

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING KEVIN BOREN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kevin Boren of Grain Valley, Missouri. Kevin is 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 1228, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kevin Boren for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MRS. MONICA
(RUHL) KINNEL

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Madam Speaker, I rise today to inform our colleagues of a milestone event that occurred yesterday for a very special lady in the Grande Ronde Valley of Oregon. Mrs. Monica (Ruhl) Kinnel turned 100 years old yesterday and celebrated over the weekend in Island City, Oregon with many generations of her family and a legion of friends and admirers. Monica is an amazing lady who has led a remarkable and exciting life, and The Observer newspaper in La Grande, Oregon recently chronicled her adventures to date and I'd like to share with you some highlights from it.

In July 1892 a land purchase was made on the outskirts of Alicel in modern day Union County that became the seminal grounds for a ranching/farming family that has spanned five generations in the Grande Ronde Valley. Monica's grandparents, Henry and Anna Ruhl, purchased 338 acres near Alicel for \$10,000 and assumed a \$2,500 debt on the land. Their son Harry continued operation of the Alicel ranch and married Maude Gaskill whose parents owned a farm less than two miles away.

Maude designed a ranch home that her father-in-law Henry built on his land. Built with brick from the La Grande brickyard and mortar made from sand from the Grande Ronde River, the home was completed in 1906. Two years later on June 2, 1908, Monica was born. Monica lives with her daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Bob Beck, in the house she was born in 100 years ago.

Harry and Maude were fun-loving and curious and involved Monica in life's happenings. Monica remembers an outing to Boise with her father when he bought a toaster. Monica asked him what he was going to do with it since they didn't have electricity. Harry replied, "We'll be ready."

Monica was married to Bob Kinnel in 1930. They took over the family ranch, raising Hereford cattle and farming. They added more farm land adjacent to the Ruhl ranch and the whole became the Kinnel Ranch where they raised their family and lived until Bob's untimely demise at the age of 43 in 1955. Monica and Bob made a real team and raised three lovely daughters, Suzanne (who passed away in 1999), Joanne and Sharon. Sharon recounts that her parents had "a love affair so powerful and so joyful that the two of them seemed to know something that no one else knew."

Willis Ketchum, who now owns a neighboring farm, and the girls who were then in their early 20s, rallied around Monica and pitched in to save the ranch. In the fall of 1956 Monica hired on a scrapping, ranch-raised young man from Telocaset named Bob Beck. In just over a year he married Sharon and together they have added their own chapter to the family saga.

Monica traveled the world with daughter Joanne and the United States with other family and friends. Monica's legacy of love and laughter has been imparted to her grandchildren and great grandchildren as well. Anecdotes abound, like the time she brought grandson Rob a male tarantula from California. He built a terrarium and the next year she took Rob to the same desert to release him. Another is when grandson Brad and some contractor working on the house witnessed Monica—then in her 80s—leave the house with a fishing pole and satchel "to go catch breakfast" and came back within 30 minutes with a 22-inch rainbow trout.

Monica has always taught her family to live in the now, don't put things off til later as there may not be a later. Given the choice of describing her life as a hard-working, tenacious and productive ant or a carefree, live-for-the-moment grasshopper, Monica chose the grasshopper without hesitation. Her philosophy is "live and let live." Fortunately for Monica and her family, she continues to live an exhilarating journey.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I wish Monica Kinnel a very happy 100th birthday!

CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE
MONTH

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to praise the contributions of the Caribbean-American community to this Nation's history

and development. Since before the 1770's when Jean Baptist Pointe DuSable moved to what is now my hometown of Chicago this community has played a vital and positive role in the development of this country.

With over 4.6 million Caribbean-Americans in this country the contributions of this community should not be overlooked. This Caribbean-American community has brought to us such notables as Alexander Hamilton, Sydney Poitier, W.E.B. Dubois, Malcolm X, and former Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Madam Speaker, without the contributions of these individuals the United States would not be the country we see today. Without Hamilton, would we have been the Constitutional Republic that allows us to be here today? Without Dubois when might we have realized that "The cost of liberty is less than the price of repression." Without Malcolm X would our youth understand that "The future belongs to those who prepare for it today."

Madam Speaker, in preparing for that future I believe it is fundamental that we remember our roots. I thank the Caribbean-American community for their contributions to society and look forward to what is yet to come.

HONORING MR. PETER QUINN

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable man and his equally remarkable family. Mr. Peter Quinn of Wallingford, PA is a man of many talents—each of enormous value to our community. He is deeply spiritual, with extraordinary compassion for those in our society who struggle with a wide range of personal challenges. A graduate of Villanova University and a peerless teacher and guidance counselor at Bishop McDevitt High School in Philadelphia, Pete Quinn possesses a unique capacity to positively influence young people. That quality was never clearer than when he left Bishop McDevitt to become a founder and prime mover behind "The Bridge" at Fox Chase. This creative residential substance abuse treatment program is a safe harbor for teenagers from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware and a model behavioral health service program. While at The Bridge, Pete worked tirelessly to see that young men with substance abuse problems received innovative treatment and, most importantly, that they had a role model for life in the person of Pete Quinn.

Following that signal achievement, Pete became a valuable member of the Philadelphia business community while serving as the Government Relations Director and Community Outreach Coordinator for one of the world's largest pharmaceutical firms. For nearly a decade he promoted responsible corporate programs to help the community he loves so dearly. In June 2008, Pete Quinn will complete

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his fourth impressive career when he retires as founding executive director of the Greater Valley Forge Transportation Management Association (TMA). In that capacity Pete contributed directly to the economic vitality of the 7th Congressional District by advancing hundreds of transit improvements, including the 422 River Crossings Projects, I-76/I-476 TSM project and many more.

Without doubt, however, Pete's greatest accomplishment is his loving and devoted family. His wife Maryanne, the love of his life and best friend, has been one of the area's finest Latin teachers for nearly two decades at the Haverford School. Their daughter Maryanne, her mother's namesake, scholarly equal and successful business leader, is married to Mr. Bryan Hancock with 2 beautiful children, Will and Hugh. Pete Quinn Jr, husband to Kristen and father of Warner and Anderson, reflects the best of his father. A graduate of the US Naval Academy and F-18 Hornet pilot, he's currently serving our nation as we fight wars on two fronts.

Madam Speaker I ask that we pause and salute Pete and Maryanne Quinn, their exceptional children and grandchildren for representing the epitome of a life well lived in loving service to one another, their community and our great nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE JOINT
VETERANS COMMISSION OF CUYA-
HOGA COUNTY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Joint Veterans Commission of Cuyahoga County as they commemorate Flag Day 2008, Naturalization Day and the two hundred and thirty-third anniversary of the U.S. Army at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum.

I stand today in recognition of the individuals and organizations who make up The Joint Veterans Commission of Cuyahoga County: Army and Navy Union, Catholic War Veterans, Jewish War Veterans, Korean War Veterans Association, Marine Corps League, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Polish Legion of American Veterans, Reserve Officers Association, Southwest Asia Veterans, Ukrainian American Veterans, United Spanish War Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America, Waves National, and the 82nd Airborne Division Association. Their collective and individual efforts ensure a memorable celebration of this year's Flag Day, Naturalization Day and the 233rd Birthday of the U.S. Army.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of The Joint Veterans Commission of Cuyahoga County as they commemorate Flag Day 2008, Naturalization Day, and the 233rd Birthday of the U.S. Army, and in recognition of the individual and collective commitment of the members and organizations to the Greater Cleveland Area.

CLYDE HAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Clyde Han, of Cameron, Missouri. On May 31, 2008, after 25 years of service, Clyde retired from the Cameron, Missouri Fire Department.

Mr. Han has established a distinctive and well respected career serving and protecting the public. Clyde is a Certified Instructor for the University of Missouri Fire Service, and was the University of Missouri Fire & Rescue Training Coordinator for Northwest Missouri for several years. Mr. Han is a certified Fire Investigator for the State of Missouri. Clyde was also an instructor for the Cameron Fire Department, as well as the Fire Inspector for the City of Cameron, Missouri. Mr. Han ended his career with the Cameron Fire Department as Captain.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Clyde Han, whose dedication and service to the citizens he helped protect has been truly outstanding. I commend Clyde on an exceptional career, and I am honored to serve him in the United States Congress.

TRIBUTE TO TENNESSEE'S 4TH
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FIRE-
FIGHTERS

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, over 250 years ago, Benjamin Franklin created the Union Fire Company, the first volunteer fire fighting company in America. Today, volunteers make up over 70% of United States firefighters, with 820,000 Americans dedicating their free time to protecting their neighbors, homes and communities from fire and other calamities.

More than 21,000 of the roughly 30,000 fire departments in the country are entirely comprised of volunteer service members ready and willing to respond to over a million fires every year. Our volunteer fire fighters spend their time and resources to train, prepare and equip themselves so they are ready to face whatever challenge might threaten our homes or safety. Moreover, firefighters are summoned to address a wide variety of emergencies in our country every year, from emergency medical care to natural disasters, water rescue to threats from hazardous materials and more.

The volunteer firefighters of today are working hard to carry on a tradition of commitment to each other that outlasts America itself. As long as fires threaten the well-being of our neighbors and loved ones, the volunteer firefighters of America will continue to answer the call in our defense. For all they do, they deserve our thanks and respect. I rise with my colleagues today to applaud their service and that of paid full-time and part-time firefighters to our country and their noble regard for the protection of us all.

RECOGNIZING THE FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH OF GRAND BLANC

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the First Baptist Church of Grand Blanc as they celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Church's founding. A celebration was held on June 1st in Grand Blanc, Michigan to mark this momentous occasion.

The First Baptist Church of Grand Blanc was founded in 1833 when 26 settlers came together to establish a place of worship. Their guiding beliefs were a dedication to God, religious liberty, belief in the literal translation of the Bible, separation of Church and state, and the autonomy of the local Church.

The 26 individuals were Daniel Williams, Alfred Brainerd, John Tupper, Alden Tupper, Newell Tupper, Harrison Tupper, Alexander Tupper, Phile Miner, John Fritz, Robert Winchell, Philander Williams, Betsy Tupper, Hannah Tupper, Isabelle Tupper, Asenath Brainerd, Sarah Brainerd, Alice Miner, Susanna Fritz, Electa Williams, Sophrona Straw, Almira Phelps, Lovina Gilbert, Sarah Perry, Lovina Williams, Jason Austin, and Eunice Austin. The first meetings were held in a barn and the First Protestant Church of Grand Blanc became the first Protestant Church between Pontiac and the Straits of Mackinaw.

Over the years the congregation has grown. The Church was officially dedicated in 1851 and over the years the congregation has expanded the building and facilities to suit the growing needs of the faithful. In addition to the classrooms and dining hall, a new fellowship hall and a 400-seat sanctuary have been added. The Church was named a State of Michigan Historic Site in 1974 and a National Historic Site in 1983.

Under the current leadership of interim pastor, Reverend Darrell Foltz, the congregation continues to work under the principles of vision, faith and courage to meet the challenges of our world. The congregation meets these challenges every day armed with their spiritual guidance and love of God.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and applaud the First Baptist Church of Grand Blanc for celebrating their 175th anniversary. The bell that was installed in 1837 continues to ring today calling the faithful to worship. May it continue to ring for another 175 years.

A TRIBUTE TO M. MAGDALENA
CARRILLO MEJIA

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. M. Magdalena Carrillo Mejia's years of service as the superintendent of the Sacramento City Unified School District. Dr. Mejia leaves a lasting legacy in Sacramento and she will be deeply missed. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring one of Sacramento's leaders in education.

After earning her bachelor's and master's degree in Multicultural Education from the