

GREG HARNDEN RETIREMENT

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great Arkansan and one of the pillars of collegiate athletics in Arkansas—Coach Greg Harnden.

Coach Harnden is retiring after 21 years as the Athletic Director of Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas.

He helped facilitate Harding's move from the NAIA to the NCAA as well as Harding's move from the Gulf South Conference to its current home in the Great American Conference.

Throughout his 21-year career, Coach Harnden has brought numerous championships to Central Arkansas and attracted top talent to our state, making Harding University one of the top programs in all of NCAA Division II (two).

His impact has transcended the playing field as he has touched the lives of thousands of student-athletes from around the world.

I congratulate Coach Harnden on an incredible career and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

NOMINATION OF JUDGE BRETT KAVANAUGH TO THE SUPREME COURT
HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus to voice my opposition to President Trump's nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court. The stakes could not be higher: Judge Kavanaugh is not the Justice that our nation needs, nor deserves. Voting rights, women's reproductive rights, and affirmative action are all under threat.

Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation could redefine the Supreme Court, and threatens to undermine some of our nation's most important rights for decades to come.

Judge Kavanaugh's nomination poses a threat to voting rights. When the state of South Carolina tried to enforce a draconian voter ID law, the Obama Administration blocked the law. When the case was referred to the US District Court, Judge Kavanaugh, writing for the majority, upheld the voter I.D. law saying, "the South Carolina Law has neither a discriminatory effect nor a discriminatory purpose. Moreover, South Carolina did not act with a discriminatory purpose." The three-judge panel, led by Kavanaugh, upheld the law. The bill was signed by former Governor, and now UN Ambassador Nikki Haley.

Kavanaugh's nomination also poses a threat to reproductive rights. The landmark 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision not only gave women access to basic health care rights, but it also strengthened a woman's right to choose. We've seen this playbook before, Mr. Speaker; Republicans will stop at nothing to end Roe as we know it. They will chip away at it. They will undermine it. They will erode it.

And we know that women of color and women from low-income communities will be

the most adversely impacted by restrictions on access to reproductive healthcare.

From Kavanaugh's tacit approval of Justice Rehnquist's dissent in Roe vs. Wade, to his own dissent in the 2017 "Jane Doe" vs. HHS case saying, "(we can't allow) a new right for unlawful immigrant minors in U.S. Government detention to obtain immediate abortion on demand," it is clear Judge Kavanaugh will be receptive to cases prohibiting women's right to choose.

Finally, while Judge Kavanaugh has never written a judicial opinion on affirmative action, he has written an amicus brief for the Center for Equal Opportunity, an organization opposed to the consideration of race in college admissions decisions.

If affirmative action were to be limited or ended, historically disenfranchised students would have fewer opportunities to access mainstream institutions of higher learning.

As a co-chair of the Congressional Pro-choice Caucus, and as a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, I will keep fighting to protect women's reproductive rights, voting rights, and affirmative action. We must urge the Senate to oppose Trump's dangerous nominee who represents a direct threat to our values as a nation. We can and must stop the nomination of Judge Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF HANOVER PARK, ILLINOIS
HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the incorporation of Hanover Park, Illinois. Through its continued dedication to building a friendly and welcoming community for residents and visitors alike, Hanover Park is a model for other cities and towns to follow.

In the years since its first permanent settlers in 1874 and its incorporation in 1958, Hanover Park has become a center of culture and commerce. As home to 80 nationalities and 30 spoken languages, it is a diverse village. This diversity also transfers into their business environment. Hanover Park has thriving business parks, a growing retail community, and easy access to global markets. While the Village's police and fire departments are consistently recognized as two of the finest in the state, the local government is highly engaged and enthusiastic. All of these sectors make Hanover Park a vibrant and thriving community, as well as a great place to work, live, and raise a family.

On the occasion of this 60th Anniversary, we join together to celebrate Hanover Park's legacy of growth and prosperity and look ahead to the opportunities facing this Village and our great Nation. Today marks 60 years of working together to build a brighter future and reminds us that our work continues.

Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in recognizing the 60th anniversary of the incorporation of Hanover Park, Illinois, and wishing its residents great success in the years ahead.

HONORING MAYOR TED ELLIS

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BANKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bluffton Mayor Ted Ellis who recently announced his retirement after more than two decades of distinguished service. A native of Bluffton, Mayor Ellis has been a fixture in his community for many years. He served nine years on the Wells County Council before being elected Mayor in 1995.

Mayor Ellis is one of the longest serving mayors in Indiana history and is known for his commitment to his community and the Hoosier state. In fact, the Governor of Indiana recognized Mayor Ellis' contributions by naming him a "Sagamore of the Wabash," Indiana's highest civilian honor. Mayor Ellis also was honored by the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns with the Russell Lloyd Award for his "outstanding contributions to local government."

I want to congratulate Mayor Ellis, his wife Marge, and his family on an exceptional career and I wish him an enjoyable retirement.

TRIBUTE TO ROBIN TELLER
HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Robin Teller of Isleta Pueblo in New Mexico for her role in the Pueblo Pottery Mug project and her success as a Native artist.

The Pueblo Pottery Mug project started as a collaboration between five Pueblo artists and the first Pueblo-owned Starbucks in New Mexico. The mugs were first sold in 2016 at the Starbucks store in Albuquerque. Each mug was hand-crafted by a different Pueblo artist to celebrate the opening of the new store and to symbolize the collaboration between New Mexico Pueblos and Starbucks. After quickly selling out of the unique mugs—selling over 6,000 mugs—the Shumakolowa gift shop collaborated with the artists to sell mugs at their location in the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

Robin is from the Pueblo of Isleta, where pottery has historically been made for functional or ceremonial uses. Since 1988, she has become known for her iconic storytellers, nativity scenes, human and animal figures, and polychrome vessels that honor the traditions of her Pueblo. She uses the traditional method of digging clay, tuffa, and pigments from different areas of the Isleta Pueblo, some of which were used by generations past to collect clay.

Robin's work comes from the traditional designs of the Isleta Pueblo: red and black fluid geometric designs on a white background depicting nature's elements. Her work is also largely influenced by the generations of strong women in her family line.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Robin Teller for being a part of the Pueblo Pottery Mug project. This project has given the community, as well as visitors to New Mexico, an opportunity to appreciate usable pieces of art that