

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING JOANNE POWELL

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2018

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a staple of the San Angelo community and an invaluable asset on my team, Mrs. JoAnne Powell. Later this week, she'll be honored as the 2017 Special Friends of Conservation by the Tom Green Soil & Water Conservation Board.

JoAnne has assisted constituents in the Concho Valley throughout my entire tenure, a service that started in 1984 while working for then Rep. Tom Loeffler and eventually Rep. Lamar Smith. Since then, JoAnne has tirelessly worked with constituents on issues they may be experiencing with federal agencies, such as the Social Security Administration, the VA, and the NRCS. The relationships JoAnne has built with these agencies have led to thousands of these cases being resolved for these constituents.

JoAnne also serves as coordinator for our annual service academy application nominations, which is a year-round process for her. With JoAnne's assistance, many of the young men and women in our district go on to serve our nation and attend one of our distinguished service academies.

Through her big heart and drive to serve Tom Green County, JoAnne works closely with many agriculture groups that support West Texas. Her compassion and dedication has made her a special member of my team.

I congratulate JoAnne, and cannot think of a more deserving recipient of this year's Special Friends of Conservation Award.

HONORING THE WARTBURG
COLLEGE WRESTLING TEAM

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Wartburg College wrestling team for winning this year's NCAA Division III National Championship. Wartburg College is located in Waverly, Iowa and this is their third-straight title out of the fourteen they have won in NCAA National Championship history.

These young men have sacrificed much of their lives to hold this title—spending more time in the gym and more time practicing to continue improving. Through their hard work, dedication, and sacrifice, they have made their family, friends, Wartburg College, and northeast Iowa proud.

With that being said, Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Wartburg College wrestling team, Coach Keller, Coach Ortner, and the Wartburg College community, on their well-deserved championship.

Go Knights.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for roll call votes on March 15, 2018 as I had to return to California to attend a funeral.

Had I been present, I would have voted: "YES" on Roll Call Vote No. 109, "YES" on Roll Call Vote No. 110, "YES" on Roll Call Vote No. 111, "YES" on Roll Call Vote No. 112, "NO" on Roll Call Vote No. 113, and "NO" on Roll Call Vote No. 114.

HONORING AMBASSADOR MARCH
FONG EU

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2018

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the long, full life of a political trailblazer, the Honorable March Fong Eu. After more than thirty years in public service, March Fong Eu leaves behind a legacy of respected leadership and broken barriers. Her success opened doors for immigrants and women throughout the state of California.

A daughter of Chinese immigrants, her desire for equality can be traced back to her time in high school, when a school counselor discouraged her from pursuing a career in the sciences because she believed her Chinese ancestry would prevent anyone from hiring her. She was not deterred and she pursued education to the highest levels. After graduating from the University of California Berkeley in 1943 with a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene, she received her master's degree in education at Mills College. She then received a doctorate in education from Stanford University in 1954.

Ambassador Fong Eu built a career that paved the way for women and Asian Americans who followed her. She first became interested in politics while serving as the first female president of the American Dental Hygienists Association from 1944 to 1947. Years later, she entered the world of politics as the first female Asian American to be elected to the Alameda County Board of Education, where she served from 1961 to 1966. She was also the first Asian American woman to be elected to the California State Assembly, where she represented the 15th District for four terms from 1966 to 1974.

In 1974, she became the first female California Secretary of State, and the first Asian American to be elected to a California constitutional office. At the time, she was the re-

cipient of the highest vote total for a statewide elected office, and won reelection to four more terms. In 1994, President Bill Clinton appointed her as U.S. Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia.

Ambassador Fong Eu believed everyone should be treated equally regardless of their gender or ethnicity, and her accomplishments while in office reflect those beliefs. One of her most important campaigns was the successful ban on pay toilets in public buildings. She argued that while men's urinals were free, women were treated as second-class citizens because they were being unfairly charged for the use of public bathrooms. While serving as Secretary of State, she championed voting rights and dramatically expanded access to voting by implementing voter registration by mail, absentee ballots upon request, and allowing voters to register at the Department of Motor Vehicles and other state agencies.

She is an inspiration and role model for all Californians. As more women and minorities are elected to public office, March Fong Eu's legacy will carry on as they continue the fight for equality and justice.

TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF
PIKEVILLE POLICE OFFICER
SCOTTY HAMILTON

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2018

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, it is with great heaviness of heart that I and all of Kentucky mourn the tragic and untimely death of Officer Scotty Hamilton, a 12-year veteran of the Pikeville Police Department.

Eastern Kentucky lost one of its bravest sons on March 13, 2018 when Officer Hamilton paid the ultimate sacrifice while valiantly serving and protecting the community he loved. Since joining the police force in 2006, Officer Hamilton served with immense integrity, earning the utmost respect of his colleagues and courageously giving his all to the City of Pikeville.

In 2013, Officer Hamilton was honored as the Pikeville Police Department's very first Officer of the Year. It was an accolade he rightfully earned as one of the Police Chief's "right hand men"—a dependable and exemplary officer.

Outside of the police force, Scotty Hamilton loved living in the Appalachian Mountains and could often be found hunting and trail-riding with his family and friends. It was perhaps the great pride he had for his hometown that drove his desire to serve and protect the people who live there. In fact, he volunteered for numerous assignments and charity events to give back as much as he could.

The value of our rural law enforcement professionals, like Officer Hamilton, is immeasurable. Holding to their core principles of duty and sacrifice with unwavering dedication, our

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