

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JAMES DRUMRIGHT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize James Drumright. James is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1096, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

James has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years James has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, James has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending James for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING JAMES MOLONEY, VI

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize James Moloney, VI. James is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1096, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF MR. GEOFF LAREDO

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2018

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Geoff Laredo in recognition of his retirement after many

years of dedication to the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA).

I have come to know and respect Mr. Laredo through our shared mission to combat the nation's opioid epidemic. Geoff is a true leader in the field and has been a trusted advisor to his boss and my dear friend, Dr. Nora Volkow, but also to me and my staff. He has a wealth of institutional knowledge and his departure will surely leave a void in the heralded halls of NIDA.

Mr. Laredo graduated with a degree in Political Science and Economics from the University of Pennsylvania and received his master's degree in Public Affairs from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas. He then began a storied career of dedicated public service with stops at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the National Institute of Justice, the U.S. Department of Justice, and the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Subcommittee on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services.

During his time at NIDA, Geoff served as a liaison to state and local governments, ensuring NIDA research is used to inform local policies. Additionally, he served as the liaison to the Friends of NIDA organization, advocating for a level of resources for NIDA that reflects the tremendous personal, social and economic burden of drug abuse and addiction. Mr. Laredo has provided assistance to Congressional staff on legislative issues related to drug addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery research in response to the opioid crisis. He has also planned and coordinated hundreds of Hill briefings on a variety of topics, and is incredibly well known and well liked among members and staff alike. Geoff is one of the few who understood the urgency of the opioid epidemic early on and was a founding member of the planning committee for the National Rx Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit that was jointly established with Operation UNITE, an organization I founded to help combat the drug epidemic in rural southern and eastern Kentucky.

I am tremendously grateful for Mr. Laredo's many years of service to our great nation, and wish him the best in all his future endeavors. I hope that he and his wife, Donna, enjoy their many years of retirement together. Congratulations.

SEXUAL ASSAULT ON OUR CAMPUSES

SPEECH OF

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2018

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my colleague from Texas, Judge TED POE, for hosting this special order, and for calling needed attention to sexual abuses occurring on college campuses and in many cases, off-campus events.

As with many of our fellow colleagues, I have constituents who are victims of sexual abuse and have come forward to share their tragic stories. One of them is the Bailey family of Ft. Worth, Texas, in support of their daughter Kendra.

Last December, a classmate assaulted Kendra Bailey, who recently completed her senior year at Texas A&M University. In addition to the trauma suffered by all victims in the days and weeks after an attack, being forced to still see and potentially interact with their alleged attackers only delays and makes the healing process more difficult. Such was sadly the case with Kendra. I call upon college administrators to do more to ensure proper separation for victims, especially during the immediate aftermath of an alleged assault, until a proper investigation can be concluded. After an investigation, Kendra's classmate who attacked her was found responsible for twenty-one charges by a university conduct panel of three faculty members. He was subsequently expelled from the university.

Most tragically, the full total of sexual abuse victims on college campus will never be known, as many are afraid to come forward for a variety of reasons. I call upon colleges across the country to demonstrate a commitment to supporting victims and to take appropriate and swift punishments against those who would commit such horrible abuses. Students should know the very first day they arrive on campus that sexual harassment and violence will not be tolerated and that victims have a wide array of support. Many sexual abusers count on their victims not coming forward—only emboldening them to commit further sexual abuses.

It is my understanding that Texas A&M University has commissioned two reviews of the school's handling of sexual assault cases. I look forward to reading both of the reviews, and I hope they will be both comprehensive in their scope and thorough in making significant recommendations.

I appreciate the Bailey family coming forward and sharing Kendra's story; they should be commended for their courage. I hope that their actions will help reduce the number of would-be victims of sexual abuse on college campuses across our country in the future. I thank Judge POE for his continued work in supporting victims of abuse and for hosting this special order.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MACI GRACE EICKMAN

HON. WARREN DAVIDSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2018

Mr. DAVIDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Maci Grace Eickman. Maci Grace was born October 1, 2015 with a rare genetic disease, Mucopolysaccharidosis type I (MPS I).

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