

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF SGT JOHN SAVAGE,
USA

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 8, 2009

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the courage of a brave and dedicated hero of the State of Texas and of our Nation.

Sergeant John J. Savage was a soldier in the United States Army and a true American hero. John gave his life in the service of his country on December 4, 2008, when an explosives-laden SUV broadsided Sergeant Savage's armored vehicle in Mosul, Iraq.

Assigned to 2nd 103rd Engineer Company, 94th Engineer Battalion, Sergeant Savage did his part during a time of war, an action that speaks volumes far greater than words about his character and patriotism.

A native of Weatherford, Texas, John had aspirations for a life in the military from a young age. As stated by his mother, "He loved the military. It was a lifelong dream of his."

John had been on active duty in the United States Army for 6 years. He spent 3 years stationed in Germany prior to his first deployment to Iraq in 2005 and was then deployed for a second tour in September of 2007.

Sergeant Savage's three-year-old daughter, Nicole, will continue to learn of her father through family and friends. John's father, a retired Master Sergeant from the United States Army, commented on his son by stating, "His family was his number one priority."

Our thoughts and prayers are with Sergeant Savage's daughter, parents, siblings, and all of his family and friends. His community and Nation honor his memory, and we are grateful for his faithful and distinguished service to America.

Sergeant Savage will not be forgotten. His memory lives on through his family and the legacy of selfless service that he so bravely imprinted on our hearts.

CELEBRATION OF MRS. MAGGIE
KATIE BROWN KIDD'S 104TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 8, 2009

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, as the Proverb states, "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies." I rise today to recognize a truly virtuous woman whose life is not only far above rubies, but one of great milestones and accomplishments that is worthy of celebration. On December 8, 2008, Mrs. Maggie Katie Brown Kidd will turn 104 years old and I am honored to serve as a spokesman for Mrs. Kidd's family members

and friends who will recognize her birthday with a party in November of last year.

Born during President Theodore Roosevelt's second term in office, Mrs. Kidd has been blessed to see 17 Presidents in her lifetime. The eleventh and youngest child of William and Lucy Brown, Mrs. Kidd learned the importance of hard work and faith in God at an early age. Baptized at the Mount Zion Baptist and her dedication to the church never left her and she instilled the traditions of faith and her work in her own family. She married the late Willie Kidd, III on November 30, 1940, and together they raised their two children, John and Rosalyn. She is also the proud grandmother to four and the great-grandmother to three and serves as the matriarch of her loving family.

Mrs. Kidd's family describes her as a loving and selfless member of her community, offering her time and whatever she has to those in need. She is also an avid quilter and participates in family gathers and activities outside of Georgia. Her most favorite moments, however, are the ones on a quiet afternoon stitching in her favorite chair.

Madam Speaker, I am so honored to serve Mrs. Kidd's representative. Her life is a living history of the times and events that have shaped our great land and is a monument to how far we've come as a Nation. Moreover, her life serves as a testament to individuals and families everywhere that a strong unbinding faith in the Lord, coupled with hard work and a dedication to family will carry you far in life. As the Proverb states, "favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised". Mrs. Maggie Katie Brown Kidd truly embodies the example of a virtuous woman and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing her life by wishing her a very happy 104th birthday.

PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY
DONATION REFORM ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 7, 2009

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Presidential Library Donation Reform Act.

I have long been troubled by the fact that fund-raising for Presidential libraries is completely unregulated and therefore ripe for corruption.

By making information about donations publicly accessible—including the amount, date of the contribution and the name of the contributor—through a free, searchable, database managed by National Archives, we take an important first step toward the accountability due these national landmarks.

However, I do not think that this legislation goes far enough as it does not limit donations in any way, it only discloses them.

While the majority of people who contribute to Presidential libraries do so for the right reason, there are some who do not, including those who do not share our national interests.

In fact, while donations to Presidential election campaigns are limited in amount, and restricted altogether from foreign governments, amazingly, foreign individuals and foreign corporations can donate to Presidential libraries even when the President is still in office.

In November I wrote to President Bush urging him not to accept any money from the Chinese government to help fund his Presidential library.

I did not want his library to be tainted by contributions from a government with such a deplorable human rights record. I am similarly concerned by the \$41 million that former President Clinton's foundation has collected from foreign nations including the likes of Saudi Arabia, which is widely known to promote the radical Wahhabi interpretation of Islam within its own borders and in schools and madrassas around the world.

Transparency in government builds accountability. And accountability is good for our democracy. It is long overdue for the American public to know who is contributing to these libraries, and how much, especially when it involves sitting Presidents. This legislation will help—but we must do more.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 293, THE
HOMELESS WOMEN VETERAN
AND HOMELESS VETERANS WITH
CHILDREN REINTEGRATION
GRANT PROGRAM ACT OF 2009

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 8, 2009

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing the Homeless Women Veteran and Homeless Veterans with Children Reintegration Grant Program Act of 2009. Madam Speaker, veterans of all conflicts often face challenges that are unique to their military service and that too often result in their becoming homeless.

For veterans, especially women veterans and veterans with dependent children, those challenges can become nearly insurmountable when combined with a lack of appropriate housing. This legislation seeks to provide appropriate housing for women veterans and family-style housing for any homeless veteran with dependent children. Specifically, this bill creates a new grant for providers that offer family-style housing for homeless veterans with dependent children.

The bill also requires recipients to provide employment counseling, placement assistance, literacy, job skill training, and child care services as well as the unique services that

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are needed for homeless veteran families and women veterans. The Department of Labor's Veteran Employment and Training Service would administer the program within their successful Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program (HVRP).

The bill also requires that the current biennial reports to Congress include data that shows results and outcomes of the services provided to the homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with dependent children. The bill authorizes appropriations of \$10,000,000 for each fiscal year for the program.

If this bill is enacted, it would provide valuable services to this vulnerable population of veterans and help stem the tide of chronic homelessness. I urge my colleagues to support and co-sponsor the measure.

HONORING DAVID "NICK" LYNCH

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 8, 2009

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Suitland High School head football coach David "Nick" Lynch, who was killed in a car accident last week, at the age of 43. Nick Lynch was one of the most respected football coaches in Maryland, leading the Suitland High team for 12 years and taking it to two state championships.

More than his coaching success, though, Coach Lynch was set apart by his devotion to his players and outsized role in the Prince George's County community. As Suitland Principal Mark Fossett said, "He's had an impact on so many people's lives—not only football players, but students in general. It wasn't like Nick was just the head coach of football. This is a devastating loss to our community, to our family." Many of his current and former players echoed that thought, speaking of Coach Lynch's commitment to shaping the lives of his players off the field, inviting them to church and meals, and acting as the caring authority figure that many of them had lacked. Keith Brown, one of Suitland's players, put it simply after Coach Lynch's memorial service: "That's my father."

At a service in which some mourners squeezed into stairways or sat in aisles, nearly 3,000 members of the Prince George's community gathered to honor Nick Lynch's impact on the lives of so many young men. Though Coach Lynch is gone, his influence will no doubt endure in all the lives he touched.

HONORING LEROY RADANOVICH

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 8, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Leroy Radanovich. Mr. Radanovich was recognized by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors on December 9, 2008.

Leroy Radanovich was born and raised in Mariposa County, CA. As a child, Yosemite National Park was his playground. He grew up

learning to appreciate his surroundings and his community. Through his love of nature, Mr. Radanovich began photographing areas of Mariposa and Yosemite Valley. Because of his talented eye for beauty today many of his photographs can be found in numerous books and museums. Although his photography has spread his name around the world, it is his community activities that have made him a leader in Mariposa.

Mr. Radanovich is a local business owner. Though retired from the pharmacy business, he currently operates a photography business. He has served his community as a volunteer firefighter, past president of the Lions Club, and past president of the Mariposa County Water Agency. He served as president of the Mariposa Chamber of Commerce and assisted in establishing multiple tourism and economic development programs. From 1985 through 1988, Mr. Radanovich was elected as the supervisor of District 4 in Mariposa County. During his role as supervisor he served as the chairman of the board in 1987 and the president of the San Joaquin Valley Supervisors Association in 1988. In 1987 he was instrumental in obtaining the designation of the Kern and Merced Rivers as "National Wild and Scenic River" by the Federal Government. From 1996 until 2003 he was a member of the Mariposa Planning Commission and assisted in developing the comprehensive update of the General Plan. Mr. Radanovich is a member of the Historical Sites and Records Preservation Commission, the Cemetery Advisory Committee, and was influential in the restoration of the Mariposa County Courthouse. Since 2006, he has served as the director of the Yosemite/Mariposa County Tourism Bureau. Mr. Radanovich has been involved with nearly every significant project in Mariposa County since the 1960s.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Leroy Radanovich. Although he is going to move away from the public role, I am certain that his influences will still be noticed. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring his accomplishments and wishing him the best in future endeavors.

HONORING JAMES ALBON MATTOX

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 8, 2009

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the late James Mattox.

Jim Mattox was a lifelong Dallasite. A graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School, he also worked his way through the Baylor School of Business and earned a law degree from SMU. He served as an assistant district attorney in Dallas County before beginning his long political career in 1973 when he took office as a State representative from East Dallas. From there he was elected to Congress for three terms and ended his political service in 1991 when he stepped down from his post as Texas attorney general.

Jim Mattox will be remembered as a man who fought for average, working Texans, and who left an unforgettable mark on Texas government in politics. He took on airlines and the insurance industry—among many other cor-

porations—on behalf of Texas consumers. He was one of the greatest attorney generals in the State's history.

After his political career Jim Mattox became known as the "People's Lawyer" and built a truly modern law practice. He and his staff handled more than 2 million cases, won judgments totaling more than \$2.5 billion for the State, and opened up the diversity of the office by hiring more women and minority lawyers than the top 10 Texas law firms of that era combined.

Madam Speaker, Jim Mattox is survived by his wife Marta and their two children, Jim and Janet, as well as his sister, Janice, and brother, Jerry, both of Dallas. I ask my colleagues to join with me in honoring the memory of Jim Mattox. Although he has departed from us in body, his memory will live on in each of us.

HORSE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY
ACT OF 2009

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 8, 2009

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, today Representative STEVE COHEN and I introduced the Horse Transportation Safety Act of 2009.

In Wadsworth, IL, on Saturday, October 27, 2007, a double decker cattle truck carrying 59 Belgian draft horses overturned when the driver ran a red light and hit another vehicle.

Residents at the scene could hear the animals kicking and screaming, panicked by their inability to escape. Eight horses died on the scene while another ten had to be euthanized. After the crash, Wayne Pacelle, president and CEO of The Humane Society of the United States said, "What a gory mess we saw recently in Illinois. It must never happen again . . ."

It is time that we heed these words by putting an end to using double decker trucks to transport horses. This legislation, endorsed by the Humane Society, Animal Welfare Institute, Hooved Animal Rescue and Protection Society, and the Communication Alliance to Network Thoroughbred Ex-Racehorses would take steps toward preventing this disaster from occurring again.

This bill prohibits the interstate transport of horses in a motor vehicle containing two or more levels stacked on top of one another as well as creates civil penalties between \$100 and \$500 for each horse involved.

In my own State of Illinois, the State General Assembly has already moved forward and passed similar legislation. I urge my colleagues to become a cosponsor of this bipartisan commonsense legislation.

STEVE AND SHARON RUSNAK TO
RETIRE: 70 YEARS OF COMBINED
SERVICE

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 8, 2009

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I take this opportunity to acknowledge the support staff that keeps the House up and running year-