

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF GIRMA ZAID, FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN EMERITUS OF THE GRACE WAITING HOME FOR CHILDREN

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 13, 1995

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Girma Zaid, a caring, committed man who has dedicated his life to improving the plight of abused and neglected children.

Girma began to acquire the educational tools needed for his crusade for children at Long Beach City College and California State University-Long Beach, where he earned his associate and bachelor of arts degrees in sociology. Zaid continued his education at the University of California, earning his master of social work degree in 1984.

In 1975 Girma combined his education with a compassion for children as a children's services worker with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services. Here he counseled at-risk children awaiting reunification with their families and developed therapeutic programs for them. Girma's hard work and dedication were rewarded in 1981 when he was promoted to supervisor of children's treatment counselors, a job in which he supervised a residential facility for neglected and at-risk children. His star continued to rise in 1985 with his elevation to deputy children's services administrator for the Los Angeles County Department of Children's Services. As administrator Girma was responsible for the supervision of children's services for more than 2,000 abused and neglected children. He also supervised 100 social workers, caseworkers, and related personnel.

Zaid's crusade took him to the Bay area in 1988 as program manager for the Black Adoption Placement and Research Center, where he developed, implemented, and supervised a therapeutic foster care program and helped review ethnically-matched and culturally-appropriate homes for dependent children. While in the Bay area Zaid also served as assistant director of the Department of Social Services for the city and county of San Francisco. He returned to the Los Angeles County Department of Children's Services in 1991 as the deputy administrator for the adoptions division.

One of Girma's crowning achievements came in January 1992, when he founded the Grace Home for Waiting Children and assumed the role of executive director. On behalf of Grace Home Girma worked with the Los Angeles County Department of Children's Services, community leaders, and elected officials to ensure a safe, nurturing environment for abused and neglected children. He provided in-service training as well as foster parent training, and monitored clinical program activities. Today Grace Home has three offices in Los Angeles County—Inglewood, Long Beach, and Panorama City. Offices will soon be opened throughout the State in San Bernardino, Riverside, and Sacramento.

Under Girma's leadership, Grace Home is also expanding its operations nationwide, with offices opening in Washington, DC; Atlanta, GA; Las Vegas, NV; and Milwaukee, WI. Girma has also traveled to Ethiopia and Eritrea in East Africa to set up programs for displaced children. He is currently utilizing his experience and talents as CEO of Management Services International, a consulting firm which plans, develops, and implements innovative child welfare programs both in the United States and abroad.

Despite his busy work schedule, Zaid has found time to serve on several boards, including the International Foster Care Organization, the PROVIDERS South Central Los Angeles Residential Facility, and the Martin Luther King Drew Community Advisory Council.

Mr. Speaker, California and the Nation owe a debt of gratitude to Girma Zaid's pioneering work with foster children. His deep commitment to improving the lives of abused and neglected children greatly benefits all of us. I ask that you join me, Mr. Speaker, in paying tribute to this tireless and compassionate crusader for children.

THE REPUBLICAN ASSAULT ON MEDICARE AND MEDICAID

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 13, 1995

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to the Republicans' \$270 billion cut in Medicare, and \$163 billion cut in Medicaid. Cuts of this magnitude will not only devastate these programs, but most importantly, they will seriously threaten the health status of the people which Medicaid and Medicare were designed to improve and to protect—children and seniors.

To jeopardize the quality of life—for millions of the most vulnerable in our society—for the sake of giving a tax break to the wealthy, is unconscionable. This tax cut giveaway will add millions of additional Americans to the already swollen ranks of the uninsured.

To gut critical quality of life health care services at a time when the health status of Americans is already compromised is irresponsible. Health status statistics confirm that now is not the time to destroy the Nation's health safety net system. This year alone nearly 1.3 million Americans will be diagnosed with cancer, over 500 thousand will die from the disease. Only about 40 percent of those who get cancer this year will be alive 5 years after diagnosis. Cardiovascular disease including heart attack and stroke, cause a death every 34 seconds in the United States, killing more than 900 thousand Americans each year. Nearly half of the 14 million Americans suffering from diabetes are not even aware that they have the disease. The gap in minority health continues to widen. The reemergence and spread of infectious diseases is on the rise. AIDS has become the

leading cause of death for all Americans ages 25 to 44. Medicaid is especially critical to women and children suffering from AIDS.

It appears that the Republicans did not factor the adverse impact of these devastating diseases into their Medicare and Medicaid restructuring equation. If the Republicans are allowed to gut \$270 billion from Medicare and \$163 billion from Medicaid, the health status of the American people will deteriorate further. We must not tolerate the Republicans' blatant disregard for the needs of the American people.

Mr. Speaker, the GOP assault on health status and health care services must stop. I applaud the President for his veto of the Republican budget, and I strongly urge my colleagues to stand up for the American people—vote "no" on measures to gut Medicaid and Medicare.

TRANSFER OF TWIN CITIES RESEARCH CENTER

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, December 5, the House unanimously passed H.R. 308, a bill to transfer certain surplus Federal land in Hopewell Township, PA, to the Beaver County Corporation for Economic Development. The goal of the corporation, a non-profit entity, is to utilize the transferred land, in cooperation with Hopewell Township, as the centerpiece of a Hopewell Aliquippa Airport Industrial Park, and thereby promote economic development and create needed jobs for the people of Hopewell Township.

Mr. Speaker, as I stated during debate on this legislation, the Federal Government should be alert to opportunities like Hopewell that link property transfers to airports, industrial park opportunities and other core infrastructure facilities to create and promote jobs. The fact is that the only way to create job opportunities to succeed those that no longer exist because of industry closing or dislocations is to make property available for new business to locate there.

The transfer of Federal property, when done effectively, can reap untold benefits in terms of employment, economic development, and economic stimulus.

Such is the case with the U.S. Bureau of Mines' Twin Cities Research Center in Minneapolis, MN. The 225 outstanding and dedicated employees have provided world-class research capabilities for the mining industry for over 85 years. Their research has resulted in the development of advanced technologies that: First preserve and enhance the quality and integrity of the environment; second, mitigate health and safety in the work place; third, improve efficiencies and economics of current mining practice; and fourth, develop new and more environmentally-friendly mining systems.

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With the impending closure of the facility, the Twin Cities Research Center Transition Task Force has been developing a vision to transform the center into an applied engineering and physical sciences research institute. In order to accomplish their mission, the title of the land, buildings and equipment must be transferred at no cost to the State of Minnesota so that the new institute is able to lease the facility from the State to work in conjunction with the University of Minnesota. In this new arrangement, it may be necessary to transfer the equipment to the Natural Resources Research Institute in Duluth, sell some of the property, and/or manage the facilities in an innovative and cost-effective manner.

This no-cost transfer of public property will preserve the research capabilities of the Bureau of Mines' Twin Cities Research Center, continue the University's partnership with the State, and create economic opportunities for Minnesotans and the mining industry.

Mr. Speaker, for the reasons stated, this property transfer is important. That is why in the report accompanying H.R. 308 (House Report 104-372, p. 2) language is included directing the General Services Administration to expedite negotiations to transfer the U.S. Bureau of Mines, Twin Cities Research Center, in Minneapolis to be used in conjunction with the University of Minnesota. I am pleased with the inclusion of this language and look forward to the transfer.

TRIBUTE TO GERTRUDE MAXWELL

HON. MARK FOLEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 13, 1995

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker I rise today to pay tribute to the founder and lifetime Chairman of Save a Pet, Mrs. Gertrude Maxwell. Dedicated to protecting the rights of animals, Mrs. Maxwell and Save a Pet have saved over 50,000 pets. And on the upcoming commemoration of Save a Pet Day this weekend, I want to share with my colleagues in the House of Representatives and Senate, and the entire Nation, the remarkable work of Mrs. Maxwell and Save a Pet.

Founded in 1972 in Illinois, Save a Pet provides funds for surgery, transport, therapy, placement of pets in responsible homes to provide people with companionship. The organization promotes the idea that relationships between people and animals benefit both parties. It has a 100% adoption rate, does not support euthanasia, and promotes the widespread use of spaying or neutering to end overpopulation and neglect. Save a Pet is strongly committed to educating us to treat animals humanely with love and respect.

When a 1-year old nameless mutt was found paralyzed on South Dixie Highway, in South Florida, Nancy Mizelle found it difficult to fund treatment. She contacted Mrs. Maxwell who immediately funded the treatment. "I wasn't going to let an animal die because of money," she said.

Mrs. Maxwell has connected her organization with various other volunteer agencies to enhance service to pets. In 1994, a 5-year-old Labrador was shot by a Palm Beach County sheriff's deputy, the dog needed to be trans-

ported to the University of Florida veterinary facility. Mrs. Maxwell arranged for the dog's surgery and transportation.

Maxwell's philanthropies began long before she founded Save a Pet. As a teacher and social worker, she served her community and was able to form interrelationships between people and pets. Every week for 25 years, between 1949 and 1974 she would drive 60 miles to teach underprivileged children. She taught them about the love and responsibility involved in owning a pet and the proper way to treat animals. As a social worker she set up programs to bring the love of pets into the homes of inmates and retirees. Mrs. Maxwell provided loving companionship for people everywhere she went.

Her interest in solving community problems including prison reform, therapeutic policies for troubled children and adolescents, and for improving senior citizen lifestyles earned her the appointment of honorary State's Attorney for the 15th Judicial Circuit of Florida in September, 1981.

Gertrude Maxwell's philosophy can be a lesson to us all. In her words,

We do not live alone on Planet Earth. There are other living things here, too. The other living things are the animals whose useful service shares our homes and hearts, the pets and the wild creatures who are part of our daily lives.

This compassion for animals including promoting their freedom from want, from suffering, and from pain is commendable and will not be forgotten.

Mrs. Maxwell has been a true servant to my community and I thank her for a lifetime of dedication to such a noble cause. On this year's Save a Pet Day, and during this holiday season, let us all take time to thank valuable members of our local communities like Mrs. Maxwell, and give them the credit they deserve.

A TRIBUTE TO MALCOLM AND MARY FARRELL FOR 68 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 13, 1995

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I've been involved in Scouting for most of my adult life, and few things have given me more satisfaction. Scouting has always been and continues to be an apprenticeship in life, a preparation for citizenship and a source of our future leaders.

That's why I take great pride in drawing your attention to Malcolm "Mac" Farrell and Mary Farrell of Schuylerville, NY in my congressional district. One would be hard pressed to find a couple who have done more to fulfill these missions of the Boy Scouts of America throughout their lifetimes. In fact, Mac and Mary have each contributed 34 years of service to scouting. That's a total of 68 years worth of guidance for the youth of Schuylerville.

Through their years of service, Malcolm has held the position of cub master for pack 13 in Schuylerville, while Mary has been the secretary and treasurer of the pack. Their leader-

ship in these positions has certainly shown through considering the success and direction of the entire Boy Scout community in Schuylerville. In addition, their commitment of 34 years has brought a great degree of continuity and success to cub scout operations. In fact, after undergoing this apprenticeship in life with Mac and Mary, generations of boys and young men have become valued members of their families, communities, and Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I would add that those who worry about the direction of this country can take comfort in the sound guidance offered by people like Malcolm and Mary who have promoted the popularity of Scouting along with its principles of community service and moral values. In that regard, I have always been one to judge people based on what they return to their community. By that measure, Malcolm and Mary Farrell are truly great Americans.

This Sunday, friends and family will join the Farrell's in celebration and tribute to their decades of selfless sacrifice and service to Scouting. Mr. Speaker, knowing that many other Members of this body are also products of Scouting and share my high admiration for the Boy Scouts of America, I proudly ask them and all Members to join me in paying tribute to Mary and Malcolm Farrell and wishing them many more happy years, they have certainly earned it.

A SALUTE TO LIONEL HAMPTON

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 13, 1995

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Lionel Hampton, a great artist, a great American, a great ambassador, and one of the greatest musicians America has ever known.

In tribute to Lionel Hampton, I would like to share with you and this House, some of his highlights of the life of this extraordinary man.

Lionel Hampton, the reigning king of the vibraphone for over half a century, and one of the few surviving internationally renowned jazz talents of the swing era, was born in Birmingham, AL on April 20, 1908. He was a member of the Benny Goodman Quartet which was the first racially integrated group of jazz musicians in the Nation, but left the group to form his own big band in the early 1940's.

His original ballad, *Midnight Sun*, written with Johnny Mercer and Sonny Burke, has become an American jazz and popular classic. His two major symphonic works, the *King David Suite* and *Blues Suite* have been performed by many leading symphonic orchestras throughout the world.

Nevertheless, whether you are familiar with his musical accomplishments, over the years, Lionel Hampton has known no status where he was not eagerly accepted, as he has been well received the world over by Presidents, politicians, kings, and queens. His very music has caused the walls of Communist nations to come tumbling down.

Allow me now to share with you Lionel Hampton, the constituent, the friend, the community leader. His frame and greatness have not let him forget the homeless and the hopeless. Long a supporter of public housing, he developed the Lionel Hampton Houses in the early 1970's, and upon completion, built the