

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE POLISH AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR ITS COMMITMENT TO STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Polish American Chamber of Commerce (PACC) on the occasion of its Annual Golf Outing, hosted in Riverwoods, IL, in my district.

The PACC is a strong and clear voice for the Polish American business community in the Chicagoland area and an important advocate for the interests of its member companies and the working families they employ. The Chicagoland area is proudly home to one of the most prominent Polish American business communities in the country. Through a tightly-knit network of member organizations, the PACC strives to enhance the vitality of this community by facilitating cooperation, building partnerships and promoting mutually beneficial trade relations between Poland and the United States.

Our business community in the Tenth District is strong because it is just that: a community.

Working together and sharing strategies, being inspired by the innovation of fellow small businesses, companies in the Tenth District have fostered a community of mutual success and prosperity. It is this type of activity that the PACC promotes and is so important to our economic success in the 21st Century.

Mr. Speaker, business associations like PACC are integral to driving the success of small businesses throughout our nation, which in turn will lift the rest of our economy. I thank the PACC for its work, and I wish only great success for this year's golf outing and PACC's future.

CONGRATULATING STEVE PLUNKETT FOR RECEIVING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS' HERO OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Steve Plunkett of North Pekin, Illinois and celebrate his receipt of the National Association of Letter Carriers' Hero of the Year Award.

Mr. Plunkett, a local letter carrier, was finishing his shift as a troubling scene unfolded in the parking lot of the East Peoria Post Office. Employees witnessed a man forcibly lead a tearful young boy towards the back of the post office. Recognizing the child's distress,

Plunkett and his colleagues sprang into action and confronted the man; little did the post office employees know that they had intercepted a registered sex offender.

The man fled the scene and Plunkett followed, using his cell phone to capture pictures as well as his license plate number; images which led to his arrest several hours later.

Plunkett's actions thwarted a kidnapping attempt and contributed to the conviction of a dangerous criminal, earning him one of the highest honors a letter carrier may receive. Sexual predators are every parent's nightmare and, as the mother of three sons, I commend Mr. Plunkett for his courage.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Plunkett demonstrated bravery and selflessness, much to the credit of his character, and I can think of no one more deserving of the National Association of Letter Carriers' Hero of the Year Award.

RECOGNIZING THE UMATILLA WOMAN'S CLUB

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the Umatilla Woman's Club, a member organization of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

The Umatilla Woman's Club was founded in 1920 by a group of civic-minded women who established the first library in Umatilla. The group first organized informally, but recognizing the need for formal organization to better promote civic events, the Umatilla Woman's Club became one of the original twelve Woman's Clubs.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs acts as a unifying force, bringing women together to strengthen their local communities through volunteer service. There are over 100,000 members worldwide who inspire change by supporting the arts, advancing education, encouraging civic involvement and promoting cooperation.

I thank the Umatilla Woman's Club for their ongoing commitment to bettering our Central Florida community. Their philanthropy and spirit of volunteerism is an inspiration to us all.

HONORING PARNICK JENNINGS

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Parnick Jennings and to recognize his steadfast commitment to the Cartersville and greater Bartow County community, and for his exemplary leadership.

Fifteen years ago, on September 11, 2000, Parnick Jennings sought to honor all of the

wonderful men and women who serve not only Bartow County, but each of its seven cities. He did this by establishing an annual "Public Servant's Luncheon" to honor those that give so much to make Bartow County and each of its cities some of the best communities to live in all of America.

During his time in Bartow County, Parnick was one of the founders, and now chairs the Annual Bartow County "Can-a-Thon," which helped in the creation of the Bartow County College & Career Academy. He served on the committee that helped build the Clarence Brown Conference Center, served as Chairman of the Cartersville-Bartow County Chamber of Commerce, and along with Ms. Jessica Fleetwood, founded the Bartow Business Connection in 2009 as a way to help local businesses network with the goal of making it through the recession together. Parnick and his wife, Tina, organize and host the annual Toyo Tire Community Christmas Luncheon which feeds up to 1500 people annually during the Christmas season. Parnick's public service started thirty seven years ago, when he founded the Parnick Jennings Funeral Home in Cartersville, Georgia. The firm came to be nationally recognized for outstanding customer service, and in 1995 was sold to Service Corporation International. For the next 5 years, under Parnick's leadership, the firm was ranked #1 in Customer Satisfaction among the top 1500 funeral homes in the United States. I have been honored to call Parnick Jennings a friend for well over a decade and his selfless guidance has played a major role in helping me represent the 11th District of Georgia with a servant's heart. Bartow County is blessed to have such a fine shepherd like Parnick Jennings looking out for our community. A native of Rome, Georgia, Parnick attended the University of Georgia and graduated from Gupton-Jones College. Parnick and Tina are active members of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Cartersville, Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 11th District of Georgia, I offer my deepest thanks to Mr. Parnick Jennings for his unfailing commitment to the service to others; he is truly one of our country's "points of light."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH, CALIFORNIA

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Firebaugh, California as they celebrate their Centennial on Friday, September 12, 2014.

The City of Firebaugh, located in Fresno County, was incorporated on December 17, 1914 and has seen enormous growth in the past 100 years. The city was named after Andrew D. Firebaugh who owned the local ferry that transported locals and visitors across the

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