EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING NAN McEVOY

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Nan McEvoy, who passed away on March 26, 2015 at her home in San Francisco at the age of 95. A trailblazer and tour-de-force in every aspect of her life, Mrs. McEvoy left a lasting impact on family, friends, colleagues, and community.

Mrs. McEvoy occupies, in particular, a special place in the hearts of Marin County residents. Along with serving as Chairwoman of the San Francisco Chronicle, a leader in several philanthropic causes, and a lifelong advocate for women's rights, Mrs. McEvoy also ran an olive farm near Petaluma. Originally intended as a getaway for her family to experience the beauty Northern California offers, McEvoy Ranch today produces high-quality oils and body care products for specialty stores across the nation.

While Mrs. McEvoy's time in Marin represents just a slice of her collective achievements, it's an apt metaphor for the remarkable life she led. When she first proposed the idea to grow olives, people told her that it wouldn't work—that she should use the land for cattle, perhaps. She ignored her critics, and moved forward with her original plan. Today, McEvoy Ranch now grows more than 18,000 trees and receives accolades from national media and local voices alike. In Mrs. McEvoy's way, though, her efforts have not just proven successful financially, but also for our community as a whole. The ranch uses certified organic farming practices, produces its own compost, and—as of 2009—meets half its electrical needs with an on-site windmill, the first privately-owned turbine of its size in the county.

Nan McEvoy was a leader in our community and a voice for the underserved. While her professional success was remarkable, it's her passion for life and compassion for others that will endure. It is therefore appropriate that we pay tribute to her today and express our deepest condolences to her son and grandchildren.

THE PASSING OF BARBARA LUMPKINS

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, Barbara Lumpkins, a longtime champion for children with disabilities who spent many years as an activist for adoption for special needs children, passed away on May 24, 2015. In keeping with that deep commitment, she and her husband adopted four children into their family along with their two birth children. She was an active, consistent, positive, caring adult presence for children in the Irvington community since she and her family moved there in 1970. Her smile and her large heart will be greatly missed, but her presence will continue to be felt in the many people she supported and inspired over the years. Please join me in expressing sympathies and thanks to her family for this remarkable life.

AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC DAY COMMEMORATION

HON. RYAN K. ZINKE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Mr. ZINKE. Mr. Speaker, today I celebrate with Azerbaijanis around the world in the commemoration of Republic Day. On May 28, 1918, the people of Azerbaijan declared independence from Russia, becoming the first Muslim democratic secular country in the region. Although the country temporarily lost its independence due to Soviet aggression, it regained full independence in 1990.

Since regaining independence, Azerbaijan has been one of America's closest allies in the Middle East. Throughout Operation Enduring Freedom, Azerbaijan worked closely with our armed forces against radical Islamic terrorists in Afghanistan. Not only did Azerbaijani forces fight along-side our forces, but they also provided crucial refueling, landing, and airspace rights for our armed forces. Over a third of all non-lethal equipment for our troops in Afghanistan went through Azerbaijan. Our military cooperation with Azerbaijan was strengthened in 2011, and remains vital today.

Today we see the Middle East under attack. Terrorist groups with no regard for human life have torn the region apart. Now, more than ever, we see the tremendous importance for a close ally. We are extremely fortunate to have that ally in Azerbaijan.

I ask that my colleagues to join me today in celebrating Azerbaijan's independence and thanking them for their strong partnership.

HONORING OFFICER DAVID REED OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. JOHN K. DELANEY

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Mr. DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize and honor Officer David Reed of the Montgomery County Police Department for his heroic actions in saving the life of an infant.

Our police make it their job to protect our communities, a job that can require an officer to put their life on the line or to save somebody else's. On May 8, Officer Reed's work to protect and serve required split-second decision making, quick action, and extraordinary skill under pressure.

On duty in Silver Spring, Maryland, Officer Reed discovered a woman crying over her two-month old baby. The child had stopped breathing. Reed quickly assessed the situation and took action, giving the infant two-fingered CPR. After several chest compressions, the child began to breathe again.

Today, the baby is alive and back with her family, thanks to Officer Reed.

Reed is a hero in our state, and I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues help me in honoring Officer Reed, not just for his work to save one life, but for his work to protect the lives of people in our state every day. Thank you, Officer Reed. Your service to our community will not be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S WASHINGTON, D.C. VISIT

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker. I want to acknowledge the two-day visit to the nation's capital by administrators, faculty and students of Northampton Community College (NCC), which has three campuses in northeastern Pennsylvania. Led by President Dr. Mark Erickson, the delegation toured the U.S. Capitol and other historical sites throughout the city, and incorporated lessons on the benefits of being involved in government and advocacy.

Just Born Quality Confections in Bethlehem—makers of the popular Peeps and other delicious candies that are made in my District—was the lead sponsor of their trip. Matt Pye, Vice President of Trade Relations & Corporate Affairs, hosted the group at the National Confectioners Association (NCA) to outline career opportunities and explain the association's advocacy agenda of NCA's member companies. Joining Dr. Erickson on the NCC trip were:

Students:

Andreola, Brandon—Liberal Arts, Political Science—Effort, PA

Barksdale, Khabira—Secondary Education—East Stroudsburg, PA

Berry, Stephen—Liberal Arts, Political Science—Kunkletown, PA

Cimera, Rachel—Secondary Education—Bethlehem, PA

Galarza, Jose—Biological Science—Easton, PA

Garcia-Caro, Elisabet—Liberal Arts, Political Science—Allentown, PA

Grifone, Patrick—Business Administration—Easton, PA

Joseph, Fitzgerald—Biological Science—Henryville, PA

Martinez, Brandy—Liberal Arts, Sociology—Blakeslee, PA

Maxwell, Emmanuel—Biological Science—Easton, PA

Perez, Stephanie—Theatre—Bethlehem, PA
Rahming, Rodney—Business Administration—East Stroudsburg, PA
Reahl, Rachel—General Studies/Veterinary—Bethlehem, PA
Rosengarten, Aaron—Liberal Arts, Political Science—Easton, PA
Soltys, Adam—Web Development—Northampton, PA
Staff:
Bohr, Deb—Director, Center for Civic and Community Engagement
Saturen, Myra—Writer/Editor
Walz, Rebecca—Director, Alumni Engagement and Annual Fund
Whitaker, Helene—Vice President, Administrative Affairs
Alumni:
Glick, Cindy—Northampton Community College Alumna 1992

I would like to commend schools at all levels that come to Washington, D.C. for a mix of education, history and advocacy. Civic education and citizen engagement are vital to our democracy, and I am delighted my staff and I were part of NCC's visit.

TRIBUTE TO THE SAN ELIZARIO HIGH SCHOOL EAGLES STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. WILL HURD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Mr. HURD of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the San Elizario High School Eagles for their victory in the Texas Class 4A Boys State Soccer Championship. Hard work and dedication over the years led the Eagles to this victory and allowed them to finish out the season with eighteen wins, four losses and three ties. The journey started in 2009 and culminated on April 17, 2015, when the Eagles secured their win against the Liberty Hill Panthers with a 4 to 2 victory.

Eight years ago, the Eagles won sectional rounds, beating the state champs at Del Valle High School. The next year, they secured a district championship and Area title. Following a winning season, they earned three playoff trophies in 2013. With successes like these behind them, they went into this season with an unmatched drive to win. On that Friday in April, when the final score showed 4 to 2, the roar in the stands could be heard throughout the city. The wishes of good luck from citizens across San Elizario were received, and the Eagles delivered.

Our District expands from San Antonio to El Paso, and within its vast area lies San Elizario, home to 13,000. The city is beaming with pride for the team, the young men's family and friends, and their high school. For every member of the team, there were countless community members supporting them in the stands as they went on to win game after game in the playoffs, culminating with the raising of the trophy. In a city with a small population, the Eagles have created a lasting legacy that will not be forgotten.

The Eagles' level of excellence as a whole is a reflection of the individual players and their desire for success and dedication to hard work. Head Coach Max Sappenfield was able to lead the Eagles, and the young men demonstrated to him and each other the kind of teamwork worthy of a state championship. This victory is a result not only from talent, but also from hours spent on the field, the strategic planning behind each game, and fine tuning the skills of each player. The Eagles' dedication and sacrifices have truly paid off, and is a source of pride for the entire city and the 23rd Congressional District of Texas. It is my honor to represent San Elizario High School, and I wish continued success to the team and each of its members in their future endeavors.

HONORING CHRISTINA MILIAN

HON. PETE AGUILAR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Mr. AGUILAR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life and work of Christina Milian, a community activist and philanthropist from California's Inland Empire. As a local business owner, Christina Milian's dedication to her work and support of those around her in the San Bernardino and Rialto areas served as an inspiration to her friends, family, and neighbors.

While she was certainly an accomplished businesswoman, Christina Milian was most widely known for her selfless acts and devotion to local organizations. She was a philanthropist to the very core. Christina was an avid supporter and organizer for groups including Les Confrer Auxiliary, the Assistance League of San Bernardino, and the Inland Women Fighting Cancer.

While Christina is gone, her legacy and work will live on through the lives she touched. She was an inspiration to all who knew her. Christina will be dearly missed by her husband of thirty-five years, Arthur T. Milian; two sons Michael and Jonathan, grandchildren Isaiah, Ava and Caleb; her mother Juanita, her siblings Ray, Maryann, and Carol; as well as the entire San Bernardino County community.

RECOGNIZING THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF PARSONS & ASSOCIATES, INC.

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 85th anniversary of Parsons & Associates, Inc. of Syracuse, New York. Established in 1930, Parsons & Associates, Inc. has grown to become a third generation family business, insuring Syracuse's businesses and families.

The company was founded by John C. Parsons upon his graduation from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business. The business began as a life insurance agency and now offers a complete range of insurance options.

I'm proud to recognize Parsons & Associates, Inc. for the long standing success of their business in the 24th District. Parsons & Associates, Inc. epitomizes the strength and character of local, family-owned businesses across Central New York.

HONORING GLENN D. STEELE JR., MD, PHD

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in order to recognize Glenn D. Steele Jr., MD, PhD, President and Chief Executive Officer of Geisinger Health System, an integrated health services organization in central and northeastern Pennsylvania nationally recognized for its innovative use of the electronic health records and the development and implementation of innovative care models.

Geisinger Health System, founded in 1915 by Abigail Geisinger, has grown to be one of the nation's largest rural health services organizations serving more than 3 million residents throughout 48 counties in central, south-central and northeast Pennsylvania.

When Dr. Glenn Steele began his tenure in 2001 as Geisinger Health System's CEO, there were just over 7,000 employees, including 540 physicians. Under his leadership Geisinger has grown tremendously. It is now comprised of approximately 23,500 employees, including a 1,200-member multi-specialty group practice, nine hospital campuses, two research centers and a 467,000-member health plan, all of which leverage an estimated $7.7 billion positive impact on the Pennsylvania economy.

The health system and the health plan have repeatedly garnered national accolades for integration, quality and service. In addition to fulfilling its patient care mission, Geisinger has a long-standing commitment to medical education, research and community service.

On behalf of all Pennsylvanians, I am pleased to recognize Dr. Glenn Steele for improving the quality of life for citizens through his leadership and contributions to health care innovation.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF MRS. SHIRLEY A. HALBEISEN

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my dear friend Mrs. Shirley A. Halbeisen. Mrs. Halbeisen was highly regarded in her community for her volunteerism at the Hayes Research Library, her dedication to her beauty salon, and most of all the love she possessed for her family and friends.

Mrs. Halbeisen was born in Riley Township in Sandusky County in 1928. She was a proud graduate of Clyde High School and attended Tiffin University in 1945, where she was trained in Civilian Employment for the Air Technical Service Command nearing the end of World War II. Following her training she worked for American Airlines in New York City until she returned to her home in Ohio. After successfully graduating from Fremont Beauty School, she opened her own business, Shirl-Lon Coiffures in Lindsay.

She married her dear husband, Bernard Henry Halbeisen, on September 27, 1947. In their fifty-five joyous years of marriage they