

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING ROXCY O'NEAL BOLTON

**HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 1, 2000*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to honor Roxcy O'Neal Bolton, a pioneer feminist in my congressional district, who championed the rights of women by widening the gate to equality.

Born in Mississippi in 1926, Roxcy Bolton has always been a trailblazer. She was a persistent advocate who served as a powerful voice for women whose needs were not being addressed.

Through her actions, Roxcy demonstrated her courage and conviction. She showcased the problems facing the women of her time, and encouraged them to take action and expand the fight for equal rights.

In South Florida, Roxcy's plight for equality helped to facilitate change. In the workplace, Roxcy demanded equal respect, equal opportunity and equal pay for men and women. In dining clubs, as was the custom of the time, working men had special dining areas. During business day lunch hours, men were seated and served quickly while women, and even working women with short lunch hours, had to wait in line, looking at empty seats in the men's section. By writing letters, meeting with restaurateurs, and organizing women, Roxcy Bolton changed this policy and, soon, the "men only" policy became obsolete.

Roxcy was also a fighter on behalf of abused women. In 1972, she founded Women in Distress, the first women's rescue shelter in Florida to provide emergency housing, rescue services, and care to women who found themselves in situations of personal crisis. During that time, no one talked about rape, much less did anything about it. Brave victims who actually reported their trauma were often treated callously. Roxcy was not afraid to speak on behalf of these women, and she did so publicly with a march against rape down Flagler Street in downtown Miami. Approximately 100 women gathered to march with Roxcy to make the community take notice of their concerns. It was the first time women had taken to the streets, and Roxcy knew that if women banded together they were going to make a difference. Shortly thereafter, Roxcy approached every local official and persuaded them that something had to be done. In 1972, her efforts resulted in the first Rape Treatment Center in the country located in my congressional district at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami. In 1993, this Rape Treatment Center was named after Roxcy Bolton.

Roxcy also organized Florida's first Crime Watch meeting to help curb crime against women. She has served on many boards and commissions working for women's rights, and has been the recipient of numerous civic awards relating to her work with women's rights.

In 1992, she helped form the Women's Park, the first park in the United States dedi-

cated to all women who have made contributions to our community.

Roxcy continues to be a champion for womankind. She continues to preserve and recognize women's role in history, and fight for human rights, social welfare issues, and an end to sexual discrimination in employment and in education.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have Roxcy O'Neal Bolton in my congressional district, and I wish her many more successful years in the ongoing struggle for women's issues. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting this Florida heroine for her remarkable dedication to women and for making South Florida a better place to live.

TRIBUTE TO THE ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS OF GUYANA, INC.

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 1, 2000*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to a remarkable cultural and humanitarian organization which has helped to promote and sustain the national pride of the Guyanese community in America and to provide humanitarian assistance to indigent groups in Guyana. Today, I celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Allied Organizations of Guyana.

This organization was established in 1960 to promote the cultural, social, economic, and political welfare of the Guyanese American community and to provide humanitarian assistance to indigent groups in Guyana. During its stewardship of 40 years, it has achieved both objectives. It has helped to create a national pride among Guyanese in America, while providing vital humanitarian assistance to indigent groups in Guyana, such as the Archer's Home, the Dharma Sala, the Children's Wing of the Georgetown Public Hospital, and the Convent of Mercy.

The organization was founded in 1960 by two outstanding Guyanese Americans—Dr. Aaron (Neddy) Peters and Dr. Thomas E. Thompson. Neddy Peters was a successful physician of Guyanese descent who had established a large and successful medical practice in the Bedford Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn. He devoted a considerable portion of his time, energy and financial resources to promoting humanitarian efforts in the U.S. and Guyana. So devoted was Neddy Peters to the nation of Guyana that he requested that his body be returned and interred in the soil of Guyana. He died in 1971 and his body was interred in Guyana.

Dr. Thomas Eustace Thompson was a well-known teacher and administrator in the public school system in New York, who has lived in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn. Like Neddy Peters, he devoted a considerable portion of his time, energy, and financial resources to promoting the arts and culture of Guyana. Together with his wife, Dr. Marguerite

Thompson, he had accumulated the largest collection of Guyanese artifacts in the world. The collection was recently destroyed by fire, and it is our fervent hope that Guyanese organizations can put together the resources to replenish and restore this magnificent collection.

The name of those associated with this organization are too numerous to mention, but among the prominent supporters were Eustace Bowen, Frank Applewaite and P.J. Storey from the Georgetown Dramatic Club; David Nurse, Euphemia Nurse and Clarence Griffith from the Help Guyana Movement; Pearl Softleigh from Daneco; Rev. Gladwyn Frazer and Edward S. Butts from the British Guiana Benevolent Association; Theresa Bowling, Ivan Cameron, Dolly Davis, Leslie Hendricks and Claire Johnson from the Guyana group in Queens; Dr. Thomas E. Thompson. Victor Blair and Dr. Marguerite Thompson from the Guyana Educational and Cultural Association.

HONORING CLAYLA DAVIS

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 1, 2000*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Ms. Clayla Davis for her 41 years of dedicated service to the people of Napa County, California. Ms. Davis is retiring on December 31st of this year from an exceptional 25-year career as Director of the Saint Helena Public Library.

Ms. Clayla Davis has lived in Napa County for most of her life. Prior to being hired as Director of the Saint Helena Public Library in 1975 she distinguished herself in several posts at the Napa City-County Library.

Ms. Davis shepherded the Saint Helena Public Library through several difficult transitions. Soon after taking over she oversaw an ambitious expansion plan to move the library into a new building. When a series of budget cuts in 1978 imposed a 29 percent funding reduction midway through construction, Ms. Davis rescued the project through a series of short-term fiscal austerity measures. In the 1990s Ms. Davis saw the library through two major remodeling and expansion efforts, effectively doubling its size.

Ms. Davis was instrumental in modernizing Saint Helena library resources. She led the library into the computer age; from one computer to aid circulation to comprehensive resource integration throughout the library. Furthermore, Ms. Davis was instrumental in the development of Solano, Napa, and Partners (SNAP); a library consortium that provides patrons in two counties with shared data base and efficient interlibrary loan services.

Ms. Davis cultivated a strong "Friends of the Library" organization which succeeded in raising over \$2 million for building projects and capital funds. Ms. Davis also established a partnership with the Napa Valley Wine Library

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Association, increasing the library's extensive collection of wine-related books and other resource materials into a nationally recognized collection.

Ms. Davis' commendable career was marked by exceptional customer service as a librarian and Director. A friendly atmosphere and superior service prevailed in both libraries where she worked, a result of her positive outlook that was contagious among her staff. Ms. Davis was particularly attentive to the needs of children and families, ensuring a welcoming atmosphere of warmth and curiosity for every visit.

In addition to her considerable contributions to the public library, Ms. Davis has been a dedicated wife, mother and grandparent. She and her husband Buz have been blessed with three children and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it has been my great honor to represent Ms. Clayla Davis as her Congressman. Clearly, her life has been one of great public service, dedication and commitment. For these reasons, it is necessary that we honor this woman for her distinguished service to the people of Saint Helena and all of Napa County, California.

MIRIAM G. CANTER MIDDLE  
SCHOOL DEDICATION

**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 1, 2000*

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I recognize the dedication of the renaming of Chicago's Louis Wirth Experimental School to the Miriam G. Canter Middle School. Miriam G. Canter, my constituent and my friend, died on October 22, 1999. However, her dedication and commitment to her community and the public school system, lives on in the lives of the students at Louis Wirth Experimental School.

This school, located in my district, was founded in 1969 by a group of influential parents and community residents, led by Mrs. Canter. As a parent and long time, proud resident of Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood, she had a vision for her community's children. She believed they needed a school that would offer modern, flexible educational programs designed to use children's experiences to enhance their learning.

Over the years, Mrs. Canter's vision has been realized. Since its founding, the school has provided enriching educational programs that prepare children for success in high school and beyond. In addition, Mrs. Canter retained an active interest in the Wirth School long after her own children graduated. She served as president of the Parent Teachers Association and remained an active member of the Local School Council under her passing. In fact, her last fight was to get a new gym and lunchroom added to the facility.

So, in a lasting tribute, on October 12, 2000, the community, Local School Council and the Chicago Public School System will dedicate the renaming of the Louis Wirth Elementary School to the Miriam G. Canter Middle School. I stand in total agreement with this action and believe it is a most appropriate way to honor this mother, community leader, and public school advocate.

Truly, her work embodies the spirit of advocacy that will ensure educational excellence in the nation's public schools for our children.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JERRY WELLER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 1, 2000*

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday afternoon, October 28, 2000, I had a family matter to attend to in my district and I was unable to cast votes on two Motions to Instruct the Conferees on H.R. 4577, the Labor-Health and Human Services Appropriations Act for FY2001.

The first Motion to Instruct the Conferees, which passed the House by a vote of 305-18, instructed that the highest level of funding for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) be enacted.

Mr. Speaker, I fully support this Motion to Instruct the Conferees and had I been present for the vote, I would have voted yes. I have long been a strong supporter of the LIHEAP program. As you know, the LIHEAP program was fully funded in the preliminary conference agreement at the President's requested funding level of \$1.1 billion for fiscal year 2001, plus an additional \$300 million for emergencies. It is my understanding that recent negotiations on H.R. 4577 resulted in an additional \$300 million for LIHEAP, bringing the FY 2001 total to \$1.7 billion. Additionally, Republicans have agreed to advance-fund another \$1.4 billion for FY2002, so that States can begin to plan for next year. The President requested a total of only \$1.1 billion for LIHEAP this year, therefore we are \$600 million over the President's funding request.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I fully support the LIHEAP program and these increased funding levels. Had I been present, I would have voted yes on the Motion to Instruct the Conferees to help my constituents in Chicago and Chicago's South Suburbs cope with rising heating costs and the upcoming winter.

The second Motion to Instruct the Conferees on H.R. 4577 failed to pass the House by a vote of 150-159. This motion would have instructed the Conferees to agree with President Clinton's proposals on classroom size reduction and school construction.

Mr. Speaker, I have long been an advocate of making educating America's children one of our top priorities here in Congress. Preliminary funding levels for H.R. 4577 included more than \$43 billion for federal education funding. This is \$562 million more than the President requested and \$5 billion more than last year. Special Education Grants would be funded at \$6.3 billion, \$1 billion over the President's request. Impact Aid would be funded at \$1.3 billion, \$258 million more than the President's request, and \$78.5 million more than last year. Head Start is increased \$33 million over the President's request bringing total FY01 funding to \$6.3 billion.

Certainly, I believe that education should be a top priority, as should smaller classrooms and neighborhood schools that are not falling apart. Had I been present for the vote, I would have supported the motion to instruct which encourages the conferees to work with the bipartisan proposal on school construction and

efforts being led by Congresswoman NANCY JOHNSON on this issue.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TODD TIAHRT**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 1, 2000*

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, on October 31, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote 585. Rollcall vote No. 585 was on passage of H.J. Res. 121, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on H.J. Res. 121.

IN MEMORY AND HONOR OF  
DAUNE MARIE WEISS

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 1, 2000*

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, when Andrew called me in Washington and asked me to honor Daune today, I was honored.

In Washington, we still do not have a budget and we are operating on a 24-hour continuing budget resolution—one day at a time—one day at a time.

For Chris and Sarah, Peter, Andrew, Robert Palmbo, the Langestaff, Weiss, and Weber families, and for all of us who knew and loved Daune and Dick, we must take it one day at a time—every day will be a challenge—some days, you feel like you cannot or do not even want to get out of bed, to face another day without Daune—without our loved one.

For my family, we know, we still struggle each day without our B.J.

But like Daune—we must move forward each day with all the confidence and gusto. Daune, the mother, the wife, the teacher, the sister, the friend, the community leader and business woman, showed us, taught us with her "can do" attitude to approach each challenge with enthusiasm, because behind that "Buergermeister" smile there was a strong woman who would not be denied, she was a kind, gentle, loving person—a love that engulfed her family and penetrated throughout the Gaylord community.

I still remember when we were staying at the Holiday Inn, and my sons forgot their swimming suits. Great disappointment was written all over them. Of course, Daune asked them, what was wrong? When our young sons told her their dilemma of having to spend a day at the Holiday Inn without their swimming suits—it just wasn't going to be fun.

Daune just smiled and said to our sons "Come on, follow me" and she marched them back to a storage room with a box full of suits, and sure enough there were two suits that fit the boys. They were thrilled as they ran off to the pool.

When we told our son Ken about the sad news, he used one word to remember Daune by, "Lederhosen."

In 1993, our first Alpenfest parade, Daune made sure we all had the appropriate dress and "Lederhosen," all the way down to the little Alpine hats for our boys, ages 11 and 13.