

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
JEB PARR, UNITED STATES NAVY

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, May 17, 2018

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to commemorate the life of my former constituent, Jeb Parr, who passed away on April 19. Jeb was a fervent advocate for our nation's public shipyards. His sudden passing is a huge loss to the submarine and ship maintenance community.

Jeb dedicated his professional life to the U.S. Navy. He began his active service career in 1975. At that time, he enrolled in and completed the yearlong nuclear engineering training at the fast-paced and prestigious Naval Nuclear Power School, which was founded by the father of the America's Nuclear Navy, Admiral Hyman G. Rickover. It was here where the motto "Knowledge, Integrity, Excellence" was forever ingrained in Jeb. He would carry this standard with him for the rest of his life.

Following eight years of active military service, Jeb came to Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PSNS&IMF) to work as a nuclear engineer. Over his thirty years of dedicated service at the shipyard, Jeb nurtured a passion for teaching others and served an integral role in developing nuclear training and qualification programs at the shipyard. He possessed an innate ability to recognize and acknowledge the person behind the trainee or worker. He was often sent by managers to facilitate discussions between parties with opposing views, as he had a talent for finding common ground and identifying a solution to challenging problems. These abilities, coupled with his prior experience, brought him to work in the Industrial Operations Directorate at Naval Sea Systems Command in Washington, D.C. in 2016 to oversee training and personnel policy at all four public shipyards.

Jeb leaves behind his loving husband of two-and-a-half years, José Isidoro Lemus. He will be remembered for his willingness to take time for others, his kindness, and his commitment to mission. On behalf of myself and the U.S. House of Representatives, we send our thoughts and prayers to José and the rest of Jeb's family during this challenging time.

KYANA AIDUKAITIS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, May 17, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kyana Aidukaitis for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Kyana Aidukaitis received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kyana Aidukaitis 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 Kyana Aidukaitis for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING LOUIS C. THARP

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, May 17, 2018

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my constituent, Louis C. Tharp of Upper Nyack, New York. Mr. Tharp recently finished a six-year term on the Army Education Advisory Committee, a committee governed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

During his tenure on the Army Education Advisory Committee, Mr. Tharp worked on a number of important issues including women in combat, sexual assault and harassment, a facilitated soldier teaching plan, soldier talent management, Soldier 2020, an assessment of drill sergeant responsibilities, and second- and third-order effects of transgender integration.

He was recommended for this Senior Executive Service position by former Pennsylvania Congressman Patrick Murphy and the Victory Institute's Presidential Appointments Initiative. During his tenure at West Point, Mr. Tharp served as the first out gay coach and authored "Overachiever's Diary, How the Army Triathlon Team Became National Contenders." The proceeds from its sale benefited the team.

Mr. Tharp served honorably in the Indiana National Guard. In addition, he has contributed to several organizations, including Knights Out, the West Point LGBT alumni association, and the Rockland County Anti-Bias Commission, which he chaired. He currently serves as Executive Director and Co-Founder of the Global Healthy Living Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of people with chronic illness. Mr. Tharp and his husband, Jim Bumgardner, will celebrate 34 years together this fall.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my fellow Members of Congress to join me in expressing thanks to Mr. Tharp for his service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, May 17, 2018

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, I missed three votes. Had I been present, I

would have voted: Roll Call No. 181—Yes; Roll Call No. 182—Yes; and Roll Call No. 183—Yes.

SAYDA JASMIN MERAZ APODACA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, May 17, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Sayda Jasmin Meraz Apodaca for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Sayda Jasmin Meraz Apodaca received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Sayda Jasmin Meraz Apodaca 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 Sayda Jasmin Meraz Apodaca for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING MAYOR RICHARD WARD OF HURST, TEXAS ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, May 17, 2018

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding public servant from my district, Mayor Richard Ward of Hurst, Texas, who is retiring after 22 years of service to his community.

Richard Ward has served as Mayor of the City of Hurst for the last 14 years, but his commitment to his nation and community began well before then. Just after graduating from Polytechnic High School in Fort Worth, he served in the Army from 1954 to 1957 as an X-ray technician stationed in Frankfurt, Germany. Upon his return to Texas, Richard began a career as a medical instruments salesman and later in Human Resource Management, after receiving a bachelor of General Studies Degree from Texas Christian University in 1982. His work has taken him to several prestigious institutes including Medical Plaza Hospital in Fort Worth, Parkland Hospital in Dallas, and Cornerstone Health Management in Dallas.

In 1962, Richard became a resident of Hurst and began volunteering in youth sports and civil groups. He served on the Board of Directors for Pee Wee Football Association, as a

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