

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING OF MERIBAH MANSFIELD FOR HER 38 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OHIO'S LIBRARIES

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Meribah Mansfield for nearly four decades of service to Ohio's libraries and to congratulate her on her upcoming retirement.

Meribah has spent the last 38 years working in central Ohio's libraries and has served as the Director of the Worthington Libraries for the last nineteen years. An outstanding leader, Meribah is a past president of the Ohio Library Association and a past chair of the Ohio Library Council Board of Trustees. Over the course of her career, she has made countless and lasting contributions to Ohio's libraries including her involvement with the construction and renovation of the Columbus Main Library, the Worthington Northwest Library, and the Old Worthington Library. Meribah also has directed the creation of a Web site that commemorated the City of Worthington's bicentennial.

Public libraries play a crucial role in our communities, and we are indebted to all librarians, especially Meribah, for the indispensable service they perform.

Following her July 23rd retirement, Meribah plans to pursue her dream of becoming a deacon in the Episcopal Church. She also looks forward to spending time with her husband Bruce, children Matthew and Jessica, and grandchildren Owen and Connor. It is with great pride that I rise to honor Ms. Mansfield for her contributions to Ohio's libraries. I wish her the best in her future endeavors.

HONORING THE JACKSON-MADISON COUNTY TENNESSEE CHAPTER, NATIONAL SOCIETY OF DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend the Jackson-Madison County Tennessee Chapter, National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, chartered in 1901. This chapter is one of the oldest chapters in the great state of Tennessee.

It is fitting that the members of this body should salute those estimable organizations that strive to promote love of country, preserve American history, and support better education for our Nation's children.

The members of the Jackson-Madison Chapter, National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution are descended from the

men and women who won American independence during the Revolutionary War.

On the evening of April 18, 1775, Paul Revere was sent for by Dr. Joseph Warren and instructed to ride to Lexington, Massachusetts, to warn Samuel Adams and John Hancock that British troops were marching to arrest them. After being rowed across the Charles River to Charlestown by two associates, Paul Revere borrowed a horse from his friend Deacon John Larkin. While in Charlestown, he verified that the local "Sons of Liberty" committee had seen his pre-arranged signals. (Two lanterns had been hung briefly in the bell-tower of Christ Church in Boston, indicating that troops would row "by sea" across the Charles River to Cambridge, rather than marching "by land" out Boston Neck. Revere had arranged for these signals the previous weekend, as he was afraid that he might be prevented from leaving Boston); on the way to Lexington, Revere "alarmed" the countryside, stopping at each house, and arrived in Lexington about midnight. As he approached the house where Adams and Hancock were staying, a sentry asked that he not make so much noise. "Noise!" cried Revere, "You'll have noise enough before long. The regulars are coming out!"

To celebrate the anniversary of Paul Revere's Midnight Ride, the Jackson-Madison Chapter, NSDAR will sponsor a reenactment of the famous ride around the Madison County, Tennessee Courthouse on Sunday, April 18, 2010.

This Chapter is located in Jackson—named after President Andrew Jackson of Tennessee—and Madison County—named after President James Madison of Tennessee—both of which I am honored to represent in this chamber. Nationally the NSDAR has more than 165,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters worldwide and is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations.

Madam Speaker, I hope you and our colleagues will join me in commending the Jackson-Madison County Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution on its 109 years of outstanding service and its ongoing commitment to the preservation of our country's history.

HONORING MR. DENNIS LEWIS

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 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. Dennis Lewis. Mr. Lewis served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as a member of the Charlotte 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. Lewis 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. Lewis is one of those people and that is why Madam Speaker I rise to pay tribute to him today.

TESTIMONY ON PROPOSED RULE REGARDING UNION ELECTIONS UNDER THE RAILWAY LABOR ACT

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Mr. TIERNEY. Madam Speaker, I would like to submit the following testimony on the National Mediation Board's proposed rule regarding union elections under the Railway Labor Act.

CHANGED TIME AND CIRCUMSTANCES JUSTIFY AMENDING NMB REPRESENTATION VOTE PROCEDURES

(by Frank N. Wilner)

By Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) dated Nov. 3, 2009, the National Mediation Board (NMB) proposes to amend its rules interpreting and administering the Railway Labor Act (RLA) "to provide that, in representation disputes [determinations as to who will be the bargaining agent for airline and railroad and commuter railroad employees], a majority of valid ballots cast will determine the craft or class representatives."

The long-standing procedure of the NMB requires a majority of eligible voters (as opposed to those actually voting) to vote affirmatively in favor of representation, meaning a failure or refusal of an eligible voter to participate is the equivalent of a "no union" vote.

The NMB proposes to change its procedure so that, in the future, only ballots of those actually voting will be counted, and each voter will make a choice between representation by a specified union or "no union." This will comport with the long-standing procedures of the National Labor Relations Board, which interprets and administers the National Labor Relations Act.

The NMB has authority to make this change in policy. As the Supreme Court observed:

[N]ot only does the statute [RLA] fail to spell out the form of any ballot that might be used but it does not even require selection by ballot. It leaves the details to the broad discretion of the [National Mediation] Board with only the caveat that it 'insure' freedom from carrier interference.

Says the NMB in its NPRM:

The Board's current policy requires that a majority of eligible voters in the craft or class must cast valid ballots in favor of representation. This policy is based on the Board's original construction of Section 2, Fourth of the RLA, which provides that,

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