

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING BRIAN D. PETERSEN

**HON. ROB BISHOP**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 19, 2018*

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Brian D. Petersen upon his retirement from over thirty-six years of dedicated service as a public school instructor primarily in the field of Choral Music from Bear River High School in Tremonton, Utah.

Mr. Petersen is a native of Box Elder County, Utah, and received a Master of Education and Bachelor of Arts in Choral Music from Utah State University. A talented and accomplished vocalist, musician and composer, he has taught and mentored thousands of students over the course of his long career, including students from Mountain View High School in Orem, Utah, as well as Preston Idaho High School where he first began.

For many years, Mr. Petersen was a member of the world-renowned Mormon Tabernacle Choir, and has gained national recognition for arranging and composing choral music, including arrangements used for productions associated with various veteran's ceremonial programs, as well as completing arrangements for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He is a Member of the American Choral Directors Association, including service as President of the Utah Chapter from 1999 to 2001.

Mr. Petersen has shown a willingness to share his talents to enrich the community and is often in demand as a performer, conductor and a judge for choral music competitions nationwide. His career has demonstrated a high standard of professionalism and caring for his craft which has undoubtedly blessed the lives of many people and will continue to do so.

Mr. Petersen is a devoted husband to his wife, Carol Jean, the father of seven daughters, and has eleven grandchildren. It is fitting that we recognize and honor him today.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 19, 2018*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, on June 12, 2018, I was absent from the House and missed Roll Call votes 258, 259, and 260.

Had I been present for Roll Call 258, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 5327, the Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers Act, I would have voted Yes.

Had I been present for Roll Call 259, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 5041, the Safe Disposal of Unused Medication Act, I would have voted Yes.

Had I been present for Roll Call 260, on Approving the Journal, I would have voted No.

RECOGNIZING NAVY REAR  
ADMIRAL BUTCH DOLLAGA**HON. KAY GRANGER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 19, 2018*

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Rear Admiral Butch Dollaga for his outstanding service to our country and congratulate him on his recent promotion in the United States Navy.

As the Director of the Navy Budget Congressional Liaison Office for the past two years, Rear Admiral Dollaga has made significant and lasting contributions while working closely with me, the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, and across Capitol Hill to provide critical resources for our Navy's warfighters. He and his outstanding staff have worked tirelessly to ensure operational effectiveness at home and overseas.

Rear Admiral Dollaga's promotion was earned from a career of accomplishments and experience. He began his military career after graduating from the United States Naval Academy in 1990. Since then, he has served in an impressive variety of operational and staff assignments, completing numerous deployments overseas on both fast-attack and fleet ballistic missile submarines. His first command tour was the USS *Charlotte*, SSN 766, homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. While Captain of a *Los Angeles*-class submarine, he led 110 sailors in the completion of a Western Pacific Deployment. Prior to his current assignment, Rear Admiral Dollaga completed a second command tour as Commodore of Submarine Development Squadron Twelve in Groton, Connecticut where he was in charge of nine fast-attack submarines along with leading the tactical development of the U.S. Submarine Force. In recognizing these outstanding achievements, we must acknowledge the contributions of Rear Admiral Dollaga's family. Long and frequent separations are a way of life for sailors, and it takes a very special kind of family to endure the many hardships deployments and operational commitments present. For that, we owe his wife, Lani, and their family our deepest gratitude.

As Rear Admiral Dollaga moves on to his new assignment as the Commander of the Undersea Warfighting Development Center, he leaves behind a legacy of distinguished service and professionalism. I want to extend my thanks for his exceptional service and wish him and his family fair winds and following seas.

RECOGNIZING JAMESVILLE-  
DEWITT GIRLS' BASKETBALL  
TEAM**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 19, 2018*

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tremendous victory of the Jamesville-DeWitt Girls' Basketball Team in the New York State Public High School Association Class A Championship on March 17, 2018. The Jamesville-DeWitt Red Rams defeated Elmont Memorial High School by a score of 64-51 to win the state title for the Third year in a row. On March 21st the Red Rams won the Federation Championship for the first time against James Madison High School by the score of 42-41.

The Red Rams were led by Seniors Meg Hair, Kasey Vaughan and Jamie Boenheim. Other team members include: Sydney Baker, Lena Jones, Andrea Sumida, Gabriella Stickle, Paige Keeler, Noura El-Hindi, Momoka LaClair, and Kailey McKenna. The Red Rams are coached by Robert Seichen, Scott Gantos, Caroline Cottet and Bill O'Keefe.

I am honored to recognize the teamwork displayed by the Jamesville-Dewitt Red Rams and to congratulate the members of the team, their families, the coaching staff, and teachers at Jamesville-Dewitt High School. This is a historic win for Central New York and I am confident that the positive experiences from the 2018 season will yield continued success in both athletics and academics.

HONORING THE REMARKABLE  
LIFE OF DOROTHY COTTON**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 19, 2018*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dorothy Cotton, a great American and unsung hero of the Civil Rights Movement, who dedicated her life in service to this country by working to eliminate the vestiges of Jim Crow segregation which paved the way for the freedoms and liberties all Americans enjoy today.

As a member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) family, I am heartbroken to learn of her death.

Dorothy Cotton was like a mother figure to the young women in the movement; we yearned to be like her, someone who not only had a seat at the table but a voice.

A voice that advised the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during times of challenge and crisis.

A voice that challenged the patriarchal treatment of women within the movement by serving as the only woman aide to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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A voice that oversaw the citizen education workshops that empowered disenfranchised African-Americans to register to vote.

Born in Goldsboro, North Carolina, this tireless civil rights activist who proclaimed that the Civil Rights Movement was her life, was described as a warm presence who sang spirituals to ease tensions at demonstrations.

Educated at Shaw University, Virginia State College, and Boston University, Dorothy Cotton began engaging in activism at the Gillfield Baptist Church in Petersburg, Virginia where Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker, also head of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was pastor.

There she began to organize protests against segregation in the local public library and at the whites-only lunch counter at Woolworth.

Shortly after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke at the church, he requested that Dr. Walker join him at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and Dorothy Cotton followed.

At the SCLC, she served as an Administrative Assistant to Rev. Walker, quickly ascending to directing citizen education workshops to empower disenfranchised African-Americans to register to vote.

She recruited people, from pool halls to churches, to demand and exercise their voting-rights.

At the workshops, thousands of participants learned citizenship rights, black history, economic opportunity and organizing credit unions.

With that knowledge, they went back to their communities educating other African-Americans on the importance of political power and to help them register to vote, even teaching them how to pass literacy tests.

In addition, she trained children to participate in demonstrations which became known as the Children's Crusade, organized night marches against segregation in St. Augustine, Florida, and brought children to the local public beach to protest a whites-only policy.

She regularly traveled with Dr. King, typing his famous I Have a Dream Speech, going with him to Oslo, Norway to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, and staying in a Memphis, Tennessee motel room next to his until hours before his assassination in 1968.

Dorothy Cotton remained active in civil rights and education after leaving the SCLC, moving to Ithaca, New York in 1982 to be Director of Student Activities at Cornell University.

She worked with students to demand that Cornell University divest its financial ties to South Africa to protest the country's apartheid policies.

After retiring from the university, the Center for Transformative Action started the Dorothy Cotton Institute to advance global human rights in her honor.

In addition, the Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers was established to help preserve the spirituals she sung.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating Dorothy Cotton's life and legacy.

America is a better place because of Ms. Cotton and her service.

I ask the House to observe a moment of silence in memory of Dorothy Cotton.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 19, 2018*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for votes on June 12, 2018.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 258, and YEA on Roll Call No. 259.

HONORING DR. THOMAS A. PARHAM

### HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 19, 2018*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize and honor Dr. Thomas A. Parham, an exemplary constituent and university administrator who I am immensely proud to represent. Dr. Parham is ending his 33-year tenure at the University of California, Irvine to become the President of California State University, Dominguez Hills. I know that Dr. Parham will take to Dominguez Hills with the same passion and drive that made his time at the University of California, Irvine such a success.

Dr. Parham most recently held the position of Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at the University of California, Irvine. Under his leadership, the Irvine student body was empowered to break down racial barriers in their classrooms and communities. Such work has been a staple of Dr. Parham's career as he played an integral role in chartering the Orange County chapter of 100 Black Men of America, eventually serving as President from 2002 to 2005. Through this organization, Dr. Parham spearheaded programs in Orange County and Los Angeles which set education goals for high school students that aimed to bring underrepresented students to the top of the educational ladder. This work demonstrates Dr. Parham's bearing to recognize vital areas of education that deserve continued attention and service. In addition to his work as a university administrator and community activist, Dr. Parham is also a voluminous author who has been published over 45 times. His written works bring to light the importance of the African American identity and the role this plays in counseling a historically marginalized group. His focus on the success of students demonstrates his caring and compassionate nature that has been a cornerstone of his career.

Dr. Parham has truly had a great impact on all the lives he has touched and his dedication to the service of others will truly be remembered. Though he is leaving Orange County, I am certain that he will be successful in this new endeavor and wish him well in his continuing mission to educate and mentor. With his vision and leadership, I am sure that the students at Dominguez Hills will be well served by Dr. Parham.

HONORING DR. PATRICK J. SWEENEY

### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 19, 2018*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Patrick J. Sweeney upon his retirement from a distinguished eight year tenure as Superintendent of Napa Valley Unified School District.

Dr. Sweeney was born in Dublin, California and was one of eight siblings. He realized his passion for education at an early age and graduated from San Diego State University in 1979 with a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies. He then earned a Master of Arts in Administration and Supervision from San Jose State University in 1985, as well as a Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership from the University of La Verne in 2000.

Dr. Sweeney has served Napa Valley Unified School District (NVUSD) as Superintendent since 2010. Under his leadership, NVUSD significantly increased its attendance and graduation rates, improved school safety and opened American Canyon High School. Dr. Sweeney also launched pivotal programs to improve student health and wellness, including opening Wellness Centers at the middle schools in the district. Dr. Sweeney guided the district through monumental changes in federal and state education policy and two significant natural disasters. During the October 2017 fires, he opened American Canyon High School as a shelter and focused on ensuring Spanish-speaking families were receiving accurate and up to date information.

In addition to serving NVUSD as Superintendent, Dr. Sweeney has also greatly impacted other schools and districts. He was Principal of a Bilingual Magnet School in Santa Cruz County, California, Superintendent of the American School in Durango, Mexico and Superintendent, and later Director of Educational Services, of the Patterson Joint Unified School District. In all of his roles in various schools and school districts, Dr. Sweeney has focused on building relationships within each community and has committed himself to serving students and educators from a broad range of cultural and socio-economic backgrounds.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Sweeney is a passionate educator with an esteemed record of giving back to his students, colleagues and the community, who has dutifully served Napa Valley Unified School District as Superintendent for eight years. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Dr. Patrick J. Sweeney here today.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOME RULE BRIDGES ACT

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 19, 2018*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Home Rule Bridges Act. This bill is necessary to repeal a redundant 1997 federal law that makes it a