

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING GREG PRESTEMON,  
PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CEN-  
TER OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY,  
MISSOURI

**HON. W. TODD AKIN**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 20, 2009*

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor America's entrepreneurs, those distinguished individuals who support our communities, drive innovation, and keep our nation strong. Small businesses bring fresh ideas to the table, develop the resources to meet the demands of an ever-changing world, and make a meaningful impact on our neighborhoods. Entrepreneurs are responsible for providing 60 to 80 percent of all new jobs, giving them the potential to propel rapid economic growth and expand ever-developing fields. Some of the country's largest companies began as start-ups in small offices, homes and garages exploring these new fields. Limited only by their imagination, these firms performed cutting-edge work in emerging industries that have become the very foundation of our society.

As our nation and the world face the most difficult economic conditions in decades, entrepreneurs have the potential to lead us back to prosperity. The resiliency and adaptability shown by small businesses in past recessions demonstrate their capability to meet the challenges standing in their way and emerge stronger than ever. America's small businesses will drive the economic recovery from this downturn and our economy will emerge stronger than ever. Times may be tough, but America's entrepreneurial spirit is tougher.

To recognize the monumental achievements of our nation's small firms, the Small Business Administration (SBA) has declared May 17–23 as the 46th Annual National Small Business Week. The House Small Business Committee is celebrating all our country's hard-working entrepreneurial by saluting the Heroes of Small Business, those men and women who have shown the strength, leadership, and resourcefulness that keeps our economy moving forward.

I ask that you, Madam Speaker, and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in recognizing and thanking Mr. Greg Prestemon for his tremendous accomplishments on behalf of small businesses. Mr. Prestemon has led the St. Charles Economic Development Center (EDC) for 15 years, helping spur the county's rapid population and economic growth during his tenure. Since he assumed the top post at the EDC, St. Charles County has grown by almost 120,000 residents and total valuation assessment has risen from less than \$2 billion to \$7.2 billion in 2007. For his efforts, Mr. Prestemon was named as the 2008 Non-Profit Executive of the Year by St. Charles Business Magazine.

This month, the SBA named the St. Charles EDC as its 504 Lender of the Year after the

organization disbursed more than \$22.5 million to 37 businesses throughout the region in 2008, valuable assistance that helped create or retain over 1,000 jobs. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Iowa State University and a master's degree in economic development from the University of Iowa.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Prestemon has exemplified the remarkable accomplishments of which America's entrepreneurs are capable. This week, he will testify before the House Small Business Committee to share his story. I ask that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join with me in honoring him for the extraordinary work he has done for the small business economy. His efforts demonstrate that if given the right resources, America's small businesses can be the catalysts that lift our economic from the current downturn and put us on the road to recovery.

IN HONOR OF TED HENRY

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 20, 2009*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ted Henry upon the occasion of his retirement from WEWS-TV. Ted is retiring after 38 years of service to the Greater Cleveland Community.

Ted Henry, a household name in the Greater Cleveland Area, began his successful career in broadcasting in 1964 at a local radio station in his hometown of Canton, Ohio. He then became a news reporter at WAKR-TV23 in Akron and later at WKBN-TV in Youngstown, Ohio. He joined WEWS-TV in 1972, where he began as a news producer and later as a weekend anchor. In 1975, Ted was named weekday anchor of the 6:00 pm and 11:00 pm news, a position he has held until his retirement on May 20, 2009. Since his first year as weekday anchor, he has covered nearly every political convention and has traveled all over the world to cover a multitude of historical events, including John Demjanjuk's war crimes trial in Israel, the fall of Berlin Wall and the death of Pope John Paul II in Rome. Additionally, his riveting news coverage on political turmoil in Peru was the first time a live international feed was broadcast in Cleveland.

Ted's ability to humanize the people he covered all over the world has earned him national recognition. He has won five local TV Emmy Awards during his tenure at WEWS and won numerous national awards for a documentary he produced and reported in, "Finding Aliza;" a documentary about two Holocaust survivors from Auschwitz who were reunited by the International Red Cross. Ted's 38 year career as the weekday anchor for WEWS-TV was the fulfillment of his childhood dream and has undoubtedly inspired Cleveland's next great reporters.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Ted Henry as he retires from

a 38 year career at WEWS-TV, and in recognition of his talent, innovation and tireless service to the Greater Cleveland Community.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ANGELIA MARIE  
ROBERTS-WATKINS, ED.D OF CHI-  
CAGO, ILLINOIS

**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 20, 2009*

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to and recognize Dr. Angelia Marie Roberts-Watkins on the occasion of being awarded the Doctorate in Education from the Chicago State University. This degree is particularly noteworthy in that the Educational Leadership Doctoral program at Chicago State is a newly created program and as such Dr. Roberts-Watkins holds the distinction of being the first recipient of a Doctoral degree in the 142-year-old history of this academic institution.

An authority in middle school philosophy, Dr. Roberts-Watkins' dissertation was entitled "Crossroads to the Middle School Movement: Are Teachers In Step with the Tenets and Practices of the National Middle School Association?" She is a former middle school teacher and served as Middle School Manager for the Chicago Public School system. Dr. Roberts-Watkins has also worked as a Teacher-In-Residence on an U.S. Department of Education Middle School Teacher Quality Enhancement (MSTQE) grant program and has presented at national conferences on middle level education.

A 1981 graduate of Mundelein College, Dr. Roberts-Watkins also holds an M.Ed in Educational Administration and a M.S. in Criminal Justice and Corrections from Chicago State University. She is a Visiting Lecturer at Northwestern Illinois University and an Administrator at Illinois State University.

Madam Speaker, I am grateful to have known this outstanding Educator for nearly two decades and I want to encourage Dr. Angelia Marie Roberts-Watkins to continue demonstrating the passion, perception and power necessary to allow this nation's citizens, both young and old, to meet the demanding needs of a global society.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF  
CHARLES WILLIAM HARBEN

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 20, 2009*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the city of Saraland, Alabama, and all of southwest Alabama recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor Charles William Harben and pay tribute to his memory.

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