

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

MINIMUM WAGE

HON. NEWT GINGRICH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 1998

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, I want to encourage my colleagues to read the following article the Wall Street Journal which was written by a woman who owns a small business in the Sixth district of Georgia. Although the President may have good intentions when he suggests that raising the minimum wage would help working Americans, I believe that Ms. Cane points out that another minimum wage increase would actually hurt the people it is trying to help which include teenagers, working mothers, and single parents.

[From the Wall Street Journal, March 13, 1998]

MINIMUM WAGE: WHO PAYS?

(By Harriet F. Cane)

President Clinton and his allies in Congress are calling for another increase in the minimum wage. But they should consider the experience of small-business owners like me, who struggled through the last increase. I own and manage a small cafe. I have had as many as 16 employees; I now have nine. Most of them are teenagers; the rest, working mothers.

Before the last increase I wrote letters to the president and my congressmen. I explained that the mandated wage increase was only the tip of the iceberg. To maintain the wage increment for senior employees, I would have to raise their wages above the new minimum. My monthly payroll would increase by \$570—and that didn't include the payroll taxes for Social Security, Medicare, unemployment insurance and workman's compensation. For my efforts I received nicely worded form letters about the benefits of the wage increase.

When the increase passed, I had to reduce staffing hours. Result: I am working harder to earn my money. I already worked six days a week, every week. The staffing cutbacks increased my workload by 15 hours a week. I also cut back on outside services, so I am now mopping my own floors two weeks each month and doing all my own accounting, the weekly laundry and as many of the repairs as I can.

When Mr. Clinton signed the wage increase into law, he had by his side a minimum-wage worker who stated that now she did not have to choose between paying her electric bill or her gas bill. The same evening, our local news interviewed a woman who said she would now be able to buy her daughter a compact disk player for graduation. I do not begrudge either of these women their good fortune. But business owners work hard too, and we also have to make tough choices. I suffer from several chronic illnesses, and the wage increase has forced me to cut back on medical care.

Money for minimum wage increases has to come from somewhere. Mr. Clinton's proposed increase would raise my annual payroll by \$7,200, forcing me to close my doors. To the politicians I say this: You have the power to destroy the American Dream for

thousands of small business owners. If you pass another increase in the minimum wage, you can tell the teenagers and working mothers I employ why they no longer have jobs. Then try asking for their votes.

IN HONOR OF SHAUN HUGHES ON HIS ATTAINMENT OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Shaun Hughes of Cleveland, Ohio, who will be honored April 4, 1998 for his attainment of Eagle Scout.

The attainment of Eagle Scout is a high and rare honor requiring years of dedication to self-improvement, hard work and the community. Each Eagle Scout must earn 21 merit badges, twelve of which are required, including badges in: lifesaving, first aid; citizenship in the community, citizenship in the nation; citizenship in the world, personal management of time and money, family life, environmental science, and camping.

In addition to acquiring and proving proficiency in those and other skills, an Eagle Scout must hold leadership positions within the troop where he learns to earn the respect and hear the criticism of those he leads.

The Eagle Scout must live by the Scouting Law, which holds that he must be trustworthy, loyal, brave, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, clean, and reverent.

And the Eagle Scout must complete an Eagle Project, which he must plan, finance and evaluate on his own. It is no wonder that only two percent of all boys entering scouting achieve this rank.

My fellow colleagues, let us recognize and congratulate Shaun for his achievement.

QUAKER SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, anyone who visits my office can't help but notice the display of fire helmets that dominates my reception area. The main reason for this is the fact that I learned firsthand the true value of Fire Companies. While serving as Queensbury Town Supervisor, and a New York State Legislator, I had the privilege of being an active member of the Queensbury Central Volunteer Fire Company. It was this experience that gave me a tremendous respect for those who provide fire protection in our rural areas.

In a largely rural area like the 22nd District of New York, fire protection is often solely in

the hands of volunteer companies. In New York State, as elsewhere, they save countless lives and billions of dollars worth of property. That is why the efforts of people like the fire fighters in the Quaker Springs Fire Department is so very critical.

Mr. Speaker, I have always been partial to the charm and character of small towns and small town people. The town of Saratoga is certainly no exception. The traits which make me most fond of such communities are the undeniable camaraderie which exists among neighbors and their strong civic pride. Looking out for one another and the needs of the community make places like the Quaker Springs Fire District great places to live. This concept of community service and pride is exemplified by the devoted service of the members of their volunteer fire department. For 50 years now, this organization has provided critical services for its neighbors on a volunteer basis.

Mr. Speaker, it is all too rare that you see fellow citizens put themselves in harm's way for the sake of another. For the members of the Quaker Springs Fire Department, however, this is a day to day occurrence. Our young people would do well to emulate the selfless service of these noble individuals. On April 19, 1998 the fire company will be holding a ceremony to commemorate this milestone. This will provide the ideal opportunity for the residents of the area to extend their gratitude to this organization and its members, both past and present.

Mr. Speaker, I have always been one to judge people by how much they give back to their community. By that measure, the members of the Quaker Springs Fire Department are truly great Americans. I am extremely proud of this organization because it typifies the spirit of volunteerism which has been a central part of American life. To that end, it is with a sense of pride, Mr. Speaker, that I ask all members of the House to join me in paying tribute to the Quaker Springs Fire Department on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 1998

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the truly momentous occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the Borough of Totowa in Passaic County, New Jersey.

The incorporation of Totowa in 1898 as a municipality in Passaic County, New Jersey, defined the boundaries that included the 3.7 square miles of mountain, meadows, rivers, and glens that are known today as Totowa Borough.

The original inhabitants of Totowa were the Minsi tribe of the Lenni-Lenape people.

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"Minsi" means "people of the stony country." The Lenni-Lenape word "Totauwei," from which we get the name Totowa, has been translated to mean "heavy falling weights of water" or "where the water dives and reappears." Many historians believe this was in reference to the Great Falls of the Passaic River in Paterson.

Settled by the Dutch around 1620, Totowa soon became part of the thriving, larger Dutch colony in the New York-New Jersey area. The colony changed to British rule in 1664 until the War for Independence began in 1776 and set the stage for a new nation.

Totowa's shining moment in our nation's history came during the summer and fall of 1780 when General Washington and his Continental Army positioned themselves along the Totowa ridges, protected by the high ground and overlooking the river barrier to the East. During this time, some of our greatest patriots trod on Totowa's soil. Among this group were Generals Washington, Wayne, Knox, Stirling, Huntington, Glover, Saint Claire, Howe, and Greene. Additionally, the famous Marquis de Lafayette, Baron von Steuben, and the young Colonel Alexander Hamilton were also Totowa's honored guests.

During Washington's encampment, the Army's most valued possession was their artillery, gathered at great risk and cost. General Washington and his Artillery Officer, General Henry Knox, chose to place their cannons close to Totowa Road where they could be used to support the army, but were to be quickly withdrawn Westward in the event of a British breakthrough. Indeed some of the street names such as Artillery Park Road, Knox Terrace, Battle Ridge Trail, and Lookout Point Trail reflect this proud period in our history.

The Borough of Totowa was part of Essex County and then Bergen County before the County of Passaic was formed in 1837. Until the incorporation in 1898, Totowa was part of Manchester Township. The first election in the new municipality showed 85 registered voters with 75 voting on April 12, 1898.

From humble beginnings, Totowa has enjoyed steady growth until the end of World War II, which brought an influx of young families into the Borough thus doubling the population in the following decade. Today, through the efforts of citizens past and present, Totowa has become a balanced community with a blend of commerce, industry, and residential areas designed to provide affordable suburban living for its residents. In return, Totowa citizens have developed a tradition of volunteer service to their community, giving freely of their time and energy to benefit their neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, and Totowa's Mayor, Council, and residents in celebrating the truly momentous occasion of the Borough of Totowa's 100th Anniversary.

IN HONOR OF JOSEPH M. CONDON
ON HIS ATTAINMENT OF EAGLE
SCOUT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Joseph M. Condon of Cleveland, Ohio, who

will be honored March 29, 1998 for his attainment of Eagle Scout.

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HAROLD JORDAN: AMERICAN
HERO

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

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Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I have always been partial to the charm and character of small towns and small town people. That is why I travel home to my congressional district nearly every weekend, to spend time in the picturesque towns with the remarkable people of the 22nd district of New York.

Harold Jordan, of Greenwich, New York, epitomizes what I love most about my constituents: the undeniable selflessness and camaraderie which exists among neighbors who always look out for one another and the needs of the community. Harold has been a member of the Greenwich Volunteer Fire Department for forty-seven years, and still maintains active status, having responded personally to 90% of the calls in 1997. He has constantly put himself in harm's way for his fellow citizens, saving countless lives and dollars in property damage over his long and storied term of service. Harold has spent the majority of his life protecting his community in this way, and as a former volunteer fireman myself, I understand and appreciate the commitment required to perform such vital public duties.

Just as important as the lives and property which Harold has helped save is the example he's set for others around him, especially for young people. In our fast-paced modern society, the joy and responsibility of volunteering too often fall by the wayside in the quest for wealth and status. I am proud to say that people like Harold Jordan prove that in the 22nd district of New York, the spirit of voluntarism which made America great is still alive and well!

Mr. Speaker, I have always been one to judge individuals in large part by the amount of time and care they give back to their community. By that measure, Harold Jordan is

truly a great American. We should all strive to emulate the service of this small-town hero, taking time out of each of our days to further the health and well-being of our communities. With that in mind, Mr. Speaker, I ask all Members to join me in paying tribute to Harold Jordan in honor of his extraordinary forty-seven years of service as a volunteer fireman.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT JOHN
REAGAN ON THE OCCASION OF
HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE
CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 1998

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a dedicated police officer who has spent 36 years protecting the lives and property of his fellow citizens, Lieutenant John T. Reagan of the Chicago Police Department.

Since 1962, Lieutenant Reagan has served the city of Chicago and his community, including many people from my district, as a member of the Chicago Police Department. Most recently he has worked in the Violent Crimes Office One Detective Division.

On March 5, 1998, however, Lieutenant John Reagan retired from the police force. His presence will certainly be missed, both by his fellow officers and by the members of his community who he has served diligently for many years.

Mr. Speaker, I salute Lieutenant John T. Reagan on his 36 years of service as a police officer. I would like to extend my very best wishes for continued success and happiness on his retirement and in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO SISTER PATRICIA
CODEY

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 1998

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention Sister Patricia Codey who is being honored this evening at the 55th Annual Dinner Dance of the Friends of Brian Boru.

Sister Patricia is being honored this evening with the organization's "Irish Religious of the Year Award." This award is given in recognition of her selfless and dedicated service, efforts and contributions that have served to improve the quality of life for the residents of the State of New Jersey.

Sister Patricia's remarkable record of leadership includes teaching at Saint Paul's in Clifton, law intern at the Essex County Prosecutor's office, and Assistant Federal Defender in the Federal Public Defender's office in Newark.

Additionally, Sister Patricia serves her fellow citizens as Representative in the Sisters of Charity Southern Provincial Assembly, the Red Mass Committee, the Seton Hall Law School, the Archdiocese of Newark Response Team, and the Judicial and Prosecutorial Appointments Committee in Essex County.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues and, Sister Patricia's family and