, caring and humor, to give back to the community, and to hold family closest to their hearts.

IN SUPPORT OF HARLEY-DAVIDSON INC.

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2005

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation on behalf of Harley-Davidson Inc., the only major U.S.-based motorcycle manufacturer and the world's leading seller of large displacement motorcycles. Harley-Davidson was founded in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1903, and has become a significant part of the social, economic, and cultural heritage of the United States. Over the years, Harley has provided thousands of jobs to the people of Wisconsin, with 4,000 Harley employees working in the state today. In addition, Buell Motorcycle Company, a subsidiary of Harley-Davidson, Inc., employs another 200 workers in East Troy, Wisconsin.

We must help manufacturers like Harley-Davidson remain competitive in the global marketplace so that good, high-paying manufacturing jobs are retained in Wisconsin and throughout the United States. Although our nation has seen strong economic growth over the past two years, our manufacturing sector has not fully recovered all of the jobs that it lost as a result of the 2001 recession. In fact, the State of Wisconsin is still down 77,200 net manufacturing jobs since January 2001. The most effective way to address this problem is to bring down the costs of domestic manufacturing so that all companies like Harley are more competitive, more profitable, and can employ more hard-working Americans.

The machines included in this legislation are a vital part of Harley's manufacturing process, but they are not produced domestically. Thus, Harley is forced to pay a 4.4% tariff rate on the equipment they require to manufacture their products in the United States. This bill, which temporarily eliminates the tariff, will bring down Harley's production costs, improve their international competitiveness, and help them keep high-paying manufacturing jobs at home.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress to pass this legislation.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY FOR THE FAMILIES OF LILIBETH GOMEZ AND HARRISON OROSCO

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2005

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my deep sorrow and heartfelt sympathy for the families of Lilibeth Gomez and Harrison OroSCO, two beautiful children who lost their lives last week in a school bus accident in Arlington County, Virginia. As a parent, I understand that losing a child produces immeasurable grief that words cannot

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