

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO LARGO KINDERCARE

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the Largo KinderCare Learning Center for receiving national accreditation.

The KinderCare Learning Center has recently been granted accreditation by the National Accreditation Commission for Early Care and Education Programs, a leading professional organization in the early education industry for children, between two months old and five years old.

Accreditation is distinct from licensing as the latter only ensures a basic threshold level of a center's ability to provide whereas accreditation enables the center to provide high quality early learning programs. Less than ten percent of programs receive accreditation in the nation, which makes this very important for Pinellas County.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the Largo KinderCare Learning Center for the education they provide to our children. A national accredited center is very important to Pinellas and I ask that this body join me in recognizing them for their efforts.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NEWARK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Newark Catholic High School for winning the Division IV Ohio High School Baseball State Championship.

An achievement such as this certainly deserves recognition. The Ohio High School Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn state titles since its founding in 1907. Throughout this time, the champions of OHSAA state level competitions have represented the highest achieving and most talented athletes in Ohio. Each year these elite competitors join the ranks of those who embody Ohio's proud history of athletic success.

Newark Catholic's victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of achievement is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. They have set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at Newark Catholic High School can be extremely proud of their performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate the Newark Catholic Baseball Team on their state championship. I wish their team continued success in their future athletic endeavors.

THE NEED FOR CONGRESS TO ACT TO END OUR COUNTRY'S GUN VIOLENCE EPIDEMIC

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give voice to the millions of Americans across this country who are tired of this body's leadership being held hostage by the Gun Lobby. The dilatory response by House Republicans, a response directly linked to the fact that they are so closely intertwined with the nefarious Gun Lobby, is as shameful as it is reckless.

Over 33,000 people lose their lives every year to the gun violence epidemic. What does Republican Leadership do in the face of these deaths? Nothing. That is not negligence, it is gross negligence and those who stand firmly in the way of those of us trying desperately to make this country a safer place for our children and grandchildren are increasingly culpable in the deaths that most certainly and tragically lay ahead.

Mr. Speaker, all Americans have a right to make their communities safe from the onslaught of gun violence this country witnesses year after year. They have a right to demand that felons and domestic abusers cannot buy a gun without any questions asked. They have a right to demand that dangerous loopholes allowing terrorists to buy weapons are closed. They have a right to demand that an end is put to the unbelievable number of military-style firearms flowing through their streets. And demanded they have, Mr. Speaker. Indeed, a majority of Americans support ensuring that a husband with a proven history of violent acts committed against his wife should not have access to a firearm. A majority of Americans think it is absolutely ridiculous that we do not stop felons from purchasing firearms. And a majority of Americans think it is beyond comprehensible that members of this body would stand in the way of us working to ensure that terrorists do not have access to weapons of mass murder.

Mr. Speaker, the time has well since passed when we should have enacted these common sense reforms. The time has well since passed since we ought to have taken action to protect our communities—to make those communities safer for our children and grandchild. There is bipartisan legislation in this House that will address these pressing issues and it is time for the Republican Leadership to bring this legislation to the House Floor for a vote immediately. Any further delay is a shameful dereliction of duty on the part of House Republican Leadership.

HONORING DAVID GANN OF PENNSYLVANIA

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor my constituent, Colonel David R. Gann, on his retirement upon more than 40 years of service with the United States Air Force, United States Army Reserve and the Pennsylvania Air National Guard.

Since December 2004, Colonel Gann has served as Commander of the 193rd Special Operations Medical Group of the 193rd Special Operations Wing, Pennsylvania Air National Guard. He previously served as a medic and emergency medical technician in the active Air Force and as chief warrant officer/physician assistant in the Army Reserve. Colonel Gann deployed on numerous occasions in direct medical support of Operations Desert Storm, Uphold Democracy, Joint Guard, Desert Thunder, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. He has earned numerous awards and decorations for his service.

Colonel Gann's tireless dedication, professionalism and sacrifice touched the lives of countless people and challenged all with whom he served to be the best. He's left an enduring legacy of service to our Nation.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, with great pride I commend and congratulate David R. Gann upon his retirement after more than 40 years of selfless service to the United States of America.

DEL LATTA, A DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT

SPEECH OF

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I recently came across a short poem called "The Dash," and I'd like to submit the first few lines:

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.

He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning . . . to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time that they spent alive on earth.

And now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars . . . the house . . . the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

Del Latta's dash represents a life dedicated to his fellow Ohioans and his fellow Americans.

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