

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

100TH BIRTHDAY OF DOLORES BELLUCCI CONTES

HON. DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th Birthday of Brooklyn's Dolores Bellucci Contes.

Dolores was born on February 19, 1917, and has been a resident of Bay Ridge, Brooklyn for over 80 years. In fact, she has lived at the same address since 1950. In 1951, after her husband's sudden death, she was widowed at the age of 33. Despite her grief, she demonstrated strength and temerity by becoming a working mother in order to support her children. Dolores got remarried in 1961 to her late husband, George Contes, with whom she spent 50 joyous years.

I cannot emphasize enough Dolores' determination and wisdom. She owned a local small business, "Nail Elegance," for many years. Moreover, the fact that she worked until the age of 91 is simply astounding. It takes a special kind of person to have the kind of dedication and work ethic that Dolores has had her entire life.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Dolores Bellucci Contes a very happy 100th birthday. Simply put, people like Dolores are what make Brooklyn great. She has truly lived a life worth living, and I am honored to represent her in Congress.

HONORING THE PASSING OF McCABE, MARSHALL EDWARD, MD, MG, U.S. ARMY (RETIRED)

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the passing of Marshall Edward, MD, MG, U.S. Army (Retired). MG McCabe passed peacefully at his home in Richmond, VA on January 29, 2017 at the remarkable age of 93. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Alice Keshian McCabe, and their three children, Malanie McCabe, Dr. Marshal E. McCabe and Allison McCabe O'Brien, their grandchildren, Kathryn O'Brien Holder, Gregory Boehling O'Brien, their great grandchildren, Taylor Alice Holder, Cooper Ian and Callan Edward Cox, and Baby O'Brien arriving in 2017.

MG McCabe was a highly decorated Army Doctor who was first called to active duty in 1948 at the 97th General Hospital in occupied Germany. In 1953, he applied for and was tendered a Regular Army commission where he completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Walter Reed General Hospital. In 1964, he was assigned as Chief Medical Consultant in the office of the Surgeon General U.S. Army (OTSG) Washington. In 1972, he

was promoted to Brigadier General and assigned as the first chief of staff of the newly established U.S. Army Health Services Command, which assumed operation control of most Army medical personnel for the Western hemisphere. In 1975, he was promoted to Major General and assumed Command of the U.S. Army Medical Command, Europe in Germany. Before he retired in 1980 after serving 35 illustrious years in the Army, MG McCabe served as Commander of the U.S. Army Health Services Command where he commanded over 49,000 personnel and over 80 direct reporting subordinate commands.

MG McCabe or "Pard" as he was known by those close, was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather who loved spending time with his family. I am grateful to have known MG McCabe and am thankful for his loyal patriotism and selfless service to his country. MG McCabe will be dearly missed by his family and friends and the Country sends its greatest gratitude for his time to the U.S. Army.

HONORING THE LIFE OF THE HONORABLE LIZETTE PARKER

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of the Honorable Lizette Parker—a fearless community leader and a devoted public servant. She is greatly missed by the people of Teaneck, New Jersey, who benefitted immeasurably from her involvement in the community and dedication as their mayor and people across Bergen County and the state whose lives she improved.

Mayor Parker was committed to a life of service to those around her. She began her career as a social worker, and she eventually earned seats on the Bergen County Board of Social Services and the Teaneck Town Council. In these roles, she established herself as a force for economic and social justice, tackling issues pertinent to families and youth such as poverty, housing, health care, and respect and appreciation for diversity. In July of 2014, she became the first African-American to serve as Mayor of Teaneck—a watershed accomplishment for the community. As a tenacious advocate for the people of Bergen County, Mayor Parker earned recognition from the Girl Scouts of America, the NAACP, and the Urban League, among other impressive honors.

Mayor Parker's passion and leadership inspired residents young and old, and her life left a lasting impact on the Teaneck community. I am grateful that the scholarship program she established will be continued in her name by her family—a fitting testament to her admirable efforts to improve the lives of young people in Bergen County.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for Mayor Parker's contributions to our community, and I am optimistic that her spirit will continue to live on in the hearts of those who she served.

CONGRATULATING CAPTAIN BILL PFISTER ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Captain William "Bill" Pfister on his retirement and honor him for his over fifty years of service to our country as a member of the U.S. Navy and a key leader in our nation's shipbuilding industry.

Bill Pfister graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1962, and he went on to serve in the Navy for 27 years. Among his many honors, he is a recipient of the U.S. Navy Legion of Merit Award and several Meritorious Service Medals. He retired from the Navy in 1989 and continued to support the Navy through his work on various shipbuilding projects.

He was "employee negative one" for Austal USA and helped select the Mobile, Alabama site. During his years at Austal, he has overseen the impressive construction and expansion of a first-class shipbuilding operation. To put it simply: Bill took a green field and built it into the Austal of today.

Austal USA is now the largest private sector employer in Alabama's First Congressional District, employing over 4,000 people. Much of the success and growth at Austal is because of Bill Pfister's hard work, vision, dedication, and leadership.

Bill has also taken an active role in our local community through involvement in civic clubs and organizations including the Partners for Environmental Progress, the local Navy League chapter, Mobile Baykeeper, Propeller Club, and the Military Officers Association of America. Like a true sailor, Bill also enjoys spending time boating on Mobile Bay.

Mr. Speaker, Bill Pfister has poured his heart and soul into the success of Austal USA and the overall mission of the United States Navy. So, on behalf of Alabama's First Congressional District, I wish Bill and his wife, Sally, all the best upon his retirement. Our nation will be forever grateful for his service and sacrifice.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR RAYMOND LAWRENCE SULLIVAN, JR., M.D. ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RE- TIREMENT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, Raymond Lawrence Sullivan, Jr., was born in San Francisco

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on October 4, 1942. He was the second of six children and grew up in San Francisco and Hillsborough. He has three living siblings, Philip Sullivan, Mary Sullivan Ward and Mother Agnes of the Cross, CJM.

Larry was educated at St. Catherine's Grammar School in Burlingame, Bellarmine College Prep in San Jose, the University of San Francisco, and the UCSF Medical School. He did his residency in Anesthesiology at Stanford, and served our country in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps from 1968 to 1970.

Larry married Victoria Growney on August 13, 1966. Together they have raised three magnificent children: Larry Sullivan III; Kasey Sullivan Bradstreet, JD; Loretta Sullivan Chang, MD; Brian Sullivan; and Jason Lally, their foster child who is part of their extended family. Their four grandchildren, Liam, Andrew and Thomas Chang, and Oscar Bradstreet bring them untold joy.

Dr. Sullivan joined the medical staff of O'Connor Hospital as an anesthesiologist in 1975 and has served there until his retirement. From 1982 to 1988 he served as Clinical Assistant Professor of Anesthesia at Stanford University School of Medicine. At O'Connor Hospital he was Anesthesia Department Chair, a member of the Critical Care Committee, President of the Medical Staff, Member of the Hospital's Board of Directors, and Chair of the Medical Staff Advisory Committee. He was honored in 2011 with the Vincentian Spirit Award given by O'Connor Hospital.

Dr. Sullivan has given generously of his time and talents to his professional community as a member of the Santa Clara County Medical Association, the American Medical Association, The California Society of Anesthesiologists, the American Society of Anesthesiologists (CSA) and the California Medical Association. From 1997 to 2006 he served on a Specialty Delegation to the CMA House of Delegates and received the Distinguished Service Award from the CSA in 2009.

Larry served as a referee and coach of the American Youth Soccer Association in Palo Alto, and was Scoutmaster of Troop 57, Stanford Area Council, where he guided 35 Scouts to Eagle Scout rank.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring an extraordinary physician, a devoted son, husband, father, grandfather, vital member of our community, and a treasured personal friend. Larry Sullivan is a man of integrity and he lives a life instructed by his faith. I have never met a finer human being or a finer family. How proud I am to call them my friends and to have the privilege of representing them. I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in wishing my dear friend Larry, a great and good man, and his devoted wife Vicky, every blessing that retirement has to offer.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN
THOMAS JEFFERSON BARLOW III

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Thomas Jefferson Barlow III, a former member of this honorable body, who died Tuesday January 31, 2017, at the age of 76.

Mr. Barlow, a Democrat, represented the citizens of Kentucky's 1st Congressional District from January 3, 1993, until January 3, 1995. He was not a typical politician. In 1992, he defeated a nine-term incumbent in what was one of the country's biggest upsets of that political cycle. He was outspent in that campaign by more than 4 to 1 and won because of his hard work and downhome, face-to-face campaign style. He narrowly lost his reelection bid in the Republican wave of 1994.

Mr. Barlow was a tremendous public servant who had a positive impact on thousands of people. He was dedicated to making lives better but never sought fame or glory. He got satisfaction out of having his voice heard and influencing public policy.

He was born in Washington, D.C., but his family roots ran deep in Ballard County, Ky., where his ancestor and name sake, Thomas Jefferson Barlow, was an original settler in the town of Barlow. He grew up in Chevy Chase, Maryland and graduated from Sidwell Friends School in Washington, D.C. He received a degree in history from Haverford College near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In his political career and private life, he worked tirelessly to help the less fortunate, create jobs, improve the environment and improve education. His professional career included work in state government, as a business executive, a banker and as a consultant for the Natural Resources Council from 1972 until 1983 when he returned to his family roots in western Kentucky.

Although he lost his reelection bid in 1994, he was not discouraged and continued to make his voice heard by running additional races for the House and the U.S. Senate. In fact, Mr. Speaker, he used the same vehicle in all of his campaigns and its speedometer topped 400,000 miles when it finally wore out after 13 years. He was always outspoken and stood up for that he felt was right, even if it was in opposition to the views of his political party.

He lived with his wife of 28 years, Shirley Pippin Barlow, in Paducah, Kentucky, where he was a former director of the River City Mission, which helped homeless get on their feet, and the Lone Oak Kiwanis Club. He also was an active member of Grace United Methodist Church in La Center, Kentucky.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Allison Barlow Ochshorn of New York; a son, Thomas J. Barlow IV of Michigan; grandchildren, Nora Barlow and Rose Barlow who live in England, Tessa Ochshorn and Sarah Ochshorn both of New York; a sister, Henrietta Friedholm of Michigan; a brother, William Barlow of Colorado; step-children, Gerri Clark of Paducah, Elaine Duke of Tennessee, Edward Yancy of Kentucky; step-grandchildren, Chad Clark of Kentucky, Brandon Duke of Tennessee, Eliza Clark of Kentucky, and Wesley Duke of Tennessee.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Paducah, Kentucky, with Rev. Jamie Curtis and Pastor Charles Moore officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

HONORING VALERIE SALMONS ON
35 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE
VILLAGE OF BARTLETT

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished public servant from the Illinois's 6th Congressional District. Valerie Salmons has dedicated many years to her community, including 35 years with the Village of Bartlett. Valerie's service is not limited to Bartlett, as she has made many positive impacts throughout the greater Chicago area.

In 1982, Valerie was hired by the Village of Bartlett as their first full-time Village Administrator. Since then, the Village's population has grown three fold and is now considered home by more than 30,000 people. The Village's growth did not stop there. Along with an increasing population, the Village has doubled its size from eight to almost sixteen square miles. She has been an asset to numerous presidents, managers, and board members, who have been a part of Bartlett Village Hall. Current Village President Kevin Wallace noted Valerie's leadership was "very comforting" saying, "She has been a wonderful Village Administrator, and the proof is in the way the Village operates".

While working full time to serve her community, Valerie fostered economic development and broadened Bartlett's commercial tax base. She has helped lead the municipal staff with major changes to the downtown, and was a major force behind the many successful commercial projects, such as the Brewster Creek Business Park, Bluff City Industrial Park and Blue Heron Business Park. She also played an essential role in the development of parks, playgrounds, athletic fields and bike paths, while always practicing careful fiscal management.

In addition to her work for Bartlett, Valerie was the first woman appointed to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board in 1990. Former Gov. Jim Thompson initially named Valerie, and five Illinois governors have reappointed her since. She was also the first woman elected to serve as the board's chairwoman.

Through hard work and no small amount of perseverance, Valerie has helped countless people and tremendously improved her community. Distinguished Members, please join me in congratulating Valerie on 35 years of service and wish her well in retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANGELA
PLOWMAN'S 30 YEARS OF PUBLIC
SERVICE

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize a local attorney in Virginia's 10th District, Angela Plowman, who will be departing from her position as Town Attorney of Middleburg. For nearly 20 years, Mrs. Plowman has served Loudoun County and the Middleburg community, serving both as an Assistant County Attorney and as a Town Attorney for the Middleburg Town Council.

She began her career in Loudoun County in 1999 as an Assistant County Attorney. In this position, she was responsible for handling a wide range of legal affairs and provided legal guidance to county attorneys and council members. Given her strong work ethic and dedication to her community and the law, Mrs. Plowman became the Town Attorney for the Middleburg Town Council in 2012. In this role, she worked in close collaboration with the town council and represented Middleburg's interests thoroughly.

In addition to practicing law, Mrs. Plowman has exemplified her dedication to our Loudoun County community by serving in a leadership role as a board member of the Loudoun Habitat for Humanity—an organization that builds homes for those who are in need in the 10th District.

Mrs. Plowman lives in Loudoun along with her husband Jim, our Commonwealth Attorney for Loudoun County, and their three children. She will continue to practice law in the area and plans to remain very involved in local affairs.

Mr. Speaker, I now ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Mrs. Plowman's years of public service. Today, we honor and celebrate the contributions she has made to the town and all its citizens. I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

HONORING WILTON A. LANNING

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Wilton A. Lanning of Waco, Texas, who upon his retirement from the Waco Business League, received the Waco Business League Lifetime Achievement Award. This award was established in 2009 to honor individuals in the Waco community that embody the exemplary ideals and values of society, and have had a substantial impact on the community.

As Executive Director of the Waco Business League, Wilton Lanning utilized his wealth of experience and his love for the city of Waco to support local businesses, grow the economy, and foster opportunity. He also serves as a member of the Board of the Brazos Higher Education Service Corporation, where he furthers their goal of providing students and families with resources they need to make informed decisions about financing their higher education and building a better life.

Some of Wilton's notable past contributions to the Waco business community include serving on the boards of Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center, the Waco Industrial Foundation, and the Waco Mammoth Foundation. Wilton is a past Chairman of the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce, member of the Board of the Vanguard College Preparatory School, and past Chairman of the Board of the YMCA.

Though transcending his influence in the business community, Wilton has built his life on a foundation of serving and giving back to others—a value he learned as an Eagle Scout and certainly reinforced by his father who served as a captain in the U.S. Army. Wilton has been a life-long supporter of Baylor University and an active member of the Baylor Alumni Association. In fact, his family has re-

ceived the Baylor Alumni Association's First Family of Baylor Award. He has received the National Philanthropy "Lifetime Achievement Award" and the Waco Junior Chamber of Commerce has recognized him with their "Distinguished Service Award."

Mr. Speaker, Wilton A. Lanning worked tirelessly to better the Waco community. From his 40 years at Waco's then-oldest business, Padgett's, to his time with the Business League, Wilton has certainly left an enduring impression on Central Texas. He will always be known as a great philanthropist and businessman; but I am confident that above all else he would want to be known first as a husband to LaNell, father to Bill and Robert, and servant of Christ through his leadership at Columbus Avenue Baptist Church.

Today, I have requested that a United States flag be flown over the United States Capitol to honor the many contributions of Wilton A. Lanning.

As I close, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country during these difficult times, for our military men and women who protect us from external threats, and for our first responders who protect us here at home.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOSH AIRHEART'S SERVICE TO BOY SCOUT TROOP 59

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Josh Airheart for his service to Boy Scout Troop 59 in Concord, North Carolina. Mr. Airheart has served as Scoutmaster of Troop 59 for 15 years and will soon be retiring from the position.

Having lived in Cabarrus County his entire life, Mr. Airheart has established himself as a staple of our community. He is a lifetime member of New Gilead Church, home of Troop 59, where he began his own scouting career many years ago. In 1987, Mr. Airheart earned the rank of Eagle Scout, showcasing his own commitment to service.

Beginning in 2002, Mr. Airheart returned to Troop 59 as Scoutmaster. Recognizing the significant impact scouting had on his own life, he began to share his passion with the young men of the troop. The troop then continued to blossom under his guidance as he helped an impressive 26 members achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. In 2015, he was recognized for his efforts by the Central North Carolina Council as Scoutmaster of the Year.

Along the way, Mr. Airheart has been a living embodiment of the Scout Oath, showing the young men of the troop how to integrate it in everything they do. While he may be leaving his official capacity with Troop 59, I know he will continue to be a role model for all of those in our community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in recognizing Mr. Josh Airheart for his dedication and commitment to service as Scoutmaster of Troop 59.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS. LUZ GAMBOA RANGEL

HON. WILL HURD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Mr. HURD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 107th birthday of Luz Gamboa Rangel of Crystal City, Texas.

Luz was born on the Texas-Mexico Border on February 8, 1910 and moved to Texas with her mother and brother in 1914. She has lived in South Texas for the past 103 years. Most of those years have been spent on the same piece of land in Crystal City, Texas—a gift from her husband after they married. Today Luz loves spending time with family and making use of her good sense of humor. Luz has seen more in her lifetime than many of us likely ever will and I have no doubt that we could all learn a thing or two from her. Luz's family and community are blessed to have her as part of their lives.

On behalf of the Twenty-third Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to Mrs. Luz Gamboa Rangel on turning 107 years old, and may she celebrate many more.

INTRODUCTION OF THE JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE FINAL RULE OF THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE RELATING TO THE USE OF COMPENSATORY MITIGATION AS RECOMMENDED OR REQUIRED UNDER THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation disapproving of the Compensatory Mitigation Policy (CMP) rule finalized in the final days of the Obama administration. On December 27, 2016, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) released its final Endangered Species Act (ESA) CMP, which violates existing environmental law and puts future economic development across the country at risk. This rule establishes policies that are a significant departure from existing practices regarding compensatory mitigation and limits private-sector, voluntary involvement in developing compensatory mitigation plans. My legislation utilizes the Congressional Review Act to block this dangerous rule and will prevent the potential catastrophic impacts it would have on our nation's economy.

The CMP exceeds USFWS' statutory authority by adopting the mitigation goals of "net conservation gain" and "no net loss," which are not grounded in federal statute. This directive is a significant departure from existing practice and runs counter to current law. The policy will lead to an extensive, time-consuming valuation process in which development projects are required to initiate an assessment process, as well as undertake "advance mitigation," that could tie up many economic projects in burdensome, costly procedures.

This overbroad policy could jeopardize an extensive range of economic development activities in every corner of the U.S., while also impacting a wide-range of industries, including: agriculture, forestry, mining, natural resource development, energy production, conservation projects, and building and road construction. The final CMP will also have significant strategic, legal, and financial implications for development projects large and small, while ensnaring future economic growth in a maze of permitting setbacks and bureaucratic red-tape.

We must protect our country's economic future and ensure burdensome rules and regulations promulgated by a bloated bureaucracy do not threaten desperately needed job creation and economic growth. The integrity of the law is threatened by misguided federal policies like the USFWS's CMP rule, and I urge all members to join me in supporting this legislation to block yet another oppressive and overreaching regulation promulgated by the previous administration.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the work of the Metropolitan Police Department, in particular the Second District, and the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia. Representatives from these agencies worked closely with D.C. residents on Belmont Road NW and the leadership of the Islamic Center of Washington to forge a remedy to a life-threatening situation that had hate-crime implications.

These individuals provided extraordinary guidance and intervention in bringing closure to a situation that had exposed D.C. residents to racial and homophobic slurs, as well as threats of bodily harm, for more than five years.

I therefore rise with pride to salute police officers Lt. Jerome M. Merrill, Sgt. Brian H. Brown, Sgt. Miguel Rodriguezgil, and Mr. James T. Towns, Community Engagement Director, with the Office of the Attorney General. In particular, I applaud the leadership efforts of Dr. Khouj, Imam, and Abassie Jarr-Koroma of the Islamic Center of Washington, and A. Mario Castillo, a resident of Belmont Road, who coordinated the teamwork on this matter.

This civic success story brings to mind a fitting quote attributed to the great American poet and writer Maya Angelou, "It's good to remember that in crises, natural crises, human beings forget for a while their ignorance, their biases, their prejudices. For a little while, neighbors help neighbors and strangers help strangers."

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding my constituents and the law enforcement officers.

HONORING MILTON BRONSTEIN

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, there are so many ways to describe Mr. Milton Bronstein. He is a kind and generous person, who is always willing to lend a hand when he sees a friend in need. He is a committed and hard-working public servant who puts service above self. He is a capable and respected labor leader who dedicated much of his life to improving conditions for Rhode Island workers. He was a devoted husband to his late wife, Claire. He is a wonderful father to Harvey, Andrew, and Cindy.

And to me and to so many other Rhode Islanders, Milton—who today turns 100 years old—is a steadfast and dependable friend.

Milton's career started in the Department of Treasury, where he would remain for three decades. He is perhaps best known, however, for his work as a labor organizer, serving as the first president of Rhode Island's AFSCME Chapter, Council 94. Countless laborers in my home state of Rhode Island are better off thanks to his tireless work, and when you speak to labor organizers today, it is clear that Milton has set the gold standard of how to effectively lead. After stepping down as Council 94 president, Milton jumped right back into action, serving as the retiree chapter's vice president until he retired just last year at the age of 99. Even today, at 100 years old, Milton remains a trusted mentor and adviser to many in the labor movement and in public service.

I want to wish a very happy birthday to Milton as he celebrates 100 years of a life well lived. Milton, has been a changemaker in our state and in the lives of those of us who have been lucky enough to know him and work with him. I cannot thank him enough for his service and for his support through the years. Rhode Island owes him a debt of gratitude. Happy birthday.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL MILESTONE OF MR. JOHN FIORE, DISTINGUISHED RESIDENT OF SCHENECTADY IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK

HON. PAUL TONKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the centennial celebration of John M. Fiore of Schenectady, New York, who turns 100 years old today, February 2nd, 2017.

John was born on February 2, 1917 to Vito and Maria Fiore. He graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School in 1934 and was the first freshman in the class when it opened in 1931.

After graduating John worked for GE as a Production Specialist with more than 45 years of service.

John went on to serve his country in World War II from 1942–1946, and received an honorary discharge as a Corporal.

In 1953 John married Mary Gerardi who passed away in 1972 after a long battle with illness.

He takes great pride in his family. John's parents came from Italy penniless and raised seven children, all of whom lived into their 90s and were outstanding citizens.

John is known to friends and family for his gardening, and shows a generous spirit in sharing fresh produce with his family and friends. Earlier in life John was also an active bowler, golfer and in later years took up duplicate bridge playing three times a week.

John is also a sports fan. He is a longtime fan of the New York Yankees and New York Knicks. One of his greatest joys is rooting for Union College, Notre Dame, and the University of Connecticut, all schools attended by members of his family.

John's greatest role has been that of doting father. He took an active role in his son Nicholas's activities, including Carmen Little League, Babe Ruth, CYO Basketball and Pop Warner Football. Later, he watched his grandson Nicholas, Jr. play recreational basketball. He was also a player agent for Carmen Little League and later served as Commissioner of Rotterdam Babe Ruth.

NATIONAL RIGHT TO WORK

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I was grateful yesterday to join my friend, Congressman STEVE KING, to introduce the National Right to Work Act.

At least 80 percent of Americans favor barring the forcing of employees to pay dues as a condition of their employment, and this bill would protect workers by eliminating the forced-dues clauses in federal statute. It still allows workers to unionize if they chose to do so—but makes membership voluntary, not mandatory.

Right-to-work states, like South Carolina, have seen first-hand that job creation and economic growth comes from expanded freedoms. Right to work was crucial for South Carolina becoming the leading manufacturer and exporter of tires, with Michelin, Bridgestone, Continental, and Giti, while also being America's largest exporter of cars with BMW and soon Volvo.

I appreciated joining Congressman STEVE KING, with Mark Mix, President of the National Right to Work Committee, on this important issue that will positively promote jobs.

In conclusion, God Bless Our Troops and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

BOND COUNTY BICENTENNIAL

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, this year, beautiful Bond County, located in the southeastern part of Illinois, celebrates its bicentennial—200 years as a county is a great honor.

Bond County was one of the state's original 11 counties when Illinois applied for statehood

in 1818. It was named after the first governor of Illinois, Shadrach Bond who helped develop the first big transportation and infrastructure project for Illinois.

Bond County has witnessed many moments in our nation's history. Both Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas gave speeches there in 1858 for their Senatorial election and the Liberty Bell made its way through the county in 1915. Additionally, President Ronald Reagan appeared there in 1980 for a campaign speech.

Bond County is also home to Greenville College, a 4-year Christian university founded on prayer that focuses on the pillars of faith and community to advance students' learning. Greenville facilitated multiple mission trips, study abroad programs, and home-service projects in 2016.

There is much for the citizens of this county to be proud of. A county with such a rich history of beauty, politics, and pride deserves to be recognized after 200 fantastic years.

IN RECOGNITION OF KAREN
SHORTER

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 15th year anniversary of the organ donation made by one of my constituents, Karen Shorter, of Manassas Park, Virginia. On July 30th, 2002, Ms. Shorter donated one of her kidneys to Janet Melson Burns, a neighbor in need. Together they volunteered at the National Kidney Foundation as members of their Speaker's Bureau. Through the Foundation's Speaker's Bureau they both came to Capitol Hill where they spoke on the importance of the prevention and treatment of various kidney diseases.

Every year, Ms. Shorter and Ms. Burns celebrate a Happy Life Day on the anniversary of their transplant. These two have a ferocious friendship that transcends distance made. This is evident by the fact that even though Janet and her husband live in Atlanta, Georgia, she and Karen still make time for their Happy Life Day celebration. Through the transplant they have come to know personally each other's direct and extended family. This action has brought them closer together as people, neighbors, and friends. I am proud to have Karen Shorter as my constituent in the 10th district and hope she continues to share her heartwarming story on organ donation. In addition to her selfless act of kindness, Ms. Shorter recently retired after 25 years of government service to the Federal Bureau of Prisons in Washington, DC and I thank her for her service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Ms. Shorter for her actions and volunteer work and to wish them a "Happy Life Day" when they meet in Charleston, South Carolina this July.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARGARET
MARY CANTY, RSCJ AS SHE
CELEBRATES HER 50TH JUBILEE
AS A RELIGIOUS OF THE SA-
CRED HEART

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Margaret Mary Canty, RSCJ for her life and service and work on behalf of the southeast Michigan community. As a former headmistress and current member of the Academy of the Sacred Heart's Board of Trustees, Sister Canty has served the school and community at large through her tireless efforts and service.

As Headmistress of the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills from 1988 through 2000, Sister Canty's leadership played a critical role in helping the school grow and evolve to meet the needs of the students, staff and community at large. Under Sister Canty, the school established the Early Childhood Program and oversaw a successful capital campaign that allowed it to expand its science facilities and build a new After School Learning center. These actions helped the Academy of Sacred Heart modernize and serve a new generation of students. After she left Sacred Heart in 2000, Sister Canty worked with the Kenwood Academy (now Doane Stuart) in New York, in a variety of positions to help the school restructure and serve its retired RCSJs. Today, Sister Canty serves on the Academic of the Sacred Heart's Board of Trustees, where she provides guidance and advice to the school.

Sister Canty's life of service and leadership has inspired a new generation of thoughtful and community-minded students and educators. Her tenure at both Sacred Heart and Doane Stuart was transformative, and the initiatives that she has championed continue to help cultivate a new generation of Sacred Heart leaders. It is my hope that these institutions will build on Sister Canty's legacy of excellence in the coming years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Margaret Mary Canty, RSCJ on her 50th Jubilee for her lifetime of service and accomplishments. Sister Canty has served the southeast Michigan community well through her work with the Academy of the Sacred Heart and the critical role her involvement played in its growth and development.

TRIBUTE TO EDGAR AND NANCY
MUENZER AND THE PARK RIDGE
CIVIC ORCHESTRA

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of the late Edgar and Nancy Muenzer, co-founders of the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra. To honor their hard work and tireless commitment, the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra will be presenting a "Founders Memorial Concert" on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 featuring Chicago Symphony Orches-

tra violinist David Taylor as guest soloist at The Pickwick Theatre in Park Ridge, Illinois.

The Park Ridge Civic Orchestra (PRCOrchestra) features more than 70 professional musicians, renowned soloists, and top-ranked student talents and serves the north and northwest areas of Chicago, its suburbs, and beyond. Founded in 1994 by veteran Chicago Symphony Orchestra first violinist Edgar Muenzer, his wife Nancy, and a cadre of devoted supporters, the PRCOrchestra fulfilled the Muenzer's wish to give back after a rewarding lifetime in professional music. Now led by a group of local business owners, musicians, civic leaders, and others, the PRCOrchestra continues to bring enriching, live classical music to the community.

The PRCOrchestra's founder Edgar Muenzer was the orchestra's conductor and music director for two decades from 1994 to 2014. A longtime Park Ridge resident with his wife Nancy, Edgar brought many years of performing, conducting, and teaching to this role. In 2014, Edgar stepped down from the position of Music Director, giving the reins to his son, current PRCOrchestra Music Director Victor Muenzer. He then continued to serve as Music Director Emeritus until his death in 2016. Among the many honors he earned during his illustrious life, Maestro Muenzer was named Conductor of the Year by the Illinois Council of Orchestras. Edgar and his wife Nancy also earned the Illinois Humanities Council Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award for their tireless commitment to bringing inspiring music to the community.

Nancy K. Muenzer was the co-founder of the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra and wife of Edgar Muenzer. A driving force behind the Orchestra's successful development, the charismatic Mrs. Muenzer worked tirelessly to inspire and enlist major sponsors and donors in support of the Orchestra. Through Mrs. Muenzer's direct efforts and that of the generous music-lovers she recruited, the PRCOrchestra performed five major concerts each year at the historic Pickwick Theatre in Park Ridge. Mrs. Muenzer also managed an array of special events and smaller concerts in between. Mrs. Muenzer continued in her role until 2014, helping the Orchestra transition to the next generation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the late Edgar and Nancy Muenzer and the members of the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra for their dedication to cultivating enriching classical music in the community. I congratulate and wish each of them every success in their upcoming "Founders Memorial Concert." Illinois's Ninth Congressional District is proud to be home to the brilliantly talented members of this organization, and for their outstanding gifts, leadership, and service, these members are worthy of the highest praise.

IN MEMORY OF LOUISE EPTING

HON. DANA ROHRABACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, Americans should remember what makes us a great and free country. It isn't a gift. It is earned by those conscientious individuals who get involved, donate their time, and do their share.

Millions of them, from the first generation of Americans until the present time.

Louise Epting was one of these. She was a beloved mother, daughter, sister and grandmother. Born in New York City, the former bobbysoxer and Frank Sinatra devotee became a nurse before settling down to raise her three children with her then-husband. Following their divorce in the 1970s, Louise continued to work hard to support her children and ensure their needs were met. Later in life, Louise followed her children to California in order to be closer to them and her future grandchildren. Louise embraced her role as the family's matriarch.

Known by her nickname "Sugar," Louise was also a dedicated volunteer for many Republican causes. She worked tirelessly for everything she believed in, dedicating time and energy to a wide variety of candidates and issues. Working to better her community, she spent countless hours volunteering at the schools her grandchildren attended in Huntington Beach, California.

A fiercely proud American, Louise "Sugar" Epting represents true patriotism, and is among the best our country has produced. A devout Catholic, she departs this world to enter the realm of heaven where we know she joins so many of her loved ones. Compassionate, caring, and cherished by many, Louise leaves behind a lasting legacy of love for her faith, family, friends, and country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SCOTT TAYLOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, due to my attendance of the dignified transfer ceremony of Chief Special Warfare officer Ryan Owens at Dover AFB, I was unable to vote yesterday. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 72; and YEA on Roll Call No. 73.

TRIBUTE TO THE DALLAS CENTER-GRIMES MIDDLE SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL TEAMS IN THE FIRST SESSION OF THE 115TH CONGRESS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the members of the 2016 Dallas Center-Grimes Middle School Mock Trial teams on their success at the 33th Annual Iowa Middle School Mock Trial State Competition in Des Moines, Iowa, which took place from November 14 through November 16, 2016.

The state competition featured 34 teams from around the state of Iowa. The two teams representing Dallas Center-Grimes defied expectations when both teams placed among the top ten. The members of the Green team, which placed 8th, were Garrett Bond, Audrey Frett, Dante Chittenden, Megan Grimes, Rachel Becker, Madison Stone, Josh Ward, and

Huston Halverson. The members of the Purple Team, which placed 10th, were Molly Patterson, Sierra Sonberg, Alex Romig, Cale Schmitz, Elizabeth Vance, Sierra Mason, Emma Wagner, and Jordan Smith. The coaches of the two teams were Shannon Wallace, Jill Altringer, Kim Cross, Kathryn Pagel, and Jessica McCartan.

Mr. Speaker, the success of these students and coaches exemplifies the rewards of determination, commitment, and team work. I am proud to represent these young leaders in the United States Congress. I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating them for their success in the state competition and in wishing them nothing but continued success in school and beyond.

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE RULES

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, I voted for the Rules Improvement Package suggested by the Ranking Member even though there are elements of the package that would not be needed by the Committee in normal circumstances.

TRIBUTE TO TERI HUYCK

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin (PPWI) President and CEO Teri Huyck will retire on February 3, 2017, after leading Wisconsin's largest most trusted non-profit health care organization for nine years.

Teri Huyck came to Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin during a difficult time as interim director in 2008. She had been the Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Planned Parenthood Chicago. Upon her arrival, the morale and financial stability of the Wisconsin Chapter of Planned Parenthood improved and eight months later, Teri Huyck dropped "interim" from her title and officially took over as president and CEO. She began an aggressive fundraising campaign that raised an additional \$500,000 and reorganized the organization.

Currently, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin employs about 200 people and has a \$21 million annual budget that comes from state and federal funding, Medicaid and private-pay patients and private donations. Planned Parenthood provides health care to about 70,000 men and women a year across the state providing services that include: annual exams, cancer screening, colonoscopies, pregnancy testing and counseling, sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment, and abortions. Family planning and prevention accounts for more than 95 percent of the services Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin performs. The organization gives out 200,000 cycles of birth control pills per year. The majority of the women and men who come here are not seeking an abortion.

Ms. Huyck has made it her mission to be transparent and tells the unvarnished truth to everyone she meets. A self-proclaimed "farm girl from Ohio," she joined the Planned Parenthood organization following a career as a hospital administrator in Ohio and Illinois who wanted to combine her skills in the health care field with her passion for women's issues. Teri remembers when *Roe v. Wade* was decided and learned her passion for women's issues from her mother. Teri's childhood friend was raped and as a result became pregnant in the mid-1970s. The friend chose abortion and was treated poorly. This incident left a lasting impression on her as well.

Teri has a Bachelor's degree in Psychology with high honors from Ohio State University and a Master's degree in Hospital and Health Administration from Xavier University in Cincinnati.

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to know and work with Teri since she assumed her role at Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin. We have stood together on many issues to ensure both women and men in Wisconsin have access to health care. I join with her family, friends and colleagues to congratulate her on her retirement. I wish her much success as she transitions into a different phase of her life with her husband, Perry who recently retired, as well. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Teri Huyck. The citizens of the Fourth Congressional District and the State of Wisconsin are privileged to have someone of her ability and dedicated service working on their behalf for so many years. I am honored for these reasons to pay tribute to Ted Huyck.

IN RECOGNITION OF JEFF DUBÉ

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge Lieutenant Jeff Dubé who recently departed from the Leesburg Police Department after 23 years of service. Throughout Lt. Dubé's impressive career at the department, he always maintained a strong attitude and a willingness to embrace new roles and responsibilities. Additionally, before joining the Leesburg Police Department, Lt. Dubé served eight years on active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps.

During his tenure at the Leesburg Police Department, Lt. Dubé served in many roles, including field training officer, shift supervisor, training officer, civil disturbance unit commander, recruitment and hiring, property and evidence and the accreditation manager. Additionally, Lt. Dubé enjoyed liaising with the media, as he tried to keep the community informed about human interest stories as well as emergencies as they unfolded.

Police officers come from all walks of life to serve and protect their fellow citizens. Officers, like Lt. Dubé, place their lives in jeopardy so that the rest of us may rest easy and the constituents of the 10th District are indebted to their dedication. The work he has done to selflessly serve our community and our country is an inspiration, and it is an honor to represent him.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Lt. Jeff Dubé for his dedication to

serving our community and country for so many years. I wish him the best in retirement and in all of his future endeavors.

BOND COUNTY'S HEALTH
DEPARTMENT 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, this year, Bond County's Health Depart-

ment celebrates fifty years of serving the community.

For five decades, healthcare professionals at Bond County Health Department have provided citizens with important health services such as immunizations, dental clinics, maternal and child health education, and much more. Their mission to promote good health, safety, and sanitation has helped thousands of people across the area.

The Bond County Health Department has excelled at meeting the needs of the population it serves. Whether it be assisting seniors with home healthcare, inspecting the food

safety of community restaurants, or helping new parents with infant and child resources, Bond County Health Department has been an important part of southwestern Illinois. For half a century, they have worked to improve public health in the region and have provided valuable education to the citizens of Bond County.

I understand the important role of institutions like Bond County Health Department and I commend its staff for all of their hard work over the years. Congratulations on your 50th anniversary, and I wish you all the best in the years to come.