

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING KENDALL EVELYN
MARCHANT'S EIGHTH GRADE
GRADUATION AT THE HOCKADAY
SCHOOL IN DALLAS, TEXAS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my granddaughter, Kendall Evelyn Marchant, on her eighth grade graduation today at The Hockaday School in Dallas, Texas. For over a hundred years, The Hockaday School has been a world-renowned institution and is located in my congressional district. The school educates over 1,000 students from pre-K to 12th grade, with students coming from not only North Texas, but across the country and around the globe.

An important milestone in a student's academic journey at the school is the eighth grade graduation. This is particularly true for Kendall; she has accomplished much in her academic studies, most recently winning the eighth grade history award. Kendall has made her parents, Matthew and Lindsay Marchant, very delighted in her successes. Kendall has two sets of proud grandparents, Kenny and Donna Marchant of Coppell, Texas and Rod and Sherry Hill of Frisco, Texas.

Students celebrate the conclusion of their Middle School academic studies by arriving in traditional white dresses and listening to congratulatory remarks from the administration, faculty, and a chosen student speaker. This terrific event marks the celebration of the eighth grade class and prepares them to assume added responsibilities as Upper School students in the fall. It is also one last hurdle to clear before the start of a well-earned summer vacation.

Kendall has excelled both inside and outside of the classroom at Hockaday. She embodies the four cornerstones of the school: character, courtesy, scholarship, and athletics. In addition to her academic studies, she excels in drama, most recently being in the school play *Annie*, and she shines on the basketball court and softball field for her athletic teams.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring Kendall Marchant, and all the members and families of The Hockaday School Class of 2022, today on their eighth grade class graduation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, on May 15, 2018, I was absent from the House and missed Roll Call votes 181, 182, and 183.

Had I been present for Roll Call 181, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R.

613; the Lieutenant Osvaldo Albarati Correctional Officer Self-Protection Act, I would have voted "Yes."

Had I been present for Roll Call 182, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 4854, to amend the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to provide additional resources to State and local prosecutors, and for other purposes, I would have voted "Yes."

Had I been present for Roll Call 183, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H. Res. 285, expressing the sense of the United States House of Representatives that Congress and the President should empower the creation of police and community alliances designed to enhance and improve communication and collaboration between members of the law enforcement community and the public they serve, I would have voted "Yes."

RECOGNIZING THE OPENING OF
THE GREAT RIVER ROAD INTER-
PRETIVE CENTER AT THE
GENOA NATIONAL FISH HATCH-
ERY

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to commemorate the opening of the Great River Road Interpretive Center at the Genoa National Fish Hatchery. This Interpretive Center is along the Great River Road in Wisconsin and is one of our nation's most historic and extensive scenic byways. It is also part of the National Scenic Byways Program.

Today the Great River Road offers travelers not just a leisurely scenic drive but a unique and lasting journey through diverse communities and landscapes. At the Great River Road Interpretive Center in Genoa, visitors will have a chance to see Mississippi River fish species, birds native to the region and a history of the area's pearl button industry.

From its shores in Genoa, the new Interpretive Center provides a panoramic view of the majesty and magnitude of the Mississippi River. Standing outside its entrance doors, one recognizes the River's size, scale, and multiple uses. From outdoor recreation to commercial navigation, to serving as a primary corridor for North American waterfowl, the Mississippi River plays an essential role in the lives of the people of this region and nation. However, in addition to its recreational, navigation and wildlife use, the area and its landscape also tell an important part of our nation's history. It was here, near the new Interpretive Center that a significant battle of the Black Hawk War was fought. The new center features a description of this event with an exhibit dedicated to the Battle at Bad Axe. As a result, residents and tourist alike will better understand the story and history of the area and the role that the Mississippi River played in the region's development.

The Great River Road Interpretive Center is dedicated to protecting and honoring the Mississippi River as both a precious natural resource and an economic engine. Residents and visitors alike will benefit from the wealth of historical, cultural and ecological information that will be featured in this new facility here in Genoa.

The Great River Road Interpretive Center will serve as a gateway to the rich heritage of the Mississippi River for future generations.

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING
JONAH MARI GUMATAOTAO ON
BEING CHOSEN AS THE 2018
GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDU-
CATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Mrs. Jonah Mari Gumataotao on being selected as the 2018 Guam Department of Education Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Gumataotao is currently a seventh grade Social Studies teacher and the chief advisor of the National Junior Honor Society at Augeda Johnson Middle School in Ordot, Guam.

Jonah has been a middle school teacher and serving with the Guam Department of Education for eight years. Jonah was chosen through a highly selective process to recognize one of the thousands of public school educators for demonstrating excellence in teaching. She was chosen from over 80 nominees and over 20 applicants by a panel of four judges.

Jonah is passionate about reaching all learners—English language learners, students in the Special Education program, and trying to meet diverse needs and learning styles of her students. She is also interested in discovering new ways to connect the classroom with the local community and instill in her students and NJHS members the importance of serving the island.

Jonah recently led the beautification of two vandalized bus stops in Chalan Pago, and was able to coordinate the help of students, parents, community partners, school staff and the village mayor. The end result was two stunning works of art that helped promote both team work and school spirit.

As a Social Studies teacher her goals are to encourage students to keep an open mind about different cultures and be inspired to someday travel the world.

Jonah recognizes that all students get a chance and they have to take it. She acknowledges the power of teachers to influence young minds, help shape personalities and contribute directly to future generations. She stresses to her students that success comes from making mistakes and learning from them, sticking by a commitment, and pursuing goals without hesitation.

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