

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DOROTHY HUGHES

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dorothy Hughes, who died on July 26 at the age of 80. An activist in Marin County, California, for 35 years, Dorothy was a leader who cared deeply about her community and the people who live in it.

Born in Woodland, California, in 1923 on her parents' sheep ranch, she married Dr. Robert Leake with whom she had eight children. She attended Hamlin School in San Francisco, Stanford University, and, after her divorce, California State University in Sacramento, where she earned a master's degree. She moved to Marin in 1969.

Best known for her work on behalf of mental health programs, Dorothy was director of the Marin Association for Mental Health for two decades and was instrumental in the development of a mental health community care system. She also had a passion for children and youth, peace, human rights, and a goal of creating a caring world. She was a founder of, or active in, Community Action Marin, Fairfax-San Anselmo Children's Center, Marin Suicide Prevention Center, Buckelew Houses, Marin Family Action, Isoji, the Marin Peace and Justice Coalition, and the Campaign for a Healthier Community for Children.

Dorothy advocated both behind the scenes through lobbying and through community organizing. She was tireless in promoting the causes that will make our world a better place for all people, inspiring others with her conviction and forcefulness as well as her warmth. Her goal was nothing less than "a world that works for all of us."

When inducted into the Marin Women's Hall of Fame in 1991, Dorothy stated that it was her dream that one day there would be a progressive national policy on children and families. That is the same dream that inspires me to introduce legislation addressing the well-being of our nation's family and children . . . knowing that our future depends on them.

Dorothy is survived by her eight children, 17 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren, as well as her sister and her niece. She was very devoted to her family and had moved to Sacramento last November to be near them.

Mr. Speaker, Dorothy Hughes liked to call herself "an old radical," and I can think of no higher tribute. She was a radical in the best sense, one who fought for all those in society who can't fight for themselves and who believed that creating a better world through our children was both necessary and possible. I join the many people who will miss Dorothy Hughes' friendship and bright spirit.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I was absent attending to a previously scheduled commitment and missed the votes on Roll Call Number 490, on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 814, the Rule for S. 878, the Bankruptcy Judgeship Act; Roll Call Number 491, on H. Res. 814, the Rule for S. 878, the Bankruptcy Judgeship Act; Roll Call Number 492, on the Simpson Amendment to S. 878; Roll Call Number 493, on a Motion to Recommit S. 878 with Instructions; Roll Call Number 494, on Passage of H.R. 163, the Universal National Service Act; Roll Call Number 495, on Passage of H.R. 2929, the Safeguard Against Privacy Invasions Act; and Roll Call Number 496 on H.R. 5011, on Passage of the Military Personnel Financial Services Protection Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea" on Roll Call Number 490, "Yea" on Roll Call Number 491; "Yea" on Roll Call Number 492, "Nay" on Roll Call Number 493; "Nay" on Roll Call Number 494; "Yea" on Roll Call Number 495; and "Yea" on Roll Call Number 496.

INTRODUCTION OF THE BETTER FUTURE FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES ACT

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Better Future for American Families Act. This legislation will help increase access for low- and moderate-income American families to private retirement investments. Families are struggling to make ends meet and this tax credit will give them an extra incentive to invest in their future.

Since Social Security was created in 1934, the model for retirement savings has been a three-legged stool. The three legs of that stool are: Social Security benefits, private pensions, and personal savings and investment. Without one of those legs, the stool wobbles. As Reinhard A. Hohaus, an early private-sector authority on Social Security, explained, "Each (leg) has its own function to perform and need not, and should not, be competitive with the others. When soundly conceived, each class of insurance can perform its role better because of the other two classes." Unfortunately, some are advocating for a significant weakening of Social Security by taking funds away from this leg of the stool by allowing workers to invest some of their Social Security taxes in

personal accounts. Instead of weakening Social Security, I propose that we strengthen incentives for all Americans to invest in their retirement.

For years, Americans worked their entire careers with one company and could rely on a generous pension coupled with Social Security benefits to provide for a comfortable retirement. This is no longer the case. Workers change jobs more often, pensions have become less reliable in this world of Enron accounting, and the Social Security trust fund will be strained by the retirement of the baby boomers. In this environment, workers should be investing in individual retirement accounts, but due to rising costs in housing, health care, and other necessities, many families are no longer able to save for the future. While Congress has passed laws to create IRAs and 401(k) plans to encourage investment, more than 90 percent of the tax benefits the federal government offers to help families save go to households earning more than \$50,000. We need to broaden these incentives to include all Americans, especially those whose struggle to cope with the costs of living here and now are causing them to ignore their future financial security.

One of the most sensible tax credits enacted by the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 was the Saver's Credit, which offered low- and moderate-income workers up to a dollar-for-dollar credit for contributions to an individual retirement account or a qualified employer-sponsored plan. The credit phases out rapidly as income rises, so this is truly a tax break for middle class Americans. Unfortunately, this tax credit is scheduled to expire in 2006. Even worse, as the Republican majority tries to extend every other tax cut from 2001, to the benefit of the wealthiest, this expiring tax credit for middle class Americans is being ignored.

My legislation would make the Saver's Credit permanent and would significantly expand the program to give help to millions by increasing benefits for families earning less than \$50,000. Additionally, although 57 million taxpayers are eligible for the maximum credit on paper, 80 percent of them cannot actually benefit because they do not have income tax liability. These families need as much help as anyone and my legislation would make them eligible for the Saver's Credit by making it a refundable tax credit.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that this tax credit is the most fiscally responsible avenue for Congress to encourage personal savings and ensure that American families have financial security during their retirement years. Stripping money from Social Security only shifts the wobbling leg of the stool. This legislation would strengthen all legs and provide a solid foundation for retirement for all Americans. I encourage all of my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

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RECOGNIZING THE SONOMA
INDEX-TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Sonoma Index-Tribune Newspaper, which has been selected as the Business of the Year by the Sonoma Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Over its 125 year history, this family-owned newspaper has won hundreds of national, state and local awards: including First Place for Best Local News Coverage by the National Newspaper Association in 2004, the Environmental Business Award from the Sonoma Ecology Center in 2003–2004, the Howard Grothe Award for Progressive Contributions to Newspaper Advertising from the California Newspaper Advertising Executives Association in 2002, the James Madison Freedom of Information Award for Investigative Journalism from the California Newspaper Advertising Executives Association in 2001, the Lincoln Stefens Investigative Reporting award from Sonoma State University and the Sonoma County Press Club in 2001, the Justice F. Craemer Newspaper Executive of the Year Award to Bill Lynch from the California Press Association in 2001, the Sonoma Valley Hospital Foundation Award in 2001 and the Community Partnership Award from the Sonoma Valley Education Foundation in 1999.

The Index-Tribune was selected to receive this award not only because of its journalistic excellence but also because the paper and the Lynch Family contribute to the community in many other ways.

The newspaper has been an exemplary employer and has been a training ground for many fine journalists throughout its history.

Over the years the paper has contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars of free advertising space to non-profit organizations serving the Sonoma Valley. CEO and President Bill Lynch and his brother, CFO and Publisher Jim Lynch have personally contributed countless hours to a variety of community organizations, including the Hanna Boys Center, the Valley of the Moon Boys and Girls Club, Sonoma Valley Hospital, Field of Dreams, Maxwell Park and the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Speaker, through its industry excellence, its community involvement and its employment practices, the Sonoma Index-Tribune has earned a position of prestige in the Sonoma Valley. It is appropriate for us today to honor Bill and Jim Lynch, the paper and its many employees both past and present.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL RICHARD D. MURRAY USAF (RET) ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UNIFORMED SERVICES

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. BUYER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a great American patriot and tireless

worker on behalf of our military, veterans and dependents.

Major General Richard D. Murray, USAF (Ret), is retiring as the President of the National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS), an association that he has led for the last six years. In and out of uniform, General Murray has displayed longstanding dedication to our great country in a career that spans over 50 years. For over a half century, General Murray has championed countless causes on behalf of the people who comprise the military community.

I first met General Murray just after his arrival at NAUS in 1998 where he immediately reiterated NAUS' emphasis on improving the military health system. He aggressively sought changes in law that would ensure that active duty and military retirees receive the high-quality healthcare that they earned. Despite stiff opposition from the Department of Defense, General Murray pressed hard for the government to honor the lifetime medical care promise and for the Department of Defense to implement a realistic pharmacy benefit for its Medicare-eligible beneficiaries, initiatives that I strongly supported and led as a member of the House Armed Services Committee and Veterans Affairs Committee. General Murray also initiated NAUS' unique programs such as the "NAUS Misfortune 500" program to assist lower income retirees with the high cost of their prescription drugs.

I have especially enjoyed his leadership and support for legislation I authored called "TRICARE For Life" and the Senior Pharmacy Program. His support was important to our effort and our veterans owe him a debt of gratitude.

General Murray was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, and graduated from Baylor University, Waco, Texas in 1954. He received his commission through the University's Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps in March 1954.

General Murray served 31 years in the United States Air Force. During his distinguished career in the Air Force, he served in various assignments in the United States and overseas in positions of increasing responsibility. His last assignment was as Commander, Army and Air Force Exchange Service from 1981 to 1985. After retiring he continued to serve as the President of the American Logistics Association.

His military decorations and awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation

Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Honor Medal First Class and Republic of Vietnam Air Service Medal Honor Class.

I wish General Murray and his wife my very best as they devote time to their children and grandchildren.

In closing, General Murray is a man worthy of Congressional distinction in his private life and in the uniform that he has worn so honorably. I salute him. Job well done, my friend.

HONORING EDWARD UEBER

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Edward Ueber, a dedicated public servant and a passionate defender of our nation's marine resources. He is a man with a wide range of marine experiences, an inquiring mind, and a can-do attitude—all attributes that he has brought to bear in a 28-year career working first for the National Marine Fisheries Service and then the National Marine Sanctuary Program, where until recently he has served as the longtime manager of the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries.

Ed Ueber has sea salt in his veins. As a teenager in the fifties he was a fisherman and seafood merchant. In the next twenty-five years he navigated and piloted Navy submarines and Merchant Marine ships, worked at a shipyard, earned an advanced degree in fisheries resource economics and management, consulted for the government of Brazil on fisheries management and was a University of Connecticut researcher.

With all of this nautical background, the National Marine Fisheries Service was lucky to have him come aboard as a fisheries economist in 1976. During that period, Ed published a number of peer review papers on a wide range of fisheries and resource issues.

By the late '80s Ed Ueber had amassed a wealth of experiences that for most people would have been a career in itself. But in 1990, when Ed was appointed the Manager of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and a year later Manager of the brand new Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, he began to take on legendary status. Ed Ueber, the resources economist, rolled up his sleeves and once again became a sailor, making the rounds of the sometimes-rough waters of the two Sanctuaries, and navigating the political shoals onshore.

Ed successfully fought a plan to indirectly dump wastewater into the Gulf of the Farallones; dealt with several oil spills, and a forgotten radioactive dumpsite at sea. At the same time, he brought the Sanctuary program to the public by creating the first Marine Sanctuary Beach Watch program, the SEALS harbor seal protection and education program, the Farallones Marine Sanctuary Association and opening three visitor centers.

Ed also upheld the Sanctuary program's scientific mission with an intertidal monitoring program, a new ecosystem oceanographic evaluating system, and deep-sea studies.

He was and is immensely knowledgeable, with a disarming and impish sense of humor. And with those who would threaten the Sanctuary's resource he is a skillful negotiator and tough when he has to be. He is a communicator who can speak the language of researchers, fishermen, environmentalists, beach lovers—and even bureaucrats if he really tries.

Ed Ueber's love of the ocean and its creatures manifests itself in fierce protectiveness. He personifies the ideals of the National Marine Sanctuary Program.

This week as we honor the 15th Anniversary of the Cordell Bank National Marine