

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO STEVE AUSTIN

HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of my colleagues Senator TOM CARPER and Senator CHRIS COONS of Delaware, to honor and congratulate Steve Austin, a Delaware Fire Service veteran and recipient of the Congressional Fire Services Institute's (CFSI) 2018 Mason Lankford Fire Leadership Award.

A selfless citizen, Steve served the people of Newark in one of the state's largest volunteer fire companies after joining the fire service in 1963. His willingness to help others has been a source of comfort to Delawareans experiencing times of overwhelming loss and tragedy. Steve's sacrifice and volunteer spirit is a testament to his character.

Steve's work was essential to the formation of the CSFI in 1989 and since then, he has dedicated his life to advancing the health and safety of firefighters across the nation for more than three decades. His life-long passion is evident in his founding of the Emergency Responder Safety Institute and Delaware Chapter of International Arson Investigators. Steve has been a powerful advocate at the local, state and federal level on issues that affect the ability of first responders to safely resolve dangerous situations and continue living a long, healthy life.

Steve is an extraordinary ambassador for all emergency personnel and is much deserving of the CFSI's 2018 Fire Leadership Award. I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude and sincerest congratulations to Steve for receiving the CFSI Leadership Award and for his devotion to the people of Delaware. The First State is lucky to have members of the community who volunteer their time and sacrifice their lives for the greater good. Steve, like many other emergency workers will tell you, "I'm just doing my job."

REMEMBERING LEONARD STEFANELLI

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Leonard Stefanelli, a native Californian who embodied the American spirit of hard work and determination.

Leonard was the son of immigrants in San Francisco, and after graduating high school he took a job as a garbage collector for the Sunset Scavenger company. Through his hard work, he quickly rose up the ranks, and just 12 years after he started out on the back of a truck, he became president of the company.

Not content with his personal success however, Leonard used his role as president to begin implementing changes that would improve the entire industry. He reformed the way trash was collected in San Francisco, doing away with the old time-intensive practices that often resulted in backbreaking work for collectors. He continued modernizing both the company and the industry throughout his career.

Leonard was also proud of his service in the U.S. Navy aboard submarines, and of course, his family, including his wife, Virginia, and his children, Joseph and Gina. I know that they, along with the rest of his family and friends, join me in celebrating his life and his memory.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 100th anniversary of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. Founded in 1918 by just 29 dentists as the American Society of Exodontists, the organization has now grown to include more than 9,000 members today.

Oral and maxillofacial surgery is the surgical arm of dentistry. According to the American Dental Association, this specialty includes the diagnosis, surgical, and adjunctive treatment of diseases, injuries, and defects involving both the functional and esthetic aspects of the hard and soft tissues of the oral and maxillofacial region.

These surgeons are a vital component of the medical profession. They practice in a variety of settings, including private clinical practice, ambulatory surgical centers, and hospitals. They also provide service in academia, the military, and the research industry. Many of these surgeons reside and provide critical patient care in my home state of Texas.

This year, the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons will host its 100th Annual Meet and Scientific Sessions and Exhibition. As the members gather in Chicago to consider "Safety and Innovation for the Next Century," we also should reflect on the last 100 years of progress, led by this organization.

Today, I recognize the members of the American Association for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons for their work, and offer my support for their mission to assure excellence in patient care by advancing, promoting, and preserving the specialty of oral and maxillofacial surgery.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MICHAEL MULLINS

HON. BRUCE POLIQUIN

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Mr. POLIQUIN. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to wish Mr. Michael A. Mullins a very happy 80th birthday, which he celebrated on February 1. Mr. Mullins faithfully served our country for 40 years in the U.S. Army and as a civil servant with the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency before his retirement in 2001.

I would like to thank Michael for his service to the United States, and wish him a year full of blessings and good health.

RECOGNIZING BETTY BABCOCK

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer Betty Babcock, of the Onondaga Nation's Snipe Clan my best wishes on the celebration of her 95th birthday on April 22nd.

Meaning "People of the Hills," the Onondaga Nation and people celebrate a rich and vibrant culture. Standing as the "Keepers of the Fire" due to their central location, the Onondaga served as the keystone to the great Iroquois Confederacy, forming a system of governance that inspired America's founding fathers in crafting the Constitution of the United States. In a storied and respected society where matriarchy is especially revered, Betty is certainly the keeper of her family's hearth, embodying an inextinguishable flame.

Betty has a close-knit family including: her husband of sixty years Milton, daughter Darlene, grandchildren Betty and Eric; and her brother Oscar. Family has always played a key role in Betty's life; as a young teenager, Betty became responsible for raising her younger brothers and sister, and maintains her dedication to her family to this day. Betty's first job was at the offices of Syracuse Attorney Bob Daugherty, after which she opened and operated a very successful restaurant. She has always been known for her generosity, sense of humor and wonderful meals.

The celebration of Betty's 95th birthday is a truly momentous occasion. Betty has witnessed great milestones in our Nation's history, and I am honored to wish her a happy birthday.

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