

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF JAMES “JIM”
CRAIG

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, December 14, 2011

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of James R. “Jim” Craig, who passed away on December 9, 2011. Jim will long be remembered in the community of Pendleton, Indiana as an American hero and a civic leader.

Jim was born on May 30, 1923, in Noblesville to Sydney and Kathryn Craig. Since 1934, Jim called Pendleton home. After graduating from Westtown Pennsylvania Friends School in 1941, Jim went on to study at Purdue University.

During his time at Purdue, he learned of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Like many young men, Jim wanted to serve and defend his country. After enlisting in the United States Marine Corps, Jim received his commission as a Second Lieutenant. He was placed in command of the 1st Platoon, 24th Marines and saw action at Iwo Jima. Jim’s platoon suffered many casualties in the battle and that had a lasting effect on him, as described in the book, *The Last Lieutenant*, written by his nephew Dr. John C. Shively.

Jim married his beloved Patricia Lee Carroll on October 21, 1944. In 1947, he graduated from Purdue University and went on to own Pendleton Lumber Company until 1960. He was employed at Pendleton Savings and Loan until 1978 and then worked as a real estate broker until 2000.

Jim was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Pendleton, and was very active in many civic groups and activities including the Boy Scouts of America, the Pendleton Junior Baseball League, the Madison County Community Foundation, and the South Madison Community Foundation. Jim took part in the 1964 School Reorganization, was a Salvation Army life-member, served on the Kettle Drive, the Pendleton Lions Club, and volunteered at St. John’s Hospital. Jim founded the Pendleton Swim Club and was a U.S. Swimming official. Jim also was a Pendleton Chamber of Commerce member and served on the Pendleton Planning Commission.

I had the privilege of getting to know Jim as part of my duties representing the Sixth Congressional District. Jim was a fixture at town hall meetings and I will fondly remember his participation in those events.

Jim was also blessed with a wonderful, loving family. He is survived by his wife, Patricia of 67 years and their six children. Jim was blessed with sixteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Through them, I am confident Jim’s legacy will live on thanks to the lessons he instilled in those around him.

Mr. Speaker, the Bible tells us, “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted,” and that is my prayer for the family of Jim Craig. Let us all keep Jim and his family in our thoughts and

prayers as we mark the passing of this American hero.

COMMENDING REP. NOBLE
ELLINGTON UPON THE OCCASION
OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

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Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to commend Rep. Noble Ellington, who has devoted over two decades to serving the citizens of Louisiana. His unwavering dedication and staunch support of those living in the Bayou State are deserving of our gratitude and appreciation.

Noble has served in the Louisiana Legislature since 1988, where I had my first opportunity to work alongside this devoted public servant as we both represented the people of Jackson Parish. Not only did I have the privilege of calling him a colleague for many years following, but it was there that I first had the honor of knowing him as a friend. Looking back on those years, Noble’s upbeat spirit and his ability to be kind to everyone is what I remember most.

A man of many talents, Noble’s career includes successful business endeavors in addition to his public service. For 40 years, he has been the owner of Noble Ellington Cotton Company, Inc., and is the director of Franklin State Bank and Franklin Cotton Warehouse.

A true product of Northeast Louisiana, Noble was raised on a farm in Richland Parish and received his education from Mangham High School and Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, La. He has made his home in Winnsboro with his wife, Brenda Armstrong, and is the proud parent of four children and five grandchildren.

He is a driving force in Louisiana for his committed leadership on various business, civic and governmental boards and committees. He currently serves as the National Chairman of the American Legislative Exchange Council resulting in positive, nationwide attention for our state.

Through his numerous accomplishments, Noble has earned the respect and regard of those with whom he has served and the gratitude of the people he has diligently represented.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending best wishes to Rep. Noble Ellington upon his retirement and wishing him future success in all his efforts.

PROMOTING GLOBAL INTERNET
FREEDOM

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, last week I held a hearing on global online freedom.

About 2 billion people in the world regularly communicate or get information on the Internet. Well over half a billion people do so in repressive countries. As Internet use has become a vital and even the standard means to disseminate beliefs, ideas and opinions, so we see a growing number of countries that censor or conduct surveillance on the Internet, in conflict with internationally recognized human rights laws and standards.

In 2006, I held the first major hearing on Internet freedom, in this very room, in response to Yahoo!’s turning over the personally identifying information of its e-mail account holder, Shi Tao, to the Chinese Government—who tracked him down and sentenced him to 10 years for sending abroad e-mails that revealed the details of Chinese government press controls. At that hearing Yahoo!, Google, Microsoft, and Cisco testified as to what we might ruefully call their “worst practices” of cooperation with the Internet police of totalitarian governments like China’s. That same week I introduced the first Global Online Freedom Act, as a means to help Internet users in repressive states. In 2008 the Global Online Freedom Act was passed by three House committees.

In the last half dozen years the Internet, in many countries, has been transformed from a freedom plaza to big brother’s best friend. The technologies to track, monitor, block, filter, trace, remove, attack, hack, and remotely take over Internet activity, content and users has exploded. Many of these technologies are made in the U.S.A. Many of them have important and legitimate law-enforcement applications. But, sadly, many of them are also being exported, every day, to some of the most unsavory governments in the world—whose use of them is far from legitimate. Every day we learn about more activists being arrested through the use of newly-developed technologies—much of it American technology—in China, Belarus, Egypt, Syria and many other countries around the world. The stakes are life and death for online democracy activists, and they deserve our support and protection.

For example, Belarus is blocking social networking sites like Twitter and Facebook and aggressively shutting down opposition Internet sites. Kazakhstan, which already blocks a number of popular blogs and media sites, is also in the process of creating a “national Internet,” where all domestic domain names will have to operate on physical servers within its borders. Syria is using sophisticated tools to limit the ability of the opposition to organize and to track down peaceful protesters. China

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