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YWCA

(Ms. JUDY CHU of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the YWCA USA as they celebrate their 160th anniversary.

With a mission that is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all, the YWCA is exactly the kind of organization we need today. It provides leadership development programs for young women in topics ranging from economic empowerment to engaging young girls in STEM fields.

From its humble beginnings, the YWCA now operates 1,300 program sites across 47 States and the District of Columbia, serving over 2 million women, girls, and their families. It has been at the forefront of social progress, from civil rights to voting rights, to equal pay, to healthcare reform.

It is currently the largest network of providers to help victims of domestic violence or sexual assault. In my district, the YWCA in San Gabriel Valley serves nearly 4,000 people, annually, through its domestic violence program called WINGS.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the YWCA for 160 years of great work.

RECOGNIZING CARL WEATHERS

(Mr. ARRINGTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of a remarkable man and a fellow west Texan, retired Texas Ranger Captain Carl A. Weathers, who passed away recently.

Captain Weathers devoted his life's work to serving his country and my home State of Texas first as a soldier in the United States Army, and then with an over 40-year career in Texas law enforcement, beginning as a State trooper and rising to the rank of captain in the Texas Rangers.

Throughout their long and storied history, the Rangers have remained the best of the best in Texas law enforcement. Captain Weathers carried out the Texas Rangers' legacy in true west Texas fashion: with integrity, courage, and service to his fellow man.

Along with his dedication to the Texas Rangers, Carl was a devoted husband and family man.

To Carl's family, I join you in celebrating a life well-lived and trusting that he has heard those beautiful and powerful words from our glorious creator: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

RECOGNIZING FORMER U.N. HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCE ZEID RA'AD AL HUSSEIN

(Mr. COFFMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary work of the former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Prince Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, who left his post on September 1. His tireless efforts enabled him to become a voice for those who found themselves defenseless against those who abuse the human rights of others in order to gain and maintain power.

High Commissioner Zeid was very helpful during the debate over the passage of H. Res. 128, supporting respect for human rights and encouraging inclusive governance in Ethiopia. He not only publicly endorsed the resolution, but sent a representative during the critical negotiations to bring H. Res. 128 to the floor of the United States House of Representatives for a vote.

Mr. Speaker, former United Nations High Commissioner Prince Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein will forever be remembered by the Ethiopian people for his role in the passage of H. Res. 128.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

(Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California. Mr. Speaker, as I travel through my district, the women of Orange County have expressed their support for policies that safeguard women and children, including the Violence Against Women Act. As the mother of two daughters, I share their support for this legislation and care deeply about ensuring the safety of all women.

For 24 years, the Violence Against Women Act has provided lifesaving services for survivors of domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

While I am pleased we passed a short-term extension of the Violence Against Women Act, we must work together towards a long-term reauthorization that will allow us to continue to protect and support survivors. We owe it to survivors to ensure this law remains in place, and I will continue to work to make this happen.

RECOGNIZING INDUCTEES OF THE ARKANSAS BLACK HALL OF FAME

(Mr. HILL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise today to congratulate the six Arkansans in the 2018 class of inductees of the Arkansas Black Hall of Fame. This year's inductees include:

Kevin Cole, a celebrated painter, printmaker, and sculptor;

Brent Jennings, a prolific award-winning actor and director;

Lieutenant General Aundre Piggee, U.S. Army deputy chief of staff for logistics at the Pentagon;

Darrell Walker, a former NBA player and current men's basketball coach at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock;

Mary Louise Williams, a legendary educator and political leader; and

Florence Price, the first African American woman recognized as a symphonic composer and to have a composition played by a major orchestra.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize these six Arkansans who will join the Hall of Fame's more than 140 members for their lasting contributions to our communities and our State. I congratulate these inductees who exemplify the spirit and dedication behind this fine honor.

THANKING ARMY SPECIALIST RYAN WILCOX AND HOMES FOR OUR TROOPS

(Ms. TENNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, Army Specialist Ryan Wilcox heroically served our Nation in two combat tours.

Specialist Wilcox first deployed to Iraq as a combat engineer with the 479th Engineer Battalion. In 2007, he suffered a gunshot wound to his leg at that time.

In 2012, he returned to Active Duty in Afghanistan with the 444th Engineer Battalion. During this tour, he suffered chronic pain resulting, ultimately, in the amputation of his right leg.

Now retired, Specialist Wilcox is looking to start a new life in upstate New York with his fiancée, Sara, and their two children, Nicholas and Juliana.

This Saturday, a terrific organization known as Homes for Our Troops will donate a specially adapted home in Mexico, New York, for Specialist Wilcox and his family. This home will allow him to navigate easily throughout his home so he can focus more on his family, finishing college, and continuing his work to help fellow veterans in need.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Specialist Wilcox for his heroic service to our Nation, as well as honoring, congratulating, and thanking Homes for Our Troops for helping transform the lives of our Nation's heroes like Ryan Wilcox and his family.

HONORING MURRAY WATSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COMER). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2017, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FLORES) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.