EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2017

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Rotary Foundation's 100th anniversary as the Rotary International District 5150 celebrates the occasion on March 18, 2017.

Founded in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klump, with an initial contribution of $26.50 as an endowment fund for the Rotary to support and grow community services throughout the world, The Rotary Foundation has grown to $4 billion in contributions from all over the world and now provides humanitarian services, encourages high ethical standards, and builds goodwill throughout the world.

One of the world's largest nongovernmental organizations with 1.2 million members and activities in more than 200 countries, The Rotary Foundation has provided more than $3.8 billon focusing on six specific sustainable programs: promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, improving health care for mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies. Among its many contributions felt around the globe is its partnership with the Gates Foundation, the World Health Organization, and other governments to eradicate 99.9 percent of Polio worldwide.

Locally, The Rotary International District 5150 currently oversees 42 Rotary Clubs, serving Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo. The three county clubs consist of nearly 2,000 members who volunteer their time raising money and doing good in their communities and around the world. On Saturday, March 18, 2017, District 5150 will hold its annual Learning and Development Assembly at Redwood High School in Marin County to provide training opportunities for hundreds of Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors and guests in the District.

Mr. Speaker, The Rotary Foundation's commitment to providing important services that enrich our community and beyond is exceptional. It is therefore fitting to honor and thank The Rotary Foundation for a century of success in adhering to its motto of "doing good in the world" and The Rotary International District 5150 for its important service, and to offer both best wishes on 100 more years of good work.

RECOGNIZING NICHOLAS CARUSELLE

HON. DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2017

Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Nicholas Caruselle for his lifelong commitment to providing quality hospital care to the community.

Born on December 10, 1954, to Anna Maria and Paul Caruselle, Nicholas has lived on Staten Island his whole life. In 1974, he began working at Staten Island University Hospital (SIUH) as an oxygen technician, where he would spend the next 42 years of his life. It was there where he met his sweetheart, Janice, whom he later married on November 23, 1979. They have been happily married for 37 years with three wonderful children, all of whom were born at SIUH.

Nick's dedication to patient-centered care is evidenced by how long he has worked at SIUH. After serving as an oxygen technician, he later went on to serve in various positions providing excellent cardiopulmonary care from 1977 to 1996. Later on, he served as Senior Vice President of Operations and retired as Deputy Executive Director and South Site Administrator for SIUH.

Nicholas Caruselle has achieved numerous accomplishments throughout his career at SIUH. In the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, he tirelessly fought to obtain $40 million in government funding to rebuild crucial hospital infrastructure. Furthermore, he was instrumental in the development of the Sleep Medicine Institute, the Elizabeth A. Connelly Emergency and Trauma Center, the Regina McGinn, MD Education Center, and the Heart Tower. The enormous impact Nick has had on improving SIUH and the care of its patients is truly immeasurable.

Mr. Speaker, Nicholas Caruselle has spent his entire career improving the lives of others. I thank him for his devotion to his community of work and I wish him a very happy retirement.

RECOGNIZING BETTY DEFOREST ON HER PASSING

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2017

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Hayward resident Betty DeForest following the occasion of her passing on March 10, 2017.

Betty was a dedicated advocate and servant to the Hayward community, where she had lived since 1952. She devoted her life to fighting discrimination and seeking justice for persons of color as well as our poor, homeless, immigrant, and LGBTQ communities.

Betty was a member of the Westminster Hills Presbyterian Church and was instrumental in the formation of its interfaith assemblage, the South Hayward Parish, which provides food for individuals and families in need, along with housing and healthcare resources. She quickly became an integral component of the group's efforts to advocate for the rights of all persons, regardless of sexual orientation, religion, or race.

Betty was deeply committed to our children and their education, serving two terms on the Hayward School Board, as well as Executive Director of the Eden Youth and Family Center, which provides an assortment of services to children and families across Alameda County.

She also was a champion for the LGBTQ community. As President of her local PFLAG chapter and proud mother of a gay son, Betty helped establish the annual Hayward Gay Prom in 1995, creating an atmosphere for LGBTQ youth to feel safe and protected, without fear of judgement or reprisal.

I had the privilege of working personally with Betty on numerous occasions. Betty devoted not only her time, but also precious resources, to accommodate interfaith meetings addressing gun violence within our community. Most recently, Betty allowed me the honor of participating in the South Hayward Parish's Martin Luther King Jr. Day March, an annual event highlighting the strides our country has made and bringing focus to the work yet ahead.

Betty's commitment to the Hayward community touched the lives of countless individuals and was truly extraordinary. I want to acknowledge Betty's remarkable accomplishments and pass along my condolences to her family and friends—our community will certainly feel her absence.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2017

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for recorded votes on the evening of March 16, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 165, NAY on Roll Call No. 166, NAY on Roll Call No. 167, YEA on Roll Call No. 168, and NAY on Roll Call No. 169.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2017

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 166 on Agreeing to the Takano Amendment for H.R. 1259, which took place Thursday, March 16, 2017, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted Nay on Roll Call No. 166 on Agreeing to the Takano Amendment for H.R. 1259.