

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

MICHEL DOHERTY

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michel Doherty as she nears her 93rd Birthday.

Michel has lived in Cape Coral for more than three decades and has been a role model for many. From her philanthropic endeavors to her volunteerism, she has influenced the minds of those destined to make a difference, while making an everlasting impact on her own.

Michel was previously named Lee County Citizen of the Year and received The News-Press 2014 People of the Year Luminary Award. Beyond her honors and achievements, Michel has a heart of gold. I thank Michel for her years of service.

COMMEMORATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF CAIR-MINNESOTA

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a decade of groundbreaking work by the Council on American-Islamic Relations—Minnesota Chapter (CAIR-MN). Ten years ago, CAIR-MN was founded to protect the civil liberties of all Americans, regardless of religious background. Their tireless work represents our core American values: freedom, justice, and equality for all.

During this challenging year of record increases in hate crimes and attacks against Muslims, CAIR-MN has led the fight to strengthen our community. CAIR-MN spearheaded protests against the Muslim Ban and provided community information to those affected by discriminatory policies. It has also successfully defended the rights of refugees and newcomers in the Twin Cities and beyond. CAIR-MN has educated more than 100,000 Minnesotans and has been instrumental in engaging our community in dialogue. They've also worked tirelessly to legally represent over 2,500 Minnesotans facing discrimination. From working with local journalists to ensure accurate representation of Muslims, to supporting interfaith relationships in our community, CAIR-MN has been at the frontline of our fight to achieve our common goal of inclusion.

It is an honor to represent community members like those who are a part of CAIR-MN and benefit from their advocacy. Please join me in recognizing a decade of their efforts to create a Minnesota where all are welcome and justice is upheld.

CONGRATULATING THE MARIST HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM ON THEIR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Marist High School RedHawks girls volleyball team for winning the 2017 Illinois girls high school volleyball championship. Marist is an exceptional Catholic prep school on the South Side of Chicago.

Marist's state championship win at Redbird Arena in Normal, Illinois is the crowning achievement after an incredible 41–1 season. The Marist girls volleyball team proved their ability to perform at the highest level in the Class 4A division, beating out Minooka High School to win the state championship. This win marks the first time that Marist has won the girls state volleyball championship since the team was established in 2002.

The championship match was a thriller. Marist was tied with Minooka at one set apiece going into the third and final set. Marist quickly went down 8–4 but mounted a strong comeback. An 18–4 rally gave Marist a 25–15 victory in the final set to close out the match.

I commend the work of head coach Jordan Vidovic who led his team on a long winning streak after their only loss in September. Since that loss the team members have worked hard to perform as a cohesive unit and push each other to greatness. The leadership of the team's nine seniors played no small role in bringing the season to a fantastic end. The members of this team are well positioned for further success in their athletic careers and some will surely have outstanding playing careers in college.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the girls volleyball team at Marist High School and I extend my wishes for their continued success.

HONORING HAZIM HARDEMAN

HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an inspirational man from North Philadelphia, Hazim Hardeman, a winner of the prestigious Rhodes scholarship.

Hardeman, 23, was born in North Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and grew up blocks away from Temple University. In 2015, Hardeman graduated with High Honors from the Community College of Philadelphia with a degree in Communications. During his time at the Community College of Philadelphia, he served as a vice president of the Student Government Association. After his time at the Community

College of Philadelphia, he transferred to Temple University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in Strategic Communications and Public Advocacy and graduated magna cum laude in 2017. In addition to his many achievements he has written on the prison abolition movement, gun-violence, and hip-hop music and is a substitute teacher in the School District of Philadelphia.

Prestigiously, Hardeman is the first Community College of Philadelphia and Temple University graduate to become a Rhodes Scholar. The Rhodes scholarship is one of the oldest and most distinguished international scholarships in the world. Hardeman was chosen not only for his outstanding scholarly achievements, but for his character, commitment to others and to the common good. Next fall, Hardeman will enroll at Oxford University in England. While there, he will pursue his master's degree in sociology or political theory.

Hardeman has faithfully devoted his academic career and life toward advocating and supporting his community. The 2nd Congressional District of Pennsylvania is so proud of his wonderful accomplishments and extends gratitude to Hazim Hardeman for his dedicated support to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

13TH ANNUAL NORTHWEST INDIANA INNOVATION INDUCTION CEREMONY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I congratulate Ivy Tech Community College and its regional partners who recently celebrated their 13th Annual Northwest Indiana Innovation Induction Ceremony. At the ceremony, which reflects the "Spirit of Innovation" in Indiana, nineteen individuals and twenty-one teams were inducted as members of the 2017–2018 Class of the Society of Innovators of Northwest Indiana. Of these individuals, several members were inducted as Society Fellows for their exceptional efforts in innovation. These individuals are Dr. Teresa A. Eineman, Norman-David P. Fischer, Chris Mahlmann, and Michael E. Schrage. Also honored were the recipients of the Leonardo da Vinci Accelerating Greatness Award for Team Innovation, which include the Plate Accelerating Cooling Technology Team, a project of ArcelorMittal Global R&D, East Chicago, and its partners in France, along with Burns Harbor Plate, and the Arconic Power and Propulsion La Porte Engineering Team. The Hammond Group Incorporated was honored with the Chanute Prize for Team Innovation. In addition, Chenn Q. Zhou, Ph.D. was named the 2017–2018 Gerald I. Lamkin Fellow for Innovation and Service. For their truly remarkable contributions to the community of Northwest Indiana

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