

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE DAVID E.
RUSSELL

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2000

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Judge David E. Russell, Chief Bankruptcy Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eastern District of California. After 14 years as a Bankruptcy Judge and 40 years of service in the legal profession, Judge Russell has announced his retirement. He will be honored at a retirement party on Friday, November 3, 2000 at the Tsakopoulos Library in Sacramento. As his friends and family gather to celebrate, I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in saluting his remarkable career.

David E. Russell was born on March 19, 1935 in Chicago Heights, Illinois. He was married on October 31, 1982 to Sandra Niemeyer, and they are the proud parents of seven children.

He began his education at the University of California at Berkeley, graduating in 1957 with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. He went on to obtain his Jurisprudence Doctorate from Boalt Hall, University of California at Berkeley in 1960.

David Russell began his career as an accountant for Lybrand, Ross Brothers and Montgomery in San Francisco, CA. Here he stayed for three years, during which time he was admitted to the California Bar in 1961. In 1965, he became a partner with Russell, Humphreys and Estabrook. Later to be known as Russell, Jarvis, Estabrook and Dashiell, he continued to work with the firm as a lawyer until 1986.

In 1986, David Russell was appointed to a 14-year term as a United States Bankruptcy Judge. In those 14 years, Judge Russell has developed a reputation as a fair and honest man, and he has served his appointment admirably. I am honored to have the opportunity to congratulate Judge Russell as he begins his well-deserved retirement.

Mr. Speaker, as Judge David Russell's friends and family gather to celebrate his retirement, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a truly remarkable person. His career with the United States Court of Appeals has indeed been commendable. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in wishing him continued success in all his future endeavors.

MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH
DISPARITIES RESEARCH AND
EDUCATION ACT OF 1999

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2000

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my support of S. 1880, the

Health Care Fairness Act of 2000. As an original co-sponsor of H.R. 3250, the House companion measure, I have long-supported legislation to expand research and education on the biomedical, behavioral, economic, institutional, and environmental factors contributing to health disparities in minority and underserved populations.

I would like to commend my colleagues, Representatives CLYBURN, LEWIS, THOMPSON, JACKSON, RODRIGUEZ, ROYBAL-ALLARD, and Senator EDWARD KENNEDY, who have worked long and hard to get this bill to the floor.

In recent years, advances in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of disease has improved the health status and quality of medical care to the overall U.S. population. However, while we are experiencing remarkable improvements in the health status of the overall U.S. population, we find this has not translated into similar benefits for minority populations. In fact, minority populations continue to experience disproportionate rates of disease, morbidity, and mortality. Numerous studies have proven that race and ethnicity correlate with persistent, and often increasing, health disparities among U.S. populations. These alarming disparities deserve our focused attention and call for action.

The passage of the Health Care Fairness Act would, for the first time, focus research and attention to health disparities such as those that exist in Guam, with the creation of a National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities within the National Institutes of Health to conduct research on minority health problems and commission the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a comprehensive study of the data collection systems and practices of the Department of Health and Human Services. S. 1880 would also establish pilot projects in medical schools to develop educational tools that will reduce racial and ethnic health disparities. These improvements will increase our knowledge to the nature and causes of these disparities, as well as improve the quality and outcomes of health care services to minority and underserved populations.

As the Chairman of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus and a member of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, I am keenly aware of the health care needs of minority communities. Particular needs regarding language and cultural competency are often not being met in our public health centers and hospitals.

On the island of Guam, Chamorros, who are the indigenous population, and other Asian and Pacific Islander groups represent a large majority of the 150,000 population. With an island largely comprised of minority populations, it is challenging to meet specific health needs of our diverse community with the limited resources that are currently available. In the case of Chamorros, diabetes affects Chamorros at five times the national average and infant mortality rates are more than double the national average. Chamorros also suffer from higher than average rates of cardio-

vascular disease, cancer, and Lytico-Bodig, a disease endemic to Guam, which is a combination of Parkinsonian dementia and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. The case of mental illness is also a great concern to Guam residents with rising incidences of attempted and completed suicides.

The overall Asian Pacific American population is often mislabeled as the "model minority" with few health or social problems. This is a huge misnomer as emerging data reveals significant health disparities and barriers to health care and social service access exist within Asian Pacific American communities. As a group, Asian Pacific Americans experience the highest incidences of tuberculosis. Particular Asian Pacific Americans sub-population groups experience diabetes, hepatitis B, cervical cancer, liver cancer, lung cancer, nasopharyngeal cancer, and mental illness at alarming rates. Recognizing the challenges presented by the great diversity of Asian Pacific Americans and other minority populations is key to addressing the health care needs of all Americans.

The Asian Pacific American population includes indigenous and immigrant populations, which comprises 10.4 million Americans or approximately 5 percent of the U.S. population. Asian Pacific Americans represent the fastest growing and most diverse racial and ethnic group in the U.S. with more than 30 different sub-populations and are expected to reach 10 percent of the U.S. population by 2050. Approximately 20 percent of Asian Pacific Americans are currently uninsured.

It is clear that the face of America is becoming increasingly diverse as its minority populations continue to grow. And as our minority populations increase, so does the complexity of our health needs. Therefore, I urge your support of S. 1880, the Health Care Fairness Act, to develop programs and comprehensive strategies to address the health disparities among ethnic and minority groups. This bill represents a comprehensive bi-partisan effort to address the inequities in health care for all Americans.

IN RECOGNITION OF HAROLD
NICHOLSON

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2000

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a dedicated and hardworking gentleman on the occasion of his retirement. Harold Nicholson devoted thirty-three years of his life to the Somerset Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., in Somerset, PA. He was its manager for the past nineteen years, longer than any other manager in the entity's sixty-one year history.

But Mr. Nicholson not only managed the cooperative, he was in many ways its heart, soul and voice. Originally hired to provide member

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services, he started the SREC's monthly newsletter for which he also wrote and photographed. It became the precursor of the statewide Penn Lines magazine. Mr. Nicholson served on numerous committees within the National Rural Electric Association and was chairman of its Marketing and Energy Management committee. Additionally, he was active with the statewide Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association, where he served on the Power Supply and Engineering Committee, Transmission Policy, and Risk Management Committees and co-chaired its Consumer Choice Marketing and Consumer, Employee and Board Education Task Force committees.

He has been named Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association Man of the Year (1992), the organization's highest honor.

In addition to his many career-related credits and initiatives, he has served his community in a variety of other capacities. They include Managing Editor of the Meyersdale Republican; board member and past president of the Meyersdale Lions Club; on the Economic Development Committee of the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission; was a charter member and secretary of the Long Range Planning Committee with the Somerset County Vocational Technical School; served on the board of the Appalachian Intermediate Unit 8 serving the area's school districts; served for sixteen years including as president on the Meyersdale Area School Board; member of the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce; and a member of the Partnership for Rural Industrial Development Enterprises (PRIDE) as Secretary.

Harold Nicholson has been and continues to be an outstanding member of his community. I wish him all the best for a fulfilling and happy retirement to enjoy with his wife, four children and nine grandchildren.

IN HONOR OF THE FRANCISCAN
FRIARS

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2000

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Franciscan Friars. The Franciscan Friars of the Santa Barbara Province have been compassionately responding to the needs of San Franciscans since 1887. It is my pleasure to honor them for their tremendous contributions on the Fiftieth Anniversary of one of their most successful projects, the St. Anthony Foundation.

The Franciscan Friars improve our city through their work at St. Boniface Church. For years, they have been feeding the poor and homeless and caring for those in need. In particular, the Friars have ministered to the immigrant communities of San Francisco's Tenderloin District, first with the German community and expanding more recently to the Hispanic, Vietnamese and Filipino communities.

The St. Anthony Foundation was founded by Franciscan Friar Alfred Boeddeker, while pastor of St. Boniface Church, to "feed, clothe, heal and shelter the needy, empower the powerless, and promote a social order in which all persons flourish." Today, the Foundation serves an extraordinary number of people with their drug rehabilitation, food, health, housing,

and other social service programs. The Franciscan Friars have provided the spirit, vision, and direction for the St. Anthony Foundation to complete 50 years of service to the most marginalized in our community.

The Franciscan Friars and the St. Anthony Foundation make San Francisco a better place. Their selfless dedication to those in need calls us to a higher standard. It is my honor to commend them on fifty years of service through the St. Anthony Foundation.

THANK YOU TO ADAM TUNE FOR
SERVICE ON MY STAFF

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2000

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I want to give thanks and special recognition to an intern in my office, Adam Tune

Adam attends my alma mater, Middle Tennessee State University. While still in high school he managed to work 25 hours each week, took college level preparatory courses and maintained good grades.

Interns play an invaluable role in helping congressional offices function efficiently and effectively, often performing the most thankless but essential tasks required. Adam pitches in where ever and when ever he is needed, never complaining and always accomplishing his work on-time and of the higher quality.

Adam loves politics and admires this institution. This high regard is reflected each and every day in his attitude and dependability.

Adam has been an invaluable member of my staff and deserves the highest praise for his contribution.

It has been a pleasure to have Adam Tune serve in my office and I join my staff in thanking him for all his hard work.

TRIBUTE TO ROXCY BOLTON

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2000

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a special tribute to Florida's pioneer feminist, a great woman, and a friend, Ms. Roxcy Bolton. There are not many people around like Roxcy, and I am so proud to recognize her many accomplishments.

She is a trail blazer, a persistent advocate, a remarkable woman. She put the spotlight on women, showcased their problems, and encouraged other women to take action and expand the fight for equal rights. She has proven time and again that one person can make a difference.

Roxcy O'Neal Bolton was born in 1926 in Mississippi. She became a businesswoman and was active in community and political organizations. She married Commander David Bolton U.S.N. who was later president of Men for the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA).

In 1966, Bolton helped form Florida's National Organization for Women, serving as charter president of the Miami Chapter and National Vice President in 1969.

In 1972, she founded Women in Distress, a non-profit agency providing emergency housing, rescue service and multi-discipline assistance to women in situations of personal crisis. It was the first women's rescue shelter in Florida.

In 1974 she was instrumental in establishing the Rape Treatment Center, the first of its kind at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami. That same year, Bolton organized Florida's first Crime Watch program to help stem crime against women.

She also founded the Women's Park in Miami and has been the recipient of numerous awards relating to her work in women's rights. In 1984, she was inducted into the Florida Women's Hall of Fame.

Less trumpeted are her countless acts of compassion: for the woman about to be replaced in her job by someone younger and better connected; for the man who is demoted from his city job because he cannot read; for the prostitute working to earn her high school equivalency diploma; for the woman who sleeps and eventually dies on the steps of a downtown church.

It is no wonder why any letter addressed simply Roxcy, Coral Gables, Fla. arrives in due course at Bolton's house.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Bolton has been called, and rightly so, South Florida's "Mother of Feminism". I strongly believe that my state of Florida is a much better place for women . . . and all people . . . because of Roxcy Bolton. On behalf of the people of the 17th Congressional District, I salute her.

A TRIBUTE TO AMELIA MARY
HALLE HINKLEY

HON. BILL McCOLLUM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2000

Mr. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Amelia Hinckley, of Warner Robins, Georgia, who passed away on September 22, 2000. Amelia, or Amy as she was known to her friends and family, was born in West Palm Beach, Florida on December 29, 1962, to Roger and Phyllis Halle.

She graduated from Stetson University in Deland, Florida, in 1984 with a double major in History and Spanish. On December 29, 1984, Amy married James Hinckley, also a Stetson graduate. Amy was a talented and dedicated educator. She began her teaching career in Texas, where she taught English as a second language to disadvantaged children of inner-city Dallas, Texas.

After several years, she and Jim moved to Florida where she nurtured new immigrant children in Central Florida. Amy loved every minute of her work. When her husband got a job as the junior high school band teacher in Warner Robins, Amy found a home at the Stratford Academy in Macon, Georgia, where she taught Spanish to high school students for nearly nine years.

Amy was a kind and loving woman, who was very involved in her community. She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Warner Robins, where she was active as a pianist for the Praise Band and also served as their organist. Amy was an avid traveler—organizing and chaperoning annual trips to Spain and