

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZE THE ACHIEVEMENTS
OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATER-
NITY, INC.

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated is a collegiate Greek-letter fraternity with a predominantly African-American membership. Since the fraternity's founding on January 5, 1911 on the campus of Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, the fraternity has never limited membership based on color, creed or national origin. The fraternity has over 150,000 members with 721 undergraduate and alumni chapters in every state of the United States, and International chapters in the United Kingdom, Germany, Korea, Japan, United States Virgin Islands, Nigeria, and South Africa. Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated celebrated its 100th anniversary on January 5, 2011, and is one of only four predominantly African American collegiate fraternities to do so.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated was founded by ten African-American college students, the Elder Watson Diggs, Dr. Ezra Dee Alexander, Dr. Byron K. Armstrong, Attorney Henry T. Asher, Dr. Marcus P. Blakemore, Paul W. Caine, George W. Edmond, Dr. Guy L. Grant, Edward G. Irvin, John M. Lee.

The fraternity sponsors programs providing community service, social welfare and academic scholarship through the Kappa Alpha Psi Foundation and is a supporter of the United Negro College Fund and Habitat for Humanity, the Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, the Guide Right Service Program, along with the Kappa Leadership and Development League.

In addition to the community service contributions made by Kappa men, these gentlemen also make contributions and achieve in every field of human endeavor. Kappa men are leaders in the fields of law, business, education, healthcare, athletics and entertainment. Also, eight members of the Congressional Black Caucus are proud members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated: SANFORD D. BISHOP, Jr.; WILLIAM LACY CLAY, Jr.; JOHN CONYERS, Jr.; ALCEE L. HASTINGS; HAKEEM JEFFRIES; AL LAWSON; DONALD MCEACHIN; and BENNIE G. THOMPSON.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the philanthropic and achieving spirit of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated. As a hard-working and generous group of men, you are admired by many for the vigor that you possess and for the service that you render to others.

CONGRATULATING WILLIAM A.
SCOTT ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Mr. KINZINGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate William A. Scott of New Brunswick, New Jersey on turning 100 this May. Mr. Scott is the grandfather of my constituent, Michael Koolidge—a fellow veteran and syndicated radio host in Rockford, Illinois.

When World War II broke out, Mr. Scott answered the call of duty and enlisted in the U.S. Navy. "Scotty" as his fellow sailors called him, was a Seaman Second Class and spent time working on torpedo bomber planes that were eventually deployed throughout the world in the Allied war effort. During his service, Mr. Scott was awarded the American Theater Ribbon and the World War Two Victory Medal.

Following America's victory, Mr. Scott returned to work at the Calco Chemical Company in Bound Brook, New Jersey, working there for the next several decades as a Plastics and Banbury Operator. After retirement, Mr. Scott traveled with his wife, Betty to all 48 continental states in the same car, a Volkswagen Beetle to see everything this great country of ours had to offer.

In addition to volunteering in his community for the Meadows Foundation historic preservation group, Mr. Scott has been a member of the American Legion Post 12 in Somerville, New Jersey for four decades, where he held several key positions, such as Sergeant at Arms and Honor Guard. He has continued to provide numerous memorial services for fellow veterans and servicemen during his time at the American Legion Post 12.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Sixteenth Congressional District, I would like to sincerely congratulate William, his grandson, Michael, and the rest of their family on this amazing milestone and life achievement.

CELEBRATING COMMERCE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY LIBRARY

HON. DAVID A. TROTT

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Mr. TROTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the opening of the new Commerce Township Community Library.

Since 2005, the Commerce Township Community Library has served the residents of Commerce Township and Wolverine Lake by providing a wealth of knowledge for those of every generation.

This year, they moved to a new location, one more centrally located within our commu-

nity, representing the vital role they play as an educational epicenter for residents.

Commerce Township Community Library's new location now offers a children's reading room, allowing our community's youngest minds to foster their creativity and imagination in a space created just for them.

The over 10,000 additional square feet offered by their new facility allows staff to continue to curate and grow their collection while preserving the vast knowledge already housed on their shelves.

In an age of ever-changing technology, the dedicated staff who serve at Commerce Township Community Library have ensured they continue to evolve in a 21st century world, offering eBooks, eAudiobooks, and eMagazines, along with free technology classes.

As a place of learning and discovery, I applaud the Commerce Township Community Library for the vital role they play in fostering the continued learning and intellectual growth of our entire community. I look forward to witnessing all of the great work they continue to do as they serve our community from their new facility.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE L'AMBIANCE PLAZA COLLAPSE

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, April 23rd marked the thirtieth anniversary of one of the gravest tragedies in the history of the State of Connecticut: the collapse of L'Ambiance Plaza, a 16-story tower under construction in Bridgeport.

I rise today to extend my condolences and pay tribute to the 28 workers who lost their lives in the collapse, the 22 survivors whose lives were forever changed, and the countless first responders and volunteers who spent ten days searching the debris for their friends and neighbors. The victims were family in the House of Labor—a collection of carpenters, ironworkers, and pipefitters—whose tragic and preventable deaths remind us that we must never give up the fight for safer workplaces.

Today, 30 years on since this tragedy at L'Ambiance Plaza, I give my sincere thanks to the Fairfield County Labor Council, the Fairfield County Building Trades, the Connecticut State Building Trades and the Connecticut AFL-CIO—all of whom have advocated for safer construction sites and workplaces. We owe it to the victims of this disaster to advocate for measures that make Connecticut's workplaces safer and protect the good men and women of Connecticut's workforce.

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