

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR, DR. LAJEANE THOMAS

**HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 23, 2008*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Lajeane Thomas, a professor of education at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, LA., who was recently named to eSchool News' "Ten Who've Made a Difference" in educational technology.

Thoma's designation to this list put her alongside world-renowned technology dynamo Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates as well as One Laptop Per Child Chairman Nicholas Negroponte and Linda Roberts, former special White House advisor to educational technology.

According to its Web site, eSchool News is a marketing solutions company whose purpose is to serve the education technology industry. The company released its Top 10 list in honor of its 10th anniversary as a way to recognize people who have made a significant impact on educational technology in the last decade.

As the chair of the accreditation standards committee with the International Society for Technology in Education, Thomas has consistently kept Louisiana Tech University on the cutting edge of educational technology. In fact, it was her leadership in creating the nation's first set of national standards in this area in 1998—the National Education Technology Standards—which earned her the eSchool News' designation as one of our country's most notable "ed-tech movers and shakers."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the accomplishments of Dr. Lajeane Thomas and her commitment to advancing educational technology for college students in the 5th Congressional District of Louisiana and throughout our Nation.

CONGRATULATING ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 23, 2008*

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ambler on an important milestone—its 100th anniversary. Over the past 100 years, St. John's, known by many as "the little church with the big heart," has served the people of my district. I am honored to represent the St. John's community in Congress.

In 1907, Samuel F. Tholan, a young Lutheran pastor from Upper Dublin Lutheran

Church, began holding worship services for Ambler residents who were unable to travel to Upper Dublin. On April 26, 1908, Pastor Tholan's 28 member congregation was organized officially as St. John's Lutheran Church. St. John's was housed in the Ambler opera house until 1913, when it moved to the congregation's current home at the corner of Race and Ridge Streets in the heart of downtown Ambler.

Over the tumultuous past century, St. John's has embraced music as the fabric and heart of the congregation. On Sunday mornings, passersby are greeted with the swells of jazz, gospel, or Bach's cello suites emanating from within the chapel. In recent years, as a result of committed service to the Nation at large, St. John's has earned a new nickname: "the little church with big ideas."

In 2005, following Hurricane Katrina, St. John's held concerts to raise money for those who were displaced by the storm and sent a group of volunteers to Biloxi to aid in reconstruction efforts. St. John's also donated hundreds of musical instruments to replace those that were lost in the hurricane.

In 2007, St. John's turned their attention to the Ethiopian orphans of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Harnessing the power of their musical congregation, St. John's held concerts that raised funds for the Fountain of Life Child Sponsorship Project, which will provide support for 300 of these orphans.

Madam Speaker, once again I congratulate St. John's Lutheran Evangelical Church, and all of the men, women, and children of the congregation for their dedication to religious and community service. This "little church with big ideas" has had a remarkable impact on our local, regional, national, and international community. I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the 100th anniversary milestone of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and wish the St. John's family many more years of community enrichment and service.

HONORING THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CREATION OF SEPCHE

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 23, 2008*

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and celebrate the 15th anniversary of the creation of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Consortium for Higher Education (SEPCHE) of the greater Philadelphia area. Together, the institutions that make up SEPCHE enroll more than 20,000 students and represent the third largest provider of higher education services in the Delaware Valley. Collectively, the consortium awards more master degrees in education than any other institution in the Commonwealth and is the largest provider of teaching credentials.

Throughout the past 15 years, the eight colleges that comprise SEPCHE—Arcadia Uni-

versity, Cabrini College, Chestnut Hill College, Gwynedd-Mercy College, Holy Family University, Immaculata University, Neumann College and Rosemont College—have engaged in a collaborative approach to the challenges of higher education. Through a range of activities, services, technology and information, the consortium institutions have worked together to promote quality and efficiency of academic programming, student access, faculty development, institutional operations and community outreach.

In addition to its work at the collegiate level, the collaborative efforts of SEPCHE have had many positive outcomes for the member schools and the surrounding communities. With its development of the Mathematics & Science Institute, which offers ongoing education and training to hundreds of K-12 teachers in the Philadelphia area, the institute has been a valuable resource in curriculum development for use in classrooms.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in thanking the Southeastern Pennsylvania Consortium for Higher Education for its exemplary service and commitment to its students and region's communities. May its continued excellence be an inspiration to us all.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. DONALD C. MOYER

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 23, 2008*

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to rise today to honor Dr. Donald C. Moyer by entering his name in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, the official record of the proceedings and debates of the United States Congress since 1873. Today I honor the life of Dr. Donald C. Moyer.

Dr. Moyer was the first official president of the institution called Nevada Southern University which is now the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV). Dr. Moyer served first as chancellor, and then as president from 1964 to 1968. Moyer spent much of his time working with students to elevate the campus experience, and he remained active in the university throughout his life, attending school ceremonies and functions.

During his tenure, the first on-campus housing facility, Tonopah Hall, was built. He also secured funds for other buildings, including the original Student Union, which was later dedicated to him. Dr. Moyer is credited for establishing the College of Hotel Administration. He raised money for the Performing Arts Center, and laid the groundwork for intercollegiate football. Additionally, Dr. Moyer worked to create the Nevada Southern Land Foundation, which used State funds to buy much of the 334-acre campus that UNLV has today. The UNLV Alumni Association was also created under his guide.

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Donald was married to his wife, Jewel, for 65 years. He had two daughters, seven grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the "Original UNLV Rebel" Dr. Donald Moyer for his contributions to higher education and to the southern Nevada community.

IN CELEBRATION OF KINGS COUNTY FARM BUREAU'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 23, 2008*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a significant milestone in the history of Kings County, California; the 90th anniversary of the Kings County Farm Bureau.

My district is fortunate to be represented by three County Farm Bureaus. On April 24, 2008, one of those districts, Kings County Farm Bureau, will celebrate their 90th anniversary during their annual banquet in Hanford, California. It is appropriate at this time to recognize the crucial role that the Farm Bureau has played in Kings County and to underscore their many contributions, not only to agriculture in the region, but also to the greater communities of the county, State, and Nation.

Unlike other parts of the country, agriculture continues to be one of the major economic engines in California, providing the country with California's finest farm products. Kings County, continues to set the pace for the rest of the State by remaining one of the State's largest agricultural producers. Farmland constitutes 84 percent of the County's total land acreage and this acreage supports approximately 350 different crops; many of which are grown nowhere else in the Nation. These crops are generating over \$1 billion annually to the economy of Kings County and are shipped throughout the United States as well as foreign markets.

Kings County Farm Bureau has persevered in promoting and protecting the family farm, maintaining the treasured natural resources that are so important to California and this Nation's vitality and lifestyle. Through local determination and active participation in the legislative process, Kings County Farm Bureau is helping local agricultural producers maintain a viable system of production and delivery of abundant, safe supplies of wholesome food and fiber to our local, national and export citizens.

Kings County Farm Bureau has been recognized for its work in partnering with and promoting community service. With approximately 25 percent of the workforce in Kings County either directly or indirectly related to the agricultural industry, Kings County Farm Bureau has been a leader in addressing local issues such as air quality, water supply, water quality, conservation, property rights and animal welfare in the local communities.

More than ever today, the role of the Farm Bureaus must be preserved, honored and strengthened. As agriculture evolves, it is essential that our policies be based on current needs of this vital industry. As a farmer myself, I am proud that my family and I represent two generations of membership in Farm Bureau both in Kings County as well as Tulare

and Fresno Counties. I commend Kings County Farm Bureau to my colleagues for its presence, dedication and professionalism in serving as the voice of agriculture in Kings County. Congratulations to the Kings County Farm Bureau on its historic 90th year serving Kings County agriculture.

THE DAILY 45: 37 WEEKEND

**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 23, 2008*

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, every day, 45 people, on average, are fatally shot in the United States. In Chicago, just this past weekend, some 37 people were shot—seven of them fatally. More than three dozen people were victims of incidents that included gang-related drive-bys, an attempted robbery and other flashes of violence.

During this weekend of violence, a 26-year-old was killed in his home, two teens on the same South Side street, and another man as he sat in the office of his plumbing business.

There must be a public outcry. We must do all we can to stop the senseless violence and death. We must all band together to stop the culture of violence and replace it with a culture of peace, respect and love.

Americans of conscience must come together to stop the senseless death of "The Daily 45." When will Americans say "enough is enough, stop the killing!"

IN REMEMBRANCE OF HONORABLE TIMOTHY COTNER

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 23, 2008*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in remembering the Honorable Timothy Cotner who passed away on April 13, 2008.

Judge Timothy Cotner was a lawyer and judge who believed strongly in public service and whose commitment to service was developed from an early age. His parents, George and Mercedes, served as great examples for him in their commitment to public service. Mercedes Cotner was a Cleveland City Councilwoman and Clerk of Council when I served as Councilman and Mayor in Cleveland. She was a mentor and an inspiration to me as I know she was to Timothy and his late brother Gerald Cotner.

Judge Cotner was a graduate of St. Ignatius High School and John Carroll University before starting his career with International Harvester and later the Cleveland Fire Department. While with the Fire Department, he attended Cleveland Marshall Law School and graduated with his law degree in 1968. He worked for the Cleveland Law Department upon his graduation and later served as Assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecutor and as Northeast Ohio Supervisor for the Ohio Attorney General. In 1982 he went into private practice but soon returned to public service upon his election as Juvenile Court Judge for the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. He retired from the bench in 1992.

Judge Cotner was active in civic life in the Greater Cleveland community. He was a past president of the Lakewood Democratic Club, was an usher at St. Patrick's Church, and was active in the Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name Society. Judge Cotner was active in his local bar associations and served his country in the Naval Reserve.

Judge Cotner is survived by his sons James and Thomas and daughters Joan and Caroline, all of whom live in or near their father's city of residence, Westlake, Ohio. He is also survived by eight grandchildren.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembering the life and career of the Honorable Timothy Cotner, lawyer, judge, and community leader, who will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

H.R. 1338—THE PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT 2008

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 23, 2008*

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, today is Equal Pay Day. As a cosponsor and strong supporter of H.R. 1338, the Paycheck Fairness Act, I rise to join my colleague, Congresswoman DELAURO in calling for passage of this important bill. This legislation strengthens the current Equal Pay Act of 1963 and represents another important step in our Nation's efforts to end gender based wage discrimination.

Since the Equal Pay Act was signed into law over 45 years ago, the wage gap has narrowed less than half a cent per year. African American women earn just 63 cents on the dollar, and Hispanic American women fare worse, at 52 cents. As women grow older, the wage gap widens: women aged 45 to 64, who are preparing for retirement, earn only 71 percent of what men do. At the current rate the wage gap is closing, the Institute for Women's Policy Research estimates equity will not be achieved until 2057.

Given that 41 percent of women provide the sole source of income for their families, lower incomes affect their ability to pay for essentials like groceries, doctor's visits, and child care. Current increases in gas prices, rising foods costs, and a stagnant job market are especially impacting women during these difficult economic times.

The Paycheck Fairness Act will enhance enforcement of equal pay requirements by allowing women to sue for compensatory and punitive damages if wage discrimination is proven. This measure alone will compensate women for years of discrimination, and send a clear signal to employers that wage discrimination will not be tolerated.

Moreover, H.R. 1338 enhances training and community outreach programs that will educate employees, labor organizations, and the general public on ways to effectively negotiate salaries and benefits. These programs will develop a new generation of self-reliant women in the workforce.

Finally this bill recognizes employers who proactively adjust their wage scales to ensure that women are paid fairly in comparison to men. The Paycheck Fairness Act outlines measurable actions; and furthermore, it ensures that nationally we are addressing and