

# 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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## TRIBUTE TO JOE HOGAN

**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 Joe Hogan of Altoona, 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.

Joe Hogan founded the non-profit organization, Train to Inspire, to improve the quality of life for individuals with mental and physical disabilities. He encourages participants to soar higher than their perceived limits while creating opportunities for them. Train to Inspire hosts free events that feature new experiences for participants including a Super Hero Obstacle Course. Participants are drawn to Joe and his huge heart. While overcoming addiction, Joe has developed a passion for helping others see what they can accomplish, not what they cannot accomplish.

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

## HONORING MR. PERCY PINKNEY

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues, Congresswoman MAXINE WATERS, and Congresswoman KAREN BASS, to honor the extraordinary life of an outstanding public servant and advocate, Mr. Percy Pinkney. With his passing on Saturday, March 18th, we honor his long, extraordinary life of service and the experiences he shared.

A native of McComb, Mississippi, Mr. Pinkney began his adult life as a member of the United States Army. He later received his Bachelor's degree at San Francisco State University, and went on to receive a Master's in Social Work from Lone Mountain College in San Francisco.

Mr. Pinkney was an active part of California politics for over 30 years, serving in prestigious positions with many influential leaders. During Governor Jerry Brown's first administration, Percy led his community relations department for seven years, beginning in 1975. In 1992, he joined Senator DIANNE FEINSTEIN's

staff as a field representative, overseeing issues affecting Los Angeles' Black community. He faithfully served the community until his retirement in 2014.

Mr. Pinkney founded the Black American Political Association of California (BAPAC) in 1979. The organization has since become one of the largest political grassroots organizations in the state, with 60 chapters and more than 40,000 active members. Since its founding, BAPAC has continued its mission of developing, documenting, and identifying the resources necessary to achieve cultural, economic, and educational goals of underserved citizens in California. The organization has also played an effective role in increasing African Americans participation in the civic and political process.

Overall, Mr. Pinkney's commitment to community building and advancement is unrivaled and BAPAC's leadership has helped countless constituents develop their educational and economic goals. His love for his community and his neighbors will be remembered for years to come, and his achievements in public service have given many Americans the hope and prosperity they deserve.

Mr. Percy Pinkney is survived by his dutiful daughter, Delane Sims, his son in law, Jerry Sims, his brother, Salahudin Tulah, and many grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He will forever be remembered as a beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

On a personal note, we remember the support, strategic advice, and friendship Percy gave and owe him a debt of gratitude for his selfless contributions to our success as elected officials.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes the life of an exemplary individual and devoted community member, Mr. Percy Pinkney. I join all of Mr. Pinkney's loved ones in celebrating his inspirational life and achievements, and offer my sincerest condolences. I am joined in these sentiments today by my colleagues, MAXINE WATERS, of California's 43rd Congressional District, and KAREN BASS, of California's 37th Congressional District, who also knew Mr. Pinkney personally and valued his service.

## HONORING TIM B. WITT

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true civil servant, Mr. Tim B. Witt, who after forty years with the United States Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency is retiring this year.

Initially hailing from Nebraska, Tim started with the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) in 1976, adjusting losses, conducting training and performing quality control work. From 1980 to 1985, he worked in the Kansas City Office with the United States Department of Agriculture, holding various insurance administrative positions including several assignments pertinent to the design, development and implementation of the Federal crop reinsurance delivery system. In 1985, Tim transferred to FCIC headquarters in Washington, D.C., where he assumed the responsibility for the design and implementation of FCIC regu-

latory and oversight program activities. From 1990 through 1992, Tim managed the Office of Insurance Services responsible for administering the delivery of crop insurance programs to America's producers through the Standard Reinsurance Agreement. In 1992, he returned to Kansas City and serves as the Deputy Administrator for Product Management responsible for the administration and management of corporate policies, underwriting standards and actuarial structures related to the various risk management programs reinsured by FCIC.

Tim has had a long and distinguished career, and his contributions to the Department of Agriculture for four decades cannot be overstated. I want to thank him for his service, and wish him nothing but the best in retirement.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed Roll Call vote number 130 regarding "Counterterrorism Screening and Assistance Act of 2016" (H.R. 4314). Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea".

## LIVENGRIN FOUNDATION 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to the Livengrin Foundation on 50 years of providing hope and healing to those struggling with drug and alcohol addictions and for addressing the recent wave of opiate and heroin overdoses in the region. The mission-based, non-profit was one of the first Pennsylvania centers established for the treatment of alcoholism and drug addiction and has grown to include the original inpatient facility in Bensalem, Bucks County, and now eight outpatient locations throughout the Philadelphia region and Lehigh Valley. Livengrin has provided drug and alcohol addiction services to more than 4,000 patients and their families and disbursed more than \$1.6 million for subsidized and unreimbursed services. Livengrin's impact on the community goes beyond its treatment services to include innovative solutions that served as models for other programs throughout the country. Additionally, the Livengrin Foundation also offers specialty treatment tracks for young adults, nurses, other health care workers, first responders and veterans and numbers of support groups and seminars. Recently, Livengrin hosted Naloxone training and distributions to combat the wave of opiate and heroin overdoses in southeastern Pennsylvania. For a half-century, Livengrin has been a beacon of hope for thousands. We sincerely wish the Livengrin Foundation and all those who contribute to the mission continued success with utmost gratitude for the good work.