

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THANKING ELENi ROUMEL FOR
HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO
THE HOUSE

HON. PAUL D. RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Eleni M. Roumel, who is leaving the House to become the Deputy Counsel to the Vice President of the United States. Ms. Roumel has served in the House's Office of General Counsel for more than five years as an Assistant General Counsel. During her tenure, Ms. Roumel played a crucial role in safeguarding the legal and institutional interests of the House of Representatives, particularly in connection with federal court litigation involving issues of great institutional importance. Specifically, Ms. Roumel was instrumental in the formation and presentation of the House's powerful legal arguments in United States House of Representatives v. Burwell, the groundbreaking litigation protecting the House's constitutional prerogative to appropriate federal funds. In addition, Ms. Roumel provided invaluable legal advice and representation to Committees of the House, including in connection with Committee on Oversight and Government Reform v. Holder, which involves civil enforcement of the House's constitutionally-based oversight authority against the Attorney General of the United States.

Ms. Roumel's work on behalf of the House has been of the highest caliber and I have no doubt that the Vice President will benefit from her exceptional legal counsel. On behalf of the entire House community, I thank Ms. Roumel for her dedicated service, and wish for her the very best in all of her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO WARD UмбаUGH

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ward Umbaugh, of Adair, Iowa for earning the American FFA Degree. Ward was recently awarded this degree at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. Ward was the first member of the AC/GC FFA Chapter to receive the award. He is the son of Gretchen and Bill Umbaugh.

The American FFA Degree is awarded to members who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment to FFA and made significant accomplishments in their supervised agricultural experience. Ward had to meet certain requirements, such as studying agriculture for three years in high school, earning money in an agriculture field and investing that money into their business, participation in community

service and having a record of outstanding leadership ability and community involvement. The work toward this degree involved many years of hard work and dedication in agricultural pursuits.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent leaders like Ward in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud him for utilizing his talents to reach his goals. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating him on receiving this esteemed designation, and wishing him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF IAN DONAHUE
ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT
TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES
NAVAL ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Ian Donahue of Sylvania, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Ian's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2022. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of a lifetime.

Ian brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2022. While attending Northview High School in Sylvania, Ohio, Ian served as President of the National Honors Society, and participated in student government, World Language Club, and Spanish Honors Society.

Throughout high school, Ian participated in football and was captain for the lacrosse team, earning varsity letters in both sports. Ian was also involved in student council and Interact. I am confident that Ian will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Naval Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ian Donahue on his offer of appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Ian will excel during his career at the Naval Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

COACH THOMAS NAMED 2018
COACH OF THE YEAR

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Albert Thomas for being named Coach of the Year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC).

Coach Thomas led the Missouri City Elkins High School Knights to their sixth district championship in his 13 years as coach. The Knights have qualified for the playoffs 11 times and have won eight area championships under Thomas. He has also taught mathematics for 30 years. Thomas was presented with the award on April 1st at the annual NABC Guardians of the Game Awards Show in San Antonio. He has also been named district coach of the year four times.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Coach Albert Thomas for being named the 2018 Coach of the Year. I thank him for his dedication to our education system and for sharing his passion for basketball with our students.

THE OCCASION OF THE 50TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE ASSASSINA-
TION OF THE REV. DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR.

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, April 4, 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of one of the darkest and most sorrowful days in American history, the assassination in Memphis, Tennessee of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The mortal life of one of the towering figures of the 20th century may have been cut short on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel a half century ago, but the spirit that animated that life and inspired a nation lives on and reminds us that nothing is impossible when we are guided by the better angels of our nature.

In remembering the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we commemorate a man of action, who put his life on the line for freedom and justice every day.

We honor the courage of a man who endured harassment, threats beatings, and even bombings.

We celebrate the man who went to jail 29 times to achieve freedom for others, and who knew he would pay the ultimate price for his leadership, but kept on marching and protesting and organizing anyway.

Dr. King once said that we all have to decide whether we "will walk in the light of creative altruism or the darkness of destructive selfishness."

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