

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of National Bullying Prevention Month because every American is entitled to live, work, and recreate in a safe environment, free of fear from threats to his or her physical safety and emotional security.

Unfortunately, in recent years we have witnessed a dramatic increase in the number of reported and unreported cases of bullying. In fact, thirteen million children will be bullied this year alone. It is estimated that 15 percent of American school children skip school to avoid being bullied by their schoolmates. This is tragic as school should be a safe environment conducive to learning.

Mr. Speaker, bullying does not end when our children move on from the playground. It exists on college campuses, in the workplace, online, and even in elderly care facilities. Nearly half of Americans have experienced some sort of violence either in their workplace, at home, or in their community. Hazing on college campuses has also been a problem for decades. Five percent of all college students admit to being hazed, with 40 percent admitting that a coach or advisor was aware of the hazing and did not intervene.

Mr. Speaker, this month, organizations from coast to coast are building awareness seeking to engage, educate, and inspire individuals nationwide to join the movement and prevent bullying. As a proud member of the Anti Bullying Caucus which advocates for policies to combat bullying of all kinds, from the playground to the elderly care facility I support all efforts aimed at preventing bullying and believe more must be done.

For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to join me in support of National Bullying Prevention Month.

HONORING MARVIN MEYERS AS THE 2012 FRESNO STATE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

HON. JIM COSTA

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Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Marvin Meyers for earning the distinction of being named the 2012 "Top Dog" Distinguished Alumnus by the Fresno State Alumni Association. The Distinguished Alumnus Award honors a former Fresno State student whose leadership, service, and work ethic embody the mission and vision of the university. Marvin's role as a Successful alumnus farmer, water conservationist, and enthusiastic Fresno State Bulldog make him most deserving of this honor.

Marvin graduated from Fresno State in 1956 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He has owned and operated Meyers Farming I-IV, Oxford Farms, Inc., and Meyers Farm Family Trust since 1982. He is a member of the Western Growers Association, the Farm Bureau Safe Harbor Committee, and the Drought Advisory Panel.

Illustrating his dedication to education and his beloved alma matter, Marvin has generously shared his success. His contributions have helped Fresno State construct the Meyers Family Sports Medicine Center to enhance the Bulldog student-athlete experience.

Marvin has also maintained a keen awareness of the importance of educating our future leaders when it comes to conservation and being responsible stewards of our resources. Marvin established a state-of-the-art water banking project near Mendota, California, that draws an array of wildlife and has become an important resource for student and teacher education on the environment and water conservation. More than 1,000 San Joaquin Valley children visit the Meyers Water Bank and Wildlife Project each year. In 2007, Governor Schwarzenegger gave the Meyers Water Bank and Wildlife Project California's top environmental leadership award for its approach to sustainable agricultural practices. Marvin's farming accomplishments and his commitment to our Valley speaks volumes about his superior moral character.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Marvin Meyers and thanking him for his commitment to education, conservation, and agriculture. As a proud Fresno State alumnus, it gives me great pleasure to acknowledge my fellow Bulldog for his years of service and much deserved success.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT, NEW JERSEY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the borough of Roosevelt, New Jersey on their 75th anniversary. A quiet, peaceful town in central New Jersey, the borough of Roosevelt has a rich heritage. Through the work of local citizens and organizations such as the Roosevelt Oral History Committee and the Jersey Homesteads Historic District Advisory Council, Rooseveltians continue to maintain their town's unique history and background.

Founded by Benjamin Brown with the support of Albert Einstein, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Louis Kahn, the borough was incorporated in 1937 and was originally known as Jersey Homesteads. The borough was one of 99 communities established as part of President Roosevelt's New Deal Initiative, but was unique in that it was the only town established

as an agro-industrial cooperative comprised of a factory, farms, and retail stores. Initially composed of Jewish factory workers from nearby New York City, the borough of Roosevelt over the years has become more diverse, while still maintaining its historical roots. Renamed Roosevelt for President Roosevelt in 1945 following his death, the citizens of Roosevelt truly personify the American spirit of determination and hard work. Through the difficult trials and tribulations of the Great Depression, the borough and its citizens persevered and succeeded in making Roosevelt a great place to live and work. Although the borough is no longer a cooperative, its historical significance is recognized with its listing on the National and State Registers of Historic Places.

Today, the borough still cherishes its unique history as the only town in the country to have been planned as a government subsidized agro-industrial cooperative. With a population just under 900, the borough remains a tightknit community where everyone works together for the benefit of the common good. With the hard work of Roosevelt's Mayor Beth Battel, City Council, citizens, and local organizations, the borough has been able to maintain much of its original architecture and historical sites.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in leading this body in recognition of Roosevelt, New Jersey's 75th anniversary. It is with great pleasure that I am able to join the citizens of Roosevelt in celebrating this historic occasion and I look forward to hearing of the borough's continued success in the future.

IN SUPPORT OF SIDS AWARENESS MONTH

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

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Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Awareness Month.

Mr. Speaker, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is one of the leading causes of death among infants one month through one year of age in the United States. The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) defines SIDS as the sudden death of an infant under one year of age which remains unexplained after a thorough case investigation.

Due to the efforts of the American SIDS Institute and other organizations, the sudden infant death rate is at an all time low. Since 1983, the rate of SIDS has fallen by over 50 percent. Tragically, however, there are still about 2,500 deaths per year in the United States and thousands more throughout the world.

Mr. Speaker, it is believed that SIDS can be eliminated as a cause of infant deaths within our lifetime. Achieving this goal requires the financial and personal support of corporations, foundations and concerned individuals.

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