

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### THE CLINTON "DEFENSE": ANOTHER STEP TOWARD TROUBLE

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 1996

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, President Clinton's 1997 defense budget returns us to a Carter-era hollow military. It's like the difference between Desert Storm and Desert One, Jimmy Carter's failed mission to rescue hostages in Iran. By chopping about \$10 billion from 1996 spending, President Clinton jeopardizes the military's ability to train, repair and maintain equipment, and ultimately to defend our Nation.

While the defense pot shrinks, President Clinton has increased our commitments to places like Haiti and Bosnia, costing the Pentagon and the taxpayer billions of dollars. He identifies spending for some important initiatives, but remains silent on where the cuts will come from. The fact is they will eventually come from important accounts that fund training, maintenance and upgrades to equipment. Either President Clinton is assuming Congress will provide necessary funding for defense, or he is not serious about defending our country.

Our soldiers who risk their lives for our country are continuously being asked to do more with less. Without the proper training and equipment our national security and our soldiers suffer. The 3-percent pay raise for our soldiers included in the bill will help them make ends meet back home, but we must do more than that. We must make sure our military personnel have the training and equipment necessary to do their jobs. Cutting defense spending makes this difficult, if not impossible, to do.

Clinton's shortsighted defense policy has been recognized by the Joint Chiefs of Staff who admit that defense has been under funded. Congress, which recognized the problem, kept its promise to begin fixing it. We began making the investments necessary to maintain America's standing as the world's most formidable military power. Unfortunately, while we took one step forward, President Clinton's 1997 defense budget takes us two steps back.

### SALUTE TO DAMASCUS, MD, AMERICAN LEGION POST 171

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 1996

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the 50th anniversary of American Legion Post 171, which is located in my congressional district. This post has over 360 active members; several members have been with the post for 50 years. The post is headed by Comdr. Robert Morris with help from Gerald Duvall, Leonard Tolley, Robert Morris, Robert Ray, Luther Burke, and Jack Day.

The American Legion has a history of contributing to the community since its founding after the First World War as a "patriotic, mutual-help, and community service organization." The membership consists of honorably discharged wartime veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. Today's members, men and women, have served overseas in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon, Granada, Panama, and Desert Storm. All are committed to improving their communities through active volunteerism. These efforts have helped many people, most especially our youngsters.

Of particular note are the many activities and programs for young people. Every year, Post 171 helps send teenagers to Boys State and Girls State, sponsors an awards program for elementary school children and Boy Scout troops, and provides a college scholarship program for high school students.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in saluting the efforts of the veterans of American Legion Post 171. They are an important, vital part of Maryland's Eighth Congressional District.

### IN HONOR OF BILL AND FRANCES HOGAN: TWO OUTSTANDING CITIZENS CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 1996

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two outstanding citizens, Bill and Frances Hogan, who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on March 1. Father John Doherty of St. Andrew's Church, Bayonne celebrated a special Mass in their honor on Saturday, March 2 at noon.

Saturday's remembrance acknowledged the enormous contributions made by Bill and Frances Hogan to their family and community. March was destined to be an important month for Mr. and Mrs. Hogan; Frances was born on the 14th of the month and Bill on the 26th. On March 1, 1926, the future Mr. and Mrs. Hogan were married by Msgr. Charles Doyle in the same St. Andrew's Church where their union will be commemorated. On that happy day, the bride and groom were attended by Ed and Carrie Van Dwight as best man and maid of honor.

This joyful marriage produced eight children to follow in their parents' footsteps of service to the community: Virginia, Donovan, Cecilia Van Wagner, Dolores, Matt, Bill, Jerry and Bernadette Stuponski. Mr. and Mrs. Hogan are the proud grand-parents of 28 and great grand-parents of 19 with 1 more due in May.

Bill Hogan is a citizen who has distinguished himself with dedication to his community in Bayonne. Mr. Hogan was an active participant in the administration of his town's judicial system serving as chief court clerk for over 25 years. In addition to his duties as father and public official, Mr. Hogan was a founder of the

Police Athletic League program in Bayonne. a sports enthusiast, Mr. Hogan also served as a coach in both the Bayonne Little League and Catholic Youth Organization programs.

Frances Hogan is an individual inspired with a commitment to family and her fellow citizens. Mrs. Hogan played an integral role in the development of her children. As a full-time mother, Mrs. Hogan's guidance led to her children becoming responsible community members. After her children had grown, Mrs. Hogan went to work for the Bayonne Economic Opportunity Foundation. A very religious woman, Mrs. Hogan also became an extremely active member of St. Andrew's parish.

It is an honor to have two such exceptional individuals residing in my district. They exemplify the important relationship that exists between family and community. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognition of Bill and Frances Hogan's life-long commitment to their community and to each other.

### CUBAN EMBARGO NOT THE ANSWER

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 1996

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, Cuba's shutdown of two civilian aircraft, resulting in the loss of four American lives just over a week ago, was a reprehensible and cowardly act. Certainly, a swift and decisive response from the U.S. Government is entirely warranted. Whether the Clinton administration has chosen the appropriate response is far less certain.

This Member would call to the attention of his colleagues an editorial in the March 3, 1996 edition of the Washington Post, entitled "The Great Cuban Embargo Scam". A key intent behind the embargo legislation is to discourage foreign investment in Cuba by allowing Cuban-Americans to sue in U.S. Federal courts those foreign companies doing business on land once owned by these exiles. Author Louis F. Desloge argues that, conversely, companies are unlikely to abandon viable operations in Cuba because of lawsuits, and would be more than willing to settle out of court.

Mr. Speaker, this Member would ask that Mr. Desloge's editorial from the Washington Post be placed in today's record and urges that his colleagues read it.

[From the Washington Post, March 3, 1996]

THE GREAT CUBAN EMBARGO SCAM

(By Louis F. Desloge)

Virtually everyone agrees that President Clinton should retaliate forcefully against Cuba's tragic and murderous downing of two civilian aircraft last weekend. But the least effective and most counterproductive punishment is Clinton's acquiescence to the Helms-Burton bill to tighten the U.S. embargo of Cuba. This legislation, which the White House endorsed last week, albeit with reservations, will only play into Castro's hands

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