

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

STATEMENT ON EFFIE LEE MORRIS

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 10, 2010*

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a longtime literary advocate and community leader, Effie Lee Morris, who died in San Francisco last November 10. On June 14, family, friends and San Francisco dignitaries will gather at the San Francisco Public Library to celebrate her lifetime of work as a librarian and advocate for underserved children and the visually impaired. They will pay tribute to her life as a visionary who recognized the power of literacy and education in overcoming racism, inequality and poverty.

Morris began her life's work as a literary activist as a public librarian in Cleveland, Ohio more than 60 years ago. Recognizing that education is the most important investment we can make in our future, she focused primarily on children's literacy in African American communities and low-income urban areas, and helped to establish the first Negro History Week. In 1955, she moved to New York City where she worked for the New York Public Library. There she continued to work with children and began advocating for the rights of the visually impaired, eventually becoming a children's specialist at the New York Public Library's Library for the Blind from 1958 to 1963.

In 1963, San Francisco was blessed when Morris arrived in our city and became the first Coordinator of Children's Services at our Public Library, where she established the Children's Historical and Research Collection. It stands in tribute to her today. The children's literature section that she created is named in her honor.

In 1968, Morris helped found the San Francisco Chapter of the Women's National Book Association and served as the first African American president of the Public Library Association.

Upon retirement, Morris continued to serve the San Francisco Bay Area community, and taught courses on children's literature at Mills College and the University of San Francisco. Morris served as the first female chairperson of the Library of Congress as well as the President of the National Braille Association for two terms. She also served on the California State Library Board, and was a lifetime member of the San Francisco African American Historical and Cultural Society.

We grieve Effie Lee Morris' passing, but celebrate her legacy, which will live on in the many lives she touched.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL STEVEN SMITH'S SERVICE TO FORT HAMILTON

**HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 10, 2010*

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Colonel Steven V. Smith, Installation Commander, at Fort Hamilton, located in my district of Brooklyn, New York. Fort Hamilton is the only active military base in New York City. Colonel Smith is leaving his post as Installation Commander to return to his alma mater, Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont to prepare the next generation of graduates and officers for the United States Military.

In 1984, Colonel Stephen V. Smith graduated from Norwich University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. Upon graduating, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Infantry. He went on to pursue a Master of Science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and a Master's of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

Colonel Smith started his career at Fort Carson, Colorado, where he was a Rifle Platoon Leader, Executive Officer, and Mortar Platoon Leader, 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry.

During his distinguished career, Colonel Smith was deployed to Bosnia as the 10th Mountain G4 Plans Officer. He also served as Executive Officer of the 10th Division Support Command, and the G4 (Logistics Officer) for the 10th Mountain Division where he was deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2001.

In June of 2008, Colonel Smith became, Installation Commander at Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, New York. During his time at his final Military assignment, he was instrumental in providing a location for a second National Guard Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction) which gave New York City's first responders a vital resource to utilize in the event of a terrorist attack.

Colonel Smith's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal (4th Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Commendation Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service and Overseas Ribbons, NATO Medal, Air Assault and Airborne badges and the Ranger Tab.

Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Colonel Smith for his service to New York City and the Fort Hamilton Community. Besides being an active base in America's largest city, Fort Hamilton is also a community treasure for the neighborhoods and people of South Brooklyn. Under Colonel Smith's leadership many community

organizations have been able to utilize the wonderful resources of this historic base and he has fostered a strong spirit of patriotism in support of our men and women in uniform throughout the broader community.

He has worked to upgrade housing on the base for active duty Members as well as rehabilitate the historic officers clubhouse which is a resource for not only the base but for many community organizations.

Colonel Smith truly represents the best and the brightest of the United States Army and he will continue to serve this Country with honors. I wish Colonel Smith, his wife Donna, daughters Elizabeth and Colleen and son Matthew the best of luck in his next pursuit. The students and faculty of Norwich University are incredibly lucky to gain the talent, dedication and leadership of my friend Colonel Stephen Smith.

FHA REFORM ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 9, 2010*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5072) to improve the financial safety and soundness of the FHA mortgage insurance program:

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Chair, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5072, the FHA Reform Act, which will strengthen the rules and financial stability of the Federal Housing Administration's programs. H.R. 5072 will help tighten FHA underwriting standards, rebuild its capital reserves and assist in the recovery of the housing market. This measure has bipartisan support and has received numerous endorsements from housing and real estate organizations.

H.R. 5072 would empower FHA to improve its financial position by allowing the agency to adjust their premium structure for new borrowers, while still providing affordable mortgage insurance to the individuals FHA is intended to serve. This measure also provides FHA with enhanced authority to terminate FHA lenders if evidence of fraud or noncompliance is discovered. It will also improve FHA's internal reporting systems to better manage risk and provide transparent data to the public and to Congress.

Over the years, FHA has played a key role in supporting housing finance opportunities to underserved families and assisting first time homebuyers. Most recently, FHA has helped stabilize our housing market, and reform is needed to strengthen its solvency. FHA has already implemented an unprecedented number of credit policy and risk management changes to ensure its effectiveness and soundness and to protect the American taxpayer. The FHA Reform Act builds upon these necessary changes.

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In my home State of Rhode Island, we were hit early and hard by the housing and economic crises. We currently have the fourth highest unemployment rate and one of the highest foreclosure rates in the country. Congress has an important role to play in helping Rhode Island families regain financial ground, and this bill is an important ingredient in stabilizing our housing market. The FHA Reform Act will ensure that responsible families have the opportunity to purchase a home, but also put into place the appropriate measures to prevent future crises. I urge all my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF UNITED STATES ARMY SERGEANT RAY HICKS

**HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 10, 2010*

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Army Sergeant Ray Hicks, who passed away on April 24, 2010.

Son of Jimmy and Aurelia Hicks of the Federated States of Micronesia, Ray was a Multi-channel Transmission Systems Operator-Maintainer who trained at Fort Jackson, South Carolina and Fort Gordon, Georgia before being assigned to Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

He joined the Army in June 2006 in my district in southern Arizona and is remembered fondly by his officers, NCOs and fellow soldiers.

According to his Battalion Commander, Sergeant Hicks was a devoted friend and soldier who would always lend a helping hand and who was greatly respected and admired by many.

We remember Sergeant Ray Hicks and offer our deepest condolences and sincerest prayers to his family. My words cannot effectively convey the feeling of great loss nor can they offer adequate consolation. However, it is my hope that in future days, his family may take some comfort in knowing that Ray made a difference in the lives of many others and serves as an example of a competent and caring leader and friend that will live on in the hearts and minds of all those he touched.

This body and this country owe Ray and his family a debt of gratitude and it is vital that we remember him and his service to his country.

Sergeant Ray Hicks leaves behind his beloved wife Tressia, his daughter Anana, his parents Jimmy and Aurelia and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 10, 2010*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, on Friday, May 28, 2010, I missed a series of votes on account of traveling back to Ohio to attend my daughter's high school graduation. If I had been present, I would have voted "no" on Rollcall No. 324, "no" on Rollcall No. 325, "aye" on Rollcall No. 326, "aye" on Rollcall

No. 327, "aye" on Rollcall No. 328, "aye" on Rollcall No. 329, "aye" on Rollcall No. 330, "aye" on Rollcall No. 331, "no" on Rollcall No. 332, "aye" on Rollcall No. 333, "no" on Rollcall No. 334, "aye" on Rollcall No. 335, and "no" on Rollcall No. 336.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. CAROLYN GARVER

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 10, 2010*

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Carolyn Garver for her hard work and dedication to advocating on behalf of children with autism.

Dr. Garver's lifelong passion of working with children with autism began in 1979 when she joined the Autism Treatment Center, where she currently serves as Program Director. In addition to her years of experience, she is a licensed Child Care Administrator and holds a Ph.D. in Health Studies. Dr. Garver is a recognized expert in autism and has presented at numerous national and international forums, most notably at the Indo-U.S. Science and Technology Forum in New Delhi, India in September 2006. She also presented at the 2008 Texas State Conference on Autism and the Texas State Head Start Association on Autism Spectrum Disorder. She also serves on the Advisory Task Force at Texas Tech University's Burkhardt Center's Autism Program and is a Board Member of the Dallas Chapter of the Autism Society of America.

Dr. Garver has devoted her life to this worthy cause, working closely with families, individuals, and agencies. She is a tireless advocate and a remarkable woman that possesses great compassion, patience, knowledge, and hope—hope for a brighter future for individuals with autism.

Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Carolyn Garver for her dedicated efforts to empowering individuals with autism and helping them reach their full potential.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 58 OF PHOENIXVILLE

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 10, 2010*

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Boy Scout Troop 58 of Phoenixville, Chester County as they celebrate their 75th anniversary.

Chartered by the Knights of Columbus #1374, Troop 58 is the oldest Scouting organization serving the youth of Phoenixville.

The Troop has enriched the lives of several generations of boys and young men through activities geared toward building character, developing leadership skills and instilling a commitment to serving others.

In 1955, the Troop established a Dive and Rescue Unit with the help of Friendship Fire Company in the Borough and Scouts have received training from members of the Philadelphia Police Harbor Patrol.

The success of the Troop can be attributed to the dedicated volunteers and Troop alumni who graciously commit countless hours to area youth and the organization. The outstanding effort has resulted in 37 scouts earning their Eagle Scout Badges.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating Boy Scout Troop 58 on reaching this very special milestone and offering best wishes for continued success in mentoring generations of local youth and building a stronger community and nation.

IN MEMORY OF DR. ROBERT MINTURN LOCKWOOD III OF DENTON, TEXAS

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 10, 2010*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to honor the memory of Dr. Robert Minturn Lockwood III, a respected, active, and beloved member of the North Texas community.

Known as "Doc Lock" to friends, employees, and patients, Dr. Lockwood provided exceptional radiological health care in Denton, Texas for 52 years, and his legacy will persevere for years to come.

Dr. Lockwood was born on August 28, 1922 in Philadelphia, PA. A lifelong learner, he attended Harvard, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, and twice earned the Physician's Recognition Award in Continuing Education.

In 1956, Dr. Lockwood arrived in Denton, Texas, and co-founded the Family Radiology Clinic. Dr. Lockwood was active in the Denton County Medical Society, and served as the President of the society for a number of years starting in 1966. Dr. Lockwood also belonged to multiple medical societies, including the American Medical Association, Texas Medical Association, and the Texas Radiological Society. After his first wife's death, Dr. Lockwood established Ann's Haven Hospice, which provides nonprofit home health care regardless of a patient's complex condition or ability to pay.

While Dr. Lockwood was a devoted medical professional, he also had many hobbies and interests. Described as a jolly man with an excellent sense of humor, Dr. Lockwood was an avid reader, fossil collector, gardener, bird-watcher, poet and playwright. He loved music, language and the arts, and was beloved by all who knew him.

Dr. Lockwood is survived by his wife, Sandy; his children, Ben Lockwood, Millie Lockwood, Rachel Cross and her husband John; and his granddaughter, Anna Morshedi and her husband Grant.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to remember Dr. Robert Minturn Lockwood III, for his remarkable legacy and service to the community of North Texas. I am proud to represent such an outstanding citizen from the 26th District of Texas in the United States House of Representatives.