

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF DR. SUDIP BOSE

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 2, 2017

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Sudip Bose for his service to our country and our nation's veterans. On the afternoon of March 2, 2004, al-Qaeda insurgents launched coordinated attacks on innocent civilians who were observing the Muslim holiday, the Day of Ashura. These bombings killed over 178 and injured another 500 people. Dr. Bose, a Captain in the United States Army deployed in Baghdad at the time, was serving as the only emergency physician at the scene of the massacre. Captain Bose and his team of medics from the First Cavalry Division provided immediate medical attention to the injured while simultaneously under attack from the chaotic crowd. For his actions that day, Dr. Bose was awarded the Combat Medical Badge.

Dr. Bose went on to serve one of the longest continuous combat tours by a military physician since World War II. During this tour, he saved countless lives, was selected as the physician to treat Saddam Hussein following his capture, and served as a shining example to his peers. For these efforts, Dr. Bose was awarded the Bronze Star and promoted to the rank of Major.

After his time in the Army, Dr. Bose continued serving his country by establishing The Battle Continues, a nonprofit that advocates and mobilizes resources for military veterans. Through The Battle Continues, Dr. Bose has used his experiences and knowledge to educate the public on the medical struggles veterans face when coming home. In addition, this organization assists in connecting veterans with physicians that can best address their specific medical needs at no cost to the veteran.

Looking ahead, Dr. Bose wants to continue to be a strong advocate for public health and veterans issues. Though March 2, 2004 was a tragic day, I am honored to recognize the anniversary of the actions of Dr. Bose and his team. I thank him for his service to our country.

IN HONOR OF JOSEPH DIGENOVA

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend and neighbor, the Honorable Joseph DiGenova.

Delaware, Ohio Councilman Joseph DiGenova has dedicated his life to quietly, but profoundly, serving his nation and community. As a young man, he answered his nation's

call, risking life and limb in service during the Vietnam War. Upon completing his military commitment, Joe returned home and devoted the next several decades to advocating for youth, veterans, local schools, and countless civic projects.

For decades, he and his beloved wife, Vonie, invested themselves in their local school district, creating new programs and fighting for improved facilities. Of special note, Joe co-founded a Youth-in-Government program that has introduced students to local and state governance for more than twenty years. Further, they have campaigned actively for land acquisitions, levy and bond issues, and athletics boosters. As a result of his unwavering support for local schools and students, Joe received the 2014 Friend of the District Award from the Delaware City Schools.

Knowing the value and challenges of military service firsthand, Joe selflessly sought new ways for central Ohio to honor its truest patriots. He led the charge toward a permanent veteran memorial to recognize veterans from every era of our history. In addition, he partnered with the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Vietnam Veterans Association to help fellow veterans receive the recognition, care and benefits they so richly deserve.

Joe's tireless work ethic and humble attitude garnered him the highest admiration of his neighbors. They saw fit to elect him to public office repeatedly for more than twenty-five years. As a city Councilman in Delaware, he spearheaded efforts to modernize infrastructure and spur the local economy. The resurgence of a vibrant downtown area is in no small measure a reflection of his dedication to making Delaware a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Joe has long maintained an eye on what the future will bring to Delaware. Today, Joe and Vonie can look fondly on all he has accomplished. I am confident that his impact will be lasting and his efforts cherished for generations to come.

I am deeply proud to recognize my dear friend and fellow Italian-American for his lasting friendship and innumerable contributions to central Ohio. It is with great pride that today I recognize, on behalf of the residents of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, the Honorable Joseph DiGenova.

HONORING OFFICER MICHAEL JOYCE, JR. UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 27 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE UNION POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 2, 2017

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Police Officer Michael Joyce, Jr. on his retirement

after 27 years of service to the Union Police Department on January 4, 2017.

Officer Joyce joined the Union Police Department in June 1989. He became a full-time officer by December of that year and was promoted to sergeant less than three years later. During his years on the force, Officer Joyce served as a field training officer, supervisor, bailiff, and City Hall security officer. Additionally, he has fulfilled a myriad of capacities including zoning enforcement, evidence cataloging/transport, video documentation, neighborhood watch, and scheduling among others. The knowledge and experience that Officer Joyce brought to the police force and the community was an invaluable asset.

Officer Joyce is known as a man of faith, integrity, compassion, and humor. As an active member of his community he has volunteered many hours to various organizations. He has served on the board of directors with the Franklin County Children and Families Community Resource Board, participated in Shop with a Cop, raised thousands of dollars for the Kops and Kids Canned Food Drive, and volunteered at Missouri Child Identification and Protection Program events. Officer Joyce also serves as an elder at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Throughout his life Officer Joyce has served as a role model and mentor to many, especially through his involvement with local schools, organizations, and clubs.

The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training program was created in part through Office Joyce's hard work. This program equips first responders with the necessary training to assist individuals that are dealing with mental health crises. Officer Joyce served as one of his department's first CIT officers and also held the position of Franklin County CIT Council Co-Chairman and CIT Training Chairman.

With this retirement Officer Joyce will now be able to spend more time with his lovely wife of 42 years, Jennifer. He will also enjoy more time with his children Hannah, Ethan, Noah, Warren, Faith, Connor, Moriah, and Naomi, as well as his nine grandchildren. As police officers and their families know, the most notable and award-worthy actions are often unseen by the general public and will never be awarded by anyone but God. Officer Joyce truly exemplifies the scripture that states, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God." (Matthew 5:9)

I ask you to join me in recognizing Officer Michael Joyce, Number 731, on his retirement. The commitment he has shown to the Union Police Department and to his community for 27 years is a commendable accomplishment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 2, 2017

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, during the roll call votes on Wednesday, March 1, 2017, I

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