

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## HONORING MILDRED HESS

### HON. JON D. FOX

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 1997

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor, a long-time resident of Pennsylvania's 13th District who died recently at her home following a long illness. She was 87 years old.

I've known Mildred Hess for many years and she was a remarkable woman, dedicated to her family, her community, and her Nation. She was one of God's Angels on Earth who was known for her selfless spirit, positive outlook and love for all. Mildred was a public servant who committed herself to making life better for her neighbors. I will miss her very much and I share the grief felt by her entire family, especially her loving husband Clay, her friends and all the people of Montgomery County, PA.

Mildred Hess was born on December 10, 1909, in Upper Providence Township, Montgomery County. The daughter of the late Peter A. and Carrie Smith, Mildred Hess graduated in 1927 from the former Collegeville High School and entered the Pottstown Homeopathic Hospital School of Nursing where she graduated in 1930. She worked briefly as a nurse before marrying Clay C. Hess on February 7, 1931. She and Clay lived their entire married life on his family's farm in Collegeville, PA. True to the historic nature of the community in which she lived, Mildred liked to collect antique plates, salt shakers, and glassware and she was very proud of her collection.

Mildred Hess spent most of her life doing the most important job I know, raising her family and caring for her children. Occasionally, Mildred would assist her husband, Clay, as a clerk in his auctioneering business. For Mildred, her husband and family were her first love, her vocation, her devotion, and her primary responsibility.

Mildred Hess was a member of the Providence Church of the Brethren in Upper Providence and a 60-year member of Keystone Grange #2 in Trappe. She was also a member of the Towne & County Council of Republican Women.

Mr. Speaker, this woman of deep faith and family devotion suffered losses in her life and overcame the grief to fulfill her duties to her family. She was preceded in death by her loving children, Clark F. Hess and Norma Hess Fillman but despite her sorrow, Mildred was able to move on because of her devotion to those who lived on and who needed her. This loving woman is survived by her devoted husband, Clay, who I am proud to say has been a devoted friend and mentor to me for many years. Other family members who I join to share in their grief are her daughter-in-law, Susan Hess and her son-in-law, Walter Fillman.

Several generations have shared the love and warmth of Mildred Hess and my heart

goes out to her grandchildren, Jane Daley, Gretchen Hess, Martin Hess, and Matthew Fillman as well as her great-grandchildren Gordon, Rachael, Daniel, Alexia, Audrey, and Samuel Fry and Rebecca Fillman and Benjamin Hess Daley.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to honor this great woman but I do so with a heavy heart. For while Mildred led a long and productive life, I know that there was still much she wanted to do. As she did with her own children, I know she wanted to share in the joys and successes of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Montgomery County has lost a great woman, Mr. Speaker, a family woman, a mother and care-giver. While it is close to the city of Philadelphia, Collegeville is still a small, rural neighborhood of close-knit families. The entire community will feel this loss as will all of Montgomery County where she and Clay have had such a strong influence over the years.

On a personal note, Mr. Speaker, I am deeply saddened by this loss because I feel as though I have lost a member of my own family. As I learned the lessons of public service under the guidance of her husband, Mildred Hess was always making me feel like part of her family. I saw the love she and Clay shared first-hand and it became just another of the many lessons I learned from this outstanding and gracious couple.

Mr. Speaker, the community of Collegeville, the congregation of the Providence Church of the Brethren, the people of Montgomery County and her family will take Mildred to her rest tomorrow, September 24. I regret that I can not be there to raise my voice in prayer along with the rest of the community but my duties as the Congressman from Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District require my presence here on Capitol Hill. But I know that Mildred would remind me of my responsibilities and my obligation to those I am proud to represent, including her family.

So, Mr. Speaker, I will stand here tomorrow, in the halls of the people's House, gratefully providing the representation to which the citizens of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District are guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States. But my heart will be in Collegeville with Mildred and all those who loved her as I did. My prayers will be with my friend and mentor, Clay Hess, and the rest of Mildred's family. And my thoughts will be on the lessons I learned in the Hess household and the wisdom I gained from Mildred. This great lady has left her imprint on everyone she knew. As Henry Wadsworth Longfellow said in A Psalm of Life. "The lives of the great remind us, we can make our lives sublime. And, departing, leave behind us footprints on the sand of time." Mildred Hess, Mr. Speaker, has left indelible footprints on the lives of many and I am proud to have known her.

## NO MORE MANDATORY SEX TRAINING

### HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I was particularly pleased by passage of the Treasury-Postal operations spending bill this past week because of a provision I worked hard to include in this legislation which will protect the rights of Federal employees. With the help of my colleague, ERNEST ISTOOK, who sits on this subcommittee, we were able to attach language to prohibit funding for nontechnical Federal employee training, including 'How-To' sessions on condom use, sex techniques, and the proper way to clean needles in order to shoot-up illicit drugs.

In 1995, I fought to deny funding for the Clinton administration's controversial agenda to promote diversity through mandatory training sessions. I have seen some of this training and it is truly shocking. I worked to retain this provision to ensure that Federal workers won't have to endure this training and taxpayers won't have to pay for it.

Mr. Speaker, the training sponsored by the administration goes far beyond employees' professional responsibilities. It is inappropriate for the Federal Government to use taxpayers' money to subject Federal employees to this kind of social engineering. Our language should put an end to this lunacy.

We should only fund those things vital to the function of the Government. I think most hard-working Americans would agree that training Federal employees to safely use drugs or wear condoms in no way falls under that category. I will work to ensure that this provision is retained in the conference report to the Treasury-Postal Operations spending bill. I encourage all of my colleagues to support this language.

## TRIBUTE TO CHARLES L. JOHNSON

### HON. JAY W. JOHNSON

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a true community leader in the city of Green Bay, WI, Mr. Charles L. Johnson.

In October, Chuck Johnson will begin his well-deserved retirement after 34 years of service to Procter & Gamble. He has served as the director of product supply manufacturing at the Procter & Gamble Paper Products Co. in Green Bay since 1990. Prior to arriving in Green Bay, Chuck worked for the company in Kansas, Maryland, and Pennsylvania.

I have known Chuck for many years through his leadership in the United Way of Brown County. His service to the community knows

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