

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO JEANETTE AND JOE LEINEN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jeanette and Joe Leinen of Council Bluffs, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on November 28, 2017.

Jeanette and Joe's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th 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 60th year 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.

RECOGNIZING THERESA CHIMEL FOR RAISING AWARENESS FOR PROPER PALLIATIVE CARE OPTIONS IN NORTHWEST FLORIDA

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the continuous efforts of Theresa Chimel, Executive Director of Escambia County Healthy Start Coalition, where she advocates for infants born exposed to drug use. Additionally, having lost a child of her own, she has dedicated her life to bring proper attention to the scarce availability of palliative care available in Northwest Florida.

On August 18, 2013, Theresa's son Asher died at the age of 12 having lived a life riddled with medical complexities. Asher, full of life, brought happiness to every person privileged to meet him. Due to limited palliative care options, the Chimel family had to make the best experience from a limited amount of resources. Mrs. Chimel has since made it her mission to assist other children that suffer from such conditions, by providing resources and opportunities for their families. Her efforts have been noticed world-wide, and has taken her, along with her family, to London, England to speak at the Transforming End of Life Care for Children and Young People event where on this day she will be addressing members of Parliament.

After her firsthand experience, Theresa proposes with high optimism that the care a child receives at the end of their life must be vastly improved. Families should not be burdened by such responsibility, but rather be allowed to

build these precious moments in happiness and peace.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am profoundly grateful and privileged to congratulate Theresa Chimel on her efforts to better the experience of life for children from the beginning to the conclusion of their time here on Earth.

RECOGNIZING OSWEGO HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Oswego Buccaneers Girls Volleyball Team on their well-deserved Section III Class A Championship.

On November 4 at Fayetteville-Manlius High School, the Oswego Girls Volleyball Team fought hard to build a solid lead and then pull away from Jamesville-Dewitt High School. In the fifth set, the Buccaneers won the Class A Sectional title 3 to 2, maintaining a narrow four point lead during the remainder of the match. This is their fifth title in six years, an amazing accomplishment.

The Buccaneers finished their season with a 10-0 in League Record, and a 14-2 Overall Record, due to the hard work of seniors Laurin Furlong, Samantha Gardner, Brianna Guentner, Kennedy Shurtleff, and Adeline Benjamin; and juniors Michaela Bradshaw, Maddie Armet, Willow-Su Knapp, Reagan Thompson, Lauren DeViny, McKinley Thompson, Sarah Casaletta, Sofia Proano, Alexa Quesnell, and Lisa Klunker. The team was coached by Ronald Ahart, an exceptional leader with an accomplished volleyball resume.

The Buccaneers played with heart and dedication throughout the entire season. I commend the hard work, commitment, and teamwork displayed by these young women. Excellence on the field translates to excellence off the field and the practice of sacrificing for the common goal builds character in our children. I could not be more proud to congratulate these young women on their tremendous season.

PROCLAMATION OF LIBERTY AND VIRTUE ON BEHALF OF HOME-MAKERS FOR AMERICA

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to include the following into the RECORD.

DECLARATION OF MOTHERS: A PROCLAMATION AND A PLEDGE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF LIBERTY & VIRTUE

As the mothers and primary Makers of the Homes of America—the molders the future of

our nation—we declare that the liberty and freedom of all people begin in the home and that a nation is but a magnified home. The values and virtues taught within the family will determine the values and virtues of the nation as a whole.

We recognize the sacred role of mother as the heart of the home and home as the heart of society. The liberty of each individual begins in the home and parents are, first and foremost the primary teachers and protectors of their children in a free society. Properly constructed social, religious, and governmental institutions are designed to support and strengthen the family unit not replace it or regulate it. No association or government organization can replace the family no matter how well-intentioned or well-designed it may be.

The privilege of living as a free people in a free society is dependent on being a people of faith, virtue and patriotism—the three pillars of liberty—and these attributes are best developed and nurtured in the home. Each generation has a responsibility to instill a love of liberty and virtue in the heads of the next generation.

We affirm that “All men and women are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights and to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, [receiving] their just powers from the consent of the governed.”

To secure the blessings of liberty, the Founding Fathers of the United States of America created a written constitution under the inspiration of Almighty God. The preservation of this sacred document and trust is dependent upon each generation, who bears the stewardship of safeguarding the constitution and teaching their children the rights and responsibilities associated with the noble cause of liberty and keeping the Republic.

Every individual is born with intrinsic dignity that is inherent to each member of the human race. All men and women have the right to liberty, self-determination and self-governance. The individual's responsibility of work, education, and industry are crucial elements of self-governance in society and the preservation of human dignity.

The rights of a free people are protected and preserved through honorable, virtuous, leadership which invokes the nobility inherent in all men and women. Successful leaders in the home and family govern by correct principles, teach by example and stand for self-evident truths and liberty sustaining principles.

As the lessons of history clearly demonstrate, we recognize that freedom is fragile. It is a rare and prized possession and requires constant care and vigilance for its preservation. Living as a free people does not come instinctively; principles of freedom must be studied and applied. Home and families with mothers who nurture and teach these principles produce leaders who honor and hold sacred the intrinsic dignity of the individual and inalienable rights endowed to all people.

To safeguard the liberty and enhance the future of our children and grandchildren, we affirm our commitment to “stand fast in that liberty wherewith God has made us free” that “government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth.”

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