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EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE JULIAN C. DIXON, MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SPEECH OF
HON. CORRINE BROWN
OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2000

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I have served with Congressman JULIAN DIXON for the past eight years. I was saddened by the news early Friday morning, December 8, 2000, that JULIAN DIXON is no longer with us. My heartfelt condolences go out to his beloved wife Bettye and son Cary. He will be missed by our colleagues of this United States Congress.

When I thought of JULIAN, I thought of him as an officer and gentleman. JULIAN was an officer. As an officer, he was honorable, noble, trustworthy, and a quiet commander. As a gentleman, he was a man of chivalrous and genuine qualities.

Service was the guiding principle of his life. He was the eminent expression of congenial relationships, and yes character and temperament changed with every activity he was involved with. Lives touched by Representative DIXON became engaged and thereafter empathetic, kindly and honorable.

He worked hard for his constituents of California. He never tired of spreading princely qualities to everyone he met. Yes, he was a consensus builder. He will be missed.

With Representative DIXON, it was never about winning, but it was truly about how you managed the hand you were dealt.

He was an officer. He was a gentleman. He was my colleague.

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SPEECH OF
HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.
OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2000

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, today, I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of JULIAN C. DIXON.

Mr. DIXON was a great member of Congress, and is to be commended for his accomplishments as the fifth ranking Democrat on the Appropriations Committee and as the ranking member on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

He was well-known for his commitment to our nation's civil rights and for the instrumental role he played in minimizing the effects of natural disasters that struck his community. His

leadership in the bipartisan effort to secure federal support for the Alameda Corridor project in Los Angeles and in obtaining federal funds for communities hard hit by cuts in defense spending are to also be commended.

JULIAN C. DIXON will be sorely missed on Capitol Hill. I extend my deepest sympathy to his family.

OSHA ERGO-NONSENSE

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2000

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member highly commends this December 14, 2000, editorial from the Norfolk Daily News expressing strong concern regarding the new Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulation on ergonomics.

ERGO-NONSENSE

NEW OSHA WORKPLACE REGULATION ISN'T BASED ON A COMPLETED STUDY

The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration calls its new regulation the "Ergonomics Program Standard." The National Federation of Independent Businesses has a different description: "Ergo-nonsense."

"Scheduled to take effect on Jan. 16, 2001, it is, without question, the most burdensome, expensive and intrusive regulation ever to be imposed on the small-business community," said Jack Faris, federation president.

We would have to agree. Ostensibly designed to help prevent repetitive motion injuries, like carpal tunnel syndrome, the new regulation will require employers to alter the workplace in order to do so. It's a noble intent.

But the regulation assumes that employers aren't already doing everything possible to take care of the health and well-being of employees. The regulation also doesn't have a scientific basis, seeing as how the National Academy of Science's study on ergonomics isn't even completed yet.

It's also curious how this 1,688-page regulation was able to be introduced and published in about a year's time, when, on average, it takes OSHA four years to do so with other regulations.

Because President Clinton allowed the regulation to move forward, it now will take legal action to stop it. That's not a sure thing, so business owners everywhere had better start preparing for their own version of "ergo-nonsense."

HONORING ELIZABETH MARQUARDT

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2000

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Elizabeth Marquardt. Elizabeth Marquardt

has served for 22 years as a Governing Member of the Petaluma California School Board, the longest term in its history. Her vision, intelligence, and dedication has impacted the lives of hundreds of thousands of Petaluma students.

During her tenure Elizabeth was instrumental in raising money for schools and co-founding the Petaluma Educational Foundation. From sorting through the budget challenges following the passage of California Proposition 13 to hiring three superintendents, she has given generously her time and energy. Elizabeth has accomplished this while fostering a friendly, cooperative atmosphere that has helped board members work together to reach decisions that are best for the children of Petaluma.

It is my great pleasure to pay tribute to Elizabeth Marquardt. I am very proud to represent such a remarkable woman.

TRIBUTE TO MARIA MAGDA O'KEEFE

HON. BILL PASCHELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2000

Mr. PASCHELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the deeds of a person I am proud to call my friend, Maria Magda O'Keefe of Paterson, New Jersey, who was recognized on Thursday, November 9, 2000 on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Hispanic Multi Purpose Service Center. It is only appropriate that she be honored as she retires from the Paterson City Council, for she has a long history of caring, generosity and commitment to others.

Maria was recognized for her many years of leadership in Paterson, which I have been honored to represent in Congress since 1997, and so it is only fitting that these words are immortalized in the annals of this greatest of all freely elected bodies.

Councilwoman Magda has a varied educational background and has studied in a multitude of fields. The State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs certified her as a Social Worker. Also, the National Association of Forensic Counselors certified her to be a Domestic Violence Counselor. In addition, she is a Registered Nurse having earned her diploma at the Hospital de Damas in San German, Puerto Rico. She is a graduate of Central High School in Santurce, Puerto Rico. Also, she studied Health Education at Columbia University in New York and Cosmetology at the Master Headdresser Academy in Passaic, New Jersey.

Maria has always been an active and involved leader. One of her most important accomplishments was her founding of the Hispanic Multi Purpose Service Center (HMPSC) in Paterson. She is currently the Executive Director of the center. The HMPSC is a highly

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respected agency that provides free social, educational and recreation services to the residents of Paterson and Passaic County.

This remarkable woman is a trailblazer for Latino elected officials in Passaic County. In her political career she has set many important milestones. In 1989, she became the first Hispanic Woman to be elected as the President of the Paterson City Council. Her vision and leadership has made it easier for all Hispanic Americans to seek and win elected office.

On the Council and in her daily life Maria remained devoted to the City of Paterson and the Hispanic community. She has served as Deputy Mayor of the city, as well as the Administrator of the Mayor's Office Division of Planning. In addition, she was a coordinator of the city's service programs for the Hispanic community and the nutritional programs for the city's Hispanic senior citizens.

Known for a questioning mind and an ability to get things done, Councilwoman Magda has served her community in a variety of positions. She was the Commissioner of the Board of Social Services and the Board of Health in Paterson. She was also a member of the Board of St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Paterson. She has served as a liaison between the Paterson City Hall and the community at-large. She was a member of Women in Government, the Paterson Chamber of Commerce, the Columbia University Health Panel and the Boy Scouts of America Board of Directors. In addition, she has served as Chairperson of the Paterson Great Falls Committee, and in 1976, she was the President of the Puerto Rican Parade.

Councilwoman Magda continually touches the lives of the people around her. She has received a myriad of awards including recognition from the United States Department of Defense, the Irish Culture Society, the New Jersey State Assembly and the Italiana Society.

Maria Magda O'Keefe was born on July 22, 1938. She has three siblings. Maria has two wonderful children Debra Ann Martinez and John Mitchell Morales. She has four grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Mr. Speaker, as a former mayor of Paterson that has worked with Maria for many years, I can say that I can think of no elected official who works harder or cares more about her constituents. Perhaps the greatest tribute to her is the unwavering faith of the voters of Paterson. They have demonstrated this by electing her time and again to her position.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Maria's family and friends, the City of Paterson, the State of New Jersey and me in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable service to the community of Maria Magda O'Keefe.

IN HONOR OF THE HONORABLE
JOLENE MOLITORIS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a distinguished public servant and a truly remarkable woman, the current Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Jolene Molitoris.

A true champion of railroad safety, Jolene Molitoris was appointed by the President of the United States William J. Clinton, to be the first female Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration in 1993. In her tireless effort to improve safety in the United States and around the world, Administrator Molitoris established zero tolerance for any safety hazard as the industry standard. In addition, she created partnerships with rail labor and management, achieving historic increases in all safety categories. As a testament to the outstanding leadership of Administrator Molitoris, the FRA began its transformation from a traditional regulatory agency into a result and consumer-focused organization.

Under Administrator Molitoris' management (1993-1999), the public enjoyed the safest seven-year period in history. During this period there was a 43-percent reduction in employee injuries and fatalities and a 30-percent reduction in grade crossing injuries and deaths.

Throughout her years of public service, Administrator Molitoris has received many honors, including being named by Railway Age Magazine as one of the 16 most respected and admired "Great Railroaders of the 20th Century." In 1999, Administrator Molitoris received three awards: the Ellis Island Medal of Honor awarded by the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations Foundation, Inc; and the Jolene M. Molitoris Golden Spike Award created by the Indiana High Speed Rail Association. Also, in 1999, the New Jersey Division of the Polish American Congress honored Administrator Molitoris as their Millennium Woman of the Year.

On a personal note, I have had the wonderful opportunity to work with Jolene Molitoris on a great many initiatives. I have great respect and admiration for her public service career. She is a person of solid integrity who possesses a true desire to serve the public's best interest. She is an individual of tremendous talent and her leadership of the FRA will be long remembered.

I ask my colleagues to join me in rising to honor this truly remarkable public servant for her distinguished years of service, and her dedication to making our Nation's railways safer.

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HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2000

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, books, toys, flowers, clothes and insurance? Now you can shop for just about anything on the web, including insurance. I recently window-shopped for insurance using ehealthinsurance.com; the same program Republican health care staffers received a briefing on last week.

My window-shopping included looking at available health insurance options in Florida, Montana, Louisiana and Georgia through the eyes of people who were 25, 35, 45, 55 and 60, both married and single.

The data reiterated our findings from March, which proved that in order to help the uninsured we cannot simply give them refundable

tax credits; the tax credits have to be coupled with major insurance reform.

Many people who are uninsured are working poor and may not qualify for Medicaid; therefore if the tax credit does not cover almost the entire cost of insurance they will still not be able to afford it.

The results also proved that with age, tax credit becomes even more useless because health insurance prices rapidly increase as one ages. For example, a 25 year old low income couple in Billings, Montana could initially get by with a \$316.00 credit per month, but by the time the couple reached age 60 they would need \$1,032.00 per month to sustain the same plan from the same insurance company.

Shopping on the web is like shopping at wholesale; it allows us to buy books, clothes and the like at prices that most people can afford. The same thing cannot be said about insurance: without insurance market reform, health insurance will remain unaffordable for tens of millions.

To view charts relating to this issue, please visit my website at www.house.gov—stark.

TRIBUTE TO THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2000

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the 75th Anniversary of the founding of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity.

On December 16, 1925, Frank Horton formed Alpha Phi Omega with a group of students at Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania. Horton's service in World War I, and his subsequent introduction to the Scout Oath and Law, helped to inspire him to found the fraternity as a way to encourage young people to help others and to bring about a better, more peaceful world.

Alpha Phi Omega members are united by the principles of leadership, friendship and service. These principles are designed to aid fraternity members in discovering and developing their leadership abilities, not only by making last friendships, but also by planning and providing helpful service to others.

Since its founding, Alpha Phi Omega has chartered chapters at more than 700 campuses nationwide, and more than 300,000 Americans have been inducted into the organization. The fraternity is proud to count Members of Congress and even Presidents of the United States among its many distinguished alumni. Today, Alpha Phi Omega is active on about 350 campuses, large and small, with 18,000 current members throughout the country.

For its members, Alpha Phi Omega is much more than an extracurricular activity. It is a way for members to make their campuses, their communities and their world a better place for all of us. Alpha Phi Omega begins as a college experience, but its members have made it a lifetime commitment to turning Frank Reed Horton's noble ideal of a better and more peaceful world into a reality.

I commend Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity for a successful first 75 years,