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IN HONOR OF JASON DAVID
SLOWBE ON HIS ATTAINMENT OF
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Jason David Slowbe of Strongsville, Ohio, who will be honored on March 22, 1998 for his attainment of Eagle Scout.

The attainment of Eagle Scout is a high and rare honor requiring years of dedication of 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 praise Jason for this achievement.

TRIBUTE TO REP. JIM HOWARD

HON. THOMAS J. MANTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Mr. MANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to former Representative James J. Howard on this the 10th Anniversary of his passing. First elected to Congress in 1964 and serving until his death in 1988, Congressman Howard served longer than any other Representative in the history of the Third Congressional District of New Jersey.

As the first representative from New Jersey to serve as chairman of the House Public Works and Transportation Committee, Representative Howard was responsible for passage of important legislation such as the 55-mile-per-hour national speed limit which was the first legislation to focus attention on the relationship between speed and safety. In addition, his anti-drunk driving and 21-year old minimum drinking age laws have prevented the deaths of many young motorists and innocent victims around the country.

Out of deep concern for the shore district he represented, Representative Howard championed major environmental legislation

throughout his tenure in Congress. Among the bills he sponsored were the 1987 Clean Water Act, the Superfund Act of 1986 which limited the discharge of raw sewage by New York City and banned new sludge dumping in the New York Bight, the Plastic Pollution and Research Act of 1987 and the Groundwater Protection Act of 1987.

He was also responsible for passage of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, which increased the Federal gas tax by five cents a gallon to greatly expand the nation's highway program, as well as numerous other pieces of legislation which greatly improved our nation's transportation system.

Mr. Speaker, Representative Howard truly demonstrated loyalty to his community and country throughout his lifetime of service. I know my colleagues join me in paying tribute to this fine man on the 10th Anniversary of his passing.

HOME OF THE HEROES CELEBRATION

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, please include the following editorial in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

[From the Chieftain, Pueblo, CO, Mar. 25, 1998]

HOME OF HEROES, TRULY

Since the beginning of World War II, about 30 million Americans have served in this nation's armed forces.

Of all of those people, only a small number have been awarded the Medal of Honor. And of that number, more than half were awarded it posthumously, meaning even fewer have received the nation's highest honor while alive.

Now the astounding part. Four of the living recipients grew up and attended schools in Pueblo.

And two of them attended the same high school, Central. Pueblo is the only city in the nation to be the home of four Medal of Honor recipients, and Central is the only high school to claim two.

William Crawford, now of Palmer Lake, and Carl Sitter of Richmond, VA. attended Central High. Jerry Murphy of Albuquerque attended Pueblo Catholic High school, and Drew Dix of Pueblo and Fairbanks, Alaska, attended Centennial High School.

A week ago, as a heavy spring storm raced through Pueblo, the four recipients attended the unveiling at the Pueblo Convention Center of the Home of Heroes display honoring these four special men.

The display features a uniform from each of the four, plus replicas of their medals and blowups of Associated Press news photos taken about the same time in the same area where the Puebloans earned their honors. Press a button and an electronic recording details each man's heroism.

Their fellow Puebloans showed the depth of their respect when about 200 braved the storm to attend the ceremonies. The gentlemen were obviously touched by the outpouring of respect and honor they received while here.

Now Pueblo is urging the Medal of Honor Society to hold its annual meeting here in 2000. That is when a statue honoring Pueblo's four recipients specifically and all Medal recipients in general is to be dedicated.

The project was organized by our publisher, Robert H. Rawlings, and is being supported by foundations and individuals from throughout the state.

Two Puebloans were surprised by the Medal of Honor Society, Doug Sterner, who along with his wife Pam began the Home of Heroes celebrations and who designed the concept behind the Home of Heroes diorama, was given the Society's prestigious distinguished Service Award. He accepted the award on behalf of his entire family.

This week Mr. Sterner was both proud of the honor and modest. As he put it to us, "I feel this honor goes to all of Pueblo. Pueblo has been so supportive" of the Home of Heroes program.

Yes, Pueblo truly is the Home of Heroes. We are all mightily proud of them and appreciate the "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty" which earned them the Medal of Honor—and their nation's undying gratitude.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I was traveling with the President in Africa yesterday, March 24, 1998, and was unable to vote. I would have voted in favor of approving the journal (Rollcall No. 64). I would have voted in favor of H.R. 3211 (Rollcall No. 65). I would have voted in favor of H.R. 3412 (Rollcall No. 66). I would have voted in favor of H.R. 3096 (Rollcall No. 67).

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce concurrent resolution No. _____ to encourage the use of federally-supported research findings surrounding the impact of untreated sleep disorders and sleep deprivation on the nation's health, safety and economy.

Studies show that Americans are chronically sleep deprived. According to a report by the National Commission on Sleep Disorders Research, approximately 40 million Americans suffer from some 80 identified sleep disorders and millions more intermittent sleep problems linked to depression, stress, pain, and other ailments. According to the National Sleep Foundation, two-thirds of adult Americans get far less sleep than the eight hours they need to maintain proper alertness during the day due partially to demanding lifestyles.

The pervasive sleep deprivation is taking a toll on the nation's health and productivity as sleepiness affects vigilance, mood, alertness, motor skills, and the memory of people in both the home and the workplace. Fatigue all too often has deadly consequences, causing at least \$100,000 police-reported crashes on our nation's highways every year and contributing to other transportation and industrial disasters. Although, fatigue and sleep deprivation is estimated to cost Americans \$100 billion each

year. The National Sleep Foundation's recent poll found that 57% of Americans have driven when drowsy during the past year. 23% of adults have actually fallen asleep at the wheel in the past year. Obviously, sleep deprivation is a major concern in our homes, our work places and on our highways.

To address these serious concerns, the National Sleep Foundation, a variety of organizations, federal agencies and companies have initiated a program called National Sleep Awareness Week during March 30–April 5 to raise awareness of the importance of good sleep and the consequences of insufficient sleep in the home, workplace and on the highway. I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting their efforts and to work toward ensuring that proper attention is given to chronic sleep deprivation and fatigue by policy makers, medical care practitioners, researchers, and educators.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DARLENE HOOLEY

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Ms. HOOLEY. Mr. Speaker, yesterday evening when the House was voting I missed rollcall votes number 64, 65, 66 and 67 because my flight to Washington from Oregon was cancelled. I respectfully request that the record reflect that had I been present, I would have voted yes on 64, yes on 65, yes on 66 and yes on 67.

RECOGNITION OF DR. HUGH O. LABOUNTY

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize an outstanding volunteer and citizen from the 48th Congressional District. Dr. Hugh O. LaBounty came to my district in his retirement as President of the California State Polytechnic University, Pomona—an institution he led with distinction for 13 years. However, Dr. LaBounty, who is an historian by training, and has served as a consultant to the Government of South Korea, to the United Arab Emirates, to the Tanzanian National Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Education of Athens, Greece, does not understand the word “retirement.”

Since Dr. LaBounty “retired” to Oceanside in 1991, he has served the brand new California State University established in our backyard of San Marcos. His appointment as Senior University Consultant was established by Founding CSUSM President Bill W. Stacy with “compensation of one dollar per year and other valuable considerations.” Dr. LaBounty proceeded to earn his compensation and, more importantly, the gratitude of a struggling new campus. Of note was his service in assisting the campus prepared for its first accreditation by establishing an external assessment team visit, thus paving the way for a successful review. Subsequently, Dr. LaBounty lent his expertise toward the estab-

lishment of its Foundation. Not content to merely help manage the funds of the Foundation, Dr. LaBounty then assisted the campus in planning a professional fundraising program, and continued by raising funds himself.

Lest you think his contributions were primarily academic or business in their focus, I will also mention that Dr. LaBounty used his personnel connections with actor Raymond Burr and the powers of his persuasion to bring a collection of Hans Erni's artwork to the campus for permanent display. It is the first art collection housed at the campus. For the sake of the residents of the 48th District, we hope it is not the last.

Mr. Speaker, as you can see, Dr. LaBounty has not yet understood retirement as “withdrawing from the business or public life” as my dictionary defines it. For this the educational community of CSU San Marcos and the civic community of the 48th District are grateful.

A GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY IN RECOGNITION OF GOLDEN EFFORTS

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt as to the value of our many fine veterans organizations. The work that these groups do for their members and their communities is very often supplemented by auxiliaries. I am proud to tell our colleagues that on April 2, Amvets Ladies Auxiliary #22 of Bay City, Michigan, will be celebrating its 50th anniversary.

They began with 10 members and have grown to nearly 75, who carry on a half century of dedication and service in honor of their motto: “We waited together. Now let's work together.” Members of the auxiliary have certainly waited together over the years. Whether it was during the time of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, or any other military activity, the members of the Amvets Ladies Auxiliary #22 were always ready to lend a hand.

The members of the Auxiliary worked from the very beginning to raise funds to support community service, child welfare, servicemen, Americanism, hospital and scholarship projects. They held Tupperware and Stanley parties, made and sold candy, and sold white clovers for the benefit of others.

Whether it was food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas, or gifts for servicemen during Vietnam, or the need for volunteers and resources for the Saginaw VA Hospital, or yellow house ribbons during Desert Storm, the auxiliary was there. The Lutheran Orphanage, the Women's Crisis Center, and school children who have participated in the Americanism contest, have all benefited from the generous efforts of the Auxiliary. And the Amvets Ladies Auxiliary #22 is rightly proud of the fact that they have been a working partner with Amvets Post #22 in hosting state conventions, a state bowling tournament, a fall conference, and a driver's excellence program.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and all our colleagues to join me in congratulating all of the members of the Amvets Ladies Auxiliary #22, and its officers, Patricia Michalski, President; Kathy Hair, 1st Vice President; Diane Woods,

2nd Vice President; Linda Marshall, Secretary; Karen Kelly-Jamrog, Treasurer; Katherine Avery, Chaplain; Patricia Jane, Sergeant at Arms; Phyllis Frenze, Americanism Chairperson; Linda Marshall, Scholarship Chairperson; Marcella Schmidt, Hospital Chairperson; and Anne Schmidt, Parliamentarian. May they be granted their wish of reaching joyous 75th and 100th anniversaries in the years ahead.

HONORING MARSHALL V. MILLER

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to rise and salute a recipient of Vice President GORE's Hammer Award, Mr. Marshall V. Miller, Esquire, of Miller and Company in Missouri's 5th Congressional District for his outstanding contributions to improving the trade compliance process on international trade issues. The reforms which Mr. Miller has achieved in the U.S. Custom Services trade compliance process has resulted in the Department's improvement in service to American businesses and their customers.

Miller and Company is receiving special recognition as a team that has significantly contributed in supporting the President's National Performance Review Principles. This emphasis on client services directly reflects the performance principles. Through the reinventing government process, Marshall Miller has participated as a member of the Partnership and Compliance Assessment Team which has identified, prioritized, and created action plans for removing barriers, enhancing maximum compliance, and reducing costs to the trade industry and the customs service.

Receiving the Hammer Award is a special recognition and honor which Miller and Company and its primary principal, Marshall Miller, have earned. Those that are fortunate enough to know Mr. Miller are aware of his energy and quest for efficiency. Mr. Speaker, I applaud my constituent, Marshall V. Miller, on receiving the Vice President's 1998 Hammer Award.

A TRIBUTE TO HELEN HILTON RAISER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Helen Hilton Raiser who is being honored by the Volunteer Center of San Mateo County, California at the Eleventh Annual Very Important Volunteer Dinner.

Helen Raiser is an active community volunteer who gives generously of her time and talents to a wide variety of organizations and causes. She has been a trailblazer in the handgun control movement so that we will have safer communities. She has worked extensively with young people, especially as an enthusiastic volunteer in Scouting. She has been a tenacious champion of accessible housing. She has been a leader in providing high quality retirement housing and care for