

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DAVIS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

HON. AMI BERA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. BERA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the UC Davis School of Medicine.

Since 1968, the UC Davis School of Medicine has played an important role in health care in Northern California. UC Davis is consistently among the top ranked medical schools for primary care training and research.

From its inaugural class, UC Davis School of Medicine has shown a commitment to the community outside of the classroom. Through its student run community health clinics, the school has demonstrated a dedication to service by providing free and convenient care to underserved populations in the greater Sacramento area.

In both coursework and curriculum, UC Davis School of Medicine helps create a diverse physician workforce that is responsive to societal needs. The Community Health Scholars program trains students in understanding and serving the unique primary care health needs of California's rural, agricultural, and urban communities.

The School of Medicine provides the opportunity to participate in cutting edge research and the skills to translate those breakthroughs into benefit for patients.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating the UC Davis School of Medicine on 50 years of educating the next generation of doctors.

HONORING ISAAH FREESTONE

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 Isaiah Freestone. Isaiah 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 135, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Isaiah has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Isaiah 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, Isaiah has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Isaiah planted trees at Lyons Park in Kearney, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Isaiah Freestone for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America

and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO THE HOMENETMEN LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Homenetmen Los Angeles Chapter upon its fiftieth anniversary.

Established in 1918, the Armenian General Athletic Union and Scouts, commonly referred to as Homenetmen, has served hundreds of thousands of youth worldwide. The first chapter in the western United States, the Homenetmen Los Angeles Chapter, was founded in 1968, and its prosperity led to the formation of other chapters across the region.

Homenetmen Western USA presently comprises 19 chapters, with several within California's 28th Congressional District, which is home to a large Armenian community. This extraordinary organization has preserved the Armenian spirit by exposing Armenian-American youth to the rich Armenian culture and heritage, and has provided them with physical, moral and social education.

The Homenetmen Los Angeles Chapter plays a vital role in instilling the importance of teamwork, discipline and patriotism within its members, and helps shape the character and hone leadership skills of Armenian-American youth. It conducts scouting and athletic activities which foster dedicated and outstanding individuals and encourages members to work towards achieving individual as well as collective excellence. Through its scouting program, scouts actively engage in physical, team-building and educational activities, coupled with community service, outdoor scouting expeditions and field trips.

The time, effort, and care that the Homenetmen Los Angeles Chapter has given to the community are invaluable, and the Armenian-American residents of Southern California have benefited greatly from their dedicated work. The organization has championed shaping our children into responsible citizens and thriving members of society, who become shining examples of Homenetmen's motto — "Elevate Yourself and Others With You."

I ask all Members to join with me in commending the Homenetmen Los Angeles Chapter for fifty years of dedicated service.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROSE KERSTETTER

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate and honor the career, service,

and 100th birthday of Oneida resident, Ms. Rose Kerstetter.

A 23-year-old working in North Dakota, she enlisted in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) in 1943—the middle of World War II. Told that there was no rifle training for women, Ms. Kerstetter paid for personal rifle lessons and earned a Marksman's Badge. Nine months after her enlistment into the WAAC, when the WAAC became the Women's Army Corps (WAC), she became officially enlisted in the U.S. Army.

Ms. Kerstetter originally served as a stenographer and was headquartered in Camp Hood, Texas. Demonstrating great initiative and leadership, she was eventually promoted to Staff Sergeant. It was at this rank that Ms. Kerstetter was honorably discharged, only after her brother, a Marine, was wounded. We owe Ms. Kerstetter, and her brother, a great debt for their service to our country.

Ms. Kerstetter's commitment to her community did not end after her honorable discharge. For more than 20 years, she has volunteered in her community through art. A greatly skilled potter, she strengthens her community and demonstrates pride in her Oneida heritage by teaching pottery to anyone who wants to learn. It is this type of dedication that has earned her national artistic and cultural recognition, including a 2002 Community Spirit Award Honoree and a 2004 Cultural Capital Fellow.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in recognizing Ms. Kerstetter's commitment to protecting and serving our country, and her dedication to her Wisconsin community. These accomplishments are worthy of the highest commendation.

CELEBRATING THE GILMER COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the Gilmer County Chamber of Commerce in celebrating its 40th anniversary.

In 1978, the Gilmer County Chamber of Commerce was founded to improve Northeast Georgia's business climate. This group strives to bring local businesses together, offering networking opportunities to members of Gilmer industry.

In addition to connecting local businesses, the Gilmer County Chamber also seeks out solutions to workplace problems like drug use. It implemented a program called "Drugs Don't Work" to offer resources that businesses can use to support the needs of their employees.

Northeast Georgia's economy depends on organizations like the Gilmer County Chamber of Commerce to provide entrepreneurs and employers opportunities to learn from each

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