

HONORING RED ARNDT FOR
YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. KRISTI L. NOEM

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Mrs. NOEM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Red Arndt for his many years of service to the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System, as well as his lifetime commitment to bringing safe and reliable water to the rural corners of this country.

Born Lennis Arndt on May 1, 1948, he earned the nickname, Red, while in grade school from his full head of red hair. The name stuck, and most people only know him today as Red Arndt.

Red grew up in Springfield, Minnesota, about 90 minutes from his current hometown, Luverne where he first started working in 1989 as their public utilities director. Shortly after beginning his new position, Red heard about a proposal to bring water from the Missouri River in South Dakota to the surrounding states. A major undertaking with more people doubting the idea than supporting, Red saw the opportunity and potential, recommending to the mayor and city council that Luverne join and become one of the first members of the corporation that would later become the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System.

Seeing Lewis & Clark develop from conception to construction was a labor of love for Red, and a mission he fought hard to achieve. Red, one of only two original directors from 1990 still on the board, held a shovel when the ground was first broke in 2003. He has made over 60 trips to Washington, D.C.; many more to the state capitals; and has attended countless county, city and community meetings.

Fighting to get Lewis & Clark off the ground was just a starting point for Red. He has worked tirelessly on behalf of the project, serving as the vice-chairman of the board beginning in 1994 until becoming the board chairman in 2006, a position he still holds. Lewis & Clark has experienced ups and downs during those years, yet under Red's leadership, over 200 miles of pipeline have been laid in the ground—currently delivering much needed water to 14 member communities and reaching over 300,000 people across South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa. He has seen over \$470 million in funding to Lewis & Clark, including \$57 million in advance funding from the three states.

Red's indisputable dedication was demonstrated when he participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the water treatment plant in August 2012, a mere two weeks after having open heart surgery. His fellow directors surprised him at the ceremony by presenting him with the Lewis & Clark Trailblazer Award, which is the organization's highest honor.

In May 2016, Luverne was finally able to celebrate their connection to Lewis & Clark, with Red reveling in taking the first swig of water. It was at this ceremony that the meter building in Luverne was dedicated in Red's honor. Red will be the first to acknowledge that this endeavor, benefiting generations to come in the tristate area, has been a true team effort. But, there is no question Red's vision for the future, dogged dedication and strong leadership have been a driving force through the years.

When he is not dedicating his time to Lewis & Clark, Red is a proud father of three boys (all sharing his red hair) and grandfather of three red-headed little girls. His family is his pride and joy. You will often find Red wearing a pin honoring his son who served in the United States Air Force.

As a dessert-first type of guy, Red lives life to the fullest, enjoying travel, fishing and numerous other outdoor activities in his free time, as well as hanging out in his "man cave." I am grateful for his commitment to public service, his hard work on behalf of Lewis & Clark, and, more importantly, I am proud to call him a friend.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Red Arndt for his many great contributions and wish him the best as he continues to make the most out of the life God has given.

IN HONOR OF THE TALLADEGA
HALL OF HEROES MUSEUM

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Talladega Hall of Heroes Museum.

The Talladega Hall of Heroes Museum is located in downtown Talladega in the old 1870's Wood-Weaver Shoes building donated by the late Robert Weaver to be used for this museum.

The building houses a collection of Veterans memorabilia as well as an exhibit for First Responders, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

The Talladega Hall of Heroes Museum also provides several community education and outreach programs.

The vision for the Hall of Heroes began in 2004 and was housed at the Armstrong-Osborne Public Library.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Talladega Hall of Heroes Museum.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE BLUFORD
HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP IN-
STITUTE

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend the Bluford Healthcare Leadership Institute (BHLI) for its remarkable work in training the next generation of health care leaders.

The BHLI is a non-profit professional development program based in Kansas City, Missouri. Currently in its sixth year, BHLI is led by its founder, John W. Bluford, III, President Emeritus of Truman Medical Centers and former Chairman of the American Hospital Association and the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce. The BHLI is developing a pipeline of talented minority leaders that will diversify the ranks of health care leadership and work toward eradicating health care disparities. To date, 87 scholars—as participating students are called—have completed the program; 42 have received their undergraduate

degrees, and 37 are working in the health care field.

The BHLI is uniquely tailored for undergraduates primarily from Historically Black Colleges and Universities who aspire to lead health care organizations. The first phase of the program lasts for two weeks and provides the scholars with experiential and didactic training in Kansas City, featuring a cadre of nationally-recognized health care practitioners and policy experts. After successful completion of Phase I, the scholars are placed in paid internships across the nation where they delve more deeply into health care operations and policy.

This summer, 14 Scholars successfully completed Phase I of the program: Chayse Bryant, Jasmine Thomas, and Jehnae Thomas of Florida A&M University; Elijah Evans, Nassir Holden, Alexandria Stanton, and Sikilae White of North Carolina A&T State University; Myles Harris of Fisk University; Antonio Zamudio-Moore of Rockhurst University; Miranda Merritt and Joy Milner of Spelman College and Camila Aponte, Dominique Paje, and Kyle Liggins of the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Two scholars have just completed Phase II—internships here in Washington, D.C. Madison Blagrove of Florida A&M University interned at the Polsinelli law firm's Public Policy division. Madison is a pharmacy major who plans to practice clinical pharmacy upon the completion of her doctoral degree. Vanessa Mendoza of the University of Missouri-Kansas City interned at America's Essential Hospitals (AEH). Vanessa is a Health Sciences major who plans to pursue a master's degree in health policy and law, and then advocate for increased access to health care coverage and preventive services for underserved communities.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate all the scholars for their hard work this summer and to commend Mr. Bluford for his strong commitment to developing and nurturing the nation's future health care leaders.

DISAPPEARANCES AND DAMS IN
SINDH

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, as the Ranking Member of the Asia and the Pacific Subcommittee and the founder and chair of the Sindh Congressional Caucus, I have long focused on the human rights conditions in Pakistan. I have long urged Pakistan's government to ensure the human rights of its citizens and uphold the rule of law. This is especially true in Sindh province. Today, I wish to discuss two issues currently confronting the Sindh community: enforced disappearances and the construction of dams along the Indus River.

The most egregious problem in Sindh is enforced disappearances. The United Nations defines enforced disappearances as "the arrest, detention, abduction or any other form of deprivation of liberty by agents of the State or by persons or groups of persons acting with the authorization, support or acquiescence of the State, followed by a refusal to acknowledge the deprivation of liberty or by concealment of the fate or whereabouts of the disappeared person." Hidayat Lohar (Loohaar),