

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF DR. JAMES DAVID  
THOMAS

### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 14, 2006*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give tribute to Dr. James David Thomas, from the 26th Congressional District of Texas, for his lifelong contributions to his community and to his fellow citizens. Dr. Thomas will be remembered as a loving and caring husband, father and physician. He died at the age of 87.

Dr. Thomas served his community and nation in WWII as a physician for the United States Army. After his tour of duty, Dr. Thomas returned to the City of Denton where he was actively involved in the medical community. His dedication led him to be one of the founding members of the Medical Surgical Clinic in Denton. As a member of the American Medical Association, the Texas Medical Association and a Charter member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, Dr. Thomas ensured that families in the Denton community had a qualified and committed physician to care for their general health.

Dr. Thomas was involved with several organizations throughout the Denton community including serving the Denton ISD school board as well as the Denton Parks and Recreation Board. He was also a longtime member of the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, where he served as a deacon and elder.

It was an honor to have worked with Dr. James David Thomas as a doctor and a privilege to represent him in Congress. I extend my sympathies to his family and friends. He will be deeply missed and his service and dedication will always be appreciated.

TRIBUTE TO AWILDA CORDERO

### HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 14, 2006*

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor one of my constituents, Ms. Awilda Cordero of Bronx, NY, for her goodwill and assistance to the Hurricane Katrina disaster relief efforts.

Ms. Cordero is president of the Bronx-based community service organization Emergency Rights, Inc. She took it upon herself to organize a group of eight volunteers amidst the dangerous and tragic conditions created by Katrina and inspired her urban Bronx neighborhood to open its heart and give to those more needy. Leaving for Louisiana in a tractor-trailer stocked with donations, Ms. Cordero and her fellow heroes were left to secure their own room and board upon arrival and protect themselves against the impending disaster. They hosted a distribution of all essential goods from a small church with the help of lo-

cally enlisted prison inmates prior to their hurried and final evacuation.

Ms. Cordero is an exemplary spirit whose story touches those far outside her native New York City. She merits our acknowledgment and gratitude and inspires faith that all of our citizens will one day be able to lend help and hope to each other in their most dire times of need.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and respect that I join to praise and thank Ms. Cordero for her benevolent efforts.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MARGARET  
MARY LEE

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 14, 2006*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory and recognition of my good friend Margaret Mary Lee. Her service for the community of Cleveland and the Democratic Party represents the very best of the hardworking values that are the backbone of America's working class.

Family, worker's rights, education, and community were central to her life. A mother of 11, grandmother of 22, and great-grandmother of 11, Margaret was committed to the concept of family and community. Longtime supporters and friends of mine, Margaret and her family stood staunchly behind the Democratic Party and my candidacy from the beginning. Her late husband Eddie was the Secretary General of the Teamster Local 407. The Lee family was a pillar of the union movement in Cleveland. Both Eddie and Margaret stood up for workers through the Local 407 where they graciously gave countless hours of their lives to organizing and bringing together members of the community to empower workers. Her endless energy and sharp mind were an indestructible asset to the labor community. Margaret had a unique ability to inspire others.

In addition to the labor movement and worker's rights, Margaret was also very concerned with the issue of education. Her volunteer efforts for Montessori schools helped perpetuate positive programs for urban students. Margaret believed very strongly in her community and investing her time and helping not only her children but also those of the community by dedicating herself to promoting education. This commitment continues even after her death as memorial contributions are suggested to be donated to the Ruffing Montessori. Her presence as a matriarch of the community will be greatly missed.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the memory and recognizing the accomplishments of Margaret Mary Lee as a woman who stood for true American values and may her legacy live on in the recognition of the good work that she did.

TRIBUTE TO TIMOTHY BATES AS  
HE RECEIVES THE WILLIAM  
CRAWFORD DISTINGUISHED  
SERVICE AWARD

### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 14, 2006*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce as they honor a special member of our community and my friend of many years, Timothy Bates. Tonight, Tim will be honored with the prestigious William Crawford Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his contributions, which have not only improved the quality of life in the region, but have also enriched the lives of his neighbors.

William Crawford, the former president and general manager of the Southeastern Connecticut Broadcasting Company, was not only a dedicated member of the Chamber, he was well known for his philanthropic efforts on behalf of his community. It is in this spirit that the William Crawford Distinguished Service Award is bestowed. Tim, an attorney with the esteemed law firm of Robinson & Cole, has made a difference in his community through both his professional and volunteer efforts—exemplifying the very best of what we believe a community member should be.

In a career that has spanned more than three decades, Tim has focused his career on land use, real estate, and municipal law—an area of critical importance to small communities like those found in Connecticut. He is a member and past chairman of the Planning and Zoning Section of the Connecticut Bar Association as well as the state chair of the International Municipal Lawyers Association. Tim's expertise is often sought out by fellow bar members as well as by local planning and zoning officials. He has also made presentations to the American Planning Association on right to farm, nonconforming uses, and review of recent Supreme Court cases regarding land use law. Communities struggle to balance the competing interests of expansion and growth with maintaining the unique character of the region. Tim's work and expertise in these areas have proven invaluable to cities and towns throughout eastern Connecticut.

Beyond his professional commitments, Tim has also devoted countless hours to local service organizations. He has been a member and continues to serve on the Board of Directors for such organizations as Connecticut Legal Services, the Garde Arts Center, the Mystic Community Center, the Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut and Family Services of Southeastern Connecticut. Tim and his wife, Deborah, also volunteer every summer as counselors in Pioneer Camp at Camp Wightman in North Stonington, Connecticut. Through his efforts on behalf of these and many other organizations, Tim has quietly touched the lives of thousands. I have often

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