

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO BARB JORGENSEN

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Barb Jorgensen of Harlan, Iowa, as one of Iowa's 2016 Heroes of the Heartland, sponsored by the American Red Cross of Greater Iowa.

Each year, the American Red Cross serving greater Iowa honors individuals for their acts of great bravery, dedication and service to the community. The winners are nominated by their peers, highlighting Iowa's most compassionate and caring individuals. These extraordinary people commit actions which demonstrate the potential heroism and kindness which is in all of us. Heroes of the Heartland reflect the values and vision of the American Red Cross, leaving a positive impact on central Iowa.

On December 28, 2015, Barb went outside to shovel snow when she noticed thick black smoke pouring from her neighbor's front window. She ran to the side of the house with the bedrooms and alerted her neighbor and occupants to leave the burning home. Because of Barb's actions and persistence, the neighbor and his son were able to escape the home safely.

Mr. Speaker, Barb is an Iowan who has made central Iowa citizens very proud. She has dedicated her life to doing what is right and not seeking much attention. But it is with great honor that I recognize her today. I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring Barb for her courage. I thank her for her service and wish her continued success in all her future endeavors.

6TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SMOLENSK DISASTER

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I join in acknowledging the sixth anniversary of the Smolensk Disaster, a tragedy that claimed the lives of Polish President Lech Kaczynski, his wife, Maria, and 94 others aboard a government aircraft on April 10, 2010. Among the victims were high-ranking generals and government officials, clergy, anti-communist leaders and the family members of victims enroute to a ceremony for the 1940 Katyn Forest Massacre. Also on the plane was one American citizen on an official mission for the City of Chicago. The crash at Smolensk North Military Airfield in western Russia is central to the event sponsored by the Commemoration Committee for the Smolensk Disaster and held at the National Shrine of Our Lady of

Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. On Sunday, April 17, 2016 prayers will be offered for the souls of the 96 crash victims and honor those who served their country.

COMMEMORATING WORLD HEALTH DAY

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commemorate World Health Day.

World Health Day is celebrated every year on the founding day of the World Health Organization ("WHO"), which was established in 1950.

WHO puts together regional, local, and international events to shed light on a specific world health issue.

Under the leadership of United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, this year the WHO is focusing efforts and attention to combat the rise in diabetes and improve the lives of those living with this preventable and treatable disease.

Diabetes is a chronic disease that occurs when the pancreas does not produce enough insulin or when the body is unable to utilize the insulin produced.

We need to focus on increasing preventative healthcare policies in America by providing the public and healthcare providers with innovative prevention strategies.

Diabetes can be controlled by increasing access to the following: diagnosis, self-management education, and affordable treatment.

In 2008, approximately 347 million people in the world had diabetes.

The number of cases have grown exponentially over the years.

Eighty percent of approximately 1.5 million deaths, attributed to this disease, occurred in low- and middle-income countries.

By 2030, the World Health Organization projects that diabetes will be the 7th leading cause of death.

We need to acknowledge this as an epidemic and increase awareness towards the staggering burdens/consequences associated with diabetes.

I support this World Health Day's 2016 goal to scale up prevention, strengthen care, and enhance surveillance through the launch of the first Global report on diabetes.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF EARL GRIGSBY

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to use this time to acknowledge one of my

constituents who has demonstrated for nearly a half-century what it means to serve their neighbor. Earl Grigsby will be retiring on April 1st as Superintendent of Public Works for Loudoun County after 44 years of dedication to the community.

Mr. Grigsby began his public service 44 years ago as a laborer at the county's landfill. Over the years, his hard work and positive outlook led him on a path to retiring as Superintendent of public works. His time with the county has been marked by efficiently leading his workforce, as well as guiding the county operations in emergency situations. Mr. Grigsby leaves office not only receiving honors from the Board of Supervisors, but also a standing ovation from colleagues and kin alike.

Mr. Speaker, having already been honored by family and coworkers, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Mr. Grigsby's public work, and implore each of us to imitate his dedication to duty. I wish Mr. Grigsby the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE WEST POINT JEWISH CHAPEL CADET CHOIR

**HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the West Point Jewish Chapel Cadet Choir, who will soon perform at the B'nai Torah Congregation in Boca Raton, Florida.

From the over half a million Jewish Americans have served in the armed services since World War II to Simon Levy who was one of the two original West Point Class of 1802, Jewish Americans have a rich history of service in our Armed Forces. The West Point Jewish Chapel Cadet Choir honors that history and ensures that the contributions of Jewish Americans are not overlooked.

The choir consists of members from all four classes at the academy and has both men and women participants. The choir is an extension of the active Jewish body at the Academy; there are between 70 and 80 Jewish cadets at West Point. Next year, West Point is set to graduate its 1,000th Jewish cadet.

For more than 65 years, the choir has performed at West Point community services and, by invitation, to congregations throughout the United States. Since its inception in 1947, cadets have had the opportunity to experience other facets of Judaism through participation in other congregations and events around the country. Every year they perform at the White House during the Holiday festivities, and most recently, performed at the United Nations ceremony commemorating the Holocaust.

I join the B'nai Torah Congregation in welcoming these twenty five extraordinary men and women to the synagogue on April 8th.

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