

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

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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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While I never had the opportunity to meet Maci Grace, I know through her parents and those who knew her that she touched many lives in the two years she was here on Earth.

Maci Grace is the daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth Eickman. As a parent, I join them in mourning. Through innocence Marci Grace fought her disease with strength, which stands as an inspiration today. We must continue to search for a cure to help the one in 100,000 children born with this rare disease.

Mr. Speaker, there is no foot so small that it cannot leave an imprint on this world. I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in extending our deepest condolences to Maci's family and friends during this difficult time. Parents should never have to bury their children.

CONGRATULATING THE KNOX COUNTY FARM BUREAU ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Knox County Farm Bureau on its 100th Anniversary. Ever since the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation was organized in 1918, it has served an essential role in the growth and development of the agriculture industry throughout Illinois.

The Knox County Farm Bureau advocates for agriculture, assists farmers with legislative issues and provides leadership opportunities for members of all ages. The organization's Committees and Task Forces provide their members with many programs, functions, and opportunities to continually improve their farming practices. Community and farmer education, in addition to your scholarship and internship programs have also increased awareness and spurred innovation on the issues that relate to the future success of agriculture in Knox County and ultimately the quality of life in our region.

It is because of dedicated groups such as the Knox County Farm Bureau that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Knox County Farm Bureau on its 100th Anniversary and thank the organization for all of its service to the farmers in our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2018

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded for roll call votes on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on final passage for H. Res. 990, Supporting the officers and personnel who carry out the important mission of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (RC No. 337.) It is disheartening to see my Democrat colleagues in Congress demonizing the men and women who make a daily sacrifice to se-

cure our borders. As an original co-sponsor of this legislation, I am proud to support the heroic officers who carry out the important mission at our border to preserve our national security and protect our families.

ELECTRONIC MESSAGE PRESERVATION ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1376, the "Electronic Message Preservation Act of 2017," which helps ensure the preservation of federal agency electronic messages.

Mr. Speaker, it is critical that we are able to preserve records of activities and to have appropriate systems to manage and preserve those reports relating to Presidential records, and for other purposes.

According to CBO, enacting H.R. 1376 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

First, such regulations as a minimum must require the electronic capture, management, and preservation of such electronic records in accordance with the Federal Records Act.

Second, they must also require such records to be retrievable through electronic searches.

Third, it is imperative to include timelines for federal agency implementation of the regulations that ensure compliance as expeditiously as practicable.

Mr. Speaker, enacting H.R. 1376 will help preserve records of activities by requiring NARA to oversee and issue guidance on managing federal records, including email messages.

CBO estimates that any net changes in direct spending by those agencies would be insignificant.

Enacting this bill would not affect revenues.

I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for H.R. 1376 and standing true to our nation's commitment to advancing security in managing and preserving records.

COMMEMORATING BRANDT ON THEIR 65TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2018

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to recognize the Brandt Consolidated Inc. on celebrating 65 years of excellence serving global agriculture and other related industries. From their humble beginnings in Pleasant Plains, Brandt has grown to serve agriculture in all 50 states and in 45 countries with facilities located across the United States, Brazil and Spain.

While expanding globally, Brandt has remained deeply rooted in the rich soil of central Illinois. By helping farmers increase their production and profits season after season, they have become a major economic driver in West

Central Illinois and across the globe. Their vast and diverse portfolio of agronomic goods, turf and ornamental brands and home gardening products has helped revolutionize the world's ability to supply food, fuel and fiber. I am proud to say that Brandt continues to call the 18th Congressional District home.

Once again I would like to congratulate them on serving global agriculture for 65 years. We look forward to your next 65 years and more of continued success.

THE LUSK CREEK KAYAK RAMP

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2018

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of the hard-working men and women of the Shawnee National Forest Service, the Lusk Conservancy District and the Pope County Board of Commissioners. Together these groups were able to come together to make the Lusk Creek Kayak Ramp to give Southern Illinois residents safer and easier boat access to Lusk Creek and to revitalize tourism in the area.

On October 27, 2016, I met with the Pope County Chairman of the Commissioner's Board, Larry Richards. Mr. Richards asked for my assistance in helping to get a boat launch ramp built on Lusk Creek, a project that would help both tourists and local citizens alike access the creek. A few days later, I called the Shawnee Forest Service about the project and they were eager to share their progress.

Over the course of 2016 and early 2017, the Shawnee Forest Service and the Lusk Conservancy District developed a strong partnership. Together they completed an Environmental Assessment and began construction. They worked closely to address environmental concerns and create a sustainable, safe recreation area. This newly constructed project, finished in August of 2017, represents the only public developed access point on Lusk Creek upstream from the State Recreation Area Marina in Golconda, Illinois. I have recently visited the completed project, the Lusk Creek Kayak Ramp, and was impressed with what these different organizations in the area were able to come together to create.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Shawnee National Forest Service, the Lusk Conservancy District and the Pope County Board of Commissioners for this achievement.

HONORING LIBERTY SAFES

HON. JOHN R. CURTIS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2018

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to honor Liberty Safes for being chosen to attend the Made in America Showcase this year.

Liberty Safes is the largest seller of full-size residential safes in the U.S. and manufactures over 120,000 safes a year. Headquartered in Payson, Utah, Liberty Safes is an important component of Utah's economy—employing nearly 400 Utahns and utilizing Utah steel