

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE—PORTER COUNTY CHAPTER

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I take the time to recognize the Izaak Walton League—Porter County Chapter (IWL—PCC) as the organization celebrates its 60th anniversary. In honor of this special occasion, the IWL—PCC will host a celebratory reception at the Portage Lakefront Park and Riverwalk on October 28, 2018.

The IWL—PCC is a not-for-profit organization located in Chesterton, Indiana, and serves as one of Northwest Indiana's greatest assets. The organization holds steadfast to its mission to conserve, maintain, protect, and restore the soil, forest, water, and other natural resources of the United States and other lands. These efforts have successfully led to the promotion and expansion of opportunities for education of the public on these resources and their enjoyment and wholesome utilization.

Organized by my good friends Herb and Charlotte Read in 1958, the IWL—PCC was established to help create the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, which has grown into an incredible national treasure consisting of 15,000 acres. Tom Dustin of the Fort Wayne Chapter and the late Joe Penfold, former Izaak Walton League of America Conservation Director, also played critical roles in the development and early success of the Porter County Chapter.

One of the Chapter's most important projects is its Family Nature Nights program where local schools are introduced to conservation and responsible outdoor recreation. Among their many contributions and achievements, the Porter County Chapter is responsible for the acquiring of several properties for conservation and preservation, including the Frame Little Calumet Conservation Area, the Carol Cook Wetland Overlook, and the Massauga Creek Unit of the Little Calumet Conservation Area. Additionally, the organization's partnership with the Save the Dunes Council, as well as the state and national offices of the Izaak Walton League, have played an instrumental role in the commendable success of the IWL—PCC.

As a member of the Chapter for over a decade, it gives me great pleasure to mention some of the inspiring leaders of the organization who have worked tirelessly to advocate for the conservation of natural resources. They include President Gary Brown, Vice President Jim Sweeney, Secretary Susan Swamer, Treasurer Liz McCloskey, Board members Don Frame and Bill Iltzche, and Executive Director Annette Hansen. I am also grateful for outstanding members such as Walt Breiting, Bonnie Swamer, the late Terry McCloskey, and the gracious volunteers of the IWL—PCC.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring

and congratulating the Izaak Walton League—Porter County Chapter on its 60th anniversary. For the past 60 years, the Chapter's leadership, office holders, and volunteers have enhanced Northwest Indiana for generations to come.

FOURTH AMENDMENT IS IN DANGER

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to talk about a looming menace to our democracy that has been pushed off the front pages but that, nevertheless, continues to compromise our individual liberty and freedom everyday—Mr. Speaker, I am talking about the ongoing erosion of our basic right to privacy guaranteed under the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution.

The Fourth Amendment, as a quick reminder, guarantees: "The right of people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, and shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

From NSA spying, governmental intrusion into your medical history, to Patriot Act searches of your phone and voice records, to Google collecting data about your everyday life and then turning it over to the highest bidder OR the government if they want it—our Fourth Amendment rights are under continued attack.

The Fourth Amendment is a citizen's greatest strength to combat a bullying and growing governmental police state. We even have seen an expansion of administrative subpoenas—somehow my colleagues on the other side of the aisle do not see this as a problem. Why? Because it means that government bureaucrats, without a judge's approval or probable cause, can lead lawless investigations fishing for wrong-doing without purpose. This tool has been used against businesses, large and small, as well as individual citizens.

The previous administration used the SEC, Department of Justice, and the IRS to target those who seemed "a bit too conservative" or whose purpose aided right-leaning causes.

These administrative subpoenas were created back in the day of FDR and the Great Depression to thwart those who fought back against the New Deal's major expansion of the federal government and its powers or dared to try to forward free commerce—pay no mind to the forgotten Tenth Amendment. The Founding Fathers abhorred these warrants, also called Writs of Assistance, which were used by the British government to target governmental critics, those seeking religious freedom, a free press, merchants and businesses,

or those seeking to better their own lives in the new colonies. The Writs allowed British officials to search or seize any property at any time, anywhere, for any reason.

The Fourth Amendment protects against government totalitarianism and government over-reach. Whether it is by governmental snooping of our data and phone records, which has been around since the days of J. Edgar Hoover, and has been amped up in a post 9/11 world, or through judge-less warrants like administrative subpoenas, Americans must be on-alert to try to protect what the Fourth Amendment guarantees us all. Because if not, we simply slip back towards a people controlled by our government who is always watching, waiting to grow its power, and listening for that with which it may not agree, a destruction of the amazing democracy that was created almost 250 years ago.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING JACKIE SILLMAN WITH CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jackie Sillman as a woman of the year. She is a pillar in the community known for her advocacy on behalf of recycling and organic programs in her community. As a Public Relations Manager for Yuba-Sutter Recology, Ms. Sillman educates community organizations, business associations, and school classes on topics related to recycling. She developed and implemented the Yuba-Sutter curbside recycling program in 2001 and went on to create a website in 2012 which helps individuals understand how to recycle more and move closer to their sustainability goals. Ms. Sillman is an integral part of the Yuba-Sutter Recology team. Outside of work, she is devoted to helping others fundraise for various organizations and causes. Her efforts include helping to raise funds for grad nights, week-long environmental camps, hospital foundations, and local organizations, including Pink October, Relay for Life, LEAD Yuba-Sutter, the Alzheimer's Foundation, and countless other causes. Ms. Sillman is a past President of the Soroptimist International in Yuba-Sutter and is currently the Chair of the Sierra-Nevada Regional Development Retreat. Her commitment to her community is evidenced by the numerous awards and commendations she's been honored with, including 2004 Yuba City Rotary, 2005 Athena Award, 2008 Appeal Democrat Spirit of Freedom One Nation Award, and more recently the 2017 Gaetano Tom Orlando Community Service Award. Jackie is a hard-working, responsible, compassionate, and effective community leader who truly cares about her community and embodies all the qualities of a true public servant.

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