

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

OPERATION AMERICAN HEROES

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2012

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it's a privilege to speak today about Operation American Heroes, an organization founded in 2009 by Vietnam War Veteran and Houston businessman, John Carlross. Mr. Carlross recognized gaps in government support programs and has been working endless hours to create Operation American Heroes.

Mr. Carlross knows American heroes consist of more than just our warriors fighting overseas. Police officers, firefighters, border patrol agents, and first responders are just a few of the occupations fighting the front lines at home. They all sacrifice to make sure Americans are safe. As Mr. Carlross likes to say, we can give a little for those who have given much and have suffered difficulties and deserve our support overcoming obstacles they may be facing due to their service.

Operation American Heroes provides immediate and long term funding for non-profit organizations dedicated to improving the lives of those who have sacrificed so much to ensure we are safe. Their unpaid Board of Directors works with local businesses to raise these funds. They are proud to cover expenses so one hundred percent of all funds raised go towards immediately helping heroes, or to the foundations endowment which will support many future generations of heroes.

Every year American Heroes are honored during the week of September 11th by Operation American Heroes. Individuals can show their support in a unique way by becoming a "21 Gun Saluter" and business owners are encouraged to donate a small percentage of their sales for the week. Mr. Carlross said, "These brave men and women are the reason that we have the freedom to start, grow and prosper our businesses. It is only right that every business gives a small portion of their success in thanks."

This organization proves, yet again that, in Texas, patriotism is alive and well. Texans honor not only our fallen heroes, but those who have survived.

And that's just the way it is.

LORRAINE AND ELLIOTT PALAIS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, December 28, 2012 will mark 60 years of marriage for Lorraine (Lipsky) and Elliott Palais. They met at New York University Heights in 1950 and lived in the Bronx after their wedding. Elliott served in the United States Army from 1954–1956. Lorraine was able to accompany him at his

assignments, including Salzburg, Austria, and Fort Monmouth, N.J. where she worked in the Adjutant General's Office. They moved to Yonkers in November 1961.

The Palais' are very involved in civic, educational, religious, professional, political, veterans and community activities. Both served as President of Lincoln Park Taxpayers Association where they are now Regents, and as Chairman of the Yonkers Branch of the American Red Cross. Lorraine is President of the Yonkers Police Second Precinct Community Council, serves as Treasurer of an Oil Cooperative and is on the Westchester County Parks, Recreation and Conservation Board.

Elliott is an administrator at Fordham University where he directs the Title VI Programs. He is a former Yonkers City Councilmember and is a member of three veterans Posts (two of which he served as Commander) and Secretary of the Yonkers Central Committee of Veterans Organizations.

Both were awarded the Americanism Award by the Central Committee of Veterans Organizations. They are both members of the Kiwanis Club of East Yonkers. Elliott is an Honorary Kentucky Colonel for his service as a consultant to Western Kentucky University.

They have four children, eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren. They attribute their marriage longevity to love, patience, understanding, caring and adversity in sickness and in health.

I am proud to be able to congratulate them for all of their good works for their community and their neighbors. And, like all who believe in love, I especially want to congratulate them on the 60th anniversary of their marriage. They are a shining example to all of us.

RELATING TO THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE DANIEL K. INOUE, A SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF HAWAII

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2012

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in reflection and remembrance of the life of Senator Daniel Inouye.

I was deeply saddened to hear of the loss of Senator Daniel Inouye on Monday; his passing marks the end of an era for the people of Hawaii, for the United States Senate and Congress, and for the country. A public servant from start to finish, Daniel Inouye has left a shining, indelible mark on history that will inspire Americans for generations to come.

His story is simply incredible. Daniel was a medical volunteer during the Pearl Harbor attacks in 1941. Even though the U.S. Army banned people of Japanese descent from enlisting, and even though Executive Order 9066 authorized the internment of roughly 110,000 Japanese Americans, Daniel Inouye found it within himself to be an American patriot.

Soon after the ban on enlistment was lifted, he abandoned his Pre-Med studies at the University of Hawaii and enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943. He was a war hero in the truest sense of the term, earning a Medal of Honor for his actions on the battlefields of World War II before his State was even admitted to the Union.

Daniel Inouye was a Lieutenant and Platoon Leader on the battlefield in Tuscany, Italy in April 1945. Even after being shot in the stomach by German machine gun fire, he refused medical treatment and still managed to find the courage to destroy 2 machine gun nests. Nearly losing consciousness from blood loss, he heroically charged a 3rd machine gun nest before having his right arm severed by a German grenade. Somehow, even after these grave injuries, Daniel Inouye still found a way to toss a grenade that destroyed the 3rd bunker.

He remained a proud member of the military until his honorable discharge as a Captain in 1947. He was Hawaii's first Representative in the House, a source of great pride to all Members, past and present.

As Hawaii's first Congressman and, subsequently, as a nine-term Senator, Daniel Inouye embodied the spirit of "aloha" in his work. Serving as Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, he worked to strengthen our national security and help veterans access the benefits they've earned.

He was a consistent champion for the interests of Hawaii's people. I am grateful for the opportunity to have worked with Senator Inouye, and my thoughts are with his family and with the people of his beloved Hawaii, who will always remember him for his leadership and his courage. As a Senator, he never forgot his military roots, and has always been a voice for veterans.

Senator Inouye was a patriarch of Hawaii, and all Hawaiians will long remember his unyielding devotion to the economic vitality, progress, and success of his beloved home State. His fellow Americans will long remember his leadership in protecting our men and women in uniform, strengthening our national security, reaching across the aisle, and investing in a future of prosperity for all.

By his actions, he stood firm for the independence of the Congress, the strength of our democracy, and the values of the American people.

I want to extend my condolences to his wife, Irene, his son Daniel Jr., and the rest of his family as they mourn the loss of a great man.

When asked recently how he wanted to be remembered, Daniel said, quite humbly, "I represented the people of Hawaii and this Nation honestly and to the best of my ability. I think I did OK." I think that I speak for us all when I say that this was quite an understatement for a man who accomplished so much and sacrificed so for this country. And so with heavy hearts, we bid "aloha" to Senator Daniel Inouye—a man whose chapter in American history will live on.

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