

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MR. JARED KING

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable young man, Jared John King who attained the Eagle Scout Award. Becoming an Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts, has only been accomplished by approximately four percent of all Boy Scouts. The process requires earning at least 21 merit badges which takes years to fulfill.

At the age of 15 and a freshman in high school, Mr. King should be proud of his accomplishment. Receiving his Eagle Scout rank demonstrates that he is a strong, dedicated, and proven leader. With this accomplishment, it is my hope he will continue to serve as a role model for younger boy scouts. Thank you to Mr. King for making a positive impact in northeast Iowa.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF U.S. NAVY SEAL RICHARD PAUL MELTON

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

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Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an American hero and one of Eastern Kentucky's bravest sons, U.S. Navy SEAL Richard Paul Melton, in celebration of his retirement from a valiant 20-year military career.

As a member of the nation's elite Seal Team Six, Paul Melton has served as one of the United States' highly trained experts in warfare, special reconnaissance, counterterrorism and national defense. Our Navy SEALs are the most highly esteemed warriors around the world, known for their unmatched success in covert special operations by sea, air and land, displaying incredible dedication to our country with every mission and unmatched willpower in enemy territory.

Our nation owes this Navy SEAL and his family a great debt of gratitude for their combined sacrifice during his brave service over the last two decades. He has served five tours in Afghanistan, as well as tours in the Arabian Peninsula, the Horn of Africa and the greater Middle East. While we may never know the gravity of his classified missions and the imminent danger he faced in areas infiltrated with some of the world's most brutal terrorists, let us never fail to applaud and recognize his undying determination to defend our freedom and protect our allied nations.

Senior Chief Petty Officer Paul Melton is decorated with some of the highest honors bestowed upon any member of the U.S. Armed Forces, including: five Bronze Star Medals with Combat V, a Purple Heart, a Joint Service Commendation Medal with Combat V, a

Combat Action Ribbon, two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, two Presidential Unit Citations, a Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal, the Navy E Ribbon, six Navy Good Conduct Medals, a National Defense Medal, an Afghanistan Campaign Medal, a Sea Service Deployment Medal, a Navy Rifle Expert Medal and a Navy Pistol Expert Medal.

I count it an immense honor to celebrate this true American patriot upon his retirement from the United States Naval Special Warfare Development Group—SEAL Team Six. The people of Leslie County and all of Kentucky are incredibly proud of our hometown hero, Richard Paul Melton.

HUGH BRITTENHAM

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hugh Brittenham, a fine young man from Estero High School. At the FSU relays, Hugh was able to both break his already national record setting 800-meter event time, and snag another national record for the 1,600-meter event.

I congratulate Hugh for his exceptional commitment to the Estero running program. I also extend my congratulations to Hugh's family, Estero running coaches Mike Bumpus, Ben Pignatone, Leigh Williamson, Brian Olitsky and the late former athletic director Jeff Sommer, who made the Estero running program into what it is today.

HONORING STANLEY DAVIS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a talented and driven man Mr. Stanley Davis. Mr. Davis has shown what can be done through tenacity, dedication and a desire to serve his community while having a successful career.

Stanley was born and raised in the Brickyard Hill community in Yazoo City, along with his mother and eight siblings. He attended school in Yazoo City at Main Street Elementary, and Yazoo City Junior High, before graduating from Yazoo City High School in 1986.

Stanley Davis, the manager at 49 Exxon Fuelmart on Jerry Clower Boulevard in Yazoo City, is known for making every customer feel important. Over the years, the name of the convenience store changed. It is still commonly referred to as Mayfield's or Texaco by many Yazoo residents. When the store owner-

ship changed hands ten years ago, from Les Mayfield to Jared Mayfield, Stanley was made the store manager because of his increasing dedication to the customers.

Stanley's aim is to make sure that all customers feel important and that they can get everything they need in one place, from gasoline and propane, snacks and drinks, and simple automotive essentials, to pizza and even hunting and fishing supplies.

Stanley is a husband and a father, and strives to instill hard work in the lives of his children. His advice to those who want a career in business management is to stay in school, read more, and always ask questions if you don't know something.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Stanley Davis for his desire to make a difference in his community.

HONORING THE LIVES AND SERVICE OF ELWOOD, INDIANA FIREFIGHTERS KYLE HIBST AND DAVID WITTKAMPER

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the lives of two outstanding public servants, Madison County volunteer firefighters Kyle Hibst and David Wittkamper who lost their lives in a plane crash on April 2, 2018. Kyle and David both were active members in their community and served as volunteer firefighters with the Pipe Creek Township.

The Pipe Creek Township Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1960 and is located in Elwood, Indiana. The department is all-volunteer and provides fire and rescue protection to more than 4,000 residents of Pipe Creek Township. As volunteer firefighters, Kyle and David donated their time to provide emergency services for Pipe Creek Township. Being a volunteer firefighter is not for the faint of heart. Those who answer the call of duty are motivated by a sense of pride in their community. The dedication and service of volunteer firefighters across Indiana is essential to the safety of our communities.

A life-long Hoosier, Kyle graduated from Elwood Community High School in 2005 and began a career in public service in 2011, when he joined the Pipe Creek Township Volunteer Fire Department. In addition to his work at the fire department, Kyle was the owner of Anytime Fitness in Elwood and also an area field manager for U-Haul. Kyle and his wife Kimberley, were married for four years. Kyle was a beloved husband and a devoted father who enjoyed spending time outdoors with his son, Grayson, and watching Notre Dame Football. In addition to his wife and son, Kyle is survived by his parents; Frederick and Rebecca Hibst; his two sisters, Kirsten Hibst and Kacie Johns, and many other loving family members.

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