

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE 107TH BIRTHDAY OF ELEANORE SIMON

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 3, 2018

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very special person, Eleanore Simon, who on July 25, 2018, celebrated her 107th birthday.

Eleanore is a native of Amelia Island, Florida, where she still lives today. Even at 107 years-old, Eleanore drives her golf cart to and from water aerobics several times a week. She is always on the move, and from what I have learned about her, she has no plan to slow down any time soon.

At her birthday party, Eleanore enjoyed cake and a glass of champagne surrounded by her family and friends. She has brought much joy to those around her, and those who know her say her smile and genuine spirit lights up every room.

Today, I honor Ms. Eleanore Simon's noteworthy longevity and tremendous life in our Northeast Florida community. I ask this entire body to join me in celebrating Eleanore's 107th birthday. May we all aspire to live as long and full a life.

CONGRATULATING THE FULTON CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 3, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the Fulton Chain of Lakes Association on its 50th anniversary.

Upon discovering pollution in the waters of the Adirondack Mountains, a group of lake-front property owners organized a network of dedicated volunteers to form the Fulton Chain of Lakes Association in 1968. Since then, the FCLA has worked tirelessly to protect the natural beauty of the North Country's waterways. With the help of over 600 members, the organization works to maintain water quality and promote boating safety in the chain of eight lakes connected throughout Herkimer and Hamilton counties. The FCLA's members have been excellent stewards of this unique area, allowing residents and visitors to continue enjoying all the water has to offer and ensuring that these magnificent lakes will endure for generations to come.

On behalf of New York's 21st district, I would like to thank the Fulton Chain of Lakes Association for 50 years of service to the North Country, and I wish them all the best in their next 50 years.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF LUCAS SOARES SMITH

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 3, 2018

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in remembrance of young Lucas Soares Smith. I have had the honor of knowing Lucas and his family. Life doesn't always allow for the time allotted and Lucas departed this world suddenly and unexpectedly. But within that short span of fifteen years, Lucas—the beloved son of the family—made an impression on this world.

Born in Rio de Janeiro, his family moved to Seattle, Washington where Lucas sang for the church choir, and played baseball and soccer. Lucas even earned himself a black belt in Tae Kwon Do. His family then moved to Redondo Beach, California when he was twelve. Lucas participated in activities such as surfing, swimming and Junior Life Guards. Lucas was a student at South High School in Torrance, California where he ran for Track and Field as well as Cross Country.

His most passionate undertaking was his service as a Cadet Technical Sergeant in the Beach Cities Cadet Squadron 107 of the Civil Air Patrol at the Torrance Airport. Lucas was posthumously awarded the Red Service Ribbon for two years of being a cadet member in good standing. He loved to fly and constantly reminded his parents that one day he would become a pilot.

Lucas is survived by his father, Philip Smith and his mother, Marianna Smith and his younger sister, Julia Smith and their dog Rocky. In memory of their son, his parents would like to say, "Above the clouds and over our heads is where our dear son felt most at home. It is where we hope he finds his peace and continues to fly like a bird."

HONORING YDS CHICAGO

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 3, 2018

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize YDS Chicago for its outstanding service to our community and its work to promote peace, material well-being and spiritual growth.

YDS Chicago is an international faith-based organization which practices the Swaminarayan sect of Hinduism. Under the guidance of its spiritual leader, H.D.H. Hariprasad Swamiji, YDS has a long history of community engagement, focusing on health care, education and spiritual development to promote harmony among all people. YDS temples and cultural centers have provided free medical care, education and relief to victims of natural disasters and to the impoverished around the world.

We are honored to celebrate YDS Chicago as it moves forward with building its new temple and community center—the first Hindu temple constructed in Schaumburg, Illinois. The Nutan Haridham Temple is the product of years of planning, investment and close cooperation with local, state and federal government, and the success of this project required the sustained attention and devotion of the temple's members and its leadership.

The addition of the Nutan Haridham Temple to the 8th Congressional District is significant. The temple will serve as a center of religious practice, and as a home for Hindu culture in the greater Chicago area. Furthermore, in keeping with the focus of Hariprasad Swamiji on the education and spiritual development of our youth, the temple will be an important cultural center in the northwest suburbs of Chicago, offering camps and other educational programs for the next generation of Hindu-Americans in the area.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the great achievements of YDS, and acknowledge its tireless community service in the 8th Congressional District, as well as to all in need throughout the world.

HONORING AGAPITO MOLINA

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 3, 2018

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of beloved Jim Hogg County Judge Agapito "Cuate" Molina, who passed away on July 3, 2018, in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Judge Molina began working for his community after being elected County Commissioner Pct. 2 in 1978. Because of his continued devotion, he was elected County Judge in 1999. Judge Molina became the first elected official from Jim Hogg County to obtain membership in the Texas Association of Counties (TAC), in which he served as Chairman of the TAC Health Insurance Committee for 11 years.

In addition to the Health Insurance Committee, he was also a member of the Risk Management Committee and Chairman of the Occupational Region of Community Affairs. Throughout his time with the TAC, Judge Molina advanced projects to improve his county and serve his constituents. Judge Molina routinely visited Austin, Texas, and Washington, D.C., to advocate for communities in Jim Hogg.

Aside from his accomplished career in public service, Judge Molina led a distinguished personal life. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and a devout Catholic. He was a regular amongst friends at the U.S. Post Office. Moreover, he had a loving wife, children, and family who succeed him.

Mr. Speaker, South Texas lost one of our most excellent and beloved public servants. Judge Agapito Molina will be missed dearly by family, friends, and constituents alike.

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