

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO STEVE ELKINS

HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Steve Elkins, a civil rights pioneer, an advocate for our state's LGBTQ community, and a decades-long fighter for hope and inclusivity for all Delaware families.

In 1991, Steve co-founded Create a More Positive Rehoboth, more commonly known as CAMP Rehoboth, to counteract anti-LGBTQ discrimination by bringing neighbors together and building bridges of compassion and understanding between people of all backgrounds. The non-profit, which began as a humble newsletter, evolved into a sprawling community center on Baltimore Avenue with numerous community programs, including screenings for sexually transmitted diseases, mental health counseling, and cultural sensitivity training for city and park police. For over 25 years, Steve and the CAMP Rehoboth family helped thousands by breaking down barriers and providing much-needed community support services to Delaware's LGBTQ community.

Alongside his partner of 40 years, Murray Archibald, the pair pressed for marriage equality, supported HIV/AIDs research, and championed the right to live and love freely. On Steve's birthday, July 2, 2009, he took part in history as then-Governor Jack Markell signed Senate Bill 121, which outlawed discrimination based on sexual orientation at the CAMP Rehoboth Center, a nod to the far-reaching impact of the center and Steve's life work. Steve and Murray were also an integral part of ushering in a new era of equality for the LGBTQ community as Delaware became the 11th state to legalize same-sex marriage in 2013.

We are heartbroken by the loss of a devoted advocate and unwavering voice for inclusion, love, and respect. He fought an aggressive form of lymphoma with the same bravery he fought for the rights of so many in our great state. Steve will be remembered for his commitment to justice and equality for all, his decades of service and advocacy for Delaware's LGBTQ community, and the joy he brought to the lives of so many. Steve was a positive force for good, and the kind of friend who could put a smile on your face even in the darkest of times. I will remember him for his loving and uplifting spirit and will do my part to ensure his legacy lives on.

HONORING COACH ANN LUETKEMEYER-MEYER-GULSHEN ON HER INDUCTION INTO THE MISSOURI SPORTS HALL OF FAME

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Coach Ann Luetkemeyer-Gulshen, on her induction into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame on March 28, 2018.

The fall of 1975 was an important year for Coach Gulshen. As she entered her senior year of high school in Eldon, she had the opportunity to play on the inaugural volleyball team, which would ultimately shape Coach Gulshen's entire future. After high school graduation in 1976, Coach Gulshen earned a bachelor's in physical education from the University of Missouri. A few years later into her career, she obtained her master's degree also from the University of Missouri. As the daughter of Vic and Jane Luetkemeyer, Coach Gulshen had been part of the Eldon community since her childhood. With strong ties to her community, it was a natural fit to come back to her hometown to begin her volleyball coaching career.

Coach Gulshen's record is an impressive one that includes 29 seasons as a high school volleyball coach, 16 of those seasons being at Eldon High School and 13 at Camdenton High School. During her coaching career, she won 704 matches which led to being among the top five most winningest teams in Missouri state history. Coach Gulshen built Eldon High School's volleyball program into a winner and guided the Mustangs to eight consecutive final fours in Class 3 between 1986 and 1993. In 1991, the Mustangs won the state championship. Under Coach Gulshen, Eldon High School won 16 conference titles and 15 district championships. In 1997, Coach Gulshen began teaching at Camdenton, and in 1998 she was asked to coach their volleyball team. From 1998 to 2010, the Lakers won three district championships and four conference championships.

Coach Gulshen set the teams up for success, pushing them to become teammates and not just individuals. She would encourage her teams to go on summer float trips, team camps, and any other team building activities. Throughout the years, she gained the respect of the players on her teams. Many of the players say Coach Gulshen helped prepare them for life's challenges and some of them have gone on to become coaches themselves. Coach Gulshen says: "This (induction) is not about me. This is about them. All of them had a hand in it". Throughout her coaching career, Coach Gulshen continuously had the support of her husband, Bart and sons Jay and Kyle.

Please join me in congratulating Coach Ann Gulshen for all of her hard work and dedication that resulted in this induction into the Mis-

souri Sports Hall of Fame. This induction is well deserved.

RETIREMENT OF STEPHEN NADRAMIA

HON. DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay gratitude to Stephen Nadramia for his sterling career in the United States Marshals Service (USMS).

After serving his country in the U.S. Army for four years, Stephen was honorably discharged and joined the USMS in October 1988. He started his career as a Deputy U.S. Marshal in the Eastern District of New York, where he would serve for the rest of his career. Throughout his 30-year career, Stephen has done everything from enforcing court orders to working on judicial security details. He has distinguished himself throughout his career by reaching milestones many hope to achieve.

In 2000, Stephen was the first Marshal to handle a K9 in the Eastern District. Over the past 30 years, he has served alongside three different K9s. His first K9, Roni, assisted him with search and recovery efforts on September 11, 2001. Gala, his second K9, aided him in securing courtrooms during high-profile trials where security is traditionally heightened. Lastly, his final K9, MacDuff, protected Pope Francis when he visited Washington, D.C. to address Congress. His experience with K9s enabled him to secure various sites and functions successfully. They also assisted in apprehending escaped violent felons throughout his time on the job.

Mr. Speaker, Stephen Nadramia is the personification of a dedicated law enforcement official. His years of service to his community and country will not be forgotten. I hope he enjoys his long retirement with his wife, Erika, and I wish him all the best.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF STEVEN LINDO HALL

HON. MARK WALKER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in remembrance of Steven Lindo Hall from High Point, North Carolina. As we honor the life of Steven Hall, I offer my deepest condolences to his colleagues, family, and friends.

During his senior year of high school, Steve joined the U.S. Army Reserves out of a deep love for his country and abiding desire to serve. He graduated in 1981 from T. Wingate Andrews High School, where he played and then attended the University of North Carolina

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