

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING PETER D. TRUMAN

**HON. DWIGHT EVANS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 19, 2017*

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated and accomplished man from our City, former Pennsylvania State Representative, Peter D. Truman.

Peter was born in the City of Philadelphia on January 13, 1935. He received his Bachelor of Business Administration from Florida State Christian College and attended New York State University. From 1959 to 1967, he served as an officer on the Philadelphia Police Department and in 1968, he served as a constable to the 3rd Ward of Philadelphia. After, he worked as assistant to the chief clerk in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives (1968 to 1971). From 1970 to 1982, he served as president of the 3rd Ward Committeeman Association. From 1971 to 1972, he was the director of the Pennsylvania Bureau of General Services. From 1972 to 1973, he worked as the regional director to the Pennsylvania Department of Commerce and was an administrative assistant to the Sheriff of Philadelphia (1973 to 1975).

Further, Peter served as director of the Pennsylvania Bureau of General Services (1971 to 1972) and regional director of the Pennsylvania Department of Commerce (1972 to 1973). After, he was an administrative assistant to the Sheriff of Philadelphia (1973 to 1975) and deputy chief clerk to the Philadelphia Traffic Court (1979 to 1982). Additionally, he was a leader of the 3rd Ward Democratic Committee (1982). Admirably, he was elected as a Democrat to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for the 1983, 1985 and 1987 terms. He resigned from the House, January 4, 1988. He also served as Clerk of Quarter Sessions for the City of Philadelphia (1988 to 1992). In addition to his diverse career of public service, Peter is the founder of Dan-Silo Consultants.

The 2nd Congressional District of Pennsylvania extends gratitude to Peter Truman for his dedicated support to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

RECOGNIZING THE VILLAGE WEST  
POOL 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 19, 2017*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Village West Pool on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. This historic milestone is a testament to the strength of community spirit in Fairfax County and throughout Northern Virginia.

The neighborhood of West Springfield was developed in 1966 by the Richmarr Construc-

tion Company. Richmarr generously donated land on which to build a community pool however, financing the construction of the pool itself was left to the community. Determined to take advantage of the opportunity to improve their neighborhood, the citizens of West Springfield came together to raise the necessary funds and one year later, on July 4, 1967, the Village West Pool opened.

Since that time, generations of residents have enjoyed facility. Three levels of swimming programs are offered including the Vikings for swimmers aged 4 to 18. This is a competitive swim team and is part of the Northern Virginia Swim League, the largest summer swim league in the nation. The Little Vikings is the developmental team and also swims in certain meets, including the Lollipop Meet. There is also a Learn to Swim program for very young swimmers who are not yet comfortable in the water. To encourage community spirit and camaraderie, The Pavilion is available to rent for local parties and gatherings. In addition, pool membership fees are discounted to all who agree to volunteer during the pool season.

Mr. Speaker, the health of a community can be judged through its level of civic engagement. The creation of the Village West Pool and its innovative programs are a testament to the level of civic engagement that is present in West Springfield and in fact, throughout Fairfax County. A group of citizens decided that they wanted to do something to make their community better and they set about doing just that. This willingness to work together to achieve a common goal speaks volumes on the health of our communities. Fairfax County remains one of the best places in the country in which to live, work and raise a family due to the efforts of individuals like the ones that came together to create the Village West Pool and the current residents and members who are committed to maintaining and preserving this neighborhood asset. I commend the Pool's Board and the entire West Springfield Civic Association for reaching this historic milestone and ask my colleagues to join me in wishing them great success in their future endeavors.

ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL AP-  
PROPRIATIONS FOR DISASTER  
RELIEF REQUIREMENTS ACT, 2017

SPEECH OF

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 12, 2017*

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the disaster supplement because it provides critical funds to help rebuild communities in the U.S. states and territories, including Puerto Rico. Although I support this bill, I am concerned it is not enough. For example, it fails to provide funds for Community Development Block Grants, critical health care needs, Social

Services Block Grants and public housing assistance.

I am proud to represent one of the largest Puerto Rican communities in the United States. Since the hurricane, I have worked closely with federal and state authorities to ensure help is delivered to the island in an efficient manner. In addition, I have worked closely with Puerto Rican communities in my Congressional district to answer questions and help them reconnect with friends and family. We need to assure people in these devastated areas Congress will stand with them in the short and long term—provide comfort and immediate needs now and also funds to rebuild infrastructure and restore and strengthen their economy that will sustain well into the future.

As these funds are dispersed, it is imperative they are managed responsibly so storm victims don't become targets of shady outsiders or crooked business owners.

This week, President Trump once again let down the people of Puerto Rico by announcing he plans to prematurely pull the military, FEMA and other critical agency support from the island. This approach is irresponsible and dangerous. The island and its people are still fragile and need to rebuild, not be burdened with further anxiety and uncertainty.

HONORING ALPHONSO “AL” DEAL

**HON. DWIGHT EVANS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 19, 2017*

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated and courageous man from North Philadelphia, Alphonso “Al” Deal, a retired Philadelphia Police Officer and former Philadelphia State Representative.

Al was born in Watertown, Florida. From 1941 to 1945, he served in the U.S. Army for four years as a Military Policeman, where he actively led protests against segregation. As an honorable discharge, he settled in Philadelphia and secured employment at the Edward G. Budd Company. While there, he was appointed chairman of the union's first Fair Employment Anti-discrimination Committee and Chairman of the Education Committee.

In 1954, Al became a Philadelphia Police Officer where he dedicated his career and life to improving the lives of others. Specifically, he aimed to end unfair police tactics and brutality. To do so, he organized the Guardian Civic League to better relations and understanding between the police and community. Under his leadership the Guardian Civic sponsored various programs such as food baskets for the needy during Christmas and Thanksgiving, sending underprivileged children to Summer Camp, serving as chaperones to teenage programs, supporting revised Fair Housing Legislation and cooperating with other Civic groups to further their efforts in general service to the community. Further, Al served as the first Black man to be assigned to the Labor Squad.

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In 1969, Al took a leave of absence train and raised \$52,000 for the Fayette, Mississippi Police Department. The funds raised provided the Fayette Police Department with a much needed police car. Upon his return, in 1980, he was elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and served from 1981 to 1987.

Al dedicated his life to improving the lives of African Americans and was an active member of the NAACP since 1948. He served on various committees, became vice-president, and finally President of the North Philadelphia "Action" branch. Approximately 200 awards from the National, State, and Community NAACP Branches have been presented to either Al individually or to the North Philadelphia "Action" Branch for outstanding achievement. Likewise, the National Black Police Association created a scholarship in honor of Al Deal. In addition to receiving numerous awards and honors, Al served on the Board of Trustees at Temple University.

Although Al faced adversity, it served as a stepping stone to carry on his work of improving the lives of others. The 2nd Congressional District of Pennsylvania extends gratitude to Al "The People's Champion" for his dedicated support to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

CELEBRATING THE MILITARY  
SERVICE OF CAPTAIN KELLIE  
BYERLY, (RET.)

**HON. BRIAN BABIN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 19, 2017*

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank a great man for his military service, Captain Kellie S. Byerly, USN (Ret). Captain Byerly was born in Danville, Illinois on October 19, 1939. He began his prestigious twenty-seven-year Naval career in Long Beach, California.

Captain Byerly served in numerous managerial positions on the USS *John Paul Jones* (DDG-32) and as Chief Engineer of the USS *Decatur* (DDG-31). Captain Byerly later worked as a Professor of Naval Science at the State University of New York Maritime College. Captain Byerly held commands as: Executive Officer of the guided missile destroyers USS *Hoel* (DDG-13) and USS *Robinson* (DDG-12). He later served as Commodore of Task Force Sixty-Three in Naples, Italy. Captain Byerly concluded his Naval career as Senior Inspector for the Propulsion Examination Board in San Diego, California.

Following his retirement from the United States Navy, Captain Byerly worked supervising operations in power plants around the world. He was hired by Stewart and Stevenson, an independent power company based in Houston as Vice President of Operations for the company's western region. He later served with General Electric as Vice President of Central American and Western United States regions. Captain Byerly concluded his career with the Calpine Corporation, as Vice President of Operations for the company's Central Region.

Captain Byerly is married to Deborah L. Byerly who he met in Bremerton, Washington while his ship, the USS *Robinson* (DDG-12)

was undergoing an overhaul. After retiring from the Navy, Captain and Mrs. Byerly became residents of Nassau Bay, Texas in 1991 and have enjoyed being part of the community ever since. Mrs. Byerly has worked for the NASA Johnson Space Center for over twenty years.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank Captain Kellie Byerly for his many years of selfless service to our great nation in the United States Navy.

RECOGNIZING THE VIENNA HOST  
LIONS CLUB 75TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 19, 2017*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an important member of our local civil society. The Vienna Host Lions Club, based in the Town of Vienna in Fairfax County, Virginia, is observing its 75th anniversary this year. Originally chartered on May 7, 1942 as the Arlington Host Lions Club, the Vienna Host Lions Club has spent three-quarters of a century working to improve the community around them. Indeed, it currently holds the distinction of being the oldest community service organization in Vienna.

The Club's philanthropic efforts began in the heart of wartime, raising funds to support Allied service members overseas during World War II. The club also took action on the home front, constructing and operating a watchtower to scan for enemy aircraft. At the conclusion of the war, the club collected clothing to send to Europe to aid in reconstruction efforts. In 1965, the Vienna Host Lions Club left a permanent mark on the Town of Vienna by raising funds to build the new Vienna Community Center. Since that time, it has made other significant contributions to the betterment of the Town of Vienna through advocating for the installation of lights on the athletic fields of James Madison High School and other community ballparks, and the construction of a two-story press box at Walters Field.

In addition, the Club sponsors the James A. Bland Music Scholarship, and donates funds to many local organizations including those that address the needs of people with sight or hearing impairments, youth activities, and social welfare programs, as well as American Legion Post 180.

Mr. Speaker, volunteerism and public service are two of the highest callings, and the Vienna Host Lions Club is an example that other civic groups would do well to emulate. The health of a community can be judged through its level of civic engagement. The fact that the Vienna Host Lions Club has endured for such a protracted period of time speaks volumes to the health of not only the Town of Vienna, but the Northern Virginia region as a whole. The Town of Vienna has been named one of the best places in which to live for a number of years, a distinction that is largely due to the efforts of individuals like the members, past and present, of Vienna Host Lions Club. I commend the entire organization for reaching this historic milestone and ask my colleagues to join me in thanking the Club, its officers and members, and all who support it for their service to our community.

HONORING ALEXANDRA "SANDY"  
BRESLIN

**HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 19, 2017*

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sandy Breslin, who passed away on May 31, 2017. Sandy was a longtime environmental and civic activist in Connecticut, and her work to protect the Long Island Sound and to conserve our state's natural wonders will benefit future generations.

A native of New Haven, Connecticut, Sandy was an exceptional leader in Connecticut's environmental community for decades, and worked with a number of organizations to achieve conservation goals and stronger environmental laws. A trailblazing activist for the protection and restoration of Long Island Sound, Sandy's work helped secure passage of the Long Island Sound Stewardship Act as well as tens of millions of dollars in federal conservation funding.

Sandy also worked with groups including the Connecticut Land Conservation Council and the Connecticut Fund for the Environment to improve the state's wildlife protections, preserve more than 18,000 acres of land, and strengthen Connecticut's Environmental Policy Act. Her activism and achievements drew national recognition, and Sandy was awarded the Department of the Interior's Environmental Achievement Award, a Teaming with Wildlife Member Achievement Award, and a Coastal America Award.

Sandy was committed to public service in Connecticut, and leaders of both political parties held her opinion and work in high regard. In addition to her environmental policy work, she was active in local Democratic politics and served as the Chairwoman of the Bethany Democratic Town Committee for many years. She cherished working with young environmental activists and public servants, and leaders across our state have benefitted from her guidance and wisdom. I count myself lucky to have known Sandy as a friend as well as an environmental leader. She was a great woman with knowledge, heart, and a big warm laugh.

Mr. Speaker, Sandy Breslin spent her life working to protect our environment and improve our world. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today, and I extend my deepest condolences to her wonderful mother and to all who knew and loved Sandy. Sandy, we will miss you.

TRIBUTE TO RUTH SUMP

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 19, 2017*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ruth Sump of Clarinda, Iowa on the occasion of her 101st birthday. Ruth was born on March 1, 1916.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Ruth's life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the internet. We have