

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Stephen Jorgensen, Director of Riverside National Cemetery, and the entire cemetery staff. This cemetery is an historic site that proudly serves our veteran men and women. The winner of the Robert W. Carey National Cemetery Category Award for 2003, it has provided an invaluable service to the Veteran community and continues to honor the lives of our fallen soldiers. I join with grateful families across our nation in celebrating this year's Carey Award winner.

For the past 25 years, the Riverside National Cemetery has honored the lives of thousands of soldiers. Characterized by dignity and class, this national cemetery is dedicated to all service members who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country. It has been an integral contributor to the Inland Empire and has given the respect and esteem that all servicemen and women deserve.

The Carey Award is foremost an award based on excellence. Qualifications extend from performance in organizational leadership and management to strategic planning and community contribution. It is excellence in these areas that characterize a Carey Award winner. The Riverside National Cemetery has proven year after year that it not only exhibits these specific qualities but also performs them at the highest possible level.

And so, Mr. Speaker, I join today with the residents of the Inland Empire in congratulating the Riverside National Cemetery for its remarkable achievement, and express my sincere admiration and deference to this proud national site.

TRIBUTE TO ANNIE MAE HUNT

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I pay tribute to the life and the memory of Annie Mae Hunt. In one lifetime she has touched many lives and multiple generations. Born into grinding poverty, she triumphed over it and lived an enriched and noble life. Hers is an equally rich legacy. I extend my condolences to her children, her grandchildren, her great-grandchildren and her great-great-grandchildren.

Annie Mae Hunt was the co-author of her memoirs, aptly titled *I Am Annie Mae: An Extraordinary Woman in Her Own Words*. Published in 1983, the book has literally "touched the hearts of thousands of people." It became

the inspiration for the musical and the highly touted film *Guts, Gumption and Go-Ahead: Annie Mae Hunt Remembers*. As one reviewer said: "The film shows how self-esteem and skills enabled one woman to change her life around."

As her editor Ruthe Winegarten has written, "Annie Mae Hunt is a survivor. Born in 1909 near Brenham, Texas, she grew up in a time and place where African Americans, although legally free, lived in circumstances that had changed little since the days of slavery. Much of her adult life was spent in backbreaking domestic service, until she created a modest independence for herself through sewing and selling Avon Cosmetics." Annie Mae Hunt's memoirs "records a life not only filled with hardships but also the joys of family, of political activism, and of service to church and community."

Although Annie Mae Hunt was telling the story of her life and times, she was, in reality, chronicling the ordeal and struggles of black women everywhere in America, especially in the south. Reared in a sharecropper system, she overcame hardship, heartbreak, discrimination and obstacles by juggling jobs and owning her own businesses.

Annie Mae Hunt's life was living proof that actions speak louder than words. Her mere presence spoke volumes. In several senses, she was the eminence grise (literally the "gray eminence") who exerted considerable influence behind the scenes in the political process. Her letter writing campaign to politicians and elected officials was legendary in its reach and its effectiveness.

Annie Mae Hunt was a lifelong role model and she will remain a source of inspiration for many generations to come. We mourn her passing and we salute her life. She will be long remembered for her good works in the community of man and the community of God, her devotion to others, and her perseverance, and her legacy of success in the face of extreme adversity.

HONORING ROYAL ROBBINS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Royal Robbins on being awarded the 2003 Distinguished Citizen by the Greater Yosemite Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He will be honored on Wednesday, October 29, at Modesto Centre Plaza in Modesto, CA. The Greater Yosemite Council of the Boy Scouts of America annually recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves through their professional careers, community leadership, and/or philanthropy.

As a young Boy Scout, Royal was intrigued by the outdoors. His enthusiasm has led to a successful career in outdoor adventure, equipment, and clothing. Around the world, Royal is

known as an avid outdoorsman: From the Sierra Nevada to the Alps, he has made numerous first ascents in climbing. In Yosemite, he made the first ascent of the northwest face of Half Dome and three great faces of El Capitan.

Robbins has been involved heavily with his community and has received numerous honors. In 1988, Royal joined the Modesto Rotary. He served as president of the rotary and was the first chairman of its Preserve Planet Earth Committee. The American Alpine Club, a 100-year-old organization devoted to mountaineering, climbing, and issues facing climbers, has named Robbins an honorary member. In 1992, his biography, *Royal Robbins—Spirit of the Age*, was published. The following year he was given the Outstanding Leadership Award from the Outdoor Industry. Among his other awards are the Sam Walton Business Leader Award and Citizen of the Year Award, the latter issued by the Modesto Chamber of Commerce.

In 1968, Royal and his wife, Liz, founded the Royal Robbins Company, which specializes in outdoor apparel. Since the sale of the company, the two have a new enterprise, Royal Robbins Adventures, offering public speaking, writing, and seminars combining personal growth with outdoor adventure.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Royal Robbins for being awarded the 2003 Distinguished Citizen by the Greater Yosemite Council of the Boy Scouts of America. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Royal many more adventures in the years to come.

REMEMBERING THE LATE BOB BROADBENT

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of a great Nevadan, a true community leader, and a friend, Bob Broadbent. Bob Broadbent served his community and his country selflessly and effectively for decades, earning the trust of all who knew him.

Robert N. Broadbent was born June 19, 1926, in the Northern Nevada city of Ely, where his father, Broadie, served as mayor for 16 years.

Broadbent attended the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena in 1944, but interrupted his studies to serve in the U.S. Air Force during the waning days of World War II.

After 2 years in the military, Broadbent attended the University of Nevada, Reno, and in 1950 earned a Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacology from Idaho State College.

Bob Broadbent first entered public service as the first Mayor of Boulder City, and led its transformation from government reservation to the world-class community it is today. As one of Bob's successors in that office, I can personally attest that he laid the groundwork for every success that community enjoys.

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Bob Broadbent was then elected to the Clark County Commission in 1969, where he not only helped the Las Vegas area plan for future growth, but helped build the community character and institutions that make Las Vegas not only a nice place to visit, but a great place to raise a family. He never let any personal interest, not even his own, stand in the way of what was the just and right thing to do.

In 1981 President Reagan recognized Bob's extraordinary leadership skills by appointing him Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, where he helped steer that agency into a force for water development and environmental conservation, ensuring that growth and environmental protection in the West have gone hand in hand ever since.

In 1987 Bob returned to Clark County to become director of aviation, where he helped lead McCarran airport into a time of extraordinary growth. Once again he laid the groundwork for the successes we enjoy today.

After leaving the Airport Bob took on a new challenge, leading the effort to build the Las Vegas Monorail, which will provide transit service, first on the Resort Corridor, but eventually to downtown Las Vegas and other points.

Bob's passing away on August 9, 2003, leaves a terrible void in our community that will be impossible to fill. I wish to extend my condolences to his wife, his children, and his grandchildren. Bob will be missed by all who knew him, and loved by all those who live in Clark County for generations to come.

Broadbent is survived by his wife, Sue, of Boulder City; sons, Robert C. and Douglas, of Boulder City; daughters Kathy Morris of Las Vegas and Michele Walker of Boulder City; sister Sue Siri of Reno; 14 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED
PUBLIC SERVICE OF ROBERT L.
WONDER

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert L. Wonder, Assistant City Manager in the City of Alameda, California. Mr. Wonder has announced his retirement at the end of 2003, having served the public for over 30 years. Following his military service in the Marine Corps, he became a dedicated employee of the City of Alameda for 28 years. Mr. Wonder joined the city's workforce in 1975 through CETA, a federally funded training program, and became the Assistant City Manager in 1980.

During his tenure with the City of Alameda, Mr. Wonder has served as Interim City Manager several times; worked on the Cooperative Services Agreement with the U.S. Navy successfully negotiating \$18 million of federal funding to the City to operate and maintain the base during the property transfer period; worked with the Airport Operations Committee and the Citizens League for Airport Safety and Serenity, as well as the Cable TV Advisory Committee. He has also been involved with the City of Alameda's efforts to construct a new main library and he has a reputation for

trying to make local government more understandable, responsive and accessible to citizens.

In 1998, Mr. Wonder received the Alameda Times Star Man of the Year Award and the League of California Cities John H. Nail Memorial Award. He was honored as one of 1998's Distinguished Municipal Assistants by the Municipal Management Association of Northern California, of which he has been an active member since 1967. Mr. Wonder has also served as a mentor in the Intergovernmental Management Training Program for 20 years. During his tenure teaching a public administration course at California State University, Hayward, he inspired students to seek public office.

Mr. Wonder is also extensively involved in community organizations and events. He has shown his commitment to the community by serving as a member and officer of the Board of Directors for numerous community and civic organizations such as Girls' Inc., Foundation for Educational Excellence, Rotary Club, Alameda Chapter of the Navy League, Chamber of Commerce and Immanuel Lutheran Church. He has spent countless hours volunteering in the community, such as delivering for Meals on Wheels, the Annual Run for the Parks, the Mayor's Fourth of July parade, the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, career days for local schools, City festivals and beach clean-up days.

On Saturday, November 15, 2003, a retirement gala to honor Rob Wonder will be held on the USS *Hornet* in Alameda. I join the friends and admirers of this outstanding public servant in wishing him well on his retirement. He has served with distinction and left an indelible mark of service and caring on the City of Alameda.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JAMIE DYKES

HON. BILL PASCHELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

Mr. PASCHELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call your attention to Mr. Jamie Dykes, an exceptional individual who has dedicated his life and work to serving the men, women, and children of Paterson, New Jersey. On Friday, October 24, 2003, Mr. Dykes was named the 2003 Man of the Year by the Boys and Girls Club of Paterson for his innumerable philanthropic and civic contributions.

Over the years, Jamie Dykes' life has become inextricably intertwined with that of the City of Paterson. As the President of the Greater Paterson Chamber of Commerce, as a well-known business leader, and as the founder of Celebrate Paterson Inc., Jamie has used his administrative experience and talent for creative leadership to greatly improve the community at large. His selfless commitment to countless area civic and philanthropic organizations has left an indelible mark on the lives of many, demonstrating the positive difference that a single person can make. I feel that it is only fitting that Jamie Dykes be recognized in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth.

Jamie Dykes was born and raised in Fair Lawn, New Jersey, yet the City of Paterson and its citizens have always held a special

place in his heart. Merging a rich industrial heritage with a unique blend of cultures, Paterson has historically promised a bright future for residents and entrepreneurs alike. Jamie's family took advantage of this promise, building a successful business based upon the tradition of personalized service, leadership, and pride in their work. Today, Jamie continues this longstanding tradition of service as the Chief Operating Officer of his family's business, Passaic County Stationary.

A diligent administrator and enthusiastic spokesman for business interests in Paterson, Jamie is perhaps best known for working to expand the vision of the Paterson Chamber of Commerce to encompass the entire fabric of the Greater Paterson Community. Together with other local leaders, Jamie has advocated for Paterson, highlighting the unique qualities of the Paterson community through a series of special events. What is more, he has been instrumental in working to improve and redevelop Paterson's Downtown District.

Perhaps most inspiring is the way in which Jamie Dykes has balanced his love for the City of Paterson with his interest in working with the people who make up its community. An active member of the Paterson Rotary Club, Jamie has worked hard to serve Paterson's youth, subsequently assuming an important role in shaping the City's future. He has provided a valuable role model for the young men and women of the area, proving in both word and action that the only real success in life comes from a commitment to the community at large.

Mr. Speaker, the job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the extraordinary efforts of individuals like Jamie Dykes. I ask that you join our colleagues, the members of the Boys and Girls Club of Paterson, and me in recognizing Jamie Dykes for his outstanding service to the youth of Passaic County.

TRIBUTE TO VA MEDICAL CENTER,
LOMA LINDA

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Dean R. Stordahl, Chief Executive Officer of the VA Medical Center located in Loma Linda, and the entire hospital staff for being awarded the Robert W. Carey Organizational Excellence Trophy Award for 2003. This outstanding facility proudly serves our veteran men and women and provides invaluable service to their community, while honoring the lives of our fallen soldiers. I join with grateful families across our nation in celebrating this year's Carey Award winner.

For the past 25 years, the Loma Linda Medical Center has honored the lives of thousands of soldiers through their diligent work. Characterized by dignity and class, the medical center is dedicated to serving veterans who fought for our country. It has been an integral contributor to the Inland Empire and has given the respect and esteem that all servicemen and women deserve.

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