

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

OATH CEREMONY ON NOVEMBER 2,
2018

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate twenty-five individuals who will take their oaths of citizenship on November 2, 2018. This memorable occasion will be held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On November 2, 2018, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, will take their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Tantawy Antar Ahmed Tantawy, Caroline Frederika Martin, Jose Mario Carrera Nava, Guadalupe Castellanos de Cordero, Gurmeet Singh Bajwa, Lucy Chavez Reyes, Geertrui Deroos, Aldo Estrada, Emmanuel Niita, Gonzalo Torres, Yunae Chung, Kaynaff Zafar Sheikh, Dianne Amanda Torres, Steve Guga Magwegwe Nkosi, Fernando Diaz, Kristina Krstanovski, Elba Suarez, Jenny Thompson, Ornella Ntamikevyo, Noreljaleel Mohamad Elshobaly, Lorena Amaya, Dulce Maria Nolasco, Alice Jiang, Niren R. Shah, and Sandip R. Patel.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country “. . . of the people, by the people, and for the people.” They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who will become citizens of the United States of America on November 2, 2018. They, too, are American citizens, guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

TRIBUTE TO ST. JOHN'S UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate a special Iowa church congregation from Creston, Iowa. St. John's United Church of Christ celebrated their 140th anniversary on October 6, 2018.

When the church was established in 1878, sermons were given completely in German and church members didn't sing but simply chanted their sermons. The church has changed names from St. John's German Evangelical Lutheran Church to St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church in 1935 to St. John's United Church of Christ in 1961. Members have changed and embraced singing and technology. Sermons are now in English, but the church has continued to be a mainstay in Creston.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate the members of St. John's for their many years of faithful attendance and service to God. I am proud to represent them in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues will join me in congratulating St. John's and wishing them, their pastor, Rick Titus, and the community of Creston nothing but joy in the years ahead.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF
WHITEY'S ICE CREAM

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Whitey's Ice Cream from the Quad Cities for placing first with their ice cream sandwiches at the National Dairy Expo. Whitey's Ice Cream has been serving Illinois since 1933, and has a large following in our Congressional district.

Whitey's Ice Cream was founded and owned by Chester "Whitey" Lindgren until 1953, when he sold it to Bob and Norma Tunberg. Their sons, Jon and Jeff Tunberg, serve as its current owners, but leave the President position open for Bob, who has passed on. Whitey's expanded in 1977 from just Moline to East Moline and Rock Island. In 1984, they expanded to Bettendorf, Iowa and other locations. Since 1988, their ice cream has been able to be purchased in grocery stores across the Midwest. Their ice cream sandwiches, or "Chippers" as they call them, have now placed first at the National Dairy Expo.

It is because of businesses such as Whitey's Ice Cream that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally

congratulate Whitey's Ice Cream for placing first at the National Dairy Expo for their "Chippers."

GARRETT HALL EARNS RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Garrett Hall of Sugar Land, TX for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout is the highest honor a Boy Scout can earn.

Only a small percentage of Boy Scouts reach the rank of Eagle Scout. This honor requires years of effort to develop the necessary leadership, service and outdoor skills. To earn it, Garrett developed and provided leadership to others in a service project. For his project, Garrett redesigned and built a 2.5 mile competition-level orienteering course at Brazos Bend State Park in Needville, TX, which suffered damage from Hurricane Harvey. This included remapping the course with new instructions, and creating and installing 15 posts that could withstand future storms. His dedication to our community has prepared him to be a leader in his future career. The leadership skills he has learned through Boy Scouts are already benefiting our community.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Garrett for becoming an Eagle Scout. We are proud of his continued success and thank him for his dedication to making our community a better place.

HONORING STEPHEN PATRICIO
FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS
TO AGRICULTURE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the achievements of Stephen Patricio as the recipient of the 2018 Western Growers Award of Honor. Throughout his 45-year career, Mr. Patricio has made exceptional contributions to agriculture, including significant advancements in food safety and public health.

Shortly after earning his degree in accounting from Santa Clara University in 1974, Mr. Patricio began his career in agribusiness. Working as the chief financial advisor and general manager of the melon operation at Jess Telles' large-scale farm, he gained firsthand experience and developed a fundamental understanding of the agriculture business that would drive his life's work.

In 1993, Mr. Patricio and Mr. Telles launched Westside Produce in the Central

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