

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF TORT LAW'S SECOND ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the American Museum of Tort Law, located in Winsted, CT, which celebrated its second anniversary on September 25, 2017. In honor of its history and continued importance as a national educational institution, I would like to commemorate the museum and celebrate this milestone.

Since its founding by Ralph Nader, the American Museum of Tort Law has attracted national acclaim from media outlets including Politico, the New Yorker, the Boston Globe and the Washington Post. Its vital importance to our citizenry has been recognized by former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Thousands of people have attended the museum and have come away educated, entertained, and impressed by its presentation.

The mission of this unique institution is to educate, inform, and inspire Americans about their legal system, with a focus on the right of trial by jury and the benefits of tort law. Through school group visits, self-guided tours, quality curated programming, and its website, the museum has shown true dedication towards the fostering of greater civic knowledge and awareness.

Moving forward, the museum has an ambitious plan to expand, including not just on-site operations, but broadening its reach by traveling across the country and becoming a resource for practitioners, judges, and legal scholars.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to personally visit the American Museum of Tort Law. As a former history teacher, I can attest to the tremendous value this museum provides through the details and historical context that brings to life the law and justice. Tort law has improved the lives of so many and this museum tells that story.

I am proud to have such an exciting and important institution located in my district. Congratulations to the American Museum of Tort Law on celebrating its second anniversary. May it continue to educate and inspire for generations to come.

### IN RECOGNITION OF LTC JOSEPH McGRATH AND HIS INDUCTIO INTO THE WISCONSIN MILITARY ACADEMY HALL OF FAME

#### HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize LTC Joseph McGrath

for his induction into the Wisconsin Military Academy Hall of Fame. LTC McGrath's long and distinguished career is highlighted by the numerous accolades and successes he achieved during his service in the United States Army and Wisconsin Army National Guard.

LTC McGrath has been an integral factor in protecting America's security interests here at home, while also spreading peace around the world. Following the tragic events of September 11, 2001, LTC McGrath deployed to Nicaragua to help ensure the security of the Nicaraguan President and establish the future success of the joint Wisconsin-Nicaragua partnership.

In 2004, LTC McGrath was deployed to Afghanistan to direct operations in support of the Kandak ETT comprised of American and Coalition partners. LTC McGrath was also instrumental in providing direct liaison with the UN Ballot Counting teams, while also coordinating physical security for the provincial ballot collection compound during the Afghan Presidential election.

Upon his return to the United States, LTC McGrath's leadership led to the creation of the Warrant Officer Candidate School at the 426th Regiment, a fiscally responsible move that brought greater strength and security to Wisconsin.

LTC McGrath received the Bronze Star, among many other awards, for his honorable service and dedication to our country. LTC McGrath's commitment and courage have left a profound impact on the men and women he led and served with across the world, as well as continued security of our great nation.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in commending LTC Joseph McGrath for his dedicated military service and congratulate his induction into the Wisconsin Military Academy Hall of Fame.

### TRIBUTE TO THE SOUTHEAST POLK WRESTLING TEAM

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Southeast Polk Wrestling team for winning the Iowa High School 3A State Wrestling Team Championship and the Class 3A State Wrestling Dual Championship.

I would like to congratulate each member of the team:

Wrestlers: Mark Ames, Cam Baarda, Gavin Babcock, Zach Barnes, Josh Barron, Levi Brand, Thaddeus Breitsprecker, Adam Brown, Gabe Christenson, Cade DeVos, Grant Dishinger, Devin Harmison, Nate Lendt, Gauge Perrien, Nathan Robillard, Joe Rowland, Sawyer Shaw, Ryan Strickland, Brady Wenner, Cody Wonderlich  
Head Coach: Jason Christenson

Coaches: Jessman Smith, Jeff Evans, Jake Helvey, Jesse Smith, Eric Morrow, Pat Wilson, Tom Koch, Jeremy Dove, Grant Schmidt

Mr. Speaker, by winning two championships at this year's state tournament, this team and their coaches demonstrates the rewards of hard work, commitment, and determination. I am honored to represent each of them in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize them today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them for competing in this rigorous competition and wishing them all nothing but continued success.

### 2017 WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER—BARBARA BECKWORTH

#### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Barbara Beckworth, a community activist in Dixon, California, and small business owner with a heart of service and a strong desire to help others. She has been involved in nearly every organization and club in the Dixon area and has served in many leadership roles.

Barbara's commitment and love for her community as a leader is reflected by her involvement in several committees and organizations. She was past Chair and Member of the Governmental Affairs Committee where she continues to moderate the candidate's forums, she sits on several scholarship committees for the students at Dixon High School, and she's also served as past president for the Dixon Chamber of Commerce and Dixon Downtown Business Association. Her desire to make Dixon a better place didn't stop there. She also is past president of Lambtown USA and is involved every year in the annual Dixon May Fair Parade.

Barbara is a true civic leader. There are many words to describe Barbara: graceful, elegant, beautiful, but most of all she is simply the nicest person one would ever meet. She was honored with the Dixon Citizen of the Year in 1989 and is considered an icon in Dixon who is loved by all who know her. Barbara is also known for her beloved dress shop that was in Downtown Dixon for many years.

### TRIBUTE TO RDG PLANNING & DESIGN

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate RDG Planning & Design of Des Moines, Iowa for

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