

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF FORMER MEMBER GEORGE E. BROWN, JR. AND THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE MONTEREY PARK DEMOCRATIC CLUB

### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise to today in great honor to ask the House of Representatives to pause to remember a former Member of Congress, George E. Brown, Jr. and to pay tribute to him and to the Monterey Park Democratic Club, which he helped found 50 years ago.

As a new Representative to Congress, I know that I stand on the shoulders of many giants who have come before me, including the longest serving Member of Congress in the history of my state—George Brown.

Fifty years ago, in his early thirties, George Brown had settled in the Los Angeles suburb of Monterey Park. With several other civicly active residents, he helped found the Democratic Club of that community. George was its first President. Today, the Club is headed by President Irving Willner, a Club member for 48 years and its longest serving President at "only" 18 years of service.

From being Club President, George ran for public office. Like many here in this body, he lost his first race. But he had persistence and conviction, ran again, and was elected to the Monterey Park City Council, became Mayor, then was elected to the California State Assembly in 1958. He ran and was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1962. In 1970, he left his House seat to run for the U.S. Senate. He lost in a close Democratic primary. He then ran again for the House in 1972, and won. And he continued to win. Even though he had some of the most consistently close races in the nation, George won 14 more times, winning his last race in 1998, before passing away in 1999. A tremendous electoral record.

George Brown had an impressive public policy record. He was known in Congress for his support for anti-poverty programs, for peace, for space and scientific advancement, and for civil rights and tolerance of diversity—a cause that he shared deeply with the Monterey Park Democratic Club.

George remains deeply remembered and appreciated in Monterey Park and by the past and current members of the Monterey Park Democratic Club. As social commentators have long noted about America, it is our freedom to form voluntary clubs and associations that keeps America vibrant and gives Americans a good part of our ability to exercise our political rights and participate in our political system. Through their 50 years of organizational life, the Monterey Park Democratic Club and its members have helped the people of Monterey Park become civicly active in the cause of a continually better city, a better nation, and a better world.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the House of Representatives join me today in honoring the 50th anniversary of the Monterey Park Democratic Club and in paying tribute to their first president, the honorable George E. Brown, Jr., and all the members of the Club.

RECOGNIZING BRIAN C. KARHOFF ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

### HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize my constituent, Brian C. Karhoff of Pandora, Ohio, who recently accepted his appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Brian will soon graduate from Pandora-Gilboa High School. During his high school career, he has maintained a 4.0 grade point average, and is a member of the National Honor Society. He is an accomplished athlete, earning a varsity letter in football. And, he has clearly demonstrated his leadership ability, earning the rank of Eagle Scout, class treasurer and treasurer of the National Honor Society.

Brian Karhoff can be very proud of his many accomplishments. He is a credit to his family, his school, and his community. By accepting his appointment, Brian is accepting a unique challenge.

The Academy is the pinnacle of leadership development for the United States Army. As a member of the U.S. Corps of Cadets, he will face a most demanding academic curriculum and physical regimen. He will live, study and prepare in an environment where strong leadership thrives, individual achievement is expected, and personal integrity is demanded.

Mr. Speaker, General John W. Vessey, Jr. once wrote, "The Nation's ability to remain free and at peace depends in no small measure on whether we will continue to inspire our youth to serve."

I am confident that Brian Karhoff has the character and ability to excel at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him well as he begins his very important service to our Nation.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. FRANK MASCARA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MASCARA. Mr. Speaker, on May 15, 2002, I was absent for personal reasons and missed roll call votes numbered 165 and 166. For the record, had I been present I would have voted no on both of these votes.

### THE MANY VALUES OF MUSIC EDUCATION

### HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House, and as Chairwoman of the Congressional Arts Caucus, I constantly work to support and expand the enjoyment of artistic and musical expression for all Americans. I especially recognize the positive educational and economic aspects of the arts and, because of these benefits, have worked on a bipartisan basis to secure additional funding for the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

It is because of my interest in the arts that I was pleased to read Tim Wendel's article "Healing Harmonies" (USA Weekend 10/28/01). It now appears that the arts—and music specifically—offer additional benefits that are closely related to my professional training as a microbiologist. While microbiology strives to benefit public health both through research and treatment, Wendel now shows that music similarly benefits public health. In his article, Wendel shows that top neuroscientists have found music aids in pain relief, in battling cancer, and by accelerating the healing process for stroke victims and victims of Parkinson's disease. Music has even been tied to the retrieval of lost memory for Alzheimer's patients, and to improved concentration in children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

One may conclude from Wendel's "Healing Harmonies" that the benefits of music are indeed extraordinary. I would like to note, however, that it is in great part because of the talent and dedication of music educators that we are able to reap the diverse rewards of music. Not only do these educators bring to us an aesthetic appreciation of music, they also create, through music, benefits that spill over to other educational disciplines as well.

MENC—The National Association for Music Education provides data illustrating some of these advantages. In its official publications, MENC reports that students involved in music earn better grades than their peers and score higher on their SATs. Music study also correlates directly with a proficiency in language acquisition and mathematical reasoning.

The Congress has recognized the powerful impact of music education. In the recently passed "No Child Left Behind Act," music educators such as the members of MENC are entrusted not only with the important role of nurturing music and the arts in our schools, but have also been given by Congress a statutory voice in the educational policy process. Working with school administrators, music educators will help ensure that our students receive the many positive benefits of music, which eventually benefit us all.

I invite my colleagues to take this opportunity to review selected excerpts from both Wendel's article and the Music In Our Schools

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