EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO KIMBERLY KOPP

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Kimberly Kopp, a loving mother of four children, and the wife of Colorado State Senator Mike Kopp. Over the past two years, Mrs. Kopp battled cancer, leaving her family, her friends, and her community with examples of courage and grace.

In 1994, Mrs. Kopp married her husband, Mike, whom she met at North Central University in Minneapolis, Minnesota. One year later, she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian ministry. For several years, she and Mike worked for various nonprofit Para church ministries in New Mexico and Arizona, eventually landing in Colorado. For years, she and her husband served the communities they lived in, offering hope and assistance through their work and personal lives.

On August 30, 2010, Mrs. Kopp was diagnosed with a rare, recurring form of cancer. For nearly a year, she battled courageously. On July 20, 2011, Mrs. Kopp passed away.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to recognize Kimberly Kopp and the life she lived. Her life is a testament of grace, honor, and courage. She will be greatly missed.

TRIBUTE TO CARLA STEELE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Carla Steele for her extraordinary life and distinguished career as both a police officer and emergency medical technician for the fire department in Hayden, Colorado. Her zeal for learning helped her serve the community of Hayden with integrity and excellence.

Ms. Steele began her career as a police officer in August of 1995, after graduating from the police academy. For five years she served in many capacities as a reserve officer until becoming a full-time officer in October of 2000.

As a full-time officer, Ms. Steele was respected throughout Hayden by both her fellow officers and members of the community. For nine years, she devoted herself to the Hayden Police Department, working closely with the Sexual Assault Response and Domestic Violence teams. Her fellow officer, Hayden Police Chief Gordon Boosco said she was "wonderful to work with," and that he would be willing to go into any situation knowing Carla was with him.

The police department, was not the only avenue Ms. Steele used to serve the community of Hayden. In the fall of 1995 she started EMT courses at Colorado Northwestern Community College with Hayden Fire Chief Bryan Rickman. On June 13, 1996, she joined the Hayden Fire Department as a volunteer EMT, a position she loved.

For 15 years, Ms. Steele served both the Hayden Police Department and Fire Department, devoting her career to a life of service. On July 29, 24 days before her 49th birthday, Carla Jean Steele was tragically taken in a traffic accident.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to recognize Carla Steele. Her integrity and excellence as a public servant had a deep impact in the community of Hayden, Colorado, and she will be greatly missed.

TRIBUTE TO HOTCHKISS HIGH SCHOOL

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OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Hotchkiss High School engineering team for their award winning project, the Caboose, which won first place in the Junior Engineering Technical Society and Ability One National Engineering Design Competition in Washington, D.C. last February.

The engineering team was made up of Hotchkiss High School seniors Brandon Duval, Isaac Fisher, Zachary Larmer, Cody Spiker, Ryan Spor and junior Dave Murry. Through hard work and bright innovation, this team beat over 300 other high school engineering teams throughout the nation.

The team's project, the Caboose, is designed to help a person who uses crutches to wheel their luggage behind them when travelling. The team's inspiration came from Hotchkiss local Paul Larmer, who is also the father of one of the members. After many interviews, the team and Mr. Larmer, along with Hotchkiss Physics Professor, Richard Hypio, concluded that transporting luggage through crowded airports is one of the more inconvenient parts of travelling while on crutches. So the team went to work.

After many designs and several prototypes, the team developed a hands-free system to carrying luggage while on crutches, which later became their award-winning project, the Caboose. Currently, the team is working to have the Caboose patented and be placed in the market.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Hotchkiss High School engineering team. Through hard work and the innovative spirit that has made America great, this team has created a marketable product that will hopefully continue to help many Coloradans and Americans today.

REMEMBERING 9/11

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2011

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, we all remember ten years ago on September 11; where we were, and what we were doing when we learned of the terrorist attacks on the Twin Towers and Pentagon.

We all felt fear and confusion at the images of horror we saw on the news. But this is America. What makes this country great is the courage and bravery that emerges during our darkest times. Later that evening, the President recited the 23rd Psalm in his address to Americans:

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil for you are with me."

A few months after 9/11, I was working with a small group of volunteers in a Red Cross shelter next to Ground Zero in New York. We were filling a simple role—serving eggs and providing blankets to those conducting the cleanup. It was a round the clock task and when the police, firefighters and construction workers needed to come in from the freezing weather, some would come in and attempt to rest. The scene was grave. Rubble that had been a pile was slowly turning into a pit as more was removed and cleaned up each day. Remains of victims were still being unearthed. But playing this small part in the healing process galvanized my desire to work in service to our communities. Like many Americans, my love and respect for our country and her citizens soared.

We take this ten year anniversary of the September 11 attacks to offer our heartfelt gratitude to our first responders, and the men and women of our military, who stepped forward to respond to this tragedy. And we remember those who have died for our country. May we also never forget the demonstrations of bravery or the spirit of service that resulted from 9/11.

ON RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF THE WEST BLOOMFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT ON THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2011

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor public safety workers across Michigan's Ninth Congressional District, the State of Michigan and our Nation as we remember the tragedy that befell our country 10 years ago on September 11, 2001.

The brutal attacks of September 11, 2001 are no doubt etched into the minds of every