

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF WALTER
SHORENSTEIN'S 95TH BIRTHDAY

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Walter Shorenstein—a prominent San Franciscan, a great American and a dear friend. He is a man of extraordinary vision and leadership, of generosity and wise counsel. And today, it is my distinct honor and privilege to mark his 95th birthday on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Along with his late wife, Phyllis, Walter used the tools of philanthropy and civic activism to build a better San Francisco. Their gifts to the Bay Area's academic and cultural institutions have been an example to all who wish to leave a mark on our city's future. Their willingness to give—to donate their time, hospitality, and passion to others—has touched and influenced many lives.

One of San Francisco's most distinguished business leaders, Walter Shorenstein is a true pioneer, a visionary who helped shape our city's magnificent skyline and who worked to make San Francisco into the global economic and commercial center it is today. His leadership has been recognized by presidents and other world leaders, as well as the people of San Francisco.

After serving in World War II, Walter arrived in San Francisco in 1946 and began work in commercial real estate with the brokerage firm Milton Meyer & Company. By 1960, he had become President and sole owner of Milton Meyer, renamed it the Shorenstein Company, and transformed it into the largest owner and operator of commercial real estate in San Francisco and one of the largest privately owned real estate firms in the nation.

As firm believers in the power and promise of a strong education—and in memory of their beloved daughter Joan—Walter and Phyllis founded the Joan Shorenstein Center on Press, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. He also sponsors the Shorenstein Initiative at Stanford University's Asia/Pacific Research Center, as well as programs at UC Berkeley's Institute of East Asian Studies. He is the single largest donor in the U.S. to the United Way.

For Giants fans, Walter was a leader in keeping our beloved baseball team in San Francisco, galvanizing investors, local businesses, and the team's faithful fans to take action and preserve our national pastime in our city.

Walter and Phyllis proudly and lovingly raised three children: Joan, Carole and Doug. Doug Shorenstein became Chairman and CEO of the Shorenstein Company in 1995. Carole Shorenstein Hays is a Tony Award-winning Broadway producer and President of SHN, a theatrical entertainment company in San Francisco. Joan, a political journalist and producer at CBS News, died in 1985.

I join Walter's children Doug and Carole, his grandchildren Brandon, Sandra, Danielle, Wally, and Grace, and family, friends and colleagues in wishing Walter a happy 95th birthday.

RECOGNIZING BLACK HISTORY
MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to join my distinguished colleague AL GREEN in co-sponsoring H. Res. 1046, which recognizes the significance of Black History Month.

This year, Black History Month marks Abraham Lincoln's 201st birthday, as well as our nation's first anniversary of the inauguration of an African-American president. This remarkable fact truly shows the capacity of our society to transform. Since 1926, February has been dedicated to giving Americans of every ethnicity and race the opportunity to reflect on the struggles of the past and look forward to an even brighter future as we continue working to ensure equality for all Americans. Black History Month is also a reminder that there will still be challenges ahead, and we must stay united as freedom-loving Americans to overcome them.

One sign of this progress is the United States Department of Agriculture's recent announcement of a settlement in the Pigford Case—a lawsuit brought by plaintiffs who were black farmers who sued for compensation for the harm they suffered as a result of unlawful actions of USDA government agents regarding loan applications.

Many African-Americans still struggle with disparities in their workplace, in their educational opportunities, and in their health care. We still have a long way to go before the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his brethren in the Civil Rights Movement becomes a reality. Let us reeducate ourselves this year as we do every February, to making our country a better, fairer, and kinder place for all Americans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, on roll-call No. 19 I was unable to vote because my arrival in Washington from Iowa was delayed by severe winter weather.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

SUPPORTING THE HAWAII FESTIVAL OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Hawaii Festival of Religious Freedom.

This festival, which shared with the community many presentations on religious liberty by experts from various faiths, aimed to build public awareness and support for religious liberty; bring civic, political, and faith leaders together to foster greater mutual understanding, respect, and cooperation; and promote the aloha spirit of religious freedom internationally.

In anticipation of the festival, the Hawaii State Legislature proposed legislation including H.R. No. 74 and H.C.R. No. 92 to recognize July as Religious Freedom Month in Hawaii.

Organized by Alan Reinach, held by the Hawaii Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, and cosponsored by Liberty Magazine, North American Religious Liberty Association, and the International Religious Liberty Association, I would like to commend Earl Stuckey, Jr., Hawaii Conference President of the Hawaii Festival of Religious Freedom, for his great work to coordinate the festival's musical program. In "orchestrating" this festival, I am pleased to know that people of all religious faiths gathered in Hawaii to share their inspiration and music, individually and collectively. It reflects the Aloha State's reputation as the "melting pot of the Pacific."

HONORING MR. MICHAEL DOVE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. Michael Dove. Mr. Dove served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as a member of the Carroll Town Council.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter, but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Dove served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Dove is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to him today.

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