

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NIGERIA SHOULD WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to share with my colleagues a situation that has been brought to my attention.

President Obasanjo of Nigeria promised several years ago to withdraw his troops from the Bakassi Peninsula in The Republic of Cameroon. It has not yet been done. As the President of the African Union, Obasanjo has an obligation to set an example for the rest of the African nations.

President Obasanjo should withdraw Nigerian troops from the Bakassi Peninsula and return the Bakassi Peninsula to the Republic of Cameroon.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF RAY MARBLE

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a friend and colleague who will retire on June 10 after years of service to the federal government and the Idaho National Laboratory. For the last ten years, Ray Marble has represented the Idaho National Laboratory in Washington DC. Before that, Ray had a distinguished career at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Department of Energy, the Energy Research Development Agency and the U.S. House of Representatives. As a staff member, Ray worked for three Members of Congress, J. Kenneth Robinson, John "Jack" O. Marsh, and Carlton Sickles.

Ray Marble is a consummate professional who builds goodwill and trust wherever he goes. Ray is a gentleman known all over Washington for his kindness and tact. As a Washington representative of the Idaho National Laboratory (INL), Ray has helped keep me, my staff, and the rest of the Idaho congressional delegation fully informed of events and issues at the lab. Ray always provides crisp, succinct information delivered with insight and perspective—and he is a pretty darn good golfer to boot. The INL will lose a great advocate and asset when Ray Marble retires.

Beyond the work relationship that many of us have with Ray, we also know him as a friend. Ray is uniquely gifted in his ability to connect with people on a personal level. He is genuinely concerned about the welfare of the people with whom he works and, in return, people around Washington are genuinely interested in him. I am proud to say that Ray has been a friend of mine over the past six

years—and I know several of my colleagues feel the same way.

I want to wish Ray and his wife Martha all of the best as they head off to North Carolina for new adventures and new challenges. I know a few rounds of golf are on Ray's to-do list and I hope he enjoys his well-deserved retirement.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S MOST RECENT HYPOCRISY

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, the pot is calling the kettle black. The Administration is chastising Newsweek magazine for a story containing a fact that turned out to be false. This is the same Administration that lied to the Congress, the United Nations and the American people by fabricating reasons to send us to war. The same Administration responsible for the death of over 1,500 American servicemen and women and countless Iraqi civilians; the same Administration which shields its highest officials from responsibility for prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo Bay.

Under those circumstances, how can the Bush Administration, with a straight face, denounce a journalist for not checking all the facts before going public with a story?

Of course, Newsweek should have checked the facts more diligently before publishing their article. They made a big mistake. But, Mr. Speaker, we must keep this incident in perspective. Newsweek did make a mistake, but they had the dignity and honor to own up to it.

Unfortunately, I doubt the Bush Administration is capable of displaying such honesty. Instead, the Bush Administration focuses on public relations tactics to divert attention from their own incompetence and fabrications rather than focusing their energies on creating a plan to get our troops out of Iraq.

The hypocrisy of this Administration is astonishing and this most recent episode is, unfortunately, merely one example of many. Just yesterday Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld said in reference to the Newsweek article, "People lost their lives. People are dead. People need to be very careful about what they say, just as they need to be very careful about what they do." "I couldn't agree more. People should be very careful about what they say and do; President Bush and his Cabinet, most of all.

Mr. Speaker, accountability and power cannot be separated. If the President accepts the duties and responsibilities of his office he must do exactly what he is asking Newsweek to do: he needs to tell Americans the truth about his own indiscretions in this tragic war.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL ASPHALT PAVEMENT ASSOCIATION'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the National Asphalt Pavement Association. NAPA was established on May 17, 1955.

For half a century, NAPA has worked tirelessly in representing its members and advancing new asphalt technologies to make our roads and highways last longer and safer for the motoring public. Since 1955 and over the next fifty years NAPA has pioneered groundbreaking research through its National Asphalt Pavement Research and Education Foundation that has revolutionized the manufacturing of asphalt.

NAPA and its members have also invested in America's future by helping to finance the education of future professionals in the construction industry. Through its research and education foundation, NAPA has awarded nearly 800 students with scholarships to support their undergraduate and postgraduate education.

NAPA members also sponsored the Smithsonian Institution's new transportation exhibition, America on the Move with a generous donation of \$1 million. This permanent exhibition at the National Museum of American History is designed to show how America's roads and highways transformed the nation from the 1890's to present day.

An interesting sidebar to the exhibition is the story of the genuine asphalt pavement used in one of the displays. The pavement was fabricated off-site by a NAPA member, Superior Paving Corp., Virginia, and allowed to weather before installation in the exhibit.

I also went to extend congratulations to the employees of Lehman-Roberts Company from Memphis, Tennessee. Lehman-Roberts Company was a founding member of NAPA and its current President, Richard C. Moore, Jr., is also NAPA's 2005 Chairman of the Board. Lehman-Roberts Company has deep roots in Tennessee. The company was established in 1939 and currently employs sixty people.

NAPA and its members should be very proud of its accomplishments over the last fifty years. Our road system which NAPA's members helped to build is the foundation from which our economy could not thrive without. Fifty years after the creation of the Interstate Highway System we can now say, "Mission accomplished." The Interstate Highway system has been built.

However more work needs to be done. We need to rehabilitate and reconstruct the pavements, many of which have exceeded their original design life. We also see ever-increasing congestion and mix of passenger vehicles with trucks on our roadway system that has

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