

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING MR. FRANK CALZON

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of his long standing contributions to the Cuban community and his strong support for freedom for the Cuban people, I rise today to honor Mr. Frank Calzon.

Born in Cuba in 1947, Mr. Calzon came to the United States in 1960, after which he became a staunch human rights advocate. Since his early days at the University of Georgetown, he has dedicated his life to promoting human rights and essential liberties on behalf of the Cuban people. Soon after graduating, he became Director of 'On Human Rights', a Washington-based organization by which he informed Members of Congress, officials and others on the egregious human rights abuses in totalitarian Cuba. He later joined Freedom House, an independent NGO that supports the expansion and strengthening of freedom in the world. There, as Director of its Cuba Program, he expressed support of policies and strategies to support the Cuban people, and testified before the UN Commission for Human Rights in Geneva.

Since 1997, Mr. Calzon has been the Executive Director of the Center for a Free Cuba, where he has continued his tireless advocacy for the human rights of the Cuban people, assisting political prisoners, their families, and other democracy activists. In partnership with U.S. Government agencies, international NGOs, parliamentarians, and many other notable freedom advocates across the globe, Mr. Calzon has dedicated his life to freedom, human rights, and democracy for the Cuban people.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mr. Calzon for his selfless work on behalf of freedom for the Cuban people. I ask my colleagues to join me in commending his unwavering dedication in furtherance of this most noble cause.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF POLAND CHURCH

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Poland Church in Southampton, New York.

Since the first Polish immigrants arrived in Southampton in 1895 as farmers, the Polish community has continued to grow and prosper, its culture becoming a hallmark of our community. Our Lady of Poland opened its doors in 1918, and the church became an integral part of Polish immigrants' way of life in their new home.

Over the last 100 years, the parishioners of Our Lady of Poland Church have been served by many devoted pastors and priests cultivating a rich history of community service and outreach.

Today, Our Lady of Poland Church boasts a respected regional school, working with the church and teachers to ensure their school attains the highest levels of educational excellence.

This year, under the leadership of Rev. Jausz Lipski, the parish will celebrate 100 years of service and commitment to the community of Southampton and celebrate the beautiful history of their church and magnificent culture.

I thank the parishioners of Our Lady of Poland for their service to our community and wish them many more anniversaries to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN ROBERT BAKER

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to commemorate the life of John Robert Baker, who passed away on January 26 at the age of 93.

John's life was adventurous and well lived. Born in the summer of 1924 in Seattle, his early childhood was marked by being pulled to safety by his pet dog from Green Lake. After his graduation from Lincoln High School, he served during World War II in the United States Navy.

John was one of two remaining World War II submariners in the State of Washington. After graduating from high school, John joined the U.S. Navy and trained as a radioman before heading to Portsmouth, New Hampshire to train for submarine duty. Hesitant to apply for submarine duty due to his poor vision, he reportedly memorized the eye chart in advance to pass the exam. John served as a Radioman Third Class on the USS *Atule* (SS 403), where he is also recognized as a plank holder during its first commission in June of 1944.

The *Atule* headed to Pearl Harbor and began the first of four war patrols in the South Pacific on October 9, 1944. The submarine was credited with sinking four warships and four merchant ships. The *Atule* was off the coast of Japan when it received word that Japan had surrendered.

After the War, John studied pharmacy and earned his freshman numeral on the crew team at the University of Washington. His distinguished pharmacy career spanned across Washington State, where he owned a prominent business in Ephrata for 20 years, and continued his career as a pharmacist in Moses Lake, Quincy, Othello, and Walla Walla. John retired to Port Townsend in 1990, where he continued to be active in the community as a

volunteer at the City Information Center and served as State Commander and Chaplain of the U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II.

John Baker's close friends and family will remember the precious time he spent fishing and boating with his sons and grandchildren. They will also remember the joy he found in racing-go-carts, hydroplanes, and even a Formula Vee car. They will remember his love for reading and puzzles, and above all his devotion to his family.

We honor John Robert Baker—patriot, submariner, pharmacist, devoted husband and father, and dedicated volunteer. We will never forget his service to our country and community.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL MANN'S SERVICE TO KENTUCKY'S SECOND DISTRICT

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give my sincere thanks to Michael Mann who will be moving on from my office at the end of this week to begin law school at the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law.

Born and raised in Springfield, Kentucky, Michael has always shown great pride in his Washington County roots to anyone who has walked through our office door. On top of everything he has done for Kentucky's Second District, he has balanced his job in Washington, D.C., while serving in the Kentucky National Guard.

We are sorry to see him leave, but I know that he will go on to great things back home in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. I wish him the best of luck in law school.

HONORING COACH JOHN CARTER

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor John Carter, head baseball coach of the Round Rock Dragons, who was recently named the National Federation of State High School Associations' 2016–2017 State Coach of the Year for boys' baseball. During his decades as coach, he's helped lead the Dragons to a state championship, fielded a perennial contender, and positively impacted the lives of hundreds of young men.

It's no coincidence we share the same name; Coach Carter is my first-born son. As an athlete, he'd be the first to admit that he wasn't blessed with innate physical gifts; others were faster, stronger, more agile. Yet he quickly gained a reputation as a supremely coachable athlete who listened when coaches

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