

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SMITHSONIAN SLAPS OUR HEROES IN THE FACE

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 2, 1995

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, it is tragic that a museum funded by public dollars dare revise our history and distort the facts surrounding the use of atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in World War II. While this was an extreme use of force, it was used reluctantly against a mischievous and unyielding empire. It is certainly appropriate to include this exhibit regardless of the present sentiment toward such weapons since it culminated in the end of the war and placed the United States at the forefront of the free world.

Indeed, Mr. Speaker, if the Smithsonian wanted to revise the *Enola Gay* exhibit, they might start by acknowledging this action actually saved many American, and even Japanese, lives for that matter. In fact, as we paid tribute to the marines who fought the historic battle of Iwo Jima this past week, Mr. Harwit and others at the Smithsonian would have done well to ask these survivors the likelihood of a Japanese surrender without use of these devastating bombs. Then, Mr. Speaker, they could ask these heroes if the Japanese would have been likely to surrender upon being faced with a massive and superior invasion force.

As supposed historians, these people need not ask such insulting and embarrassing questions, but simply look at the facts. Clearly, the Japanese actions at Iwo Jima and other island invasions indicated they would not give up until the last of them was killed. Now, I ask the learned scholars at the Smithsonian, what kind of toll would have been extracted by an invasion of the Japanese mainland? I for one cringe to think of the loss of lives such an act would have rendered and would be ashamed to face those who gave their lives at places like Iwo Jima. After all, Mr. Speaker, these heroes directly enabled the air raids which ultimately broke the Japanese will and allowed democracy to triumph over imperialism.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I would like to submit an editorial from the spring 1995 edition of the Marine Corps League describing the insult such irreverent action is to our service people.

SMITHSONIAN'S INSULT

Fifty years ago this August the United States dropped the atomic bomb that forced Japan to surrender, ending World War II. Fifty-four years ago come December 7, the Japanese made their sneak attack on Pearl Harbor that caused the United States to enter World War II. The two events cannot be separated. Without the first event, there could not have been the second. And any historian—or museum—who views it otherwise is either ignorant or deceitful. But when that museum is the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum and the historian is its director, Martin Harwit, the ignorance and the deceit are shameful.

The Smithsonian's planned exhibit of the *Enola Gay* is so blatantly distorted that it in-

sults every American Marine, Sailor, and Soldier who fought in the Pacific. In World War II Marines did not suffer insults gladly from the enemy. Neither should we do so today from Smithsonian revisionists like Mr. Harwit.

We join the American Legion and other veterans organizations in condemning the Smithsonian's planned *Enola Gay* exhibit. We echo the statement by U.S. Representatives Peter Blute, Sam Johnson, and Stephen Buyer that Harwit should be fired. We endorse the Washington Post editorial that calls for the Smithsonian to clean up its mess.

If it does not, Congress should shut off the millions the Smithsonian gets every year from taxpayers like us. That wouldn't be too high a price to pay for being insulted, would it? After all, we did win the war, didn't we?

—The Editors

IN RECOGNITION OF PAUL E. FITZPATRICK

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 2, 1995

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Paul E. Fitzpatrick. Mr. Fitzpatrick is a constituent who represents the very best of community spirit and activism.

Paul Fitzpatrick has been recently honored as the first ward Irishman of the Year. This award, with its admirable criteria and distinguished history, is a testament to Mr. Fitzpatrick's achievements.

The Irishman of the Year award has been received by the likes of former mayor of Buffalo, James Griffin, and former Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives, James T. Molloy.

Mr. Fitzpatrick is employed as a recreational therapist at the West Seneca Developmental Disabilities Service Office. In this position, Mr. Fitzpatrick provides recreational and leisure activities for the developmentally disabled both on the campus of the developmental center and in various community settings.

In addition to helping disadvantaged youths, Mr. Fitzpatrick is the head coach of the Timon-St. Jude varsity football team. Mr. Fitzpatrick has won over 100 games and successfully led his teams to 11 division championships.

On the football field and off, Mr. Fitzpatrick has proven himself to be a dedicated community activist always willing to help others. His countless successes and his years of service are evidence of his sincere devotion to bettering the community.

EULOGY FOR DETREVILLE ELLIS

HON. G.V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 2, 1995

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Speaker, on January 31, 1995, E. DeTreville Ellis, colonel, U.S.

Army (retired) was buried at Arlington National Cemetery. He was buried with full military honors, most appropriate for a man who served his country with great distinction for so many years.

At the time of his death, Colonel Ellis was 104 years of age, the oldest living graduate of West Point. General Eisenhower and General Bradley were two of his classmates—the class of 1915. He also was a graduate of the University of South Carolina, Harvard Business School, the Command and General Staff School, and the Army War College.

During World War I, Colonel Ellis served in the 2d Cavalry on the Mexican border and as assistant chief of staff with the 10th Infantry Division. In World War II, he served in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of War. He was commanding officer of the European Quartermaster Depot during the Berlin Airlift. He received the Army Commendation Ribbon with Oak Leaf Cluster. Colonel Ellis retired from active duty in 1950.

Mr. Speaker, DeTreville Ellis was a unique individual. He lived his life to the fullest, always helping others. He loved the military and West Point. But most of all, he loved his family and many friends. Survivors include a sister, Julia Hamlin, Summerville, SC; a son-in-law, Tracy E. Mulligan, Jr., Chevy Chase, MD; two grandsons, Tracy Ellis Mulligan and John R. Mulligan, both of Silver Spring, MD; six great-grandchildren, Tracy, Rebecca and Joseph Mulligan and Sharon, Christopher and Dennis Mulligan, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He will be greatly missed.

The following eulogy, written by Colonel Ellis' grandson, Tracy Ellis Mulligan, was delivered by U.S. Army Chaplain, Maj. Stephen D. Turner, at the Fort Myer Chapel, January 31, 1995:

EULOGY FOR E. DETREVILLE ELLIS, COLONEL, USA (RET.), MARCH 12, 1890–JANUARY 22, 1995

It is altogether fitting that the funeral service for E. DeTreville Ellis be held in an Army chapel. It is even more fitting that there be many people in attendance, those from his roots in South Carolina, from West Point, from his wife's family, from the Army, from the organizations in which he participated and from the friends and family with which he was so involved.

He was born on James Island, South Carolina at a time when the leaders of the business, of government and of the military were veterans of the Civil War.

He went to a one room schoolhouse, by horse and buggy, studied by kerosene lanterns and knew an extended family including his Ellis and Leiby grandparents. At Age 16½ he went to college at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, working to pay his way through and graduating in 1910.

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