

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JAMES “JIM” SCHRANZ

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor James “Jim” Schranz for his tireless efforts to promote and expand retirement security for all Americans. Jim has played an integral role in the formation of the Employee-owned S Corporations of America, ESCA.

Next week, he officially will step down as Treasurer so that he and his wife, Nancy, can fully enjoy their retirement. Jim began working at Austin Industries after completing his MBA from the Cox School of Business at Southern Methodist University. At Austin Industries, Jim worked his way up the ranks, rising to Vice President of Human Resources. Since 1998, he has used his knowledge of the importance of this unique retirement savings vehicle to help protect and expand it to other businesses across Texas and the United States.

Through ESCA’s efforts, Members of Congress have become better educated about retirement savings benefits created by private, employee-owned companies for their employee-owners. Jim has been instrumental in the fight to prevent inadvertent harm to S corporation ESOPs, particularly in the days of pension reform. His retirement is well-deserved.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Jim and wishing him all the best as he retires.

IN HONOR OF THE MEMORY OF ORIGINAL MONTFORD POINT MARINE SGT. EARL EVAN, JR., USMC

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of original Montford Point Marine Sgt. Earl Evans, Jr., USMC.

I was honored to host Mr. Evans here in the Capitol the day the House voted on the Congressional Gold Medal for the Montford Point Marines. I was lucky enough to have lunch with him that day and was able to listen to how proud he was to have served his nation. A picture from that day sits on my desk right now. He was in the House gallery when the final vote of 415–0 was completed and all the Members of this body turned to give him and other Montford Point Marines a standing ovation.

Deacon Earl Evans, Jr., son of the late Earl J. Evans and Delcie Alston Ogburn, was born on September 25, 1929, in Greensboro, North Carolina. He departed this life on February 14, 2012.

Earl received his formal education in the Greensboro, North Carolina, public school system. Because of his love for the military, he joined the United States Marine Corps in September 1946. During his years of active service, he attained the rank of Sergeant and deployed to places such as Guam and Korea. Earl’s plans as a career Marine ended in 1953 due to injuries sustained while in combat. He received numerous awards and citations including the Purple Heart Medal, Navy Unit Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korea Service Medal with one Silver Star, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Award, United Nations Service Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon. He retired from the Marine Corps on July 8, 1953, with an Honorable Discharge.

Upon being discharged from military service and returning home, he met and married the love of his life Madie Louise Vines of Greensboro, North Carolina. This union was blessed with two daughters, Ramona and Frenita.

Earl dedicated over 34 years of Federal Service which included seven years as a Special Policeman for the District Government and 25 years with the Veterans’ Benefits Office in Washington, DC, from which he retired.

Earl was a fervent believer in Christ. He joined Bethesda Baptist Church on October 26, 1958, and served in the following ministries: Male Chorus, Sunday School, Williams Memorial Bible Class, Men’s Ministry, Leader of Prayer Group 22, Baptist Training Union, Vacation Bible School, Club 66, the Old Timer’s Quartet and numerous activities. He was ordained as a Deacon under the late Pastor, Reverend John D. Bussey.

Earl truly loved life and possessed many talents. He was a creative and intellectual person. He memorized Bible verses and always found things to invent around the house. His other gifts included sewing, cooking, singing, composing music, playing instruments, writing many poems and speeches, often at the request of others. He was an avid fisherman and gardener.

He always stayed involved in one activity or another. Earl volunteered locally at his neighborhood Ardmore Village Association as a Block Captain. He was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, H Chapter 7 of Bowie, Maryland, and the Montford Point Marine Association, Chapter 6 of Washington, DC.

Earl leaves to cherish his memory, a devoted wife, Madie; two daughters, Ramona Reed-Sellman of Capital Heights, Maryland, Frenita (Clarence) Hope of Silver Spring, Maryland; nine grand-children and twelve great-grandchildren. Also, he leaves behind, a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Lavelle and Hugo Hendricks of Palm Coast, Florida, and Reverend Chester (Beverly) Burke, Jr., and a host of other relatives and friends.

HONORING DANNY THOMAS

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, his parents sought this country and the great promise of America. As the child of immigrants, ingrained in Danny Thomas’ very core was the belief that Americans should thank the United States for the gift of freedom. The life and legacy of Danny Thomas is marked by his fidelity to faith and his dedication to those who might lose hope.

Danny Thomas’ legacy is one of acting, sports, family, and faith. An Emmy-winning actor, Thomas starred in one of the most successful and honored comedy shows, “Make Room for Daddy.” An original owner of the Miami Dolphins, he was, as well, an avid golfer and two PGA championships bore his name. Moved by the faithfulness of the Almighty, and Thomas’ belief that no child should be turned away from medical care regardless of race, religion, or ability to pay, Danny began raising money for St. Jude Children’s Center in the early 1950s. Pope Paul VI named Thomas a Knight Commander of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre and President Ronald Reagan presented him with a Congressional Gold Medal of Honor. But Thomas’ true legacy isn’t the awards bestowed on him by world leaders, but the grateful thanks given by children around the world.

St. Jude is a place where children afflicted with disease, and parents burdened by lost hope, can find healing and the promise of tomorrow. Countless children, parents, families, and friends will forever be grateful for Danny Thomas and his vision as they receive superior medical care, the benefits of cutting-edge research, and an environment colored with optimism. As we celebrate Thomas’ 100th birthday, and the 50 years of St. Jude Children’s hospital, by unveiling a postage stamp in his honor, we celebrate his dedication to serving the most vulnerable among us. I rise today to honor Danny Thomas and ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating all those whose noble work brings healing and hope.

HONORING DEWZ RESTAURANT

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Dewz Restaurant in its success as an OpenTable Diner’s Top 100 “Best Overall” restaurants in the nation for 2011.

This prestigious award comes from the OpenTable Diner’s Choice “2011 Annual Winners—Best Overall Top 100 Restaurant List,” based on the reviews of more than 10 million

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users surveying 20,000 restaurants nationwide. This year, this fine Modesto establishment was one of only ten California restaurants to receive this award.

The Aspesi family, Judy and her son Scott, opened Dewz in 1997, and shortly after, teamed up with executive chef Vicente Alvarado. Since then, Mr. Alvarado has enriched Dewz Restaurant with exceptional recipes.

Dewz Restaurant's unique twist on combining American cuisine with Asian and French influence has made it a well known place for dining in the Central Valley. The restaurant is known for its fresh food as well as its extensive wine selection, which features varieties from around the world.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commending Dewz Restaurant for this prestigious recognition and in wishing them great success in their future endeavors.

REGARDING THE ELEVATION OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF BALTIMORE, EDWIN F. O'BRIEN TO THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS BY POPE BENEDICT XVI

HON. ANDY HARRIS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Archbishop of Baltimore, Edwin F. O'Brien on his recent selection to serve in the College of Cardinals by Pope Benedict XVI. We in the Archdiocese of Baltimore have been blessed by his service and leadership as the 15th Archbishop of the nation's oldest See, the city of Baltimore. We applaud the Pope's decision to recognize his leadership in serving Him and His mission in Baltimore by elevating the Archbishop to serve in the College of Cardinals.

Archbishop O'Brien, we thank you for your devotion to God and for your service to the Roman Catholic Church in Maryland and we congratulate you as our newest Cardinal.

IN MEMORY OF THE LATE ELIZABETH CONNER DEAN MILLER

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to pay tribute to a loving mother, supportive wife, and adoring grandmother, Elizabeth "Libba" Conner Dean Miller, who passed away on February 9, 2012.

The Dallas community has lost a distinguished civic leader and compassionate mother whose presence made a tremendous impact on the lives of many, especially those whom she befriended in the neighborhood. Mrs. Elizabeth Dean Miller's dedication to her family, and unselfish service to the greater Dallas community cannot be imitated. From her work alongside her charitable late husband, Dr. William Berry Dean, to her relationship with the church, Mrs. Dean epitomized what it means to have a true altruistic spirit.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege for me to pay my last respects to a lady who gave so much of herself to her community, her church, and her family. Libba will be missed by all whose lives she touched.

HONORING THE ADAMSVILLE JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL BAND

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, music is in the very heart and soul of the Tennessee 7th. We rise and sleep to rhythms played by our neighbors that are heard throughout the world. Simply put, musical excellence is commonplace in our corner of the country, but from time to time, remarkable sounds come along. I rise today to honor one such group of remarkable sound, the Adamsville Junior-Senior High School Band.

Capturing their seventh Division One State Championship title since 1999, the Adamsville Band knows a thing or two about hard work, flawless performances, and perfect sound. This group of high school musicians routinely brings home superior ratings in both the quality of their music and the caliber of their performance. This past season brought a new record-high score for the band with a score of 95.24 in the finals. Under the direction of Frank Congiardo, the young men and women of the Adamsville Junior-Senior High School Band are led with dedication, heart, and pride.

The Tennessee 7th is home to outstanding singers, songwriters, producers, and performers, but we are only as strong as the next generation of dedicated musicians. The artists who take the field under the banner of the Adamsville High School Band are proving that our legacy of great sound is safe in their hands. I rise today to thank the talented students, countless supporters, and the professional leadership of Frank Congiardo for their outstanding success. I ask my colleagues to join with me in honoring these students as they add another note to the soundtrack of America.