

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING SETON GARDNER

HON. PAUL D. RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2018

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, when I accepted this job, I did not fully appreciate all of its institutional and ceremonial responsibilities. Today I can say it is one of the best things about being Speaker. This is in no small part due to having Seton Gardner as our director of special events and protocol. Seton started with Speaker Boehner as an intern in 2011, and joined the special events department in 2013. If there is a major event in the Capitol—be it a Gold Medal Ceremony, a Joint Meeting, or State of the Union—Seton is at the helm. She is highly regarded for maintaining our traditions, while making everyone from world leaders to everyday citizens feel at home in the people's House. No matter the stage, Seton never breaks a sweat. She makes what is surely a stressful process go seamlessly. For all of this, and for her years of dedicated service, I extend my thanks to Seton on behalf of a very grateful institution.

CITY OF EDMONTON

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Edmonton in the First Congressional District of Kentucky. The local community is holding a celebration the weekend of September 7th through 9th in the downtown area, which will highlight their shared heritage and reflect on the city's past.

I appreciate the generations of local officials and citizens of Edmonton who have steadfastly devoted themselves to the betterment of others, as well as all those who have assisted with the planning of the event. This historic milestone is a culmination of their efforts and a testament to their collective pride for their beloved hometown.

I look forward to continuing to work with local leaders and the residents of Edmonton to further the economic and industrial prosperity of Metcalfe County for generations to come, and I join with the city's current and former residents in honoring this tight-knit, culturally rich community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS. OLLIE RUTH HUNTER

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to join

my fellow Georgians in commemorating the passing of a lifelong resident of the Atlanta suburbs, Mrs. Ollie Ruth Hunter, who passed away on August 28, 2018, at the age of 84. Mrs. Hunter was a proud nurse who committed her life to care for her fellow citizens.

Mrs. Ollie Ruth Hunter was born on March 31, 1934. Having spent her entire life as a resident of Atlanta, she attended school at Ben Hill Elementary School, then on to Booker T. Washington High School. After high school, Mrs. Hunter continued her education at the Belmont Nursing School and Grady Nursing School. During her career, Mrs. Hunter worked as a nurse for Holy Family Hospital, various nursing homes, and individual private duty assignments. Subsequently, Mrs. Hunter held several jobs, but the one that allowed her to contribute most to her community was her job as the first black manager of Barricini Candies at Greenbriar Mall in Atlanta, GA. As a trailblazer, she provided the opportunity for numerous young black women to work their first job.

Mrs. Hunter loved to travel, especially, to Florida, but according to her, the best places to be were church, home, ball games, and car races. She was an active member of several clubs and lodges, including the Three Rose Social Club, Eastern Star, Heron of Jericho, and, her favorite, the Red Hat Society. She was the founder and Queen of the Red Hat Gems of Atlanta.

I celebrate Mrs. Hunter for her admirable service to the city of Atlanta and her family. My colleagues and I extend our heartfelt condolences to her surviving family members which include her three children, three grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Mrs. Hunter's family and friends during this difficult time.

HONORING TYLER J. MANN, JR.

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 Tyler Mann, Jr. Tyler 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 215, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Tyler has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Tyler 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, Tyler has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Tyler completed landscaping around the new electronic sign at his church.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Tyler Mann, Jr. for his accom-

plishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF NEW LIFE REFUGE MINISTRIES IN COMBATting HUMAN TRAF- FICKING AND BRINGING HEAL- ING TO ITS VICTIMS

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2018

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, human trafficking is a tragic, dehumanizing plague that must end. This year, Congress has taken significant steps to combat this horrible crime. Yet, more must be done both on the national level and in our communities.

The victims—children, women, and men—have had their lives forever changed and they will bear the scars, both mental and physical, for years to come. There are over 300,000 victims of human trafficking in the State of Texas alone. To make matters worse, many human trafficking victims are never rescued from their vicious captors.

Despite this darkness, there are rays of light across this nation making a difference in the battle against human trafficking. I rise today to highlight one of these remarkable organizations, the New Life Refuge Ministries, which is doing incredible work to combat this scourge by rescuing victims.

Organizations, such as New Life Refuge Ministries, serve as a voice for the voiceless, and work to empower the victims so that they can be heard. Their mission is simple: ending child sex trafficking by educating the community, partnering with other organizations in the fight against modern-day slavery, and providing a refuge for adult and child survivors alike.

Thank you to New Life Refuge Ministries for the work you are doing to end trafficking by bringing hope and healing to these shattered victims. Since its founding, New Life Refuge Ministries has worked tirelessly to educate more than 11,000 individuals on the dangers and effects of sex trafficking including healthcare workers, Law Enforcement officials, first responders, and even high school students, demonstrating to them the effects this modern-day slavery has on the youth of America.

Through their efforts, New Life Refuge Ministries, and many similar organizations have saved countless children from the vicious entrapments and effects of human trafficking.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize New Life Refuge Ministries in their fight to end child sex trafficking and bring healing and hope to the brave children who have suffered under this abuse. Mr. Speaker, please join me in extending my sincerest desire for the success of their mission and may they inspire others to do the same.

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