

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REGARDING THE PRESENTATION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO POPE JOHN PAUL II INCLUDING REMARKS OF CONGRESSMAN JOE MOAKLEY AND REMARKS OF POPE JOHN PAUL II

HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, January 20, 2001

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to let my colleagues know that last week, on January 8, 2001, I had the opportunity to present the Congressional Gold Medal to Pope John Paul II. I was joined by my colleagues JOE MOAKLEY of Massachusetts, JIM LEACH of Iowa, CHRIS COX of California, SHERWOOD BOEHLERT of New York, CHRIS SMITH of New Jersey, BUD CRAMER of Alabama, CHRIS JOHN of Louisiana and DON SHERWOOD of Pennsylvania. Members of the other body, led by Senator SAM BROWBACK and Senator BARBARA MIKULSKI, also joined us.

Pope John Paul II still possesses great strength in spirit and he was quite generous with his time with the Congressional delegation. As he was leaving the end of the meeting, he waved good-bye to us and said, "God Bless America." It was a moment that touched the hearts of all who were in the room. John Paul II, the man who has done so much to spread good will across the world as he worked tirelessly to bring down communism in Eastern Europe, is a hero to millions of Americans, whether they are Catholic or non-Catholic.

Inserted below, you will find the remarks I made at the ceremony and the remarks the Pope made in response. Also included below are remarks made by my colleague, JOE MOAKLEY, who traveled with us on the trip. It was a magical day and I thank the House for allowing me to make this special presentation to Pope John Paul II.

"Today, I'm pleased that the Congress has bestowed this honor to you, John Paul II, and that you have agreed to accept it. This award celebrates your life not only as a spiritual leader of a billion Catholics, but also as a peacemaker, healer and beacon of light to the whole world.

"For your more than 20 years as Pope, you have tirelessly traveled this globe preaching a message of love and truth. You have delivered your message in different languages, to different cultures, to people of different ages, economic backgrounds and political persuasions.

"You are a pillar of morality, an advocate for the poor and the oppressed and a voice for the unborn and the aged. Your strong words inspire the 1 billion Catholics you lead and impress people of various faiths all over the world. You have helped to bring down barriers that threaten our world's unity. You have played a pivotal role in the downfall of Communism in Eastern Europe and you have ex-

panded dialogue with political and religious leaders in the Holy Land.

"In this past year—the Jubilee year—you worked harder than ever to make sure your reconciling message was heard. While the holy year is now over, the beauty of your Jubilee message continues to resonate in the hearts of the world's people."

VATICAN TRIP

HON. JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, January 20, 2001

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, last week I had the great honor of traveling to the Vatican with Speaker J. DENNIS HASTERT and several of our House colleagues to present the Congressional Gold Medal of Freedom to Pope John Paul II. To put it simply, being in the presence of the Pope was by far one of the most moving and important experiences of my career. The Holy Father was tremendously generous with the time he gave to our group, and his words to us were powerful and inspiring.

Pope John Paul II has done more for children, women and men, to eliminate poverty, to stimulate freedom and more for peace than anyone in our generation—and quite possibly in history. As I read through his biography I recalled the many trips the Holy Father has taken over the years to the greater ends of the Earth. They weren't easy trips, nor did he confront easy problems. His kindness, his words of wisdom, his humanitarian nature, and his willingness to live a life based on principle and faith has changed the world more than any of us can imagine.

Of particular note was his diplomatic effort to end authoritarian rule throughout Eastern Europe which originally was a task that many of us considered impossible. But who among us will ever forget the day that the Berlin Wall came down.

The Pope's trips have often taken him to the poorest parts of the world where he gave great comfort to the sick and downtrodden. I remember his trips to India and Mexico to name a few. These were areas and people that many of us knew little about, and the Holy Father shed light on them, humanized them.

This is a Pope that has been seen by more people around the world than any other. Often, just the fact that he chose to stop in a country and visit has produced lasting change. I'll always remember standing in the plaza in Havana, Cuba, listening to the Pope talk critically about freedom and human rights. These were words that many of those standing in the crowd had never heard spoken publicly. The faces of the Cuban people and the joy they felt in seeing the Holy Father was a moment I'll never forget. Today, the Holy Father's visit has created a greater role for the Catholic Church in Cuban society, and made a better life for many Cubans.

I want to thank Speaker HASTERT for including me on this memorable trip to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the Pope. As a member of the House, I was proud that our institution has chosen to honor one of the great individuals in history.

Pope John Paul II

Saluto del Santo Padre in occasione della consegna della "Congressional Gold Medal"

Mr. Speaker, Members of Congress, Distinguished Guests, I am pleased to welcome you to the Vatican this morning, and I am honored by the gracious gesture which has brought you here. It is not for the Successor of the Apostle Peter to seek honors, but I gladly accept the Congressional Gold Medal as a recognition that in my ministry there has echoed a word that can touch every human heart. It has been my endeavor to proclaim the word of God, which on the very first page of the Bible tells us that man and woman have been created in his very image and likeness (cf. Gen 1:26).

From this great truth there flows all that the Church says and does to defend human dignity and to promote human life. This is a truth which we contemplate in the glory of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, crucified and risen from the dead. In the years of my ministry, but especially in the Jubilee Year just ended, I have invited all to turn to Jesus in order to discover in new and deeper ways the truth of man. For it is Christ alone who fully reveals man to himself and makes known his sublime destiny (cf. *Gaudium et Spes*, 22). To see the truth of Christ is to experience with deep amazement the worth and dignity of every human being, which is the Good News of the Gospel and the heart of Christianity (cf. *Redemptor Hominis*, 10).

I accept this award as a sign that you, as legislators, recognize the importance of defending human dignity without compromise, so that your nation may not fail to live up to its high responsibilities in a world where human rights are so often disregarded. Therefore, Ladies and Gentlemen, I thank you for this Congressional Gold Medal. In offering my good wishes for the New Year, I invoke upon you, your families and all whom you represent "the peace of God which is beyond understanding" (Phil 4:7). May God bless you all!

CONSUMER INTERNET PRIVACY ENHANCEMENT ACT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, January 20, 2001

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, today as we inaugurate a new President, we inaugurate a critical beginning by introducing legislation which will protect what is a core value of every American—privacy. When any of us provide an institution with personal information, we expect the information to be used in the narrowest sense. Representative CANNON and I strongly believe that while the Internet has opened up an entirely new world, it has also created problems we have never before encountered. Information about Internet users

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can now be accessed in an instant, and often times with the user being completely unaware that his or her information is moving down the information superhighway at lightning speed. The bipartisan legislation we've introduced today will help to assure the security Americans expect when it comes to their privacy.

The legislation requires Web sites to conspicuously post clear and concise information about their policies relative to how personal information collected from online users is used. Companies will be required to disclose exactly who is collecting the information, how it will be used, the types of data being collected and whether consumers have to provide personal information in order to use a Web site. Companies also would have to take steps to secure personal information once it is in their databases.

Perhaps most importantly, Internet users will be able to assess a company's privacy policy before registering at a Web site, or purchasing merchandise over the Internet, and then control the extent to which their personal information can be used by the company. Companies that violate the requirements could face civil penalties of \$22,000 per violation, up to a maximum fine of \$500,000. The U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) would enforce the provisions.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleague, Representative CHRIS CANNON, our colleague, who joins me in introducing this bill today. Representative CANNON is a leader in protecting the civil rights of Americans. His work on this bill has been critical and he once again demonstrates his leadership on the issue of privacy. I'd also like to acknowledge the original authors of this legislation in the Senate—Senators KERRY of Massachusetts and MCCAIN of Arizona.

Mr. Speaker, Representative CANNON and I believe this legislation can become the backbone of a new law in privacy for America. We look forward to working with the entire House to move this bill through the 107th Congress.

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF OBRA
QUAVE

HON. RONNIE SHOWS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, January 20, 2001

Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a minute to tell my fellow colleagues and the American People about Obra Quave. Mr. Quave is a gentleman and scholar whose dedication to education over the past 40 years has inspired youths to pursue excellence in the arts. On January 26th Mr. Quave will be honored by his colleagues at William Carey College in Hattiesburg, Mississippi for lifetime contributions to the greatness of that institution in communications and theater. Because of his many sacrifices, William Carey College has produced numerous teachers in public and private schools and colleges throughout the nation as well as scores of professionals who have achieved success on Broadway and other comparable venues. Mr. Quave's contributions to the great State of Mississippi have not gone unnoticed.

Let this remind us all of the sacrifice and dedication that America's teachers have given so that others might fulfill their dreams. Also,

let us not forget the sacred trust imparted in the Congress to ensure that all Americans are given the opportunity that a quality education affords. To all the teachers like Mr. Quave who have blessed the lives of so many we thank you and America thanks you as well.

A TRIBUTE TO DET. SGT. WILLIAM
HOLT

HON. JOSEPH M. HOEFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOEFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Det. Sgt. William Holt on his induction into the Police Chief's Hall of Fame. William A. Holt, Jr. was born and raised in the Crestmont section of Willow Grove, Pennsylvania and attended Abington public schools. Upon graduation he entered the U.S. Army where he served 3 years and did a full tour of Vietnam. In July 1968 he joined the Abington Police Department and was promoted to patrol sergeant in 1987 and to the prestigious ranking of detective sergeant in 1995.

Detective Sergeant Holt is an active member of the First Baptist Church of Crestmont. He is the cofounder and president of the Montgomery County Black Law Enforcement Officers Association. He is a past president of the Abington Township Police Association, a State certified instructor at the Police Municipal Training School, Scout Master of Boy Scouts of America Troop #712, and a life member of the VFW Post 3398 Corporal William Sydnor.

Detective Sergeant Holt has received numerous awards and citations over the years from local civic organizations. Some of those awards include: Law Enforcement Office of the Year, Induction into the American Police Hall of Fame, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day award for community service, Recognition for Unselfish Devotion, Outstanding Contribution to Law Enforcement and the NAACP Recognition Award. It is an honor and privilege to acknowledge Det. Sgt. William A. Holt on this momentous occasion. The citizens of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania are fortunate to have benefited from the outstanding service he has provided to our community.

A TRIBUTE TO THE HOMEFIRST
CHARITABLE CORPORATION'S
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, January 20, 2001

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize eleven extraordinary members of the HomeFirst Charitable Corporation's Board of Directors and one extra-special friend of the organization. HomeFirst was founded in 1990 for the sole purpose of raising funds for other non-profits in the city of Somerville, Massachusetts. At that time, the economy was in dire straits and contributions to non-profit organizations was at its lowest.

HomeFirst is run by a Board of Directors, which includes local attorneys, community organizers, and business people. There is also

a ten member Advisory Board that reviews and comments upon every funding request. These dedicated people deserve recognition for raising over \$550,000. Every member of this Board volunteers their time and energy; no one receives a single penny for the important and generous work they do. Furthermore, funds raised by HomeFirst go directly to other, unaffiliated non-profits; not a single penny is spent or distributed by HomeFirst itself.

Volunteerism is of great importance to America. Honoring dedicated volunteers, such as the Board of Directors of the HomeFirst Charitable Corporation, helps express society's immense appreciation of a job well done to these individuals and to all Americans who volunteer to make our world a little better place.

In conclusion, I express the heartfelt appreciation of a grateful nation to HomeFirst Board members Mr. Robert Arnold, Mr. James Brennan, Ms Barbara T. Capuano, Ms Anna Ciccariello, Mr. Richard DiGirolamo, Ms Mary Doherty, Mr. Michael Foley, Ms Francine Mello, Mr. Frank Scimone, Ms Joyce Shallah, and Mr. John L. Sullivan. I also express similar appreciation to Mr. David Doherty, who generously gave of his time and energy to help HomeFirst with every event it ever conducted.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO COL.
PAULA E. KOUGEAS, AIR NA-
TIONAL GUARD FOR HER DEDI-
CATED SERVICE

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, January 20, 2001

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding officer in the Air National Guard. Col. Paula E. Kougeas is retiring after a distinguished career in the United States Armed Forces, most recently with the National Guard Bureau's Office of Policy and Liaison. Throughout her career, Paula Kougeas has distinguished herself as articulate spokesperson, able administrator and extraordinary innovator. She began her service to her country as an Air Force ROTC cadet at the University of Massachusetts. Upon graduation from graduate school, she was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in December, 1978. Her first duty assignment took her to Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, where she worked as the Public Affairs Officer for the 46th Aerospace Defense Wing. Upon the activation of the United States Space Command, she became the first Public Affairs Officer for the 1st Space Wing.

During her first tour of duty with the National Guard Bureau, she was instrumental in telling the story of the National Guard's road building exercise in Central America, deploying to Panama for three months to oversee the Public Affairs Detachment training program. Col. Kougeas also helped with the administrative establishment of the first office of the Vice Chief of the National Guard Bureau.

While on active duty, Paula Kougeas worked as a key member of the hostage repatriation media team at Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany with the return of the American hostages from Lebanon. She also served