

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MR. CRAIG J. ROLISH
OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. KEITH J. ROTHFUS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Craig J. Rolish of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. He is an Airforce veteran who served in Vietnam as an enlisted airman, and is a 2002 recipient of the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Award.

In 1993, Craig was involved in the founding of the Veteran Community Initiatives (VCI). For the past 23 years, Mr. Rolish has been instrumental in the growth and credibility of the VCI's efforts to enhance the lives and well-being of veterans and their families.

As the Vice President-Treasurer, and original Board Member, Mr. Rolish has been long involved in ensuring VCI assists in meeting the social and economic needs of the disabled, disadvantaged, physically and mentally challenged, unemployed and underemployed, and current and previously incarcerated.

Craig's dedication to veterans and their families for more than 20 years has created a lasting legacy at VCI.

Mr. Speaker, Pennsylvania values its veterans, and it is my great pleasure to honor the man who has spent more than two decades building an organization that provides assistance to those who have served in our armed military and their families.

HONORING JAMES CARMICHAEL

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend and a great American, James "Jim" Carmichael, of Wooster, Ohio. Our nation, the state of Ohio, and his beloved Wayne County lost a friend, a father, a husband, and a dedicated public servant on July 13, 2016.

God, country, and family were Jim's guiding stars. He was a man of incredible faith, integrity, and love. Jim served in the Ohio Army National Guard from 1959 to 1964, and from 1971 to 1979, he was the mayor of Shreve, Ohio. During this time he was president of the Wayne County Mayors Association and president of the Shreve Friends of the Library. Jim was also a member of the Shreve Police and Fire Departments. He continued his public service as a member of the Wayne County Board of Elections from 1980 to 1999, and served as the board's chairman from 1989 to 1999; Jim also served as chairman of the Wayne County Republican Party from 1981 to 2000.

In 2001, Jim was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives, an office he held until

2009. During his time in the legislature, he held a number of positions including Assistant Majority Whip, Majority Whip, and Assistant Majority Floor Leader. He also led as the Chairman of the House State Government Committee and Chairman of the Ohio House and Senate Cancer Caucus. After his tenure in the Ohio House of Representatives, Jim was elected Commissioner for Wayne County from 2009 until this year. Jim loved his community. He served as a Merit Badge Counselor for the Boy Scouts' Citizen in the Nation merit badge. He was also very proud to be a longtime fan of Tri-Way-Shreve School and sports, and loved to cheer on the home team.

Jim is survived by his wife Carolyn, his daughters Keely and Debbie, grandchildren Matt, Lindsay, Jamie, Garrett, Grace, and Gavin; great-grandchildren, Aubrey, Gage, and Evelyn, and his sisters, Ruth Flinner and Jane Carmichael.

I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in paying tribute to a reliable friend, a thoughtful lawmaker, and very simply, a good man.

KINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL RUGBY

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Kingwood Girls' Rugby Club 2015–2016 team for going undefeated in the regular season, making it to the state finals, and participating in the 2016 High School Division at the Penn Mutual Rugby Championship in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Their achievement is a testament to the dedication of head coach, Josh Dill, and assistant coach, Nick Carline, and the player's work ethic. Balancing school and athletics is not an easy task and these student athletes work hard in the classroom and continually strive to improve their craft. The families, teachers, friends, and the entire community are very proud of the Kingwood Girls' Rugby team. It is with great pleasure to recognize the members of the 2015–2016 Kingwood Girls' Rugby team:

Amber Balow
Mckenzie Borchers
Isabelle Haro
Ella Hurley
Avery Lobusch
Delanna Martin
Bryanna Matschiner
Monica Reescano
Katie Rozum
Deja Steinbrecher
Sierra Titus
Jenniifer Villanueva
Taylor Welch
Tori Wilson
Nick Carline (assistant coach)
Josh Dill (head coach)
And that's just the way it is.

GOLD STAR FAMILIES VOICES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4511, the Gold Star Families Voices Act, to commemorate the missing voices of American veterans who died as a result of their wartime service or were missing in action. In 2000, Congress created the Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress to turn the memories of our veterans into history and to memorialize the lives of the heroes whose selfless sacrifice has contributed—and continues to contribute—to our collective understanding of who we are as Americans.

After hearing of this remarkable project, my staff and I have sat down with over a dozen veterans from the 10th District of Georgia in order to properly document their brave service. These dedicated men and women in uniform and their equally dedicated families shared their experiences, always with their patriotism, commitment, and sacrifice at the forefront.

Once again, I am awed by the inspirational people of the 10th District of Georgia, and I am honored to represent such heroic veterans in Congress. With the passage of H.R. 4511, we, as a Nation, commemorate the sacrifice of these families through the stories they share, aptly expanding and enhancing the collection of the Veterans History Project.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY
OF MACEDONIAN INDEPENDENCE

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Macedonian-American community in honor of their homeland's 25th Independence Day. The people of the Republic of Macedonia voted on September 8, 1991, to officially gain independence from the former Yugoslavia. By voting for independence, the people decided that it was time for their country to forge its own democratic path and to begin a new era in their history. This 25th anniversary of their independence provides us all an opportunity to recognize the Macedonian-American community's significant contributions within the United States.

But first, I would like to ask for a moment of silence for the 24 victims of devastating floods that affected Macedonia's capital Skopje (Scop-yay) last month, which left hundreds injured and thousands displaced. Our own government provided over \$50,000 in aid to help these flood victims and repair schools in time for the start of the school year.

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