

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO COURTLIN LA'SHAWN ARRINGTON

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of a young student leader and bright light in the Birmingham community, Courtlin La'Shawn Arrington. Courtlin was a native of Birmingham, Alabama, and a senior at Huffman High School who passed in a tragic act of gun violence on March 7, 2018. Courtlin was an outstanding student, with an engaging personality and a big heart. I speak for Birmingham when I say that we are devastated by her loss. Courtlin was a part of our community and she will be greatly missed.

Courtlin was born on April 17, 2000 to Tynesha Tatum and Courtney Arrington at Cooper Green Hospital in Birmingham, AL. She was educated in the Birmingham City School System and was a graduating Senior at Huffman High School. Courtlin had dreams of becoming a nurse. According to her family members, nursing was a family career and Courtlin had dreamed of being a nurse since she was very young. Just a few months shy of graduation, Courtlin planned to work as a nurse's assistant until she earned her RN. The faculty, students and staff of Huffman High School remember Courtlin as a constant source of enthusiasm, intelligence, and beauty both inside and out. They believed there was no limit to what she may have achieved.

Her sister Tamera Tatum said Courtlin never had any doubt that she would become a nurse after graduation, and that whatever she put her mind to, she was able to achieve. Courtlin had the same unstoppable attitude. She believed that anything was possible with the right attitude and hard work. Before her tragic death, Courtlin was on the road to living her dreams, and had even received acceptance letters from several colleges.

Outside of the classroom, Courtlin was more than a dedicated student and aspiring nurse. To her friends, she will be remembered as an exceptional, loving person who cared deeply about the people around her. Courtlin was a beloved sister to her siblings, brother and sister Gera'Mich and Tamera, lovingly known as the "Trio 3." Courtlin and her siblings cherished their time together, with Courtlin often taking on a motherly role in the group. She was fun, she was caring, and when she needed to, she kept her brother and sister in line. Courtlin relied heavily on her faith, confessing Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at a very early age. She relied on her faith in God to carry her through both the good and bad in life and she enjoyed visiting various churches in the greater Birmingham area. One of her favorite churches to visit was The Rock Church where Pastor Mike McClure taught her

the importance of her Christian duties. She exhibited those teachings in wanting to help others. She believed her passion for nursing to be her life's ministry. For the community of Birmingham, Courtlin's passing hits especially hard, pushing students and adults in the area to demand something better. Courtlin's family hopes her death will bring change—change in school safety measures and more parent accountability for all children. They don't want her death to be in vain. They don't want another parent to have to go through the experience of losing their child to gun violence.

As a Member of Congress, I believe that we have a responsibility to protect our schools from gun violence, accidental or otherwise. Every year more students and teachers, sons and daughters, and brothers and sisters are killed in school shootings—we need to do everything in our power to make this incident the last. We cannot settle for symbolic gestures in Congress when our children's lives are at stake. I am committed to working together to ensure that this type of tragedy never occurs again.

Left to cherish the amazing memories of Courtlin are: loving mother, Tynesha Tatum; father, Courtney Arrington; stepfather, Derrick Hardy; sister, Tamera Tatum; brother, Gera'Mich Tatum; grandmother, Terrie Tatum; grandfathers, Zac Arrington and Timothy (Carolyn) Hardgrove; uncles, William (Shekeitha) Tatum, John Tatum and Tamarreo (Inger) Tatum; great uncles, Buch Tatum, William Tatum and Anthony (Ella) Bryant; two special cousins, Sid'Liyah Williams and Creonna Broadnax; special friend, Darius Craig; three best friends, Serinity, Makayla and Lemonde; a very close family friend, Amy McCleese; a host of uncles, aunts, cousins and other friends.

On behalf of the 7th Congressional District, the State of Alabama, and this nation, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Courtlin La'Shawn Arrington—an outstanding young person who left a lasting impact on the community of Birmingham, Alabama.

IN HONOR OF KEN AND KAY BRITTAİN'S 65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Ken and Kay Brittain on the celebration of their 65th Wedding Anniversary.

This significant benchmark is a symbol of their commitment to each other and to their family. I am happy to join their friends and family in extending my best to them on this special occasion.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Ken and Kay on the

celebration of their 65th Wedding Anniversary. I wish them the best today and for many more blessed years to come.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF SUZANNE DELONE LUSSIER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of an exemplary American woman and a lifelong friend, Suzanne DeLone Lussier. Born on October 5, 1945 in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, Suzanne died surrounded by her family on February 17, 2018, at her home in Atherton, California, after a valiant three and a half year battle with ovarian cancer.

Suzanne was educated in Massachusetts at the Academy of the Assumption in Wellesley and LaSalle Junior College in Newton. She worked in retail, advertising and residential real estate. She married Dick Lussier in 1963, and traveled extensively with him to Asia, Europe, Latin America, and many other countries to spend time with their son Kyle and his family. She loved family vacations in Hawaii and New England, and spent countless happy times in Carmel, California with family, friends and on the golf course.

Suzanne adored her children and actively participated in her sons' schools and sports. She was a devoted grandmother and a famously kind and fun-loving woman. She entertained, golfed, skied, and played tennis, and her artistic skills were evident in her flower arranging, interior and landscape design, and painting.

Suzanne gave generously of her time and considerable talents in service to many non-profit organizations, including Beyond War, the Mid-Peninsula Hospice Foundation, the Menlo Benefit Committee, the Junior League of Palo Alto, and Saint Peter's School in San Francisco.

I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our sincere condolences to Suzanne's beloved husband of 54 years, Dick Lussier; to her sons Mark and Kyle and their spouses Angela and Monika; her grandchildren Max, Taylor, Kieran, Reagan and Arden; and her siblings Betsy Balas, Helen DeLone, Donna DeLone and Dalip Khalsa.

I am blessed to have had Suzanne as my loyal and loving friend for 47 years. She was beautiful in every way, and her values, her deep faith, and her integrity drew so many to her.

Mr. Speaker, our community was bettered by Suzanne DeLone Lussier and our country was strengthened by her. She will be missed deeply by every person fortunate to have known her and by those privileged, as I was, to call her friend.

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HONORING KATE MURRAY

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kate Murray, a student at Sacred Heart Greenwich for her courage and resolve in the face of adversity at school this year.

Sparked by the Women's March in 2017 and the rise of the "#MeToo" movement, women and girls across the country have been using their voices to speak out against injustice and for the causes they're passionate about. Earlier this year, Kate found herself in the middle of a conflict at her school over a sticker supporting Planned Parenthood on her laptop. Her actions, in just her sophomore year, fostered constructive conversations in communities across the country, including at my own dinner table, on issues around students' rights to expression at school and women's reproductive health.

Despite pressure from her teachers, school administrators and the local Catholic Diocese, and even being threatened with expulsion, Kate remained true to her cause. It is my hope that the tenacity and poise that Kate displayed throughout the dispute will serve as an example to any student fighting for their beliefs in or out of a classroom.

HONORING THE CITY OF
O'FALLON, MISSOURI FOR THEIR
NEWLY OPENED JUSTICE CEN-
TER

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of O'Fallon, Missouri for their newly opened Justice Center.

The Justice Center will allow for the police station and municipal court to better serve the O'Fallon community. When the O'Fallon city hall was originally built in 1999, it was expected to last nearly three decades. As the population of the City of O'Fallon grew, however, it became clear that a new complex was needed. This new center is expected to meet the needs of the Saint Louis metro's second largest city for decades to come.

At 80,000 square feet, the center will undoubtedly improve O'Fallon's legal system as it gives officers, investigators, and lawyers an excellent place to continue serving their community. For our law enforcement, it houses a state-of-the-art 911 communications center, an indoor firing range, and a training complex that allows law enforcement personnel to improve their marksmanship and decision-making ability. The Justice Center also includes an updated courtroom with ample space for viewing litigation and trial information. With this new courtroom and multiple holding cells, more dockets can be held and the court process will become even more efficient.

Please join me in congratulating the O'Fallon community on the new Justice Center and thanking the men and women who now work there for keeping our communities safe.

HONORING MR. JAMES C. SMITH

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Smith upon his retirement as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Webster Financial Corporation and Webster Bank after a long and successful career. Jim has dedicated more than four decades to supporting Webster's success in Connecticut and across the northeast.

Jim's father, Harold Webster Smith, founded the bank, originally called First Federal Savings of Waterbury in 1935 during the Great Depression. Jim joined First Federal in 1975, and he then became CEO in 1987 and Chairman in 1995. Under his leadership, the bank has expanded beyond its Waterbury roots to be a significant presence across Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York. In 1995, the institution was renamed Webster in honor of its founder and to reflect the growing regional influence of the bank. Jim's leadership kept Webster stable during the 2008 Financial Crisis and ensuing Great Recession, and he ensured Webster did everything it could to help families in need keep their homes by allowing them to adjust their mortgages.

In addition to his work at Webster, Jim has contributed his experience and expertise to many professional and community organizations. He has served as vice chairman of the Midsize Banks Coalition of America and previously served as a member of the Financial Services Roundtable and on Federal Reserve Board of Governors' Federal Advisory Council.

Jim is a true business leader who invests his time and talents in his community. Through Jim's strong leadership, Webster consistently excels in employee participation in supporting the local United Way—ensuring that those most in need are taken care of. He is, in a way, our own George Bailey. Jim has also led Webster Bank's support for artistic organizations in our community, including the Waterbury Symphony, and he and his wife Cathy support many other civic groups working in Connecticut, including the Hartford Bishops' Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, Jim Smith has dedicated his career to Webster Bank, and under his leadership, the bank has reached new levels of success and maintained its commitment to community care. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today. I am fortunate to count Jim as a friend and a mentor, and I wish him—and Cathy—much success in the next chapter in their lives.

CONGRATULATIONS AIKEN, SOUTH
CAROLINA

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, this week, Southern Living Magazine named Aiken, South Carolina, as the Best Small Town in the South. Mayor Riek Osborn unveiled the magazine cover Wednesday,

where Aiken was also recognized as the South's friendliest town.

According to Southern Living, and my own experience, Aiken is "an authentic South Carolina Equestrian community, rich in historic charm and tradition."

From the "iconic archway of live oaks along South Boundary Avenue" to "Aiken's 2,100-acre urban forest," Aiken has gorgeous greenery. The extraordinary landscaped medians are highlighted with huge ten feet high azaleas.

Aiken has a multitude of great lodging and dining opportunities, where "Downtown Aiken, especially Laurens Street, is loaded with a variety of eclectic eateries, galleries, and shops."

I am grateful for the opportunity to represent Aiken County in Congress, where my grandfather Wilson was born in 1888 and great-grandfather Wilson was born in 1860.

In conclusion, God Bless our Troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

RECOGNIZING DR. REYNOLD G.
LEMP

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Dr. Reynold G. Lemp on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

At the age of 13, Dr. Lemp preached his first sermon, "Let Go and Let God," under the ministry of his grandfather, Rev. William Dunn. Before entering college, Dr. Lemp worked for Edison Electric Co. for one year while preaching at a mission and a church in Detroit, Michigan. Upon graduating from Bob Jones University in 1953, Dr. Lemp moved to Winter Garden, Florida and started Calvary Baptist Church on June 7, 1953.

Appointed in 1960, Pastor Lemp serves on the board of Bob Jones University. He started Calvary Christian School in 1976. During the 30th anniversary of Calvary Baptist Church, Dr. Bob Jones, Jr. presented Dr. Lemp with a Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa). Dr. Lemp retired from ministry in 2003 shortly before the 50th anniversary of Calvary Baptist Church. Many lives have been impacted through his ministry and that of the church.

It is my pleasure to recognize Dr. Lemp on this momentous occasion. I wish him a very happy 90th birthday and may God continue to bless Pastor Lemp and his family.

CONGRATULATING KRISTI PACE

HON. MIKE BISHOP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Mr. BISHOP of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today—during Women's History Month—to congratulate Kristi Pace, who was named the 2017 Brighton Police Officer of the Year. While she has only been with the force for two years, Officer Pace has already left an enormous mark and impression on her fellow officers. Police Chief Rob Bradford noted that she—the only female on the force—is "highly