

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

BARREN RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (BRADD)

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Barren River Area Development District (BRADD) for their fifty years of service and dedication to the betterment of Western Kentucky communities. Since 1968, BRADD staff has assisted local economic leaders in securing federal funding for developing projects in each of the ten counties they serve, including five within the First Congressional District of Kentucky.

I am grateful for every staff member who has committed themselves to promoting economic and community development. The combination of their entrepreneurial spirits and sustained dedication to public service has not only enhanced the lives of individuals in the region, but has spurred economic opportunities and growth throughout the Commonwealth.

This significant milestone is a testament to their steadfast influence on the surrounding area and a recognition of their esteemed record of excellence. I join with those they have diligently served their fellow citizens throughout the last five decades and look forward to many more years of continued success from this outstanding organization.

TRIBUTE TO THE HOLLYWOOD SUNSET FREE CLINIC ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic upon its 50th anniversary.

Since its inception in 1968, the Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic has been providing free healthcare services for the uninsured and low income of the Los Angeles community. This remarkable clinic offers a wide range of invaluable services, including women's and children's healthcare, general medicine, counseling therapy, HIV screening and education, laser tattoo removal for high risk youth, acupuncture, and clothing and food for the homeless.

I also want to recognize the phenomenal physicians, nurses, counselors, medical and clerical assistants, without whom the Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic would be unable to carry out this essential work. The time, skills, and training graciously donated by these outstanding volunteers have allowed the clinic to provide over 30,000 patient and client visits a year.

In addition to providing free healthcare services, the Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic is also

the home of the Cara A Cara Latino HIV/AIDS Project, which conducts outreach and community education to high risk populations. This project was one of the first of its kind and served as the impetus for others to follow.

I firmly believe, along with the clinic's board of directors, volunteers, and staff, that healthcare is a right, not a privilege, and I applaud the Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic for fulfilling this belief by providing critical care to the needy.

The assistance that the Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic has provided to the community is immeasurable, and the residents of the Los Angeles area have benefited greatly from their exceptional efforts. At this time, I ask all members of Congress to join with me in proudly commending the Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic for its fifty years of dedicated service to the Los Angeles community.

RECOGNIZING THE BICENTENNIAL YEAR OF THE TOWN OF MADI- SON, NORTH CAROLINA

HON. MARK WALKER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the town of Madison, North Carolina as they celebrate the town's bicentennial year. Located in western Rockingham county, Madison is full of rich history and embodies the integrity and charm of the sixth district. As Madison continues its bicentennial festival, I want to congratulate Mayor David Myers, the Board of Aldermen, and the citizens of Madison on this incredible milestone. North Carolina is one of only 24 other states that can claim a city or town with a bicentennial trademark, and I am proud to represent such a joyous community.

I offer my sincere congratulations to the town of Madison on its 200th anniversary and join in celebration of the town's unique history, as well as its prosperous future.

RECOGNIZING THE 16TH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL FIRE AND RES- CUE AND EMS AWARDS

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fire and Rescue and EMS personnel who have provided distinguished service to the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District.

As first responders, fire departments and emergency medical service teams are summoned on short notice to serve their respective communities. Oftentimes, they arrive at scenes of great adversity and trauma, to which they reliably bring strength and

composure. These brave men and women spend hundreds of hours in training so that they are prepared when they get "the call."

In 2012, I established the 16th District Congressional Fire and Rescue and EMS Awards to honor officers, departments and units for outstanding achievement.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 16th District, it is my privilege to congratulate the following winners, who were selected this year by an independent committee comprised of a cross section of current and retired Fire and Rescue personnel living in the district:

Division Chief Randy Bach, Quality Assurance Officer Derek Butler, Chief Leslie Karen Davidson, Captain Aaron Gross, Battalion Chief John Perez and Division Chief of Special Operations Robert Collins of the Hillsborough County Fire Rescue received Career Service Awards.

Deputy Gabriel Bogart, Deputy Chad Richards, Detective Charles Butler, Detective Seamus Dwyer and Detective Scott Durocher of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office received the Associate Service Award.

Deputy Carmine Luper of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office received the Preservation of Life Award.

Captain James "Troy" Onan of the Hillsborough County Fire Rescue received the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award.

Battalion Chief Richard T. Losek of the West Manatee Fire & Rescue District received the Career Service Award.

Captain Brian Kehoe of the Sarasota County Fire EMS Operations received the Career Service Award.

District Chief Keith Lock of the Manatee County EMS received the Career Service Award.

RECOGNIZING CHRISTIAN RELIEF SERVICES CHARITIES

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Christian Relief Services Charities, an international charitable organization located in Alexandria, Virginia, for its 33-year history making a difference for hundreds of thousands of children and their families in America and abroad.

Christian Relief Services Charities has always had one overriding goal: connecting with those in need, caring for them, and making a sustainable difference in their lives. Working through local churches and civic organizations, they strive to give fellow Americans and others a "hand up, not a handout."

Christian Relief Services Charities' aid spans from the struggling towns of Appalachia to the desolate plains of the Native American Indian Reservations in South Dakota as well as children's homes and medical clinics in the poorest countries in Africa. Specifically, the organization's aid seeks to ensure that people have not gone to bed hungry, are able to heat

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their home, have clean water to drink, receive lifesaving medical care, and finish school to obtain good jobs.

Christian Relief Services Charities is a family of nonprofits focused on long-term development and self-sufficiency by providing impoverished children and their families with the necessities of food, clothing, decent living conditions, and access to education and healthcare.

Through its affiliate programs, Christian Relief Services Charities delivers many basic commodities we take for granted. For families, including Veterans and the disabled, they provide warm winter clothing, medicine, medical equipment, safe water systems, housing, materials for home repair, and equipment for organic gardens. For children specifically, their programs provide books, school supplies, fund youth programs such as summer lunch buses, camps, after-school enrichment classes, project grants to Native American youth and teachers seeking to improve their communities and other programs that build self-esteem.

Working in partnership with public and private non-profit agencies, Christian Relief Services Charities provides over 3900 units of affordable, transitional and permanent housing, and resident related services in Virginia, Arizona, Kansas, Texas, Ohio and Iowa to persons with very low to moderate incomes, chronic mentally and physically ill adults, homeless families and individuals. In Northern Virginia, Christian Relief Services Charities offers a program that provides transitional housing to victims of domestic violence and their children, with victim advocacy therapy and case management support.

Christian Relief Services Charities is highly esteemed throughout the country and is one of the original accredited charities of the Better Business Bureau having consistently met their rigorous standards of excellence.

As great as our Nation is, poverty and need sadly still exist. It is comforting to know that, for a third of a century, Christian Relief Services Charities has been making an impactful difference in the lives of many people in the 8th Congressional District, American Indian Country, Appalachia, and across the United States.

Each day the number of served grows. I commend Christian Relief Services Charities for its service to humanity and thank them for making the world a less harsh place, feeding those who are hungry, providing housing and medical supplies to the homeless and sick, and giving hope to those who had none.

HONORING THE CAREER OF
SHERIFF DAVID GOULD

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cayuga County Sheriff David Gould on his retirement after nearly fifty years of service to our community.

Mr. Gould joined the New York State Police in 1970 after serving in the U.S. Army. Following his 34-year career with the New York State Police, Mr. Gould worked as a Special Investigator for the Seneca County District Attorney's Office.

In November 2006, Mr. Gould was elected Cayuga County Sheriff. Since January 1, 2007

he has served as the County's Chief Law Enforcement Officer, leading an office of nearly 200 employees. After 48 years in law enforcement, Sheriff Gould will retire at the end of his term in 2018.

Spending nearly his entire career keeping communities safe, David Gould is truly a model public servant. Mr. Gould has put his service to the community above partisan politics. Since his election as Sheriff, Mr. Gould has worked tirelessly to combat the heroin epidemic, pursue human traffickers, and crack down on domestic abuse. His department has instituted and documented almost 50 new initiatives including the creation of two substations for the Sheriff's department in Cato and Moravia, ensuring the Cayuga County Sheriff's Department has representation in both northern and southern portions of the region. During his tenure, the Cayuga County Sheriff's Department has strengthened its relationship with members of the Auburn, Moravia, Port Byron and Weedsport Police Departments, the New York State Police Department, the FBI, the Secret Service, the Department of Homeland Security, and the U.S. Attorney's Office.

I join members of my community in thanking Sheriff Gould for his career of public service, and wish him the best in retirement.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING
SWAMI VIVEKANANDA

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today I remember and honor the life of Swami Vivekananda, who passed away on July 4, 1902 at the age of 39.

Born as Narendranath Datta in the city of Kolkata, Swami Vivekananda played a key role in introducing the philosophical and spiritual underpinnings of Hinduism to the Western world. Swami Vivekananda's philosophies were shaped by the teachings found in Hindu scriptures, and by the writings of western thinkers including David Hume and John Stuart Mill. Swami Vivekananda taught that no religion has a monopoly on the truth, and that there is no virtue higher than ahimsa, the concept of non-violence.

In the West, Swami Vivekananda is best remembered for a speech he delivered on September 11, 1893 at the World Parliament of Religions in Chicago, Illinois. Opening his remarks with the words "Sisters and Brothers of America," Swami Vivekananda spoke at length about Hindu spirituality, religious tolerance and the dangers inherent in sectarianism and extremism. His appearance at the World Parliament awakened an interest in Hinduism that led to speaking tours by Swami Vivekananda and the establishment of Vedanta centers throughout the United States and Europe.

Swami Vivekananda's teachings of religious tolerance, understanding and the universality of the human experience are as relevant today as when he delivered his famous address in Chicago 125 years ago. As a United States Representative from the Chicago area and as a Hindu-American, I want to recognize the 125th anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's

Chicago Speech and celebrate the life of this eminent international spiritual leader.

TRIBUTE TO JAMIE WOLFE

HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Jamie Wolfe a native Delawarean who dedicated her life to advocacy and influencing public policy in order to create independence for people in the disability community.

Jamie was born with Arthrogryposis. Due to the severity of this muscular disorder, Jamie was never able to develop muscle in her arms or legs. With the support of her parents and loved ones, Jamie was dedicated to living a "normal" life and overcoming each obstacle she faced. She never met a challenge she didn't attack head on.

Jamie devoted her life to passing important legislation that would help empower those with disabilities and create the opportunity they deserve. Jamie's main goal was to help people who are disabled to gain independence in their everyday life. Through meaningful legislation, education, and advocacy Jamie achieved significant change that made many lives better. More than that, she made my life better. Her unwavering support of the issues she believed in was more than inspiring, it was paramount to the success of thousands of Delawareans and our state was made better for her work.

Please join me in extending our condolences to the entire Wolfe family. I hope that time and memories will help lessen the burden of their sorrow, and that they may draw some measure of comfort knowing that others care and celebrate her life and legacy.

IN HONOR OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARION COUNTY COMMISSION ON YOUTH

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Marion County Commission on Youth, whose tireless work over the past twenty-five years has benefited countless youth and families in my hometown of Indianapolis.

Marion County Commission on Youth (MCCOY) champions the positive development of youth through leadership on key issues and support of those directly serving young people. As an intermediary organization, MCCOY focuses on developing the high-level, strategic partnerships and supports needed for youth to thrive. This vital work is accomplished in four key pillars: Advocacy on issues impacting young people and their families; capacity-building programming for youth service providers; convening opportunities for service providers and community leaders; and resources to connect young people and families to programming.