

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO THE BAHÁ'Í COMMUNITY COMMEMORATING THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE BIRTH OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 23, 2017

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Baha'i community as they celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of their founder, Bahá'u'lláh. Born as a nobleman in Persia in 1817, Bahá'u'lláh spread a message of peace and tolerance, emphasizing the fundamental unity of all people. His teachings of peace among nations, equality between men and women, tolerance among religions, and justice for people of all races and nationalities are as important today as they were in the 19th century.

Today, there are over 5 million Baha'is around the world, including a community in my Congressional District. In California and around the world, Baha'is strive to promote the ideals that Bahá'u'lláh championed to promote peace and unity throughout the world. They are active members of their communities and advocate for human rights, especially those of Baha'is in Iran who are unable to practice their religion openly.

I encourage my colleagues to take up and pass H.Res. 274 to condemn Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority, and its continuing violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in sending good wishes to the Baha'i community of California's 18th Congressional District and across the United States on the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Bahá'u'lláh.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOOD PRODUCTION FACILITY IN STILWELL, OKLAHOMA

HON. MARKWAYNE MULLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MULLIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 75th anniversary of the Stilwell Oklahoma food production facility. The food production facility in Stilwell, originally called the Stilwell Canning Company, first opened on March 16, 1942 when World War II drove up the demand for canned items. An expansion project completed in 1999 made the Stilwell plant the largest frozen dessert production plant in the country.

Schwan's Company acquired the plant in 2003 when it purchased the Mrs. Smith's pie brand from Flowers Foods. A recent \$40 million investment by the Schwan's Company gave the Stilwell dessert manufacturing facility a state-of-the-art pie line and put the facility on the leading edge of pie production in the industry. Schwan's Company is one of the larg-

est employers in Adair County, with over 300 employees.

The Mrs. Smith's, Edwards, and Schwan's pies and okra produced each day at this facility are enjoyed by families across our great country. I am honored to recognize this facility today before the United States House of Representatives and I wish them a very happy 75th anniversary.

HONORING THE COMPLETION OF THE FOLSOM DAM JOINT FEDERAL PROJECT

HON. AMI BERA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BERA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the completion of the Folsom Dam Joint Federal Project.

This project has been nine years in the making and will provide critical increased flood capacity with Folsom Dam. Last week, the Army Corps of Engineers transferred control of the new auxiliary spillway to the Bureau of Reclamation.

In connection with the existing gates, the new auxiliary spillway will help release water more quickly from Folsom Reservoir to help create space for precipitation during our wet winters.

I want to thank all of the engineers, construction workers and staff from both the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation who worked on this important project. These agencies worked together with the Central Valley Flood Protection Board and the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency to get the project completed.

The city of Sacramento faces the second highest flood risk in the country. So this new spillway is just one part of several infrastructure upgrades to increase flood protection in the region. I look forward to working with my colleagues to support the remaining upgrades including completing levee repairs, updating the water control manual, and raising the dam walls.

Finally, I want to also extend many thanks to Mr. David Thomas, who was the ACE Sacramento District Mega Project Center Director and the lead point person for the JFP.

Soon, Mr. Thomas will retire after more than 30 years of service in the Army Corps of Engineers. He has served in a wide variety of stations from New York and Houston to Italy, Afghanistan and Iraq. Mr. Thomas received his Bachelor's degree of Engineering in 1985 from Texas A&M University. In 1993, he attended the Army Management Staff College and also holds a Master's degree in Public Administration in 1995 from Harvard University.

I want to thank him for his work over the past 5 years here in Sacramento as the Mega Project Director and his instrumental role in helping get this project across the finish line.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Thomas and wish him the best in retirement and his next adventure. The Joint Federal Project has been a

great example of how cooperation should work between government agencies and what happens when we make government work on behalf of the American people.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT NEWLEN

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 23, 2017

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Robert Newlen, for his decades of service to the Library of Congress. Beginning his career in 1975 at the Congressional Research Service and working his way up to Deputy Librarian of Congress, Mr. Newlen is truly an inspiration.

During his time at the Library of Congress, he has served in various capacities, including assistant director and then director of the Knowledge Services Group in CRS, law librarian for collections, outreach and services in the Law Library, the Library of Congress' Chief of Staff, and as of last year the Deputy Librarian of Congress. Mr. Newlen's personal commitment and devotion to the institution is unparalleled. He has committed his entire professional career, 43 years to be exact, to making the Library of Congress a vital part of the deliberations of the legislative branch.

Mr. Newlen's behind-the-scenes efforts in the Law Library were critical in bringing the Magna Carta, one of history's most celebrated documents and a major influence on our Founding Fathers, to the Library of Congress for exhibit in 2014.

Mr. Newlen is known as a quiet leader and a mentor among his colleagues and friends at the Library, who has inspired many and has forever left his mark on this great institution. I have had the good fortune of interacting with Mr. Newlen many times. As many say, he is a gentleman and a scholar.

After leaving the Library of Congress, Mr. Newlen will be moving to my home state of California to work as the head of the Dwight D. Opperman Foundation. Mr. Speaker, Robert Newlen has been an extraordinary public servant, and I know the House of Representatives joins me in wishing him well in the future.

HONORING CHICAGO'S POLISH HIGHLANDERS MARUSZYNA KOŁO NO. 35 ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 23, 2017

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chicago's Maruszyna Kolo No. 35, a lodge of the Polish Highlanders Alliance of

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