

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THE DANTE B. FASCELL NORTH-SOUTH CENTER

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, today Representative LEE HAMILTON and I are introducing H.R. 4757, to honor our esteemed former colleague, the former Chairman of the International Relations Committee Dante Fascell.

This bill will rename the educational institution known as the North/South Center, as the Dante B. Fascell North-South Center.

Chairman Dante Fascell was responsible for establishing this Center in 1991 to promote better relations between the United States and the nations of Latin America and the Caribbean and Canada through cooperative study training and research. Today, we recognize the significant contribution Dante Fascell has made to U.S.—Latin American relations and indeed to so many other aspects of our foreign policy. He was dedicated legislator and statesman. It is a privilege to sponsor this measure to provide a modest means of recognizing a truly great American.

Accordingly, I urge my colleagues to fully support this measure.

H.R. 4757

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF NORTH/SOUTH CENTER AS THE DANTE B. FASCELL NORTH-SOUTH CENTER.

Section 208 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1992 and 1993 (22 U.S.C. 2075) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

“(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the “Dante B. Fascell North-South Center Act of 1991”;

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) by amending the section heading to read as follows: “DANTE B. FASCELL NORTH-SOUTH CENTER.—”; and

(B) by striking “known as the North/South Center,” and inserting which shall be known and designated as the Dante B. Fascell North-South Center,”; and

(3) in subsection (d) by striking “North/South Center” and inserting “Dante B. Fascell North-South Center”.

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

(a) **CENTER.**—Any reference in any other provision of law to the educational institution in Florida known as the North/South Center shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Dante B. Fascell North-South Center”.

(b) **SHORT TITLE.**—Any reference in any other provision of law to the North/South Center Act of 1991 shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Dante B. Fascell North-South Center Act of 1991”.

AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER SUFFICIENT GROUNDS EXIST FOR THE IMPEACHMENT OF WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 8, 1998

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of beginning a fair and focused impeachment inquiry. I will—as every member of the House should—cast a vote of conscience on this grave Constitutional matter.

Let me be clear. I have been appalled by the President's behavior in this matter. His affair with Monica Lewinsky was reckless and reprehensible. Lying to his family and the American people about it was outrageous. He has tarnished the office of the Presidency and his own positive record of accomplishment. President Clinton must be held accountable.

The question before us today is not whether or nor there will be an inquiry. The question before us is what kind of inquiry will there be.

I support what the American people are calling for—an expeditious impeachment inquiry that will allow our country to bring this issue to a close and to move on. I cannot in good conscience support an endless series of unfocused hearings that may distract Congress from dealing with the important issues facing the nation.

Of course, if the House is presented with further allegations from the Independent Counsel, the Judiciary Committee can examine them as well.

But today the House should take a step toward completing this inquiry—fairly, thoroughly and quickly. There is no reason we cannot finish this by the end of the year.

Mr. Speaker, I have heard from thousands of my constituents on this issue. Their comments and advice range from calling for the President's resignation or impeachment to insisting that the House drop the entire matter. While they may differ in their beliefs and positions, in the end their most common theme is that they want to see this matter come to an expeditious resolution.

We should follow their advice.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE WIMBERLY

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great friend, great Arkansan, and great American. I speak of Mr. George Wimberly, who has served his community as a member of the City Manager Board for the

City of Little Rock; Mayor of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and as a member of the Arkansas General Assembly. All of these positions are significant, but they are completely overshadowed by his accomplishments as a friend and servant to his fellow man.

George has owned and operated a neighborhood pharmacy, Buice Drug Store, in the Stiff Station area of Little Rock for over forty years. He is personally involved in the day to day care of each and every one of his customers. George provides not only medicine, advice and counsel, love, attention and service, but he also has a genuine concern for the well being of everyone he knows. Every person that comes in contact with George gets the same consideration.

When George Wimberly is your friend you know that there is one person in the world that you can count on. He has been my dear friend since childhood and has befriended generations of my family members. He is a wealth of knowledge about our heritage and when he reads this he will say, “What would Wimpy say about this?”

He has provided free medical advice, service, and products for anyone in need. He continues to check on shut-ins and the disabled in the community and is the only link to the outside world for many of them. He is from the school that thinks character and honesty are premier qualities and practices these beliefs.

Because he has lived and served among us for 78 years we are better for it and the world is a better place to live. As they say in the place I come from, the One Horse Store, he is a “good man” and I am proud to call him my friend.

A YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENTS

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, efforts to promote equality, success, and opportunity are appreciated by all Americans. An organization, in my district, is truly dedicated to helping African-Americans succeed in the business community and sets a powerful example. It was formed to overcome hardships, and to support each other in furthering their success. This month the Saginaw African-American Minority Business Association (S.A.A.M.B.A.) is celebrating a year of outstanding achievements by designating October as National Minority Business Month.

The weekend of October 23rd, S.A.A.M.B.A. will be hosting a Minority Business Conference. This conference will bring together Saginaw area minority business owners. The conference will offer the members of S.A.A.M.B.A. many different helpful workshops and motivational keynote speakers, in hopes of providing a solid foundation for the advancement of African-Americans in business.

S.A.A.M.B.A. advances the development of area African-American minority businesses to

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succeed in the community. This organization builds relationships with financial institutions in the area. S.A.A.M.B.A. also sponsors training workshops, seminars or conferences like this one, educates and answers questions of African-American business owners and other people with similar interests. This organization's efforts to increase membership each year have been successful and its members look forward to many more years of building relationships and promoting business opportunities.

The first Civil Rights legislation was enacted in 1964, and the fight for equal treatment under the law continues today. Dr. Martin Luther King dreamed of a color-blind world, and organizations like S.A.A.M.B.A. are committed to supporting his ideal by helping African-Americans in business. They work to achieve equality for African-Americans, and are constantly changing attitudes in the business community. Our country has come a long way, but we have much work to do, and organizations like S.A.A.M.B.A. are paving the way for minorities in the business world.

Mr. Speaker, the Saginaw African-American Minority Business Association is a strong foundation for African-American adults, youth and the community. I urge you and our colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding contributions to the community and congratulating the President, Corrine S. Williams and the dedicated staff of S.A.A.M.B.A. on their accomplishments this year.

IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN JAMES
SPRAYBERRY, WINNER OF THE
CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF
HONOR

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I honor a great American hero: Captain James Sprayberry, born in LaGrange, Georgia. As a soldier in Vietnam, Captain James Sprayberry selflessly risked his own life to repeatedly charge enemy machine gun nests to rescue pinned-down American soldiers. In the process, he personally saved many of their lives, while killing twelve enemy soldiers, destroying two machine-guns, and eliminating numerous enemy bunkers. For this extraordinary bravery, Captain Sprayberry was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, our nation's highest military decoration. On October 26, 1998, a road in my district will officially be named after him.

In times of peace, it is far too easy to forget that freedom carries a high price. Captain Sprayberry was willing to pay that price. He deserves the undying gratitude of a grateful nation that enjoys peace today thanks to the sacrifices he and all of our other veterans have made over the years.

AGAINST HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 254

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to comment on House Concurrent Resolution 254 which passed the House on September 14, 1998. I inaccurately voted in favor of this bill when I should have voted "no."

The bill calls upon the Government of Cuba to expatriate to the United States Ms. Joanne Chesimard as well as all other individuals who have fled the U.S. from political persecution and received political asylum in Cuba.

I wish to officially go on record as opposed to this measure. Unfortunately, the bill was placed on the suspension calendar, which is usually reserved for non-controversial measures. Furthermore, none of the many advocacy groups that monitor this vote informed my office of their concern.

I oppose H. Con. Res. 254 because I support the right of all nations to grant political asylum to individuals fleeing political persecution. The United States grants political asylum to individuals from all over the world. Other independent nations have the same right, including Cuba.

I strongly believe that the right for various governments to grant political asylum should not be disturbed. I am aware of the fact that this body often does not agree with the particular decisions made by other independent governments regarding political asylum. However, I have stood before this house many times defending and advocating for the rights of immigrants and refugees in the United States. Just as we maintain our right as a nation to welcome those from other shores, whether immigrant or refugee—we must respect the Cuban Government's right to grant political asylum for individuals from the U.S. fleeing political persecution.

TRIBUTE TO MEREDITH BIXBY

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Meredith Bixby from Saline, Michigan.

On October 18, 1998, the Saline Culture and Commerce Center will open the Bixby Marionette Exhibit. This exhibit includes over 100 of Meredith Bixby's hand-crafted marionettes which he gave to the City of Saline.

Meredith Bixby is affectionately known as the "Master of Marionettes." His company "Meredith Marionettes Touring Company" toured the Midwest and South for more than 40 years, performing in schools, theaters and community centers.

I personally admire Meredith Bixby because his stated goal was, "to present programs that we [that is Meredith and his wife Thyra] thought were in good taste." This is an element so often missing in theater productions of today.

I want to commend Meredith Bixby for his hard work and dedication. It is estimated that

in 88 years, he has performed more than 20,000 marionette plays.

A TRIBUTE TO RICHARD CHERRY

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Richard Cherry, a member of the American Legion in my district. Dick is being feted by his comrades and friends at a special Appreciation Dinner to be held on November 14, 1998 at the Adams Township Post No 553 of the American Legion. I will be proud and humbled to participate in this well-deserved recognition.

Dick Cherry currently serves as National Committeeman for the more than 164,000 members of the Ohio American Legion. In his 29 years with the Legion, he has also served as Commander of the Department of Ohio, First Vice and Second Vice Commander of the Department of Ohio, Commander of the Great First District of Ohio, Commander of Lucas County, Commander of the Adams township Post, and Delegate to Lucas County, the First District, Department of Ohio, and National Organization. He also diligently labors on countless committees on the County, District, Department of Ohio, and National levels.

A member of the United States Army, Dick is a veteran of the Korean War who served with the Second Division, 23 Infantry Battalion. With the deepest of understanding of the importance of remembering our nation's veterans, he is an active member of the Toledo Soldiers Memorial Association, and the Lucas County Veterans Service Commission, and the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Association.

Listing his involvement in civic and veteran organizations only gives one a glimpse of the man. Dick Cherry is a man of the greatest compassion and empathy, with a sharp mind and a deep soul. He has been a trusted advisor to me on veterans issues, offering wise counsel regarding health care in our nation's VA medical centers, compensation and pension benefits for veterans and their families, and the "veterans position" on national issues. In any forum, he conducts himself with dignity and grace, quietly but effectively conveying the message that we must never forget our veterans, their courage, or the sacrifices they made to bring us the freedom we know today.

If a measure of a man is the esteem in which others hold him, then Dick Cherry is a man beyond measure. I join his wife Carol, his family, friends, and colleagues in paying homage to a most down-to-earth yet most remarkable man.

IN HONOR OF THE SESQUICENTEN-
NIAL OF FLOYD SPRINGS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LO-
CATED IN FLOYD COUNTY, GEOR-
GIA

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Floyd Springs United Methodist Church of Floyd County, Georgia which