

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF CANTON WOODS SENIOR CENTER

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 40th anniversary of Canton Woods Senior Center. Located in Baldwinsville, New York, Canton Woods has been diligently serving the Central New York senior community for many years.

Canton Woods Senior Center was founded in 1978 when a group called The Senior Club purchased the old Baldwinsville medical center, which was built ten years prior. Additionally, the Onondaga County Department of Aging and Youth aided The Senior Club with the purchase. Canton Woods began serving three municipalities once it was established: Baldwinsville, Lysander and Van Buren. The facility has undergone two major renovations to expand the dining, kitchen and recreation areas since the original purchase.

Today, Canton Woods is operated by full- and part-time staff, as well as several devoted volunteers. Many services are available through the center including defensive driving education, an extensive library and various senior exercise classes. Canton Woods is unique in that any resident of Baldwinsville, Lysander or Van Buren who is at least 60 years of age may utilize its services free of charge. Furthermore, any senior residing in Onondaga County may visit Canton Woods for meals and participate in overnight trips.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in celebrating Canton Woods' 40 years of contributions to senior citizens. We must also applaud the efforts of caregivers, career and volunteer, around the nation. Seniors are an important part of the Central New York community and it is my hope facilities like Canton Woods continue to thrive throughout the country.

UPON THE RETIREMENT OF MICHAEL THERIAULT

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise along with Democratic Leader NANCY PELOSI, to commend the extraordinary service of Michael Theriault, the retiring Secretary-Treasurer of the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council, after 13 years of service to the council and many years of service to the San Francisco Bay Area.

Mike graduated from St. John's College in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He became an Apprentice in Ironworkers Local 377 in 1985 and in that position was named Apprentice of the

Year. He was so successful as an apprentice and journeyman that in 2001 Local 331 selected him to be the Business Representative, and then elected him to the position in 2003. He would later remark that his skill at negotiating agreements came in large part from his understanding of the day-to-day realities of working at a job site. As he noted, "Understanding of the work, the flow of work, is more important to union leaders in the trades than in most other unions . . . you come to union leadership after actually having run work."

In addition to serving as a delegate to the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council, Mike represented his local as a delegate to councils in San Mateo, Marin, Sonoma-Lake-Mendocino and Humboldt-Del Norte counties. For any of you who know the geography of California, you would instantly realize that Mike has been a busy man. It's 350 miles and a 6½ hour drive between San Francisco and Crescent City in the most northern county of California. It takes the fortitude of an ironworker to make that trip on a regular basis, representing the interests of members whose livelihoods depend upon Mike's skills and dedication to their wellbeing.

These counties are also the core counties comprising the Golden Gate Transportation District, the entity that built and manages the Golden Gate Bridge. Mike was appointed a director of the bridge district in 2011. The bridge itself is a testament to the skill of his members from generations ago through to our times.

In addition to serving on these other entities, Mike served on the Executive Board of the San Francisco Labor Council, the Executive Board of the California State Building and Construction Trades Council, on the Executive Committee of the San Francisco Housing Action Coalition, and as a member of the SPUR Board of Directors.

In the depths of the Great Recession, Mike fought hard for work via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act so that the 40% unemployment rate in his hall would be dramatically reduced. He noted to us and to our staff that people were losing their homes and their hopes. Over \$400 million in federal funding was delivered to help construct the new Transbay Terminal. That Act, championed by then-Speaker NANCY PELOSI and supported by the entire Bay Area delegation, literally created the foundation of the project. Other policies created by the City of San Francisco also contributed mightily to a resurrection of the local economy. Today, construction cranes are as numerous on the skyline of the City and County of San Francisco as are cable cars on its streets.

In an interview published just before his retirement, he noted that he was able to negotiate a string of project labor agreements that will give jobs to families for a generation to come. He cited projects on Treasure Island, Hunters Point/Candlestick Point, the city's wastewater system, and the new Transbay Terminal, among many projects transforming the city's streets and skies. He also noted his goal that housing be created for all income

groups, but particularly for middle and working-class residents who are his and our neighbors and friends. Another key tool to keep middle class families in San Francisco is to offer middle class jobs. Mike Theriault was instrumental in getting shop classes reestablished in the high school system. From these shop classes will come future Mike Theriaults, apprentices of the year.

As he retires, he says that he's going to work in his garden and will write bad poetry. We seriously doubt that he will write bad poetry and we hope that his garden flourishes. He deserves time to contemplate the skyline and the hopes that he built across 33 years of union membership, and definitely more time to spend with his wife, Diana, and their two boys, Josquin and Eugene.

It's been said that hope springs eternal, but in truth it takes great leadership to keep hope alive across a generation. Mike has earned the gratitude of his membership and his community for keeping hope alive throughout these years. Like the Golden Gate Bridge created by prior ironworkers, Michael Theriault is truly one for the ages.

RECOGNIZING MR. LORENZO CANDELARIA

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Lorenzo Candelaria, whose family's farm has played an integral role in our community's food system and culture for over 300 years. Mr. Candelaria is the owner of Cornelio Candelaria Organics, located in the South Valley.

Mr. Candelaria's family has lived in New Mexico for 500 years and farmed in the Atrisco Valley for seven generations over the course of 300 years. Originally, the Candelaria family farm produced crops such as corn, beans, squash, and New Mexico's world famous chiles. Mr. Candelaria has expanded to make other produce like cucumbers, melons, asparagus, and blackberries.

Mr. Candelaria has also certified his land as USDA Organic, a significant investment that illustrates his desire to pass the farm down to future generations. He uses an acequia system to irrigate his land, an especially sustainable process that restores the underground water tables. Rather than focusing on only one crop, Mr. Candelaria is committed to responsible farming practices like crop rotation, which is healthier for soil fertility.

Mr. Candelaria is also dedicated to teaching farming skills and life lessons to young people in our community. Every summer, he invites interns to work on the farm in order to learn about his responsible agricultural practices as well as how to operate the equipment. He also regularly invites student groups from local

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schools to learn about agriculture and nutrition issues.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Mr. Lorenzo Candelaria for all the valuable contributions him and his family have made to our community. His organic produce has been a wonderful option for local shoppers and restaurants looking for healthy options, and his warmth and generosity have helped shape the lives of so many young people in the Albuquerque area.

HONORING THE VALLEJO BRANCH
OF THE NAACP

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Vallejo Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) on its 100th anniversary.

The Vallejo Branch of the NAACP received its Charter on July 8, 1918. It was the second Branch established in California, after the Sacramento Branch. Since its founding, the Vallejo Branch has worked tirelessly with community and religious leaders to fulfill the promise of equality to all Americans. Early in its existence, the Vallejo Branch collaborated with prominent African-American professionals, members of the clergy and business leaders on anti-lynching legislation, desegregation and political rights. The Vallejo Branch later expanded its focus to include advocacy for better jobs and pay for people of color on Mare Island and desegregation of the federal housing projects in Vallejo.

Most recently, the Vallejo Branch of the NAACP has worked to address the high rate of sexually transmitted diseases and infections (STDs and STIs) among African Americans aged fourteen to twenty-five in Solano County, and Vallejo specifically. The Vallejo Branch has also been focused on educating, testing, and treating STDs and STIs and secured \$250,000 to work towards this goal. The Branch's Legal Redress team has been active in the litigation of numerous discrimination issues involving housing, school, and employment injustices in Vallejo. Its Education Committee is actively involved in Vallejo's school system to guarantee that all students have equal access to quality education. In addition, the Vallejo Branch encourages its members to exercise their hard won right to vote.

Mr. Speaker, the Vallejo Branch of the NAACP has been an important institution in our community for 100 years. The Vallejo Branch has worked continuously to improve the lives of African Americans in our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor it here today.

RECOGNIZING THE DAUGHTERS OF
THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the week of September 17th

through the 23rd as Constitution Week and acknowledge the Daughters of the American Revolution for their dedication to upholding the importance of the Constitution. This year marks the 231st anniversary of the framing of the Constitution of the United States of America and the 62nd observance of Constitution Week.

Constitution Week began after the Daughters of the American Revolution petitioned President Eisenhower in 1955. They petitioned the President to annually set aside the week of September 17th through the 23rd as a week of observance of the Constitution. After being signed into law on August 2nd, 1956, Constitution Week has served as a time of emphasis on citizen's responsibilities to protect the Constitution, inform the public on the importance of the Constitution, and encourage the study the history that led to the framing of the Constitution in 1787.

In Central New York, the members of the Owasco Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution have championed the ideals of the Constitution since their founding on April 28, 1897 in Auburn, New York. Since then, they have been exemplary in their commitment to education, community service, equality, and patriotism throughout the region.

The Constitution is the foundation of our country and grants us all the freedoms that we enjoy today. As we celebrate this year's Constitution Week, I want to honor the Daughters of the American Revolution for playing such a pivotal role in creating this tradition and recognize the importance the Constitution as a defining part of our country's history.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 394; yea on Roll Call No. 395; and yea on Roll Call No. 396.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on September 12, 2018 due to inclement weather that caused air travel delays. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 394; YEA on Roll Call No. 395; and YEA on Roll Call No. 396.

J. FRANK DOBIE HIGH SCHOOL
CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great school, J. Frank Dobie High School in Houston, Texas on 50 years of

molding the young minds of the South Belt-Ellington area.

Named for Texas folklorist and former University of Texas professor J. Frank Dobie, Dobie High school opened with 980 students in 1968 to address the growing population boom in the South Belt area. The original high school, located on Beamer Road, was a significant achievement in its construction alone, being the first district high school designed to be completely air conditioned. With the exception of the gyms, the building had no windows, making it an ideal shelter for tornados. The school moved to a new building in the fall of 2003, served as a critical emergency shelter during Hurricane Harvey and helped save many lives. Throughout the years, Dobie High School has been a leader in many areas, producing national championship Academic Decathlon teams, countless district victories in sports, music and agriculture. Dobie High School demonstrates an unparalleled commitment to enhancing the education of students in the South Belt-Ellington area.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to J. Frank Dobie High School on 50 years of academic excellence.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
CLARENCE JORDAN

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Clarence Jordan, who passed away on September 8, 2018 at the age of 88. Clarence dedicated his life to aiding the underprivileged throughout the Central New York community. Over the last five decades, Clarence raised more than \$100 million to support those who needed it the most in the region.

Clarence Jordan was born in Fall River, Massachusetts and grew up during the Great Depression. His childhood was not an easy one. His father was an alcoholic who abused him and, by the time he was 11 years old, both his parents passed away due to tuberculosis. Clarence spent his adolescent years without a stable home, living in California and Massachusetts. He became close to Jesus Christ during this time and the church community became his new family.

Clarence studied at Barrington College and intended to work as a missionary in China, but those plans were cancelled after communists established their control in the country. He instead served as Associate Director at Goodwill Industries in Bridgeport, Connecticut and was the Associate Pastor of Calvary Evangelical Church. In 1959, Clarence moved to Syracuse to serve as Director of Men's Social Services at the Rescue Mission. This move marked the beginning of Clarence's philanthropy in Central New York.

After serving in his new position for just a year, Clarence was promoted to Executive Director at the Rescue Mission. The Rescue Mission rapidly became one of the most extensive social service groups in Central New York with Clarence at the head of the organization. During his tenure from 1960 to 2000, Clarence grew the Rescue Mission to 333 employees and a budget of \$10 million, as well