

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF GENERAL JAMES E. CARTWRIGHT

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 2, 2011

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to General James E. Cartwright, who is retiring this week after forty years of accomplished and distinguished military service. Throughout his career as a senior officer, General Cartwright has provided invaluable testimony and advice to this body, and in particular to the Armed Services Committee. From U.S. operations in Afghanistan, to missile defenses in Europe, to Department of Defense efficiencies—General Cartwright has provided his expert military advice on a wide range of defense and national security issues. I think I speak for all of my colleagues on the Armed Services Committee when I say that his depth of knowledge, outstanding leadership and professionalism, and deep respect and consideration for all of our men and women in uniform will be greatly missed.

General James "Hoss" Cartwright was born and raised in Rockford, Illinois, where he showed an early affinity for the military as a member of the Junior ROTC. After graduating from the University of Iowa in 1971, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. During his career as a Marine aviator, General Cartwright served as a Flight Officer in the F-4 and as a pilot in the F-4, OA-4 and F-18. In 1983, he was named outstanding Carrier Aviator by the Association of Naval Aviation. His flying career culminated with command of the First Marine Aircraft Wing in Okinawa, Japan from 2000 to 2002.

After a brief assignment as the Director for Force Structure, Resources, and Assessment (J-8) on the Joint Staff, in 2004 then-Lieutenant General Cartwright was selected for promotion to full General and became the first Marine Corps officer to lead United States Strategic Command. As Commander, General Cartwright led STRATCOM through a period of transition as the military adapted and evolved to confront an increasingly dynamic strategic environment. General Cartwright led development and implementation of strategies to integrate the military's approaches to cyber, space, nuclear proliferation, and missile defense and reorganized STRATCOM to increase interagency cooperation.

Over the last four years, General Cartwright has served as the eighth Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Through my roles as Ranking Member and now Chairman of the Armed Services Committee I have had the pleasure of working directly with General Cartwright during this time. He has faithfully executed his oath of office and constitutional duties and provided the President and Congress with honest, direct, and sound advice. He is a

model Vice Chairman and a model Marine, and will leave a lasting legacy on our Armed Forces.

He is also a tremendous advocate for soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines. General Cartwright's efforts to accelerate procurement and deployment of the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle saved countless lives. He has leveraged his knowledge of technology and Department of Defense resourcing processes to streamline acquisition and deliver a variety of desperately needed new capabilities to the troops in the field. Most important of all, however, General Cartwright is a steadfast champion of our wounded warriors, our troops who have given their lives in service to their country, and their families.

For forty years General Cartwright has performed his job professionally, honestly, and with great dedication. We will miss his leadership and vision, and wish him all the best as he takes off the uniform for the last time.

A TRIBUTE TO ARCHIE WARNER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 2, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Archie Warner for his professionalism as a public servant for the United States Postal Service and for his contribution to the Brooklyn community.

Mr. Warner has been promoted throughout the Postal system in a relatively quick manner during his 38 year tenure. Mr. Warner's long and successful career began with an appointment in the United States Postal Service as a Distribution Machine Operator. He was then promoted to Supervisor of Mails, then another later position as a supervisor.

During his time at the USPS, Mr. Warner was promoted several times in the Customer Services sector. He was promoted to Manager of Customer Services EAS 18, followed by another promotion to a higher level Manager, EAS 21, and finally promoted in 2000 to Manager, Customer Services Operations or Area Manager for the North. This area encompasses Cadman Plaza Station, Pratt Station, Metropolitan Station, Williamsburg Station, Brownsville Station, Bushwick Station, Greenpoint Station, Red Hook Station, Shirley Chisholm Station, Wyckoff Heights Station and the Collections Unit.

Throughout his loyal career with the USPS, Mr. Warner is most proud of when he became the manager of Brownsville. For Mr. Warner working as the manager of Brownsville he was able to see firsthand how the station changed for the better, and in turn improved the community. Mr. Warner has enjoyed working with the United States Postal Service and views his contribution as a direct service to community businesses and citizens.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life and accomplishments of Archie Warner.

ON THE ACTIONS OF THE KOSOVO GOVERNMENT AND BORDER PATROL

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 2, 2011

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the recent violence in Kosovo and applaud the actions of the Border Patrol of the Kosovar government. As a sovereign, independent state, Kosovo deserves the right to protect its citizens and patrol its border. I strongly support Kosovo for maintaining control over its border with Serbia. Since Kosovo declared her independence in 2008, Serbia has consistently discriminated against Kosovars and prevented the region from accepting her legitimacy.

Recently, Kosovar authorities banned goods coming in from Serbia with the intention of countering their northern neighbor's rejection of Kosovo's statehood and Serbia's boycott of Kosovo's produce. It is vital that the Kosovar government re-establish territorial integrity within its borders. With increased uncertainty on her country's northern border, Kosovar special police units launched an operation to gain complete control over the border crossing with Serbia to prevent the continued flow of illegal goods from Serbia. In order for Kosovo to continue to join the developed world, it is necessary for them to have authority over their own economy. I also rise to express my gratitude for NATO peacekeepers that have arrived to maintain peace along the border.

I am proud to represent a large and vibrant community of Kosovar Americans in southeast Michigan. Many of my constituents have relatives along the Kosovo/Serbia border and I know that they are deeply concerned about the security of their loved ones and the prospect for Kosovo remaining an independent nation. Recognized by nearly 80 nations across the globe, Kosovo deserves to be a player on the world stage and I stand with their freedom-loving people who thirst for true independence.

ERIN NISSEN TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 2, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Erin Nissen, this year's 42nd Annual Ag and Tech Awards 2011 Outstanding Ag Student of the Year. Ms. Nissen was one of 200 students who attended this year's event, but only one of two students honored with the award.

The Outstanding Ag Student of the Year award is considered one of the more prestigious agriculture awards, but it sits only in the shadows of Ms. Nissen's other accomplishments. As a student at Northeastern Junior College (NJC), Ms. Nissen was a member

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of the honor's association, Phi Theta Kappa. In addition, she served as the president of the Farm Bureau Chapter, president of the Plainsmen Shooters Club, and was a member of the Post-Secondary Agriculture Students at NJC.

In her community, Ms. Nissen volunteered at the Logan County Literacy Coalition, and was also awarded with the Rising Star distinction among community college students in Colorado. Ms. Nissen recently graduated from NJC with an associate's degree in general studies. In the fall, she plans to major in agricultural business at Texas Tech University.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Erin Nissen. She demands excellence in every area of her life, which has helped her to win one of the most prestigious agriculture awards in the nation—an award well deserved.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. JAMES
AURORA

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 2, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. James Aurora for his exceptional service to his community and the youth.

James Aurora is a third generation of owners of the now famous Sonny's Collision Specialists in Brooklyn, New York. This renowned business has been serving the community for 60 years and has gained a distinct reputation for quality customer service.

Mr. Aurora has built an operation that employs 25 professionals that offer clients guaranteed personal attention. In the years that Mr. Aurora has been operating Sonny's Collision Specialists he has never known any unsatisfied customers. Every customer of Sonny's has only experienced top notch service in the most expeditious manner.

Jimmy Aurora knows the importance of giving. Sonny's is not only a staple in the community for their expertise in auto body collisions, but they are famous for their giving spirit. Mr. Aurora on a yearly basis has sponsored cricket teams, baseball leagues, and boys clubs, along with donating thousands of dollars towards Autism awareness and The American Cancer Society. He has not only provided a necessary service to his community but he has found the means to give more to those in dire need.

Mr. Aurora lives by the company's motto: "Perfection is not an accident." Jimmy proudly represents his heritage and family legacy by ensuring that Sonny's Collision Specialists continues to be a leader and trendsetter in auto body collision work.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life and accomplishments of Mr. James Aurora.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF
THE UNITED STATES REAUTHOR-
IZATION ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 1, 2011

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2480, "The Administrative Conference of the United States Reauthorization Act of 2011," which authorizes \$2.75 million in appropriations to the Administrative Conference of the United States for each of the fiscal years from 2012 through 2014. The Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS) is considered both an independent agency and a federal advisory committee, and is charged with providing guidance to Congress on matters of administrative law. The recommendations put forth by the ACUS have resulted in significant savings and increases the efficiency of federal agencies.

As a senior member of the Judiciary Committee, I have the privilege of having worked closely with the Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS) over the years and become familiarized with many of their initiatives. ACUS is a federal agency charged with making recommendations for the improvement of administrative agencies and their procedures, particularly with respect to efficiency and fairness.

The ACUS was established 50 years ago by President John F. Kennedy and became a permanent independent agency in less than 4 years. The purpose of the ACUS is to develop recommendations for improving procedures by which federal agencies administer regulatory, benefit, and other government programs; the ACUS has served as a private-public think tank that conducts basic research on how to improve the regulatory and legal process. It has broad jurisdiction over administrative procedure to study the efficiency, adequacy, and fairness of the administrative procedure used by administrative agencies in carrying out administrative programs, and make recommendations to administrative agencies, collectively or individually, and to the President, Congress, or the Judicial Conference of the United States.

Further, the ACUS facilitates the interchange among administrative agencies of information potentially useful in improving administrative procedure, collects information and statistics from administrative agencies and has published extensive reports evaluating and improving administrative procedure.

The members of the ACUS represent both the public and private sectors. Individuals from private sector members are generally attorneys and scholars selected to ensure broad representation of the views of private citizens and utilize diverse experience. Over the years its membership spans the ideological spectrum. For example, Justice Antonin Scalia, before his appointment to the bench, served as the chair of ACUS from 1972 to 1974. Justice Breyer was a member of ACUS and actively participated in its activities from 1981 to 1994. In the past, both Justices Breyer and Scalia testified in strong support of ACUS. According to Justice Breyer, "The Administrative Conference is unique in that it develops its recommendations by bringing together at least

four important groups of people: top-level agency administrators; professional agency staff; private (including "public interest") practitioners; and academicians. ACUS will typically commission a study by an academician . . . who often has the time to conduct the study. . . . The professor will spend time with agency staff. . . . The professor's draft will be reviewed . . . by private practitioners, who bring to it a critically important practical perspective. The upshot is likely to be a work-product that draws upon many different points of view, that is practically helpful and that commends general acceptance." (Letter from Justice Stephen Breyer to Sen. CHARLES E. GRASSLEY, Chair, Subcomm. on Administrative Oversight and the Courts of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary (Aug. 21, 1995).

The ACUS has made many government wide recommendations; among its most influential recommendations have been ACUS's proposals facilitating judicial review of agency decisions and eliminating various technical impediments to such review. They recommended a model administrative civil penalty statute that has served as the basis for dozens of pieces of legislation. The ACUS has developed and promoted procedures implementing the Negotiated Rulemaking Act, which encourages consensual resolution in a process that takes into account the needs of various affected interests. In addition, ACUS is credited with playing a prominent role in improving the nation's legal system by issuing recommendations designed "to eliminate excessive litigation costs and long delays." For example, Congress, in response to an ACUS recommendation, passed the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act in 1990, which established a framework for agencies to resolve administrative litigation through alternative dispute resolution. It has been noted that half of the budget of ACUS is devoted to trying to find ways to reduce, or eliminate government litigation within and by the Government. The ACUS saves tax payers dollars and in a time of economic crisis every penny counts.

The ACUS serves to focus attention on the need for the federal government to be made more efficient, less big, and more accountable. It was viewed as one of the leading federal proponents of practical ways to reduce administrative litigation. In this regard, ACUS actively promoted information-technology initiatives, such as developing methods by which the public could participate electronically in agency rulemaking proceedings to increase public access to government information and foster greater openness in government operations.

We have witnessed a number of successes under the ACUS. The ACUS is a vital tool in improving upon a process. There has been a lot of talk on the Hill of late about efficiency, streamlining process, and reducing costs. The fundamental purpose of the ACUS is to find out how to ensure that our government is operating in the most effective manner possible. The more efficiently we are able to operate the lower our cost. It has been estimated that ACUS saved the federal government and the private sector many multiples of its expenditure over the years it was in operation. Just one agency alone—the Social Security Administration—estimated that ACUS's recommendation to change that agency's appeals process would result in approximately \$85 million in savings. ACUS helped federal agencies