

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REMEMBERING DOUG WALKER

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 7, 2016

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the life and legacy of my friend Doug Walker, who passed away on December 31, 2015, on Granite Mountain near Snoqualmie Pass.

It is this wild, rugged landscape that lured Doug to Washington state and stoked his creativity, energy, and passions for more than four decades.

A gifted mathematician with an insatiable fondness for climbing, he established strong roots in the community. The impact he—along with his wife Maggie—had on our community and the many charitable causes to which he gave his time and wisdom is unparalleled.

A true champion for conservation, he cared deeply about protecting the North Cascades most treasured lands. But his greatest passion was broadening the constituency for conservation, and he worked tirelessly to ensure that all people—especially youth and those in underserved communities—could access the outdoors.

Doug will be remembered and missed by so many whose lives he touched, with his incredible spirit and generosity. His legacy of inspiring others to experience and protect the outdoors lives on.

I ask unanimous consent to submit for the RECORD a recent Seattle Times editorial commemorating Doug's life.

REMEMBERING A TECH, ENVIRONMENTAL AND PHILANTHROPIC ROLE MODEL: DOUG WALKER

(The Seattle Times, January 5, 2016)

The loss of software pioneer and philanthropist Doug Walker, who died in a mountain accident, is a blow to the region.

But it's also an opportunity to remind people—especially the flood of tech workers moving to the Puget Sound region—about the character and values of those who built the local industry and became universal role models.

Walker, the co-founder and longtime chief executive of business-software company WRQ, created much more than technology, jobs and wealth.

WRQ was known for the quality of life it provided to employees as much as it was for software that increased productivity.

As a second act, he helped build a new vehicle for philanthropy, a giving platform, that continues to channel the expertise and compassion of others who have done well in the tech industry.

Long after WRQ was sold and merged with a local competitor, Attachmate, Walker continued to work on his third act, serving as a national leader in wilderness preservation and access.

Walker was a lifelong outdoorsman who chose the University of Washington for graduate school in the 1970s because of its nat-

ural surroundings. Between adventures, he learned programming and consulted on business computing systems.

At the start of the PC era in 1981, he and friends pooled \$500 to start WRQ, which became one of the nation's largest private software companies. It helped establish Seattle's leadership in enterprise software, which drew other entrepreneurs and companies to the area.

WRQ thrived in part because Walker, the longtime chief executive, made it a great place to work. Before Google's free food and Facebook's hot tubs, WRQ had perks like kayak parking on Lake Union.

Later, Walker and his wife, Maggie, co-founded Social Venture Partners, a global nonprofit that encouraged thousands to share wealth and expertise with worthy causes. SVP helped establish Seattle as a hotbed of highly engaged philanthropy.

Walker led by example with "a uniquely powerful style . . . simultaneously passionate, pointed, warm and sophisticated in supporting the causes that he felt were important," said Tony Mestres, who joined SVP while at Microsoft and now heads the Seattle Foundation.

That level of engagement and generosity has been a hallmark of Seattle's earliest and most successful tech entrepreneurs.

Walker is a great example of why that tradition should continue. He is remembered not for how much money he accumulated but by how broadly he shared his gifts, both financial and intellectual.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 7, 2016

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to have my votes recorded on the House floor on Wednesday, January 6, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted against the previous question for H. Res. 579 (Roll Number 2), H. Res. 579 (Roll Number 3), the previous question for H. Res. 580 (Roll Number 4), and H. Res. 580 (Roll Number 5). I would have also voted against H.R. 3762 (Roll Number 6), which agreed to the Senate amendment.

HONORING THE EAST NICOLAUS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 7, 2016

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, before the holiday break, I rose to congratulate the East Nicolaus High School Spartans from Sutter County for advancing to the CIF Division VI-AA Football Championship game. At that time, they were about to make a 500-mile road trip

to face Coronado, a school four times their size.

Well, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say that the Spartans may have been underdogs in that game, but that didn't matter to them: on December 28, they won the championship game 16–6. Quarterback S.J. Brown threw for a touchdown and rushed for another. Donovan Switalski had 25 carries for 135 yards. And on defense, cornerback Eddie Herrera intercepted two passes.

These were great individual efforts, but as a former lineman for the Cal Bears, I know that it takes a full team effort to pull off a win like this. I congratulate Coach Travis Barker and the entire East Nicolaus team for making Sutter County and the entire 3rd Congressional District proud.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WEST ORANGE-STARK MUSTANGS

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 7, 2016

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the West Orange-Stark Mustangs for winning their third state title in school history on December 18, 2015 at NRG Stadium in Houston, Texas.

This is no easy task, especially in Texas. It is a testament to the incredible resiliency, passion, commitment and hard work displayed by these young men. I would like to personally recognize each one of them and their coaches by entering their names into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. I would also like to wish each one of them continued success on and off the football field.

Players: Keyshawn Holman, Jackson Dallas, Kentavious Miller, Dominic Tezeno, Justin Brown, Malick Phillips, Mandel Turner-King, Payton Robertson, Malacci Hodge, Jarron Morris, Kaleb Ramsey, Ronald Carter, Melech Edwards, Jeremiah Shaw, Quinton Chargois, Jay'len Mathews, Tokeba Hughey, Keion Hancock, Ja'Vonn Ross, Torrien Burnett, Aric Cormier, Demorris Thibodeaux, Tyshon Watkins, Jamarcus Joulevette, Ryan Baham-Heisser, Cory Skinner, Jr., Steven Tims, Ryan Ragsdale, Tristen Scott, Jalen Powdrill, Te'Ron Brown, Paul Ivory, Morris Joseph, Bobby Rash, Keddrick Gant, Rashaad Carter, Ja'Qualan Coleman, Ledarian Carter, Rufus Joseph, Jr., Thomas Wallace and Blake Robinson.

Athletic Director/Head Coach: Cornel Thompson; Defensive Coordinator: Mike Pierce; Offensive Coordinator: Ed Dyer; Assistant Coaches: Del Basinger, Terry Joe Ramsey, Joseph Viator, Jacoby Franks and Stephen Westbrook, Randy Ragsdale, Shea Landry; Athletic Trainer: Shannon Scott; Student Trainers: Cruz Hernandez, Chad Dallas, Cassidy Wright and Jared Dupree.

Go Mustangs.

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