

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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San Joaquin Valley of California, which skillfully connected farmers to the marketplace. Having experienced many challenges, such as the melon food safety crisis and E. coli outbreak, he identified a need for scientifically-based information about food safety for both workers and consumers.

Mr. Patricio raised millions of dollars to fund research aimed at preventing food-borne illnesses and worked with University of California, Davis to assess the food safety risks associated with melons. This led to the first mandatory food safety compliance program for the cantaloupe industry in the state. He also played a significant role in the Leafy Greens Marketing Agreements, which have become the model for produce safety in California and Arizona.

In addition to Mr. Patricio's dedication to food safety, he has also become deeply passionate about water rights. He has led the charge in advocating for a sustainable water supply for California farmers and established the first orientation program for agribusinesses that focused solely on water rights.

Throughout his long and distinguished career, Stephen Patricio has received continuous support from his wife Nikki, his children, Blake, Garrett, and Ashley, and more recently from his grandchildren, Yale, Taylor, Peyton, Brooklyn, Carter, Paxton, Kennedy, and Bryce. They will be by his side at the Award of Honor Dinner Gala in celebration of this momentous achievement.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognition of Stephen Patricio for his remarkable contributions to California agriculture. His sustained efforts have left a lasting impact on the health of the nation and continue to shape public policy in California and the Congressional District I have the honor of representing.

TRIBUTE TO MARIAN AND BRAD
TATE

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 Marian and Brad Tate of Bayard, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 55th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on October 26, 2018.

Marian and Brad's lifelong commitment to each other truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 55th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 55th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Marian and Brad Tate on this meaningful occasion and in wishing them both nothing but continued happiness.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
BISHOP JAMES WALKER HOOD
ON THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNI-
VERSARY OF HIS PASSING

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the legendary Bishop James Walker Hood on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of his passing. Bishop Hood is credited with establishing the North Carolina African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Conference, the Prince Hall Masons of North Carolina, and Livingstone College, all in my home state of North Carolina.

On May 30, 1831, James Walker Hood was born to Levi and Harriet Walker Hood on the farm of Ephraim Jackson in Chester County, Pennsylvania, nine miles from Wilmington, Delaware. Hood's parents instilled their love of the church and a spirit to help fellow African Americans improve their lives in their twelve children. Hood's father was a Methodist minister and his work moved the family around the country as he served various churches. Together, Hood's parents became involved in the AME Zion church, established as the Methodist church for Blacks.

Upon coming of age, James Walker Hood's moral and religious convictions led him into ministry. In 1856, Hood secured his license to preach from the New York Conference of the AME Zion Church. In the following years, Hood moved to Connecticut and Nova Scotia to preach and work as a missionary. In early 1864, following the path of the Union Army, Hood was appointed to missionary work in North Carolina, recognizing that legal slavery would soon end. He would then stay in North Carolina for the remainder of his life.

Although Hood was met with strong opposition in establishing the North Carolina Conference of AME Zion Church for African Americans, he persuaded the Black Southern Methodist congregations in New Bern and Beaufort, North Carolina to affiliate with the AME Zion Church. Among the more than 300 churches he successfully established in North Carolina are St. Peter's AME Zion Church (New Bern), Evans Metropolitan AME Zion Church (Fayetteville), and St. John AME Zion Church (Wilson).

After becoming a Presiding Bishop in 1872, Bishop James Walker Hood resided in Fayetteville until his death on October 30, 1918. He is interred in Cross Creek Cemetery in Fayetteville. Hood helped establish Zion Wesley Institute, now Livingstone College, in Salisbury, North Carolina to train African American students for the ministry and to become productive citizens in North Carolina. He presided over the school's board of trustees for over thirty years.

Bishop Hood was politically active on behalf of his people. In 1865, he presided over the first statewide political convention for African Americans. In 1868, he participated in the state constitutional convention which abolished slavery, provided universal male suffrage, and established free public education for all children. He also held several governmental positions, including magistrate and assistant superintendent of the North Carolina Freedman's Bureau.

Bishop Hood was a man of courage, conviction, and persistence. He was unwavering in his commitment to the cause of Christianity and the establishment of the AME Zion Church in North Carolina. It is remarkable that Bishop Hood, who had little formal education, would publish five books, including *The Negro in the Christian Pulpit* (1884) and *Sketch of the Early History of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church* (1914).

Mr. Speaker, Bishop James Walker Hood's legacy continues through the work of AME Zion's Board of Bishops: Bishop George Edward Battle, Jr. (Piedmont Episcopal District), Bishop Kenneth Monroe (Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District), Bishop Darryl B. Starnes, Sr. (Mid-West Episcopal District), Bishop Dennis V. Proctor (North Eastern Episcopal District), Bishop Mildred B. Hines (South Atlantic Episcopal District), Bishop W. Darin Moore (Mid-Atlantic Episcopal District), Bishop Seth O. Lartey (Alabama-Florida Episcopal District), Bishop Michael A. Frencher, Sr. (Southwestern Delta Episcopal District), Bishop Staccato Powell (Western Episcopal District), Bishop George D. Crenshaw (Central Southern Africa Episcopal District), Bishop Hilliard Dogbe (Western West Africa Episcopal District), and Bishop Uduak Effiong (Eastern West Africa Episcopal District).

By the grace of God, Bishop James Walker Hood left an indelible mark on North Carolina and the country that is still recognized one hundred years after his passing.

On behalf of the people of the First Congressional District of North Carolina, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Bishop James Walker Hood's life, work, and legacy on this significant occasion.

RECOGNIZING MR. WILFRED R.
DEFOUR, SR.

HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent from New York's 13th Congressional District, Mr. Wilfred R. DeFour, Sr. and celebrate him on his 100th Birthday and highlight his service in defense of our nation.

Mr. DeFour was raised in Harlem where he attended Dewitt Clinton High School, City College of New York, and the New York University School of Commerce.

Mr. DeFour served in the 366th Air Service Squadron of the U.S. Army Air Corps and later the 332nd Fighter Group; military aviators and personnel known as a Tuskegee Airmen during World War II.

Mr. DeFour was an aircraft technician working on many of the planes flown by the Tuskegee Airmen. In fact, Mr. DeFour painted the tails of aircraft red by hand that lent the airmen their signature moniker of "Red Tails".

Mr. DeFour is a lifelong New Yorker and returned to New York City after his military service to work for the U.S. Postal Service for 33 years where he demonstrated extraordinary pride in his work for the people of Harlem as evidenced by his ascendance to Superintendent of Special Delivery and Parcel.

Earlier this month, Mr. DeFour celebrated his 100th birthday and over the weekend, he