

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING DEVIN RICH AND
KIERSTEN BARE FROM KALISPELL

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor siblings Devin Rich and Kiersten Bare of Kalispell for helping victims of the Woolsey and Camp fires recover from the devastation.

A graduate of Flathead High School, Devin lives in Marina del Rey, California. While the nearby Woolsey Fire roared in early November, he volunteered to help with the support efforts. Wearing protective gear and working in difficult circumstances, Devin helped victims of the fire search through the ash and rubble where their homes stood to salvage items dear to them.

Driven by her compassion for animals, Kiersten, who lives in Kalispell, worked to reunite lost pets with their owners. Kiersten spent hours online studying photos of the displaced animals to identify potential matches to help pet owners in their search.

The Woolsey and Camp fires devastated California this year, claiming nearly 90 lives and destroying more than 14,000 homes. Devin and Kiersten are among the generous Americans who answered the call to serve others in their time of need. I commend all the firefighters, first responders, support workers, and volunteers who saved lives and helped those impacted by these catastrophic fires.

Mr. Speaker, for their compassion for the victims of California's disastrous Woolsey and Camp fires and their commitment to helping in the recovery, I recognize Devin Rich and Kiersten Bare for their spirit of Montana.

RECOGNIZING SUPERVISOR RANDY
HANVELT

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Randy Hanvelt for his devoted service as a Tuolumne County Supervisor.

Supervisor Hanvelt was first elected to serve the 2nd District of Tuolumne County in 2010 and has worked incessantly on behalf of his constituents ever since.

In his years of service, Randy Hanvelt has transformed the job of a County Supervisor. He has relentlessly pursued a better way of life for the residents of Tuolumne County; never missing an opportunity to share his message, express his passion, and inspire others to advocate for rural issues.

In addition to serving on more than a dozen regional committees and commissions, Supervisor Hanvelt was elected Second Vice Chair to the Rural County Representatives of Cali-

fornia in December 2016. He served as both the Second and First Vice Chairs during his tenure as Tuolumne County Supervisor. In July 2018, Supervisor Hanvelt was appointed chair of the National Association of Counties' Public Lands Policy Steering Committee. In 2017, the California Forestry Association awarded Randy the title of "Conservationist of the Year."

Supervisor Hanvelt has worked tirelessly on behalf of his district and the entirety of Tuolumne County. He has advocated locally and nationally for full funding of Payments in Lieu of Taxes, the Secure Rural Schools Program, and Forest Health projects, including Rim Fire Recovery and the County's Master Stewardship Agreement with the U.S. Forest Service. Randy has also been an instrumental leader in developing programs and securing funding to eradicate dead and hazardous trees.

Supervisor Randy Hanvelt has truly been at the forefront in making Tuolumne County a more prosperous place. He has set a new standard for local leaders and his service to the community is incomparable.

IN APPRECIATION OF PAUL
THOMPSON UPON HIS RETIRE-
MENT FROM THE GOVERNMENT
ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my appreciation of Mr. Paul Thompson upon his retirement from the Government Accountability Office.

Over the past four decades, Mr. Thompson has worked on a diverse range of issues in the Legislative and Executive Branches. Mr. Thompson began his federal career in 1977, as a staff member to the then-U.S. House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. He then joined the Department of Energy's Office of General Counsel in 1980 as a Law Clerk. In 1982, he left the Department of Energy and joined the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) as an Attorney-Advisor. In 1987, Mr. Thompson took a position in the private sector, but, just three years later, he began working at what we now know as the Government Accountability Office. But in 1991, it was called the General Accounting Office.

Over the past 27 years, Mr. Thompson has helped GAO carry out its core mission of supporting Congress in meeting its constitutional responsibilities and to help improve the performance and ensure the accountability of the federal government for the benefit of the American people. In my capacity as the top Democrat on the Committee on Homeland Security Committee, I have found him to be a reliable resource to our staff in our efforts to carry out vigorous oversight and appreciate

his personal commitment to providing staff with valuable insights and information.

Mr. Speaker, you may be wondering whether Mr. Thompson and I are related. We are not related, but we share a commitment to accountability and oversight.

We thank Mr. Thompson for his service to our country and wish him the very best.

PASSING OF RON BARTOLI

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, northern California lost a great leader, visionary, family man and true patriot in Ron Bartoli.

Ron's success as a businessman included building a thriving international company. His passion for the U.S. Air Force and its critical missions, and the men and women serving at BEALE AFB was relentless and sincere. Much of the success and growth of missions at BEALE AFB since 1986 can be attributed to Ron's efforts.

Ron loved people and he spent quality time with everyone he came to know. He was an accomplished pilot, sport fisherman and he loved to play golf. He was a longtime Board Member and past Board Chair at Sierra Central Credit Union.

IT IS GOING TO TAKE MORE THAN
SANCTIONS TO REVERSE IRAN'S
EXPANSIONISM

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, across the Middle East today, armed thugs backed by Iran are entrenching themselves in local communities, undermining democratic aspirations, and stockpiling weapons in preparation for war against America's allies. Sadly, it's nothing new. For more than a decade, Iran has constructed a formidable array of foreign legions that exploit corruption and instability to subjugate millions to Tehran's will. In response, the President has rightly restored sanctions on the Islamic Republic and prioritized confronting its regional activity. But to reverse the gains Iran and its proxies have made over recent years, America and its allies must go beyond sanctions.

Sanctions are designed to deny resources to Iran that are used to support terrorism, develop nuclear weapons, and conduct human rights abuses at home. We know this strategy has had some success in the past stalling Iran's efforts and forcing Tehran to come to the bargaining table. The Obama Administration, however, gave away the farm to the Mullahs, removing many of the sanctions that

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