

TRIBUTE TO KCPT PRESIDENT/CEO
WILLIAM REED

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2005

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, Mr. CLEAVER and I join today to pay tribute to William T. Reed, the President and CEO of KCPT, Kansas City's public broadcasting station, who has announced his retirement effective June 30, 2005. He steps down after 13 years as head of Kansas City Public Television.

Bill Reed joined KCPT in 1992 and emphasized education, local programming and outreach. The station received numerous awards from PBS, the National Educational Telecommunication Association NETA, and community organizations for its local programming and services, including 21 regional Emmy awards and one national Emmy for the documentary, "Be Good Smile Pretty". Four of the station's signature program series, "Ruckus", "Rare Visions", "Roadside Revelations" and "Kansas City Week in Review", began under Reed's leadership. He also introduced viewers to the beautiful writings of Kansas City Star columnist Charles Gusewelle, who this spring will produce his fourth documentary for KCPT, called "Stories Under the Stone". Reed's collaboration with Gusewelle also launched KCPT's home video library venture. Later this year, children and their parents also will benefit from the development of an interactive reading program called "Bark Park Place".

Bill Reed made partnerships and collaborations an important part of the station's business plan. In 2003, KCPT was named Best Place to Work for Community Partnerships by the Kansas City Business Journal. Many of those partnerships, like Chalkwaves, a digital instructional media service for elementary and secondary schools now used across the country, changed the education landscape. Additionally, the Kansas City Regional Access Consortium for Higher Education, KC REACHE, a distance education effort partnering KCPT with nine area colleges and universities, began under Reed's stewardship long before distance learning was commonplace. Other successful partnerships include Network KC, an in-depth news partnership with the Kansas City Star, KCUR-FM, KPRS-FM and UMKC's Back Channel, a student production for the web; and Speaking of Women's Health, a partnership with Shawnee Mission Medical Center to conduct a yearly health symposium for 1,700 women. The TV Dinner and the KCPT Holiday Auction were also created, and a partnership developed with the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority for the Antiques, Garden and Home Design Show to raise additional funds for the station.

From 1997 to 2001, KCPT successfully conducted a capital campaign that raised \$10 million to renovate its facilities on 31st Street and to purchase digital television equipment. The station was among the first stations to go on the air with digital television and was cited by PBS as one of seven Digital Pioneers in public television.

Reed began his public broadcasting career in 1967 as General Manager of KIXE, the public television station in Redding, California. He joined the Public Broadcasting Service, PBS,

in Washington, DC, in 1974, where he was promoted to Senior Vice President in 1978 and worked until 1991. While at PBS, Reed led the planning and implementation of PBS Home Video and the PBS Adult Learning Service and the development of PBS VIDEO—a service for educational institutions. After leaving PBS, he also served as a consultant to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, CPB. Reed served the boards of a number on local and national organizations: the Public Broadcasting Service Board of Directors from 1972 to 1974; the Association of America's Public Television Stations', APTS, Board of Trustees from 1995 to 2001; and American Public Television, APT, Board of Directors from 1997 to 2003. He was elected as the National Educational Telecommunications Association's, NETA, first chairman in 1997. Reed served as President of the Jackson County Historical Society from 1996 to 1998, President of the Public Television Association of Missouri, PTAM, from 1994 to 1998 and 2002 to present, and Chairman of the Kansas Public Broadcasting Council, KPBC, from 1997 to 1998. Reed also served on the Corporation for Public Broadcasting's, CPB, Digital Television Task Force from 1998 to the present, and was a member of Video Advisory Committee to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education from 1993 to 2000.

In 1991, the Pacific Mountain Network Board honored Reed with its Governor's Award for Distinguished Service to Public Television. He also served as a private sector representative in telecommunications for the U.S. Department of State to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, 1989–London; as Chairman of the Broadcast Panel for U.S.-U.S.S.R. Bilateral Information Talks, 1988–Moscow; and as President of the Western Educational Network, 1972.

Bill Reed was born in Los Angeles, California. He received his B.A. in History and, following a year of graduate studies, his General Secondary Teaching Credential from the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California. From 1963 to 1965, he served in the U.S. Army, including one year in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Air Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Army Commendation Medal for Valor.

Mr. Speaker, Bill Reed and his wife, Mary Ann, will continue to live in Kansas City after his retirement. A nationwide search is underway for his replacement and his shoes will be very difficult to fill. Mr. CLEAVER and I commend Bill Reed for his many accomplishments on behalf of the Kansas City community during his tenure at KCPT and wish him and Mary Ann all the best in the years to come.

IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT CHEN'S
ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

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Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my congratulations to the people of Taiwan on the occasion of their president's first anniversary in office this May 20th. Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian was re-elected to a second four year term in 2004.

During the last five years, President Chen has been deft in navigating the dangerous shoals between the demands of his people seeking independence and Chinese threats to attack Taiwan. In recent weeks and months, China passed the anti-secession law, codifying the use of force if Taiwan moves toward independence and lavishly entertained two Taiwan opposition parties leaders.

At the moment, there is a "China fever" sweeping Taiwan. Many Taiwanese are lured by China's promise of trade benefits and are willing to make political concessions to China. However, President Chen has been steadfast in demanding that the best welfare for the people of Taiwan must be safeguarded in any negotiations with China.

I believe it is time for us to speak up for President Chen and the Taiwanese people. We treasure our affiliations and relations with Taiwan as we admire Taiwan's political and economic achievements of the last two decades. It is often too easy to forget that all these accomplishments came through decades of hard work. Taiwan today is a beacon of democracy and an island of prosperity to many developing countries, including China.

The Taiwanese people, as we know, do treasure their democratic way of life and their independence. And the person who has their best interests at heart is President Chen Shui-bian. I rise today to support President Chen's handling of Taiwan's relations with China. President Chen is right in pointing out the differences between democratic Taiwan and autocratic China and the importance of conducting direct talks by elected leaders in Taiwan and China.

In the meantime, I urge Chinese leaders to withdraw their missiles deployed on the other side of the Taiwan Strait and accept President Chen's suggestion of setting up a stable mechanism for cross-strait interaction, leading to permanent peace and development in the Taiwan Strait.

Again my best wishes to the Taiwanese people on their president's first anniversary.

THE RETIREMENT OF MAJOR
GENERAL RICHARD S. COLT

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, on May 14, 2005 there was a military retirement ceremony for Major General Richard S. Colt, the Commanding General of the 77th Regional Readiness Command at Fort Totten, New York. He has served his country honorably for nearly forty years. While no statement could adequately recognize his achievements, Major General Colt's accomplishments in service of his country deserve our greatest admiration and thanks.

Major General Colt received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Military Intelligence Branch in 1967 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps Program at Fordham University, in New York City. After completing the Infantry Basic Course at Fort Benning, Georgia, he served on active duty with the Military Assistance Command in Vietnam from May 1968 until May 1969.

In November 1969, Major General Colt was honorably discharged from active duty, and in