

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF ARLENE SHERMAN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Arlene Sherman on her 100th birthday.

I join her friends and family in extending my best to her on this day and in celebrating her life and contributions to our great state. I hope she uses this momentous day to do the same.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Arlene on her birthday. May her year be filled with happiness and blessings.

RECOGNIZING HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY AS A 2017 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Holy Family Catholic Academy in Inverness, Illinois on being named a 2017 National Blue Ribbon Award winner. The National Blue Ribbon Award is presented to schools for outstanding academic performance making Holy Family Catholic Academy well-deserving of this recognition.

This year AdvancED, a non-partisan organization that reviews educational institutions, named Holy Family Catholic Academy as the first middle school in Illinois to receive STEM certification. Notably, the school's group-based learning environment prepares middle school students for STEM programs with confidence, curiosity, and enthusiasm.

The success of Holy Family Catholic Academy would not be possible without qualified teachers and the support of a robust Parent Association. Over 75 percent of Holy Family Catholic Academy teachers have advanced degrees. The Parent Association hosts a week-long Teacher Appreciation celebration that recognizes the trust, appreciation, and dedication of these consummate professionals.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, please join me in congratulating Holy Family Catholic Academy on being named a 2017 National Blue Ribbon Award winner.

MILLIONS OF AMERICANS NEGLECTED UNDER TAX BILL

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 1, the Republican tax scam. I

voted against this bill a few weeks ago and again when it was brought before the House on December 19.

This bill was crafted behind closed doors, without regular order, and without thorough public input. The result is legislation that would dismantle our health care system, add significant complexity to the tax code, and harm my district's seniors, students, and virtually every middle-class family.

Many of my constituents suffered great economic hardship and are just beginning to recover from the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression. This tax bill is not a way to bolster the recovery effort; it is a red herring that relies on the myth of trickle-down economics in order to give top earners more breaks.

Another way the Republican tax bill calously demonstrates a lack of concern for the average American that has been left largely out of the conversation, is the taxation of our citizens living abroad. I often hear from my overseas constituents and American expats I meet around the world about the burdens they face with the American citizenship-based taxation system. Like my constituents in Las Vegas, many of our citizens residing overseas are teachers, small business owners, and middle-class and working families who would be excluded from the benefits of the tax bill. They discuss being dually taxed under the current system: first by the local tax authority where they currently reside and again by the United States. This is a legitimate problem and unfair for the roughly 9 million Americans living abroad. No other developed nation has such a system.

As a member of the Americans Abroad Caucus, I have continued to support taking action so that U.S. citizens living abroad are not left with the choice of being drained of savings or having to renounce their citizenship due to unfair double taxation. Unfortunately, Congress has neglected to help this minority constituency for far too long. It is discouraging that the tax-writing committees would rather prioritize tax cuts on the foreign income of U.S. corporations than provide assistance to individual citizens abroad with tax reform.

I condemn my colleagues who voted for the tax scam conference report that will shift money from hard working families in Nevada and around the globe to the wealthiest in the nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed a vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 686 and YEA on Roll Call No. 687.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, on December 18, I was not recorded on two Roll Call votes due to travel delays beyond my control. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 685 and YEA on Roll Call No. 686.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. FRANK WILLIAMS, JR.

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Frank "Frankie" Williams, Jr., a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, who passed away on December 6, 2017 at the age of 50.

Mr. Williams was born on July 21, 1967 in New Orleans, Louisiana. He was the oldest boy of six children to Mr. Frank Williams, Sr. and Mrs. Joan Williams. Mr. Williams received his education in the Orleans Parish Public Schools, graduating from George Washington Carver High School. He was employed by the Blue Crab Restaurant and Oyster Bar and a former employee of Margaritaville for ten years.

Mr. Williams went into the water near Lakeshore Drive to assist in rescuing two men. One of those two men died and another was hospitalized after their car plunged into a canal at West End, along with killing Mr. Williams as well. A co-worker of Mr. Williams stated that his actions that night were in line with his character.

It was said that, "Frank was the true definition of a selfless person who always looked out for his fellow man, co-worker or friend—the type of guy who would give you the shirt off his back. His large stature perfectly matched his large heart."

Mr. Williams loved the city and the people of New Orleans. His legacy will forever be a part of the city and his dedication to community embodies the spirit of New Orleans. We cannot match the sacrifices made by Mr. Williams, but surely we can try to match his sense of service. We cannot match his courage, but we can strive to match his devotion.

Mr. Frank "Frankie" Williams, Jr.'s survivors include his wife Doretha "Kim" Henry Williams, mother Joan Williams, son Frank Clark and two stepsons; grandchildren Adriana, Ma'Kye and Cam'ron Clark and two step grandchildren; and godchild Karionisha Polk. Siblings Karen Jones, Joan (Charles), Barbara (Will), Glenn (Chandra), Tyrone (Teidra) Williams and Jessie (Brenda) Brue; eight brothers-in-law; and four sisters-in-law. He is

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