

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BARBARA DEE BRADFORD

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Barbara Dee Bradford. After 21 years, Barbie, as she is warmly known by friends and coworkers, is retiring from her post as Director of the Learning Center at the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas.

Barbie began her career at UNT in 1988 as a counselor in the Counseling and Testing Center, and has spent her entire career at UNT dedicated to student success and learning. In 1998 she created the Learning Center and has served as its only Director. Under her leadership, the Center has grown from an office with only one full-time employee and a handful of student workers to one that has seven full-time staff, several graduate assistants, and hundreds of student workers.

Barbie implemented Supplemental Instruction at UNT, a program where students who have recently completed a course return in future semesters and serve as study session tutors for those in the class. This successful program has helped improve the grades of thousands of students at UNT. Today, the Volunteer Tutor program thrives, and hundreds of students volunteer their time to assist other students.

Barbie has devoted time, even on weekends, to assist parents with their child's transition to UNT. For ten years, she has delivered a presentation to parents at each summer orientation session. Barbie uses personal examples to help parents feel at ease. Over the years, she has received numerous phone calls from parents and had students show up on her door. In all those situations, Barbie has welcomed the opportunity to be of assistance to the student, and the family.

Barbie has mentored hundreds of students, graduate students and staff members. Whether the students worked in her office or appeared at her door, she always has taken time to provide guidance and lend an ear. All who have worked for Barbie hold her in the highest regard.

Barbie is a walking example of a lifelong learner and exemplifies that to all with whom she comes in contact, which has allowed her to positively influence the lives of thousands of students over her 21 years at UNT. As a proud alumnus, I appreciate her dedication in support of their academic success as they build the foundations for their future.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today and recognize Barbie Bradford for her years of dedication and selfless service to the University of North Texas. I am proud to represent her and UNT in the United States Congress.

HONORING FRED MACHADO

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Fred Machado upon being named the "2009 Agriculturist of the Year" by the Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Machado will be recognized at the annual Agricultural Awards luncheon on November 18, 2009 in Fresno, California.

In 1932, Mr. Fred Machado was born in the Azores region of Portugal. At the age of sixteen he migrated to the United States with his family. When he arrived in the U.S. he began working as a farm laborer doing jobs that included milking cows for two hundred and fifty dollars a month. He enjoyed the work and took to the dairy industry quickly, but decided to join the United States Navy. In 1955, after leaving the Navy he had saved enough money to purchase a twenty-acre plot in Easton, just west of Fresno, California. During the 1950's, Mr. Machado established a dairy with fifty cows, the company grew, quickly reaching fifteen hundred heifers.

Over the years, Mr. Machado's land increased from twenty-acres to an eight hundred-acre farming operation that produces almonds, grapes, orchards and feed crops. Until this year the farm also included the dairy, however with unprecedented low prices for milk, the Machado family decided to retire from the dairy business.

Mr. Machado is a very active member of the community. He has served on the boards of the National Milk Producers Federation, Challenge Dairy, Danish Creamery and numerous community organizations. Mr. Machado has been active with the Fresno County Farm Bureau for over fifty years, serving in multiple leadership positions including serving as the Eastern Center Co-Chairman, and as president from 1972–1974.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Frank Machado upon being named the "2009 Agriculturist of the Year." I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Machado many years of continued success.

HONORING CORNELIS J.H. VAN DE VELDE PH.D., M.D.

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Cornelis J.H. van de Velde Ph.D., M.D. For his commitment to the fight against cancer and his participation at the Tony Snow Cancer Symposium in The Villages, Florida on January 21. Hosted by the Caring and Sharing Vil-

lagers and the Alliance Healthcare Foundation, the Tony Snow Cancer Symposium is intended to raise funds for the creation of a \$25 million cancer center next to Leesburg Regional Hospital and promote cancer awareness in our community.

Currently serving as Professor of Surgical Oncology at the Leiden University Medical Center in Leiden, the Netherlands, Dr. van de Velde has supervised over 50 Ph.D. theses, coordinated 14 projects of the Netherlands Cancer Foundation, six health insurance fund projects, six European randomized breast cancer studies, and four European randomized colorectal cancer studies.

In addition to serving as a professor at the Leiden University Medical Center, he is the center's Coordinator of Oncology and sits on numerous committees there. He serves as Chairman of the Dutch Royal Academy of Sciences, founded and was the first Chairman of the Dutch Colorectal Cancer Group, the Dutch Gastric Cancer Group and the Dutch Breast Cancer Group. Dr. van de Velde has also been the President of the European Society of Surgical Oncology since 2008 and is currently Vice President of the European Cancer Society.

Dr. van de Velde was recognized in 1999 as an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in London and the Royal College of Surgeons and Physicians in Glasgow.

Madam Speaker, individuals such as Cornelis van de Velde should be recognized for their sincere dedication to improving the health and quality of life for people all over the world. With the passing of my husband Harvey to pancreatic cancer, I can personally attest to the effects of cancer on both a person and their family. I sincerely appreciate the work that Dr. van de Velde has done and wish him further success in his medical endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 98TH BIRTHDAY OF RUBY HARTLEY BARTON

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to the special life of Ruby Hartley Barton of Talladega, Alabama.

Mrs. Barton was born on December 15, 1911 in Georgia to James and Victoria Hartley. Mrs. Barton's father died while she was a baby, and her mother raised her and her six brothers and sisters. Mrs. Barton grew up in a farming and textile family.

She was married to the late B.W. Barton for over 50 years and was blessed with two sons, Charles D. Barton and Larry H. Barton and one daughter, Edith Barton Bishop. Mrs. Barton now has three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Mrs. Barton worked at Bemis Mills for close to 40 years and has spent her life serving God

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and volunteering in her church as a Sunday School teacher, choir director and pianist.

On December 15th, her friends and family will celebrate her birthday in her room at Talladega Health Care in Talladega. Today I would like to wish Mrs. Ruby Hartley Barton a very Happy 98th Birthday.

PROMOTING JOBS FOR VETERANS ACT OF 2009

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Promoting Jobs for Veterans Act of 2009.

Last week the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that during the month of November there were over one million unemployed veterans in this country. The report also showed that the unemployment rate among our newest cohort of veterans ages 18–24 remains extremely high at 20 percent. Moreover, 700,000 of that million are between the ages of 35 and 64, the years of both the highest earning power and the highest financial needs to pay mortgages and tuitions. I ask unanimous consent that the relevant page from the December Bureau of Labor Statistics Report be included in the RECORD with my remarks.

These numbers paint a very disturbing picture of the obstacles veterans face. These men and women have put their lives on the line in the defense of freedom and democracy around the globe, so we must do a better job of helping these warriors find suitable employment opportunities when they return home.

That is why I have introduced the Promoting Jobs for Veterans Act of 2009. The first title of this bill focuses on providing funding and incentives for veterans to pursue training and education that would provide employment opportunities for them in the new economy. It would create a new troops to teachers program to pay new teachers who are veterans and are teaching in a rural area \$500 a month stipend. It would also provide a zip code based housing stipend for unemployed veterans who are participating in a VA approved OJT/Apprenticeship Program.

The second title of the bill focuses on promoting and expanding veteran owned and service disabled veteran owned small businesses. It would reauthorize the VA Veteran Owned Small Business Loan Guaranty Program which would guarantee loans for veteran owned small businesses up to \$500,000. It would also allow VA to enter into sole source contracts with veteran owned small businesses in the same way they can with 8(a) firms.

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, firms with fewer than 500 employees accounted for 64 percent—or 14.5 million—of the 22.5 million net new jobs between 1993 and the third quarter of 2008. I firmly believe that veteran owned small businesses can become a driving force in this nation's recovery and this bill will help make that a reality.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to co-sponsor this needed legislation.

HONORING ERROTABERE RANCH

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Errotabere Ranch upon being the recipient of the 2009 Baker, Peterson and Franklin Ag Business Award by the Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Dan Errotabere of Errotabere Ranch will be recognized at the annual Agricultural Awards luncheon on November 18, 2009 in Fresno, California.

Errotabere Ranch is a family operated farm in Riverdale, California and was first established in the 1920's by Mr. Jean Errotabere. By 1979, when Mr. Errotabere passed away, the farm had expanded to include 800 acres of cotton. Today, brothers Dan, Jean Jr., and Remi operate a six thousand-acre diversified farming operation which includes pima cotton, almonds, pistachios, tomatoes, garlic, onions, alfalfa seed, wheat, lettuce and cantaloupes in the Riverdale and the Five Points areas. Each brother is responsible for a specific facet of the business including the finances, crop production and farm equipment. Over the years the family has applied progressive water techniques and technology to better utilize the scarce water resources on the ranch.

The Errotabere family has a long history of community involvement. They have held many leadership roles in the agricultural industry and community organizations. Dan has been an advocate for agricultural water issues, serving on several water-related boards. Dan is also heavily involved with the Fresno County Farm Bureau, currently serving as president. All three brothers are actively involved with Riverdale schools and the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology at California State University, Fresno. The family supports Community Medical Centers, Children's Hospital Central California and has been active in the local United Cerebral Palsy Association.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Errotabere Ranch upon being honored as the 2009 Baker, Peterson and Franklin Ag Business Award. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Errotabere Ranch many years of continued success.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "NO SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS FOR PRISONERS ACT OF 2009"

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, today, I have introduced legislation that will treat retroactive Social Security and Supplemental Security Income payments due to prisoners consistent with the way ongoing monthly payments are treated.

The "No Social Security Benefits for Prisoners Act of 2009" would prevent retroactive Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefit payments from being issued to individuals while they are in prison, along with beneficiaries in violation of conditions of parole or probation, or who are fleeing to avoid pros-

ecution for a felony or a crime punishable by sentence of more than one year.

The Social Security Act already bars payment of current monthly benefits to such individuals. This bill ensures this prohibition applies to retroactive benefit payments as well, and allows payments to be paid once the beneficiary is no longer prohibited from receiving payments under the provisions of this bill.

I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH IN ROANOKE, TEXAS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I stand today to recognize and congratulate St. Peter Lutheran Church in Roanoke, Texas, as they celebrate the groundbreaking for their first facility.

St. Peter Lutheran Church was founded in September of 2006, when a small group of 37 families from Roanoke and surrounding cities in North Texas decided to plant a new church in their rapidly growing community. The congregation met under the guidance of Pastor Robert Baldur in a school gym, and later in the Roanoke Recreation Center.

The church's small beginnings did not stop them from reaching out to the community. Members of St. Peter Lutheran Church actively contribute to their community in many ways, such as participating in Habitat for Humanity, providing free games and activities for local children at city events, holding food and supply drives for local food pantries, among countless other acts of generosity. The church even has its own barbequeing team—the Holy Smokers—who use their grilling and smoking talents to serve others.

The church now encompasses over 100 families, and is still growing. Their rapidly increasing size has led them to purchase 11 acres of land in Roanoke, where they will break ground on Sunday, December 6, 2009, and build their first multi-use church facility. Future plans also include a school, Concordia Academy, which will one day serve and educate children throughout North Texas.

Madam Speaker, St. Peter Lutheran Church is a shining light in Roanoke, Texas. I am extremely proud to represent Pastor Baldur and the entire church congregation in the 26th Congressional District. Their service to the community is valued and appreciated, and I look forward to watching the church grow, and observing the positive impact they will continue to have in North Texas.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TUSCO COMPOSITE SQUADRON OH-277, CIVIL AIR PATROL, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AUXILIARY

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker: