

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REAPPOINTMENT OF THE CHAPLAIN OF THE HOUSE

HON. PAUL D. RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, today, I exercised my authority under section 208(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. §5501(a)) to appoint Father Patrick J. Conroy of Oregon to act as and to exercise the duties of Chaplain of the House of Representatives. The exercise of this authority is the most expeditious means of ensuring the continued service of Father Conroy as Chaplain of the House. It is my hope and expectation that Father Conroy will serve as Chaplain for the remainder of the 115th Congress. As with all officers of the House, decisions on continued service in the 116th Congress will be made by that body.

HONORING ROBERT HURT, III

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 remarkable student, Mr. Robert Hurt, III.

Robert Lee Hurt, III was born in Greenville, Mississippi to Robert Lee Hurt, Jr. and Sharon Legale Hardison on February 22, 1996. Greenville, MS is the heart and soul of the Mississippi Delta, one of the most impoverished and educationally derelict areas in the United States. Despite these hardships, Robert excelled in academics and achieved the highest honors in the Greenville Public School District. Shortly after 2004, his parents moved to Leland, MS, and his academics continued soaring in excellence. Over the next 9 years, Robert developed into a community leader, performing community service around the town and in 9 additional states for Students Today Leaders Forever, a national community service organization. Soon after he graduated from Leland High School, he enrolled at Jackson State University, where he emerged as one of the brightest accounting students in the W.E.B. DuBois Honors College.

In the last 3 years, Robert interned with 5 companies, including NASA and Dixon Hughes Goodman, LLP, and strives to “pay it forward” by teaching students how to embrace different opportunities and maximize their potential. During his matriculation at Jackson State, Robert frequently earned the honor of being Dean’s/President’s List Scholar, and he leveraged his academic achievements to join and spearhead several organizations, such as the Accounting Society and the National Association of Black Accountants, and national

conferences, such as the Mississippi State Honors College Conference and the National Association of African American Honors Programs. Robert won awards for his stellar performance in these positions, including “Mr. Accounting Society” for Jackson State’s Accounting Society, “Outstanding Award for Student Treasurer” for the National Association of African American Honors Programs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Robert Hurt, III for his dedication to serving others and giving back to the community.

IN HONOR OF JOE AND SHIRLEY HUBKA’S 65TH WEDDING ANNI- VERSARY

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker I rise today to extend my congratulations to Joe and Shirley Hubka 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 Joe and Shirley on the celebration of their 65th Wedding Anniversary. I wish them the best today and for many more blessed years to come.

STEVEN CRISE-ZARATE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Steven Crise-Zarate for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Steven Crise-Zarate is a student at North Arvada Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Steven Crise-Zarate is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Steven Crise-Zarate for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL MICHAEL ZACCHEA

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant Colonel Michael Zacchea of Brookfield, Connecticut, for his lifelong commitment to the military and public service. Lt. Col. Zacchea is a highly respected member of our community for his passionate advocacy for his fellow veterans and his tremendous leadership at home and abroad. I would like to take this opportunity to thank and recognize him for his countless contributions that have positively influenced the lives of many.

While serving in the United States Marine Corps, Mike participated in operations in Haiti, Somalia, and Iraq. Among his many accomplishments, he helped build, train, and lead the first Iraqi army battalion trained by the United States military. In his book, *The Ragged Edge: A US Marine’s Account of Leading the Iraqi Army Fifth Battalion*, Mike details how he was able to break down cultural barriers to create a united front. His courage, resiliency, and fortitude are an inspiration to not only other service members, but to all Americans across the country. Thanks to his sacrifices and dedication to defend our freedom he has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Valor device, the Purple Heart Medal, and was the first American to be recognized by the Iraqi Government with the Order of the Lion of Babylon.

Since retiring from the Armed Forces, Mike has devoted his civilian life to advocating for and supporting veterans. In 2009, he founded the UConn Entrepreneur Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities, through which he has helped veterans start over 140 businesses, creating more than 350 jobs, and \$40 million in economic activity. As Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs for the Small Business Administration, he advises the Administrator on policies and issues that affect more than 2.5 million veteran-owned business. I am very proud to have Mike and his guidance on my Veterans Advisory Board.

Mr. Speaker, Lt. Col. Zacchea leads with his heart. He has dedicated his life to honorably serving our great nation and epitomizes the very best traditions of the United States. I thank him for his decades of hard work to ensure the protection and success of others, as well as his dear friendship. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor Mike here today.

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