

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
ARIZONA'S BIOSPHERE 2 RE-
SEARCH FACILITY

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2016

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the faculty and students of the University of Arizona for the work they do at Biosphere 2.

Biosphere 2 was built in 1991. Its original purpose was to simulate different climates and biomes from around Earth and to see if it was possible to recreate the natural cycles of the earth inside a contained space. Their goal was to see if this type of habitat was sustainable and to ultimately use this technology for space colonization.

Although the original experiments were unsuccessful, the investment in infrastructure continues to provide scientific value to this day. The University of Arizona has turned this science experiment of the 1990s into a first-class research facility with a myriad of uses. The fact that Biosphere 2 is completely separated from the rest of the environment has made it the perfect area to study some of the great challenges society faces today as they relate to the environment, water, and energy management. The work completed there has advanced mankind's understanding of environments, both natural and manmade, allowing the next generation of scientists to be better educated and trained in this field of study.

The advancements in horticulture, water usage and environmental science as a result of their work are commendable. I urge them to continue pursuing their commitment to scientific excellence.

COMMEMORATING THE 52ND ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS
ACT OF 1964

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 52nd anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination in public accommodations and education institutions, and banned discrimination in the workplace on the grounds of race, religion, sex, and national origin.

On July 2, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the legislation that set in motion the social and economic revolution that transformed our country for the better and would bring about the greatest reduction in economic and social inequality among Americans in history.

Mr. Speaker, today it is difficult to imagine there once was a time in our country when it was illegal for African Americans and whites to

eat in the same public restaurants or to use the same public restrooms.

It was not so long ago, just 52 years, that it was legal to deny African Americans accommodation at hotels, amusement parks, theaters, libraries, and swimming pools because they were black.

But the Civil Rights Act of 1964 changed that.

This change did not happen overnight or by accident.

It took hard work, courage, patience, determination, and most of all, an unwavering faith that America could live up to the true meaning of its creed.

With American leaders embodying faith and courage the Civil Rights Act signifies battles fought over many years that our champions finally won.

Leaders like the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Whitney Young, Rosa Parks, and JOHN LEWIS are just a few of the many champions who took a stand for freedom and risked their lives to make real the promise of America for all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, our nation is a growing melting pot, and we must continue to make sure all American citizens, regardless of their religion, race, or gender, enjoy the freedoms, opportunities, and equality of treatment and opportunity that makes this country the most exceptional and indispensable nation in the history of the world.

But our work is not done.

Regrettably, Mr. Speaker, in too many places and areas of American life, inequalities and unfairness persist.

For example, women still receive unequal pay.

The majority of women do not receive paid maternity leave, women only make 79 cents per dollar earned by white men.

The pay gap for women of color is even worse because African American women make 64 cents per dollar earned by white men and Latina women make 54 cents per dollar earned by white men.

Our LGBT brothers and sisters still do not yet enjoy the privileges as all Americans.

Victories such as the Supreme Court decision on marriage equality do not overshadow the fact that those who identify as LGBT can get married on Monday, be fired by Friday, and be kicked out of their apartment by Sunday.

The fight is not over.

Mr. Speaker, we still have members of minority communities being killed based on the basis of the ethnicity, race, gender, religion, or sexual orientation.

The fight is not over; our work is not done.

Members of the LGBTQ community in too many places are treated as second class citizens facing workplace discrimination and subjected to bullying, poor mental health, and coping with disparities in access to affordable, quality health care.

Recidivism rates still remain too high in part because formerly incarcerated persons find it difficult to obtain the treatment, support, and

care needed to successfully reintegrate into society.

Mr. Speaker, although we still have more work to do to ensure that equality of opportunity and equal treatment under law is a reality for all Americans, we should not let that deter us from taking considerable pride in the progress we have made as a nation in the 52 years since the passage of the Civil Rights Act, which now includes marriage equality and the Supreme Court's decision in *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt* affirming the right of women to make their own reproductive health decisions.

Social progress and justice does not always come easy or overnight but with commitment, determination, and perseverance, progress can be made and barriers broken.

RETIREMENT OF ASSISTANT
CHIEF EARL C. PAYSINGER
FROM THE LOS ANGELES POLICE
DEPARTMENT

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2016

Ms. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to make note of the retirement of Assistant Chief Earl C. Paysinger, who has served in the Los Angeles Police Department for over four decades.

Appointed in 2006 as Director, Office of Operations, he oversaw the daily activities of over 7,000 sworn members of the Department, and previously served as Deputy Chief and Commanding Officer in Charge of Operations South Bureau.

Assistant Chief Paysinger's career has included a focus on serving children and youth. He authored the Department's Youth First campaign and developed the LAPD Cadet Leadership Program, which has provided over 8,000 children with mentorship, resources and opportunities, and increased high school graduation rates for program participants. He also headed the "Project Elementoring" initiative that allowed newly appointed police officers to adopt and mentor a local elementary school.

He enhanced the role of leadership teams in the twenty-one Area Community Relations Offices, including Senior Lead Officers, in engaging community residents and businesses.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from California State University, Long Beach, graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation Command College, and completed the West Point Leadership Command Development Program.

For forty-one years, Assistant Chief Paysinger has worked to serve the people of the City and County of Los Angeles. I would like to salute him, and thank him for his service.

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IN HONOR OF THE OSBOURN PARK
GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAM

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the girls' softball team from Osbourn Park High School in my District who recently won the 2016 6A Virginia State Championship. They practiced long hours as a team, and this achievement shows how far dedication, hard work, and commitment to teamwork can take a group as they played against some of the best competition in the nation.

The Osbourn Park girls' softball team has made Virginia's 10th Congressional District proud and they have represented us well. Winning a state championship attests to their impressive athletic ability, unselfish mentality, and determination to succeed. I commend them for their tireless dedication to both their school and their teammates, without neither of which this could have been possible. It takes a delicate combination of superior skill and many hours of practice to win a state title. The Osbourn Park girls' team has certainly earned this honor and the lessons learned over the years will valuably serve them as they continue on in their lives.

This year, Osbourn Park broke a 12 year dry spell for Prince William County softball teams by winning the county's first statewide softball title since 2004. They played to the team's 20th straight win this season, jumping out to a two run lead early in the game, ultimately dominating their opponent 4-0. This senior-less team is sure to be successful in the years to come as they practice and grow together as a hard-working team of young women.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the Osbourn Park girls' softball team for their achievement and representing Virginia's 10th Congressional District with such distinction. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE TOWN OF JEROME,
ARIZONA

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2016

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a town from my district, Jerome, Arizona.

The Town of Jerome recently celebrated its 50th anniversary as a National Historic Landmark. Jerome was founded in the late 1800's on a hill near rich supplies of minerals. The town was named after one of the founders of the United Verde Copper Company that mined those very hills, and it eventually hosted the largest copper producing mine in the Arizona Territory.

When it was designated a National Historic Landmark, it was proclaimed that "this site possesses national significance in commemorating the history of the United States of America." The Town of Jerome has been beneficial to the growth of our nation in so many ways.

It has provided the copper in the wiring that spread electricity across the country as well as the materials that aided our troops in both World Wars.

The Town of Jerome should be recognized not only for its historical contributions, but also for its ability to adapt and survive. During the Great Depression, many mining jobs were cut. In response, the town invested in tourism and retail sales. To increase tourism, Jerome hosts music festivals, historic-home tours, and a variety of businesses, such as craft stores, art galleries, coffee houses, wineries, and restaurants.

The Town of Jerome is the type of community that perseveres in difficult times and flourishes in prosperity. This is a model community that should inspire the rest of society to work hard in order to succeed. I would like to congratulate the citizens of Jerome on 50 years of preserving such a unique National Historical Landmark, and wish them years of richness and success in the future.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO
THE VICTIMS OF THE ISTANBUL
ATATURK AIRPORT ATTACK

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in sorrow over the loss of so many innocent lives cut short by the outrageous and heinous acts of terrorism that shocked and rocked the visitors and people in Turkey.

Right now, our prayers are with the victims and their families at this terrible time.

And we stand in unyielding solidarity with the visitors and people of Turkey, which like the United States, welcomes people from across the globe.

Mr. Speaker, Turkey is a nation that opens its doors for tourists to see all of its beautiful attractions.

Airports are a place of connection; connecting loved ones to and from their homes.

Those who think that they can terrorize the people of Turkey or the values cherished by them underestimate a nation that has faced and prevailed against far more sinister and lethal adversaries.

And they will again, but they will not confront these adversaries alone.

They will be joined by the United States and the other countries of the civilized world.

The people of Turkey are justly proud of their national motto, "Egemenlik, kayıtsız şartsız milletindir," (Sovereignty unconditionally belongs to the Nation!) and no act of terrorism by cowardly perpetrators will succeed in leading them to renounce their heritage of freedom or justice.

It is a heritage that we here in the United States share.

And that is why the civilized world must and will rededicate itself to combating and defeating the source of influence of these terrorists.

We will continue to face and overcome threats to our way of life together.

We will not bow and will never break; we will not falter or fail.

We will respond. We will endure. We will overcome.

The terrorist attack in the International Istanbul Atatürk Airport, is an attack on the whole world.

This horrific attack on the innocent visitors and civilians perpetrated by depraved individuals who are yet to be named, misuse teachings for their own misguided purposes.

Their horrible and heinous acts are their responsibility, and theirs alone, and for which they can be assured that they alone will be held accountable.

But that will come another day; today I ask for a moment of silence and remembrance for the victims killed and injured in the terrorist attack in Turkey.

IN HONOR OF THE CHANTILLY
BOYS' TENNIS TEAM

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the boys' tennis team from Chantilly High School in my District who recently won the 2016 6A Virginia State Championship. They practiced long hours as a team, and this achievement shows how far dedication, hard work, and commitment to teamwork can take a group as they played against some of the best competition in the nation.

The Chantilly boys' tennis team has made Virginia's 10th Congressional District proud and they have represented us well. Winning a state championship attests to their impressive athletic ability, unselfish mentality, and determination to succeed. I commend them for their tireless dedication to both their school and their teammates, without neither of which this could have been possible. It takes a delicate combination of superior skill and many hours of practice to win a state title. The Chantilly boys' tennis team has certainly earned this honor and the lessons learned over the years will valuably serve them as they continue on in their lives.

Chantilly came into the state championship as just the three seed in the 6A North region tournament and had to beat the three higher seeded teams than them simply to qualify for the tournament. They finished the season with a record of 7-3, but came into the state tournament hungry for a state title and beat Cosby 5-3 to become Chantilly's most successful boys' tennis team.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the Chantilly boys' tennis team for their achievement and representing Virginia's 10th Congressional District with such distinction. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

H.R. 5389, THE "LEVERAGING
EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES ACT
OF 2016"

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2016

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following cost estimate from the Congressional Budget Office regarding H.R. 5389.