

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING THE 130TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**HON. JUDY CHU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 11, 2017*

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 130th Anniversary of First African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Pasadena, California, for their proud history and countless contributions to our community.

Established in 1887, just one year after the founding of the City of Pasadena, First AME Church was organized at the home of Joseph Holmes, the first black settler in the city. The church became one of the first places where African Americans in the area could come together as a community. This was not without its challenges, as the small church faced hostility and opposition from their neighbors, forcing the congregation to move frequently before finally finding a long-term home in 1913.

With this stability, First AME became a mainstay in the community and a catalyst for social change in Pasadena throughout the 20th Century. As a leader in the African American community's fight for racial equality, First AME was instrumental in efforts to desegregate Pasadena public schools, integrate the city's public workforce and main public pool, and in founding the Pasadena chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Today, First AME continues its proud tradition of service to the community—hosting events to feed the hungry, house the homeless, provide job training, and collect clothing for those in need, all while offering a safe place for congregants to come together in worship.

On this momentous anniversary, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating First AME Church of Pasadena and its congregants for 130 years of proud service to their congregants and community.

### COMMEMORATING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW PARIS, OHIO

**HON. WARREN DAVIDSON**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 11, 2017*

Mr. DAVIDSON. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize and celebrate the 200th Anniversary of New Paris, Ohio. The bicentennial celebration is a historical benchmark for New Paris, as well as the State of Ohio.

In the 1800s, pioneers from Kentucky traveled north in covered wagons and settled in a valley 50 miles west of Dayton, Ohio, on the border of Indiana. There, they built family homes and a local church. In 1817, founders James Fleming and Andrew Ireland named

the town "New Paris" after the City of Paris in Bourbon County, Kentucky. Songwriter Benjamin R. Hanby made New Paris known throughout the entire country after he composed the Christmas song, "Up On the House Top" in 1864.

The first school opened in 1818, and its first newspaper was established in 1844. By 1865, New Paris' 650 residences were very involved in agriculture and developed cotton mills, tanneries, pork-packing plants and had a meat market.

Over the past 200 years, New Paris, Ohio has developed a rich heritage and a high level of community involvement that would make its forefathers proud. I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating the citizens, elected officials and businesses in New Paris on their rich history, and bright future ahead.

### HONORING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STAFFORD AND FRIGO RADIO SHOW

**HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 11, 2017*

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor the 20th Anniversary of Trey Stafford and Jim Frigo's Stafford and Frigo Radio Show on KDXY 104.9 The Fox in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

In 1971, Trey Stafford started his radio career at KPCA-AM in Marked Tree, Arkansas, and for the last 46 years he has dedicated his life to entertaining radio listeners exclusively in our home state.

Similarly, Jim Frigo started his own radio career in 1977 at KAWW-AM in Heber Springs, and this year marks his 40th year on the airwaves exclusively in Arkansas.

Back in 1997, KDXY radio station in Jonesboro changed its format to country music and became known in the community as 104.9 The Fox, and ever since the station has been a mainstay of northeast Arkansas radio.

On September 15, 1997, Trey Stafford and Jim Frigo teamed up with the late Mark Ford to form the Stafford, Frigo and Ford Radio Show on KDXY 104.9 The Fox. After Mark Ford's untimely death in November, 2004, Trey Stafford and Jim Frigo continued on with the show as Stafford and Frigo.

September 15, 2017 will mark 20 years that Trey Stafford and Jim Frigo have been on the same radio show continuously, now known as Stafford and Frigo.

In those 20 years, Stafford and Frigo has become the premiere talk show in Jonesboro, and for their commitment to each other, their city, and indeed our entire region, please join me in honoring their past two decades on the air.

### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 7, 2017*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3354) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes:

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Chair, thank you for this opportunity to speak in support of the Jackson Lee Amendment and to commend Chairman CALVERT and Ranking Member MCCOLLUM for their leadership in shepherding this bill to the floor.

Among other agencies, this legislation funds the U.S. Forest Service, the National Park System, and the Smithsonian Institution.

Most Americans do not know that this bill also funds a very special program, the National Recreation and Preservation.

Mr. Chair, the Jackson Lee Amendment is simple but it sends a very important message from the Congress of the United States.

The Jackson Lee Amendment provides:

Sec. . . None of the funds made available by this Act for the "DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR—NATIONAL PARK SERVICE—NATIONAL RECREATION AND PRESERVATION" may be used in contravention of section 461 of title 16, United States Code.

And 16 U.S. Code § 461 provides that:

It is declared that it is a national policy to preserve for public use historic sites, buildings, and objects of national significance for the inspiration and benefit of the people of the United States.

This is important, especially as it relates to National Heritage Areas (NHAs).

NHAs both preserve our national heritage and provide economic benefits to communities and regions through their commitment to heritage conservation and economic development.

Through public-private partnerships, NHA entities support historic preservation, natural resource conservation, recreation, heritage tourism, and educational projects.

Leveraging funds and long-term support for projects, NHA partnerships generate increased economic impact for regions in which they are located.

In 2012, a nationally respected consulting firm (Tripp Umbach) completed a comprehensive economic impact study of six NHA sites in the Northeast Region that also included an extrapolation of the economic benefit of all 49 NHA sites on the national economy.

The annual economic impact was estimated to be \$12.9 billion.

The economic activity supports approximately 148,000 jobs and generates \$1.2 billion annually in Federal revenues from sources

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