

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMENDING THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE NORTHERN NEW JERSEY WALK NOW FOR AUTISM

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, yesterday, people of all ages, of all races, of all religions and walks of life joined together in Montclair, New Jersey for the Northern New Jersey Walk Now for Autism. Many of those who walked deal with autism on a daily basis in their homes. They walked for their sons and daughters, grandchildren, and brothers and sisters. They are remarkable for their strength and their spirit, and I commend each and every one of them for their efforts.

Each year, more and more children are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders, yet each year we seem to learn more and more about how little we know about autism and how to help those who must deal with it every day.

But, what we do know is that it can be a lonely world for many children with autism. It can be an equally lonely world for those who care for autistic children. What makes these walks so phenomenal is not just the awareness that they raise amongst the general public or the money they raise, but the community spirit that they generate. No parent or grandparent, sister or brother need feel alone. There is a whole family of people who know what you go through and are there to lend all the support that you need.

Because of the can-do spirit of autism families, today, we have new schools and new teaching methods to serve autistic children; we have new research to bring us closer to an understanding of autism spectrum disorders; and we have a fresh recognition of how bright and special children with autism are. I commend these families for taking on autism head-on, and I am certain that with the spirit they bring to this fight, they will change the future for all who struggle with autism.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR FRANK JACKSON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Frank Jackson for his outstanding work and unyielding effort to assist the homeless population of Cleveland.

Ever since Mayor Jackson was elected to Cleveland City Council in 1989, he has been a leading force for bringing Cleveland together as one city and bridging the gaps that exist

between communities. As a result, Cleveland has blossomed into a city that unites the lives of its children, seniors, disabled people, families, businesses, and all vulnerable populations.

During his service to Cleveland, Mayor Jackson has made strong contributions to the advancement of equality, and has worked tirelessly to increase opportunities for the economically and socially disadvantaged. Mayor Jackson has supported subsidized affordable housing in Cleveland to ensure everyone has a roof over their heads. Moreover he has labored to include low income Clevelanders in the decision making process, rather than alienating them. During his successful mayoral campaign, he empowered the homeless community by involving them in the campaign and encouraging them to organize and advocate for themselves.

Mayor Jackson's tremendous service to Cleveland is a shining example of how we should all do our utmost to create a society where rather than hide from problems like poverty and homelessness, we face them and commit ourselves to their eradication. He is the first Cleveland Mayor to attend the annual Homeless Memorial Day during his term, demonstrating his solidarity with the homeless community and his commitment to addressing the concerns they face.

It is therefore with great honor that I celebrate Mayor Jackson as the recipient of the lone Biggs Award. The Award memorializes lone and celebrates her lifelong efforts to breaking down barriers in our society. Lone listened to everyone, including those with whom she did not agree. Mayor Jackson possesses the very same qualities, and I am proud of the work he is doing for our city.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Mayor Frank Jackson for his outstanding and tireless efforts as an advocate for the homeless, as well as for bringing all people that share the great city of Cleveland together as one people.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GRADUATES OF LAKE COUNTY ELECTRICIANS JOINT APPRENTICESHIP COMPLETION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2007

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great sincerity and admiration that I offer congratulations to several of Northwest Indiana's most talented, dedicated, and hardworking individuals. On Friday, June 1, 2007, the Lake County Electricians Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC) will honor the class of 2007 at their annual Apprentice Completion Banquet, which will be held at the Avalon Manor Banquet Hall in Merrillville, Indiana.

This year, the Lake County Electricians JATC will be recognizing and honoring the following graduates, who have completed the apprentice training: Angel Alvarez, Gregory Breitzke, Ryan Cleveringa, Justin Copak, Christopher Curatolo, Matthew Deering, Sr., Steven Dodd, Brandon Fritzsche, Ryan Gregory, Brion Grooms, Dustin Hall, Daniel Kanelopoulos II, Michael Keilman, Antonio Kendrick, Christopher Levenson, Christopher Nighbert, Carlos Reices, Raymond Rodriguez, Jose Sanchez, Micah Schantz, Matthew Summers, Billy Thomas, Dave Waffler, Ryan Williams, and Robert Willis, Jr.

Northwest Indiana has a rich history of excellence in its craftsmanship and loyalty by its tradesmen. These outstanding graduates all exemplify these traits. They have mastered their trade and have demonstrated their loyalty to both the union and the community through their commitment, hard work, and selfless sacrifice.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these committed, hardworking individuals. Along with the other extraordinary men and women of Northwest Indiana's unions, these individuals have contributed in many ways to the growth and development of the economy in Indiana's First Congressional District, and I am very proud to represent them in Washington, DC.

IN MEMORY OF MR. CLYDE R. WESTFALL

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the achievements of Clyde R. Westfall, husband, father, and devoted citizen of Braxton County, West Virginia, who passed away on April 13, 2007.

Mr. Westfall had a passion for infrastructure improvements in his community. His perseverance to the Curry Ridge Water Project was instrumental in bringing many parties together to complete the goal of running, potable water in the homes and businesses of this community.

Mr. Westfall not only provided his valuable service to his fellow citizens, but as a foreman in the coal industry. His character brought credibility to his works. He was steadfast in his desire for the betterment of his community. His diligent work, particularly to the Curry Ridge Water Project, will be beneficial to many citizens and industry for years to come.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in honoring the life of Clyde Westfall, whose dedication and service is truly admirable. He will be sadly missed by many.

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