

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING THE FRIENDSHIP CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPIS- COPAL CHURCH AS A NATIONAL HISTORIC PLACE

#### HON. MIKE JOHNSON

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 29, 2017*

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise and honor the Friendship Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (CME) of Lisbon, LA, for its historic impact upon our nation and to the State of Louisiana. Friendship CME Church helped to unify the Claiborne Parish community around faith and family during the most trying times of our history.

At the height of the civil rights movement from 1965 to 1974 and beyond, Friendship CME Church served as the heart of the African American community and opened its doors for the meetings of local civil rights leaders. Many of the major contributions to the Claiborne Parish civil rights movement were conceptualized within Friendship CME Church, and the church played a central role in the community as a safe haven for those working to protect the dignity of every human life.

Friendship CME Church was founded between 1900 and 1915. The current structure was rebuilt by the congregation in 1933, after the original church building was destroyed by a violent tornado that tore through Claiborne Parish in 1932. With only a few modifications, today's building largely resembles the original structure. This 1933 building still stands to this day as a testimony to the resilience and fortitude of the Friendship CME community. In recognition of the church's integral contributions in advancing the Claiborne Parish civil rights movement, the National Park Service listed the Friendship CME Church in the National Register of Historic Places in May 2016.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress and the people of Northwest Louisiana, I am honored to recognize the Friendship Christian Methodist Episcopal Church for the exceptionally important role it played during the civil rights movement in our region and in our nation. I, along with my wife, Kelly, pray the Lord continues to use this congregation as a beacon of hope for generations to come.

MARY ANN BARWICK

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 29, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mary Ann Barwick for being honored by the West Chamber of Commerce.

As the Healthcare Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator at the Rocky Mountain Down Syndrome Association, Mary Ann Barwick works

with hospitals and doctors to help assure inclusion and enhance the independence of people with Down syndrome.

After many years in the financial industry, Mary Ann stayed home to raise her two boys. While staying home she held several volunteer positions, including President and Treasurer of the PTO, Treasurer of Foothills Swim Team, Destination Imagination Coach, and religious education teacher and board member of the Denver Ballet Guild and Bear Creek Swim and Tennis.

She re-entered the workforce when her oldest son went to college, and began her stint in the nonprofit world. She believes in mission-driven work and loves to recruit volunteers. Mary Ann continues her volunteer work and currently serves as an Affiliate Challenge Master for Destination Imagination Colorado. And she and her husband have been running the Lunch Bunch program at their church which makes lunches for the homeless in Denver for the last 24 years.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Mary Ann Barwick for this well-deserved honor from the West Chamber of Commerce.

TRIBUTE TO MARY ELLEN  
DEVEREUX-TAYLOR AND  
CARROL TAYLOR

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 29, 2017*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mary Ellen Devereux-Taylor and Carrol Taylor of Mount Ayr, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 55th wedding anniversary. They were married on August 25, 1962 at the Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell, Iowa.

Mary Ellen and Carrol's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 55th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 55 years together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion and in wishing them both nothing but continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF NORTH-  
AMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S  
50TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 29, 2017*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Northampton Community Col-

lege (NCC) as it celebrates its 50th anniversary. It was founded in 1965 by twelve Northampton County school directors who were committed to providing an affordable, comprehensive community college education where adults could develop critical skills for a shifting regional economy. In 1967, it opened its doors to 404 students. What started as a singular campus with trailers for laboratories has since expanded into two beautiful campuses with state-of-the-art facilities.

Today, NCC offers degrees to over 14,000 students. An additional 17,000 students enroll in workforce training, adult literacy, and youth classes. Alumni have gone on to further their education through partnerships with colleges and universities. Many alumni have become known as masters in their trade with some recognized as Pulitzer Prize winners and Academy Award winning directors.

Northampton Community College remains committed to providing a quality college experience regardless of socioeconomic status. Federal grants have supported this good work, including a \$10 million grant from the Department of Labor in 2014. The College's innovation and drive will continue to produce talented graduates and contribute to the region's economy. I ask my fellow Members to join me in recognizing Northampton Community College for 50 years of excellence and service to the community.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 29, 2017*

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for Roll Call votes 638 and 639 on Tuesday, November 28, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call vote 638 and Nay on Roll Call vote 639.

MARY ANNE FLEET

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 29, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mary Anne Fleet for being honored by the West Chamber of Commerce.

Mary Anne Fleet received her bachelor's degree in music education from Temple University where she studied bassoon with members of the Philadelphia Orchestra. After moving to Colorado, she worked as a freelance musician with the Central City Opera Company and other professional musical ensembles while teaching woodwinds privately.

Mary Anne later moved to the nonprofit sector and earned her Master's degree in nonprofit management from Regis University. She

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