

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF MARTIN D. GEFLAND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Martin D. Gefland, on the occasion of his recognition as the 2006 Distinguished Recent Graduate by the Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

The CWRU School of Law annually recognizes a member of the alumni who, through his or her accomplishments and civic participation, enhances the perception of the profession, as well as the School of Law, in the community. Over the course of his legal career, Marty consistently has demonstrated the zeal and legal acumen to meet these requirements easily.

After completing his commission in the United States Navy, Marty embarked on his professional and educational careers, where he has evinced an unparalleled commitment to jurisprudence and the law. As a student at St. John's College, Marty served as a legislative intern to State Senator Gerald Winegrad. As a student at the School of Law, Marty was the president of the CWRU Environmental Law Society, as well as an editor for the Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law.

Since graduating from the School of Law and being admitted to the Ohio bar in 1997, Marty has employed his legal passions in pursuit of environmental and labor justice, as well as community health. As my senior counsel, Marty has been a tireless advocate for the residents of the 10th District of Ohio, and throughout Ohio. Marty was instrumental in saving hundreds of jobs, and millions of dollars in community resources, during the Primary Health System bankruptcy case and the Conrail merger. Marty continues his pursuit for environmental and labor justice by fighting to keep vital manufacturing jobs in Northeast Ohio, protect NASA Glenn Research Center, and maintain Cleveland's greatest natural resource, Lake Erie.

Marty also displays a commitment to community development through his involvement with myriad community service organizations, as well as his advocacy with Federal administrations to ensure that Cleveland receives all the resources it needs.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Martin D. Gelfand on this special occasion. I and the residents of the 10th District are grateful for his tireless advocacy.

REGARDING TURKEY'S ACCESSION
TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my deep concerns with Turkey's

progress toward meeting its European Union, EU, accession criteria.

Today marks the deadline set by the EU for Turkey to demonstrate its willingness to implement the necessary policy changes prior to a summit scheduled for December 14–15 in Brussels, where the EU members will decide if Turkey will continue its accession process.

In a report released last month, the European Commission criticized Turkey's efforts to fulfill its obligations. In many critical areas including political rights and economic reforms, Turkey has much work to do. For example, Turkey is expected to show greater respect for and protection of human, civil, and political rights by guaranteeing freedom of expression in line with European standards. Additionally, Turkey has yet to ratify the Additional Protocols to the European Charter on Human Rights. Turkey must do more to protect religious freedoms, guarantee legal protections for women and children, and comply with International Labor Organization standards, including the right to collective bargaining. The report also detailed necessary improvements to infrastructure still to be made as well as the signing of the Energy Community Treaty that establishes a regional energy market in south-east Europe.

Finally, Turkey's obligations toward Cyprus remain unfulfilled. As part of this process, Turkey must normalize its relations with Cyprus, which joined the EU in May 2004. Unfortunately, Turkey still refuses to recognize Cyprus or open its ports and airports to Cypriot ships and airplanes. Additionally, Turkey has yet to extend the Customs Union to Cyprus to promote the free movement of goods and the removal of barriers to trade. If Turkey wants to join the EU, it should play by the rules.

Turkey is fully responsible for the outcome of this process, including if talks break off. If Turkey truly wants to be a member of the EU, it knows what actions it must take.

Turkey is at an important crossroads in determining its future. I will be watching with great interest to see how it handles all of these matters. I hope that it makes the right decision and takes immediate steps to meet its accession criteria.

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER
RESTORATION SETTLEMENT ACT

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, after 18 years of litigation, the Friant Water Users Authority, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the Natural Resources Defense Council, NRDC, in November reached a settlement agreement to restore the San Joaquin River. This historic agreement resolves the lengthy and costly litigation issues that created an atmosphere of uncertainty for the Friant Authority and the growers that rely upon Friant for their water supply.

I rise today in support of the settlement agreement and in support of H.R. 6377, the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act. This legislation not only sets out a course for the implementation of this historic agreement, but it also resolves issues that are crucial to my constituents in California's 18th Congressional District. Without this legislation, the settlement could result in significant costs—in the millions—for downstream landowners and flood control operations, and also would have untold impacts on water delivery systems for the State of California. The release of water to restore the river would have a domino effect downstream—from flooding, water table impacts, impacts on farmland and crops near the river, Endangered Species Act impacts and resulting water supply impacts to Delta water exporters—Central Valley and State Water Project contractors—and upon San Joaquin River tributary agencies—Merced, Turlock, Modesto, Oakdale and South San Joaquin Irrigation Districts.

This legislation ensures that the release of restoration flows down the San Joaquin River will not transfer impacts downstream. After weeks of negotiations with the impacted parties, Senator FEINSTEIN and my other Valley congressional colleagues, I am pleased that we were able to come to an agreement on language that would allow the settlement to go forward, while at the same time protect the water rights and property rights of those not party to the litigation. Specifically, the language provides that the resulting spring run salmon population would be considered an "experimental population" and therefore not subject to the terms of the Endangered Species Act if the salmon migrate from the San Joaquin to its tributaries to the State or Federal export pumps in the San Francisco Bay Delta. This language will protect CVP and SWP contractors as well as Merced, Turlock, Modesto, Oakdale and South San Joaquin Irrigation Districts from water supply impacts.

This legislation also allows the settlement to go forward with a phased-in approach, requiring the Bureau to conduct a feasibility study on the issues of costs and impacts and mitigation of the various options to release restoration flows. No water, other than test flows and minimum restoration flow levels, will be released until a feasibility study and mitigation plan for property is completed.

The settlement agreement's two goals of restoration and water management are equal goals. In order for this settlement to be successful, it is crucial to have the continued support of the Friant Water Users. Meeting the water management goals of the settlement, with the Bureau developing an effective recirculation plan with excess pumping capacity and a recovered water account to mitigate a substantial portion of the water losses to Friant districts, is the best path toward this success. Successful implementation also dictates that funding is provided to meet both of these goals.

I remain committed to continuing to work with my Valley congressional colleagues, Senators FEINSTEIN and BOXER, the settling parties

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and third parties to ensure that this legislation and the settlement agreement are implemented consistent with these goals.

TRIBUTE TO NORTH JERSEY CHAPTER OF THE LINKS, INC., PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH, AND DR. DORIAN J. WILSON FOR THEIR WORK ON NATIONAL DONOR SABBATH AND THE LINKAGES TO LIFE PROGRAM

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the participants in The Linkages to Life Program of the North Jersey Chapter of the Links, Inc., which has as its service area Essex, Hudson, Bergen and Passaic counties in the fine state of New Jersey. Each year, for the past 5 years, Links, Inc., and Roche form a major lifesaving or life-altering function by conducting the Linkages to Life program in houses of worship. Today approximately 93,000 people are awaiting transplant surgery, and 25 percent of the people awaiting transplants are of African descent.

Nationwide, we reserve the second weekend in November each year to emphasize the need for life-saving and life-altering blood, organ and tissue donation in houses of worship throughout the United States of America. The National Trends and Services Facet of the North Jersey Chapter of the Links, Inc., chaired by Beverly McQueary Smith, a past president of the National Bar Association, and a native and resident of Jersey City, New Jersey spearheaded this year's effort on behalf of the North Jersey Chapter of the Links, Inc.

Links, Inc., is built on a foundation of friendship and service. Sarah Scott and Margaret Hawkins founded it on November 9, 1946, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Today, it contains a network of over 10,000 Black women. Gloria P. Watson, the principal at Dionne Warwick Institute in East Orange, New Jersey, is the current president of The North Jersey Chapter of the Links, Inc., established in June 1949. The Motto for Links, Inc., this year under the leadership of National President Gwendolyn B. Lee, Ph.D. is "Seizing the Opportunity to Provide World Class Leadership, Friendship and Service." The members of the North Jersey Chapter of the Links, Inc., exemplify that motto.

By way of background let me first say that the United States Department of Health and Human Services started to coordinate National Organ Donor Sabbath in 1996, and November 10–12, 2006 marked the 10th anniversary celebration of the National Donor Sabbath program.

My friend Beverly McQueary Smith, who worked on my first campaign many years ago, was blessed with a hardworking and diligent committee. The members of the National Trends and Services Facet include:

Jessica L. Morse, who works for Community Agencies Corporation of New Jersey in Newark;

Dr. Paulette Stanford who promotes HIV and AIDS prevention and awareness at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey;

Dr. Montrae Calhoun Thomas, a pediatrician in Orange, NJ and the first lady of Pilgrim Baptist Church, and last, but certainly not least,

The Honorable Shirley Tolentino, a judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey sitting in Hudson County, a former president of the National Association of Women Judges, and a former president of the North Jersey Chapter of the Links, Inc., organized this year's Linkages to Life program at Pilgrim Baptist Church on 34 Hudson Street in Newark, New Jersey.

Linkages to Life focuses on educating people of African descent about the importance of blood, tissue and organ donation, and Linkages to Life is a 5-year partnership between Roche and Links, Inc., which resulted in the publication of a pamphlet, "Can We Talk?"

The Reverend Clarence Thomas, the pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church in Newark, NJ, agreed to allow members of the North Jersey Chapter of the Links, Inc., to worship with and to present its Linkages to Life Program on National Donor Sabbath to the members of Pilgrim Baptist Church. He delivered a powerful sermon on organ donation.

Dr. Dorian J. Wilson, a transplant surgeon and a native of Jersey City, and member of the faculty at The University of Medicine and Dentistry spoke at the Linkages to Life program at Pilgrim Baptist Church.

Leslie and Laureen Britton, Kevin and Tawanna Waters, and the Honorable Mumtaz Bari-Brown, an administrative law judge in the city of Newark and also a member of the North Jersey Chapter of the Links Inc., discussed the impact of organ and tissue donation on their lives. Garry Branch spoke in his choir robe about how he learned that he needed a kidney transplant. Other members of the congregation talked about their decisions to donate organs of their loved ones.

Former Chapter President, Leanora Logan serves as the Eastern Area Representative for National Trends and Services, who returned from a meeting in Virginia to bring greetings at the Linkages to Life program. Attendees recognized the hard work of the representatives from Ketchum Marketing including Katie Donnelly, Nichole Rothkopf, Adam Pawluk and Amy Losak of Link Victoria Dent's office. They thanked Gail Safian and Ellen Lambert of Roche for providing the brochures and organ donor cards for the Linkages to Life Program.

The North Jersey Chapter of the Links, Inc., thank Newark City Council President Mildred C. Crump and her counsel, Victoria F. Pratt for making sure that members of the City Council provided proclamations to Pilgrim Baptist Church and the North Jersey Chapter of the Links, Inc., during the service.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the hard work of people who work in and serve my congressional district. Their work was reported by the New York Times, The Houston Chronicle, The Record, News 12 NJ, and also aired on The Today Show. This body should acknowledge their willingness to help let my constituents know how important it is to donate blood, tissue and organs.

IN CELEBRATION OF RILEY MOORE, AN EXCEPTIONAL GODFATHER

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 90th Birthday of my Godfather, Riley Moore. Riley Moore exemplifies all the qualities one would want or expect from a Godfather.

I am 57 years old and Riley Moore and his wife of 56 years, Mattie, have not missed a birthday, a graduation, a Christmas, an election victory, the birth of my son, my marriage, the celebration of the life of my mother, or any other significant or insignificant event in my life. For all of these reasons, I am eternally grateful for the love and instruction I have received from Riley and Mattie Moore.

Riley and my father, Andrew Tubbs, worked together as skycaps for United Airlines for almost forty years. My mother, Mary Tubbs, and Mattie Moore were born on the same day. They were both members of the Wives Club, an organization composed of wives of skycaps. The Wives Club hosted picnics, parties and other events in support of their husbands.

Riley introduced my father to the game of golf more than fifty years ago. He and my father have since golfed all over the world. Their circle of friends in golf includes Charles Sifford, who was recently inducted into the Golf Hall of Fame in Scotland. It also includes Renee Powell, one of only three African-American women to ever play on the Ladies Professional Golf Association's (LPGA) tour, and her father, William Powell, who was the first African American to design, construct, own and operate a golf course. This golf course is located not far from my district, in Canton, Ohio. At age 90, Riley is still an avid golfer.

Although Riley and Mattie have moved from Cleveland to Centerville, Tennessee, they have yet to miss an opportunity to celebrate an event in my life. In addition, they call my 86-year-old father every Sunday. Although he is homebound, he eagerly looks forward to these weekly phone calls from his friend.

Mr. Speaker, I wish that everyone could have a godfather like my godfather, Riley Moore.

RECOGNIZING SAMUEL A. BRANDT FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Samuel A. Brandt, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 357, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Samuel has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Samuel has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.