

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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said that our communities would not be the same without the efforts of volunteers and this is certainly true of the generosity, compassion, and philanthropy Tim has demonstrated over a lifetime of good work.

Tim does all this together with Debbie and their children, strengthening his family and community. These are special, warm people with an infectious spirit that cannot help but do good wherever they live. That is why I still cherish our work together.

I cannot think of an individual who better exemplifies the spirit of the William Crawford Distinguished Service Award. I am proud to stand today to join Deborah, his children, Nathaniel, David, and Catherine, as well as the Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce, family, friends and colleagues in extending my heart-felt congratulations to my good friend Timothy Bates on this very special occasion. His many contributions, both professional and volunteer, have left an indelible mark on the communities and families of eastern Connecticut and a legacy that will inspire many for generations to come.

TRIBUTE TO BAILEY DOUBERLEY
OF DADE CITY, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE
OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to honor a gifted student and boundless volunteer who has proven that anyone can be an asset to their community, no matter their age.

A fourth generation Floridian, Bailey Lesten Douberley is the 8-year-old son of Chad Douberley and his wife, Susan Larkin-Douberley, of Dade City. Although a third grade student at Centennial elementary school, Bailey takes math and language classes at the fourth grade level. In addition to being a talented student, he is also an active member of First Baptist Church in Dade City.

With the President's push for increased charitable involvement, Bailey is a prime example of establishing your course at a young age. By channeling much of his energy into efforts to help others, Bailey serves as a shining example of service for his entire community.

At the recent Welcome Home Troops event held for Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 116th Field Artillery, Bailey was on hand to move tables, hang signs, arrange chairs and assist in any way needed. Bailey is a frequent helper at the monthly car shows in Dade City and annually volunteers with his mother at both the Sparklebration and Kumquat festivals. Bailey is particularly active at local benefit functions such as the Patrick Cooper benefit dinner and the Josh Cooley benefit dinner and is always on hand to assist at the annual fundraiser, Academy at the Farm weekend rodeo event.

The holiday season is especially busy for this tireless volunteer. During the Thanksgiving holiday, Bailey helps pack baskets for needy families and during the Christmas holiday, he lends a hand to the Toys for Tots program and the Shoebox program, sending care packages to U.S. troops.

Aside from his busy schedule, Bailey finds time to play little league baseball and is a member of the Recreation and Travel "Bulls"

ice hockey team, the progressive 4-H Club and Pack 301 Boy Scouts.

On behalf of Dade City and its residents, I applaud Bailey for his efforts and I encourage others, young and old, to follow his lead and answer the call to volunteer. I am proud to represent this young man and many more like him who give back so much to the community

CASTLE ROCK YOUNG MARINES

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to honor the Castle Rock Young Marines for their support of our World War II veterans.

The Young Marines is open to all youth ages 8 through completion of high school. The only membership requirement is that the youth must be in good standing at school. Since the Young Marines' humble beginnings, in 1958, with one unit and a handful of boys, the organization has grown to over 240 units with 10,000 youth and 3,000 adult volunteers in 46 States, the District of Columbia, Germany, Japan and affiliates in a host of other countries.

On Veteran's Day, the Nation's Marine Corps Museum held their grand opening celebration. The Castle Rock Marines from Colorado had heard that the Navajo Code Talkers of World War II would not be attending due to financial reasons. These young marines organized various fundraisers in order to pay for the Navajo Talkers to attend not only the opening ceremony of the Nation's Marine Corps Museum but other important events in the Capital area.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to honor the Castle Rock Young Marines for their support of this unique set of World War II veterans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLIE NORWOOD

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 519, H.R. 5602, To Authorize the Extension of Nondiscriminatory Treatment (Normal Trade Relations Treatment) to the Products of Vietnam. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

HONORING THE SERVICE OF CHIEF
WARRANT OFFICER 3 TIMOTHY
RAY BRENNEMAN TO OUR COUNTRY

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Chief Warrant Officer 3 Timothy Ray Breneman, 36, who died while serving our Nation in Germany.

Prior to joining the Army, Timothy spent his childhood living in Ormond Beach, Florida where he was active at Christ Presbyterian Church. Timothy graduated from Mainland High School and attended Daytona Beach Community College where he studied art and photography.

In 1994, Timothy enlisted to become an Army Ranger. He was later assigned to the 1st Armored Division's 12th Combat Aviation Brigade at Illersheim Army Field in Germany where he became a senior instructor pilot. His colleagues remember him for his skill and professional demeanor. His family recalls his wonderful sense of humor and one who took pride in his service.

We should all remember Timothy's courage and his ultimate sacrifice for our Nation. The freedom we enjoy and the liberty in the world for which he fought are part of the great legacy that Chief Warrant Officer Timothy Ray Breneman leaves behind. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

We must recognize that Timothy's widow, Teresa, is also a distinguished member of our U.S. military where she serves as a Judge Advocate General officer in Germany.

To Timothy's wife, Teresa; his parents, Ray and Flo; and his entire family, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Mr. Speaker, because of Chief Warrant Officer 3 Timothy Ray Breneman's sacrifice for our country, I ask all Members of the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing his service in our Nation's Armed Forces and remembering both his life and his dedication to the United States of America.

IN HONOR OF THE DEFENSE
LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to commemorate the Defense Language Institute's 65th anniversary, and to honor its generations of distinguished faculty and students, without whom the freedom and security we enjoy would not be possible.

On November 1, 1941 the DLI (then, nameless and clandestine) commenced its first class in San Francisco, not in a classroom or, much less, at a university. Rather, the crown-jewel of American language instruction and our greatest asset to national security was born in an abandoned airplane hangar.

Sixty students, most of whom were second-generation Japanese-Americans, along with four instructors, undertook an unprecedented exercise: to formally train in the language and customs of our enemies for the purposes of translation and intelligence gathering. Their resulting successes in the Pacific theater paved the way for the modern DLI—an academically accredited foreign language training institution—the largest in the world—which enjoys the prestige and renown of a world-class university.

Prominent DLI alumni include Air Force Colonel William Fife, a graduate of the Institute's Russian basic course who pioneered airborne reconnaissance during the Cold War. Glenn Nordin, also a graduate of the Russian basic course as well as the Vietnamese advisor course, served as a translator for the