

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### TRIBUTE TO JOE SCALLORNS

#### HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 1, 2009*

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this opportunity to honor Joe Scallorns of California, Missouri.

Mr. Scallorns has been awarded the Department of the Air Force Scroll of Appreciation for his tireless dedication and leadership on the Whiteman Air Force Base Community Council. The scroll is awarded for meritorious achievement or service to the Department of the Air Force by civilians not employed by the United States government. It was presented to Mr. Scallorns at the B-2 Twentieth Anniversary Gala on January 17.

Mr. Scallorns has supported the Whiteman Air Force Base community throughout his tenure as president of the Whiteman Air Force Base Community Council and through his continued service as an active member of the board. He also currently serves on the commander's group of Air Combat Command and is a participating member of the Air Force Civic Leaders Group and Air Force Association.

Joe Scallorns has been honored to serve and support Whiteman Air Force Base and its community. I hope Members of the House will join me in honoring this outstanding citizen and in wishing him the very best in his future endeavors.

### HONORING PAUL HARVEY

SPEECH OF

#### HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, Mar 30, 2009*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 223, honoring the life, achievements, and contributions of Paul Harvey, affectionately known for his signature line, 'This is Paul Harvey . . . Good Day.' I want to thank my colleague from Oklahoma, Representative JOHN SULLIVAN for introducing this resolution.

Paul Harvey became a heartland icon, delivering news and commentary with a distinctive Midwestern flavor. "Stand by for news!" he told his listeners. He was credited with inventing or popularizing terms such as "skyjacker," "Reaganomics" and "guesstimate." Mr. Harvey was one of the most gifted and beloved broadcasters in our nation's history.

Radio Pioneer, Legend and Icon, Paul Harvey, famous for his line "and now you know, the rest of the story" passed away on February 28, 2009 at the age of 90. It was a sad day for broadcasters and listeners alike around the world to learn of his passing.

Paul Harvey Aurandt was born September 4, 1918, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mr. Harvey's career

was launched in 1933 when a speech teacher at Tulsa's Central High School recognized his potential and told a local station radio manager, "This boy needs to be in radio." Harvey worked as an announcer, then as program director at KVOO-AM.

He spent three years as a station manager in Salina, Kansas, followed by a stint as a newscaster in Oklahoma City. He then landed at WXOK-AM in St. Louis, working as a reporter and director of special events.

After marriage, Harvey worked as a reporter in Hawaii and enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps after Pearl Harbor. Discharged in 1944, he moved to Chicago at his wife's urging.

On April 1, 1951 the ABC Radio Network debuted Paul Harvey News and Comment "Commentary and analysis of Paul Harvey each weekday at 12 Noon". Harvey's News and Comment was streamed on the World Wide Web twice a day. Paul Harvey News has been called the "largest one-man network in the world," as it was carried on 1,200 radio stations, 400 Armed Forces Network stations around the world and 300 newspapers. His broadcasts and newspaper columns have been reprinted in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD more than those of any other commentator.

A voice so familiar has been quieted, but life's experiences, as often described by Mr. Harvey, continue in its progressive line of march. The parade, however, will now be described in different ways, as it passes by . . . and, I'm afraid, not as eloquently as Paul Harvey described it as a . . . "Good Day!" Thank you for this tribute. It was, as life is, moving. Thanks to Mr. Harvey for sharing his life with us for these many, many years. The life he saw through 76 years of broadcast experience was made better, sadder, enthusiastically and quietly at many times . . . times, as described by him, always memorable.

I am honored to have had the opportunity as many of us had, to have listened to him. Americans could always count on him to tell us the rest of the story.

### TRIBUTE TO FORMER McALLEN MAYOR OTHAL BRAND

#### HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 1, 2009*

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, the McAllen Hispanic Chamber of Commerce promotes economic development and assists businesses to access the Hispanic market through networking, promoting education and nurturing leadership; and

Whereas, Mayor Brand born August 12, 1919 in Grayson, Georgia one of six children to Homer and Ilee Brand.

Whereas, Mayor Brand with his unflinching patriotism served the United States in World War II as a U.S. Marine; and

Whereas, Mayor Brand returned from World War II to continue to work tirelessly building

the produce company that would become Griffin & Brand Produce of McAllen and ultimately relocating to McAllen, Texas in 1954; and

Whereas, Mayor Brand always ready for a new challenge served the City of McAllen as City Commissioner and then as Mayor for 20 years. Mayor Brand's leadership and vision was instrumental in creating the City of McAllen of today, a thriving modernized city; and

Whereas, Mayor Brand's dedication to the youth of McAllen is evident through the founding of the Boy's and Girls' Club of McAllen that today supports a large number of youth programs, and his work to obtain land for the McAllen ISD that is now home to a high school, a city park, and a number of sports fields; and

Whereas, Mayor Brand played a central role in the development of the McAllen Economic Development Corporation that has brought a number of industries to the area that today employ thousands of McAllen citizens; and be it hereby

Resolved, That Congressman HENRY CUELLAR, in representing the 28th Congressional District of the State of Texas, honors Former McAllen Mayor Othal Brand.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 1, 2009*

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, March 31, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and I missed the first vote in a series of three votes. I missed rollcall vote No. 173.

Had I been present and voting, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall vote No. 173: "no" (On agreeing to H. Res. 279).

### TRIBUTE TO BRADY YOUNG

#### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 1, 2009*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Brady Young on earning an Eagle Scout Award. Brady is an 11th grade student from South Hardin High School in Eldora, Iowa.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about 5% of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance based achievement that has maintained similar standards over the years. To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Brady's project was replacing the railing, steps, landscaping and entrance to the west of the Youth

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Building at the Hardin County Fairgrounds in Eldora.

Brady has been involved in scouting since he was in Tiger Cubs and continues to be an active member of the Eldora Boy Scout Troop 334 today. He has completed over 50 merit badges, 12 of which are required to become an Eagle Scout. While in Scouts, Brady has earned various awards which include: the Bronze Palm, Arrow of Light Award, 50 Miler Award, God and Country Religious Award, World Conservation Award and various others. Brady is also a Member of Order of the Arrow—Brotherhood Level and completed the Den Chief Leadership training.

The example set by this young man demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Brady Young in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues join me in congratulating him on earning an Eagle Scout ranking and wish him continued success in his future education and career.

#### HONORING FRED WELCH

#### HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 1, 2009*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Fred Welch, a dedicated and selfless member of the community who passed away on March 13, 2009.

Fred was born in Linden, Tennessee and later attended the University of Tennessee. After graduation he attended Auburn University and Iowa State University. Fred's areas of specialty were in soil science, specifically soil fertility and fertilizers. This area of expertise led him to work at the Georgia Experiment Station, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and finally the agronomy department at the University of Illinois.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn, whom he married in 1956 in Cherokee, Alabama. They were blessed with three sons, five granddaughters, and three grandsons. After retiring from the University of Illinois in 1990, Fred and his wife traveled whenever possible and founded an active seniors group that meets once a month to discuss politics and meet candidates. This organization, the Active Senior Republicans, has grown from just the two of them to over one hundred citizens of the Champaign area.

I hope all of you will join me in recognizing Fred Welch for his contributions to his community, Champaign County, and the University of Illinois.

#### TRIBUTE TO REAR ADMIRAL DR. JOHN F. EISOLD

#### HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 1, 2009*

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this opportunity to recognize the service of Dr. John F. Eisold, former Attending Physician of the United States Congress. From 1994 to 2009, Dr. Eisold dedicated himself to the medical welfare of the Members and staff

of Congress. His services were essential to the Members of Congress and should not go unrecognized.

Dr. Eisold was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1946, and grew up in Baltimore, Maryland. He received a Bachelor's degree in Physics from Dartmouth College in 1968 and a Doctor of Medicine degree from Dartmouth College in 1976. From 1976 to 1979, Dr. Eisold completed his internship and residency in internal medicine at the National Naval Medical Center. Upon receiving his American Board of Internal Medicine Certification, Dr. Eisold established the General Internal Medicine Division and Hypertension Clinic at the National Naval Medical Center. In 1985 he was selected as a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow and worked for Senator KENNEDY's Health Staff on the Labor and Human Resources Committee. From 1988 to 1994 Dr. Eisold was reassigned back to the National Naval Medical Center and was selected as chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine. He was promoted to Rear Admiral in 1995.

Dr. Eisold has been recognized for his work to the Congress during the anthrax attack in 2001. He and his staff were awarded the U.S. Surgeon General's Crisis Response Service Award, the Public Health Service Outstanding Unit Citation and the Navy Unit Commendation. In addition, Dr. Eisold has been awarded the National Defense Medal with two Bronze Stars, Meritorious Unit Commendation with three Bronze Stars, Navy Commendation Medal with Gold Star, Defense Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with Gold Star, and the Distinguished Service Medal.

I am certain that Members of the House will join me in thanking Rear Admiral Dr. John F. Eisold for his service to the United States Congress and in wishing him the best of luck in future endeavors.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE U.S.-PARAGUAY PARTNERSHIP ACT OF 2009

#### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 1, 2009*

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, today, I am pleased to introduce the U.S.-Paraguay Partnership Act of 2009 which will add Paraguay as an Andean Trade Preference Act (ATPA) beneficiary country. As Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, I have spent countless hours over the past two years urging greater U.S. engagement in the Americas. Congress's passage of the U.S.-Paraguay Partnership Act of 2009 will be one small step in that direction.

Paraguay is the second poorest country in South America—after only Bolivia. 30% of Paraguayans live in poverty and 13% live in extreme poverty. Paraguay's inclusion as an ATPA beneficiary country would allow the country to create well-needed jobs and reduce poverty.

But, the U.S.-Paraguay Partnership Act of 2009 is about much more than poverty reduction. This bill will serve the dual purpose of reducing poverty in Paraguay and enhancing the already strong relationship between our two countries. I visited President Lugo in Asuncion in November, and he expressed to me his in-

terest in a strong relationship with the United States. President Lugo is the first Paraguayan president to be elected not from the Colorado party in 60 years, and he is already a good friend of the United States.

Paraguay is a small, landlocked country that is often left out of discussions of U.S. policy toward Latin America. But, it is a crucial ally in so many areas. According to the State Department's February 2009 International Narcotics Control Strategy Report, in 2008, Paraguay's National Anti-drug Secretariat (SENAD) seized a record 172 metric tons of marijuana. Paraguay also works closely with the U.S. and its neighbors Argentina and Brazil in the "3+1 process" to curb illicit activities in the so-called tri-border area where the borders of Paraguay, Argentina and Brazil meet.

Over the past two years, I have been highly critical of Congress's short-term extensions of ATPA. It is my hope both that Paraguay will be quickly added to ATPA and that ATPA will then be extended for a much longer time period than in the past.

During his campaign, President Obama said that "my policy toward the Americas will be guided by the simple principle that what's good for the people of the Americas is good for the United States." The U.S.-Paraguay Partnership Act of 2009 embodies the spirit of President Obama's statement, and will be a win-win for both countries.

#### TRIBUTE TO TRAVIS JESKE

#### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 1, 2009*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Travis Jeske on earning an Eagle Scout Award. Travis is a 10th grade student from South Hardin High School in Eldora, Iowa.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about 5% of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance based achievement that has maintained similar standards over the years. To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Travis's project was building gate extensions for the Hardin County Fair Board, at the Hardin County Fairgrounds in Eldora.

Travis has been involved in scouting since he was in Tiger Cubs and continues to be an active member of the Eldora Boy Scout Troop 334 today. He has completed over 50 merit badges; 12 of which are required to become an Eagle Scout. While in scouts, Travis has earned various awards which include: the Bronze Palm, Arrow of Light Award, 50 Miler Award, God and Country Religious Award, World Conservation Award and various others. Travis is also a Member of Order of the Arrow—Brotherhood Level and completed the Den Chief Leadership training.

The example set by this young man demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Travis Jeske in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues join me in congratulating him on earning an Eagle Scout