

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING ANDREW JENKINS FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Andrew Jenkins. Mr. Jenkins has worked as a field engineer, construction analyst, and planning director for several federal, state, and local agencies throughout his career. In addition, Mr. Jenkins served as president of three independent and four joint venture limited liability companies.

Throughout his years of service, Mr. Jenkins has connected with many supportive and influential people that have given him great advice for building successful and rewarding businesses that benefit the community. Having been born and raised on his family's farm in the Mississippi Delta, where hard work was a badge of honor and your word was your bond, Mr. Jenkins still subscribes to those basic undaunting principles of work and uncompromised integrity.

Mr. Jenkins is a graduate of Tennessee State University with a degree in Civil Engineering. He continued his thirst for knowledge when he received a second graduate degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Mississippi. Mr. Jenkins also has a wealth of knowledge and experience through Andrew Jenkins Associates, Inc. which specializes in Program and Construction Management, Quality Assurance Inspections, Minority Business Enterprise, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Outreach to name a few. In addition, he has also provided a variety of other professional services. The Mississippi State Board of Contractors with Certificate of Responsibility Number 12728 has duly registered Andrew Jenkins Associates, Inc. to practice Building Construction, Construction Management, Energy Management and Municipal and Public Works Construction.

He believes that every job is unique and represents a different set of opportunities for customizing Andrew Jenkins Associates, Inc.'s services to meet the needs of their various clients in the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Andrew Jenkins for his entrepreneurial spirit and dutiful service to the community.

CONGRATULATING MOCKINGBIRD ELEMENTARY FOR BEING NAMED A NATIONAL SCHOOL OF CHARACTER

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate

Mockingbird Elementary of Coppell, Texas for being recognized as a National School of Character by the Character Education Partnership. Mockingbird Elementary was chosen for its ability to foster positive character development of within its curriculum.

Since 2004, Mockingbird Elementary has been a leader in implementing initiatives designed to build the character of its students. These interschool programs promote positive socialization between developing children and create a friendlier and cohesive educational environment.

Educational success and positive development of our nation's youth comes from hard work, innovation and a supportive community. I am proud to represent such a community, and especially a school that is reaching and surpassing all expectations. On behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mockingbird Elementary in being recognized for its work as a national leader in proper character development and being named a National School of Character.

RECOGNIZING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, NHCADSV, on reaching its 35th anniversary.

The Coalition started thirty-five years ago as the New Hampshire Coalition on Battered Women and began the important work of providing women and their families with a voice to stand up to the violence and abuse they have experienced. Over the years they have helped launch many programs and initiatives to prevent and combat domestic violence and abuse in collaboration with both state and federal partners, including the Domestic Violence Prevention Program and the Statewide Program to Improve the Response to Domestic Violence.

In addition to their advocacy and program support, the NHCADSV is made up of fourteen member programs and centers around the state that directly assist and provide services to those individuals and families who are in crisis. These programs and centers provide a safe place and secure environment, as well as the much needed support systems and tools women and their families need to work through these difficult situations.

As we recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month it is very fitting that we celebrate the selfless work of the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence and all of their partners across

the state. I commend you for all your hard work and dedication and congratulate you on your success throughout the last thirty-five years. I wish you all the best for the future.

CONGRATULATING JANE RAMSEY ON HER RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH COUNCIL ON URBAN AFFAIRS

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Jane Ramsey on her retirement as President of the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, JCUA, and to celebrate her thirty years of service with the organization.

Under Jane's leadership, JCUA has pursued its mission of combating poverty, racism, and anti-Semitism in our communities. Guided by the Jewish principles of "Tzedek", justice, and "Tikkun Olam", repairing the world, JCUA fights for social and economic justice and empowers communities in many of Chicago's most vulnerable neighborhoods.

JCUA is an active and leading voice in Chicago, fighting for human rights and civil rights. From comprehensive immigration reform to racism and bigotry, homelessness to government accountability, Jane and JCUA have empowered countless impoverished, oppressed, or otherwise marginalized communities.

Jane first came to JCUA in 1979 and, throughout her tenure, has fought poverty and hate wherever they occur. From efforts to combat the racism targeting mayoral candidate Harold Washington to organizing efforts to fight for the rights of Chicago Housing Authority residents when high-rise public housing buildings were destroyed, JCUA has been a leading voice demanding social and economic justice.

In the wake of the September 11 attacks, when Chicago's vibrant Muslim community faced a wave of hate crime attacks, JCUA launched its Jewish-Muslim Community Building Initiative. The program has built a long-term relationship between Jewish and Muslim communities, fighting barriers of ignorance and hate and building mutual understanding and respect.

JCUA operates on the principle that affordable housing is a human right, working to create viable housing options and community development projects in Chicago's low-income communities. The organization provides zero-interest seed-funding for affordable housing development and preservation projects, capacity-building assistance to community groups engaging in economic development projects, and advocacy on behalf of affordable housing initiatives.

In recent years, JCUA has fought for immigration reform. Building on Jewish law and experience, JCUA fights the expansion of federal immigration detention centers, supports passage of the DREAM Act, and advocates for

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fair and just immigration reform to keep families together and create pathways to citizenship for undocumented immigrants.

Throughout her distinguished career, Jane has been recognized both locally and nationally. In 2009 she was named to the "Forward 50" list of those "leading the American Jewish community into the 21st century". She is a current board member of CAN-TV, Leadership Greater Chicago Fellows Association, Illinois Coalition for Immigrants and Refugee Rights, and the Shalom Center. In the past, she has also served her community by working with the Justice Coalition of Greater Chicago, Chicago Coalition to Protect Public Housing, Ethics Coalition, KAM Isaiah Israel Congregation, Women in Charge; and as a commissioner for Private Industry Council, PIC, the Women's Commission of the City of Chicago, and the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism.

For thirty years, Jane's work has changed the lives of countless individuals, families, and communities throughout Chicago. Her work has empowered Jews of all ages, brought together individuals of different faiths, and given a voice to those who would otherwise have gone unheard. I have been privileged to work with Jane over the years on several issues and projects and feel fortunate to call her a treasured friend. I join others in the Chicago area in offering my deep gratitude for her decades of work and lifelong commitment to social justice, empowerment, and human rights and in wishing her well.

HONORING PEARL ALICE MARSH,
PhD

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career and tremendous accomplishments of Dr. Pearl Alice Marsh of California as she retires from a distinguished career in academia, public service and advocacy for both the United States and throughout Africa. Emerging from humble roots to become the first African-American woman to receive a doctorate degree in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley, Dr. Marsh continues to be an inspiring trailblazer.

Dr. Marsh's prolific career includes a decade of service as Senior Professional Staff for Africa on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. Yet, Dr. Marsh's long record of activism is at the heart of her call to service. Playing a role in some of the defining civil and human rights movements of our time, Dr. Marsh spoke out for non-discriminatory Fair Housing in California and helped drive the Civil Rights, Students, Health Rights, Women's and African Liberation movements throughout the 1960s and 1970s. This bold activism was part of an engine for enormous social and political change, and Dr. Marsh's passion for social justice went on to inform every aspect of her long career.

Pearl Alice Marsh began her career as a social worker and advisor to the Oak Park Neighborhood Council Member in Sacramento, CA, in 1968. Throughout the 1970s and early 1980s, she held many key positions

driving efforts to strengthen the response of California communities to mental health issues, including joining the University of California, Berkeley to coordinate health administration and planning seminars for the Neighborhood Health Seminars Project and becoming the Associate Director of Mental Health Planning at Northern Alameda County.

Yet, in 1986, Dr. Marsh turned her attention back to academia and her studies of Africa, accepting a position as Program Director of Berkeley's Center for African Studies. In 1993, she moved to Washington, DC, to put her academic skills into policy practice as the Senior Research Associate for International Affairs at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. In this critical role, Dr. Marsh developed and convened a series of multi-party forums in the run-up to the South African elections, which saw the election of Nelson Mandela as the first black president of the newly racially-integrated South Africa. She later became Executive Director at the Africa Policy Information Center, where she supervised the development of the Advocacy Network for Africa, a network of over 60 human rights, advocacy and humanitarian organizations working to raise the level of understanding and attention to current events in Africa through key policymakers.

In the years that followed, Dr. Marsh employed her ample knowledge and expertise to help guide Congressional policy as Senior Policy Advisor for International Affairs and Domestic Policy for Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald. And, for the next decade, from 2000 to 2011, Dr. Marsh served as a Professional Staff Member on the House International Relations Committee and the Committee on Foreign Affairs where she reported to consecutive chairmen and helped to develop two key pieces of legislation—the U.S. Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Authorization Act of 2003 that created PEPFAR and the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Authorization Act of 2003, which has helped to provide AIDS treatment for more than 6.6 million people around the world.

In the final chapter of her professional career, Dr. Marsh returned to her activist roots, assuming the position of Director of U.S. Policy and Global Health at the ONE Campaign, where she developed an advocacy plan to scale up African co-financing of their national health needs.

On behalf of the residents of California's 9th Congressional District, Dr. Pearl Alice Marsh, I salute you. I am proud to call you a colleague, a former constituent, but most importantly my friend. Thank you for your countless contributions to the struggle for equal opportunity and for your manifold commitment to teaching, advocating and producing groundbreaking U.S. foreign policy in the fight against global poverty and disease. I congratulate you on your many achievements, and I wish you and your loved ones all the best in this next chapter of life.

RECOGNIZING CANNON'S CATERING FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a Mississippi Delta, minority-owned business, Cannon's Catering. Owned and operated by Bobby and Della Cannon, Cannon's Catering was started by Della Cannon when she was just a high school student.

Originally, she wanted to use her culinary expertise to earn extra money by baking cakes and preparing refreshments for small parties held by family and friends. What started as an after school job transcended into a lucrative catering business; preparing meals for family reunions, class reunions, weddings, office parties as well as a host of other functions.

Cannon's Catering primary goal is to meet the needs of its customers. As a result, they take incredible pride in their work by paying close attention to details, providing excellent customer service, and creating a menu suitable for the occasion. The secret to their longevity has been their undeniable commitment to customer service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Cannon's Catering for their entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to excellent customer service.

IN RECOGNITION OF SUZANNE AND JEFFREY CITRON

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Suzanne and Jeffrey Citron for their tireless efforts and work with the community. As co-founders of the Charles Lafitte Foundation, Suzanne and Jeffrey have dedicated much time and effort to philanthropy.

Founded in 1999, the Charles Lafitte Foundation is dedicated to helping individuals live a more well rounded life. Under the leadership of Suzanne and Jeffrey, the Charles Lafitte Foundation helps and supports individuals and organizations in several areas, including support for children's advocacy, education, medical research and initiatives, as well as the arts. The Charles Lafitte Foundation holds numerous events each year in their attempt to further their ability to reach those in need.

Much of both Suzanne's and Jeffrey's philanthropic success is rooted in their background in the private sector, where both have ample experience leading successful private enterprises. Suzanne served as CEO of New World Aviation, a small aircraft company co-founded by both herself and Jeffrey. Jeffrey co-founded the telecommunications company Vonage in 2001, served as CEO of Vonage from 2001–2006, and is currently chairman of the board of directors. Besides her work in the private sector and with the Charles Lafitte Foundation, Suzanne for the past several years has served on the American Cancer Society Advisory Board of the Jersey Shore.