

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF DON CAPALBI

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Don Capalbi, my longtime staff member who also served as a civic leader in my district in Queens, New York.

Don passed away at local hospice facility in the early morning hours of December 2, 2018. He had been hospitalized at Northwell Health after sustaining a head injury from a fall.

Don was my Community Liaison from 2013 to 2018 and he served in the same capacity when I was a member of the New York State Assembly from 2009 to 2012. My staff and I are devastated by his loss.

Don worked tirelessly for the people of our Congressional district. He was an integral part of my team, providing me with information and advice about community issues, and representing me at civic meetings and local events. These included everything from community board and civic group meetings to press conferences and public ceremonies. One of the most recent issues he helped resolve was for the local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 3427 where he helped save costly fines.

Don was a longtime resident of the Queensboro Hill neighborhood, a residential community in Flushing, Queens. In 2009, he became president of the area's civic group, the Queensboro Hill Flushing Civic Association. Don reinvigorated the organization and fought tremendously for the community. He dedicated countless hours to preserving and improving the quality of life in the neighborhood and tackled numerous causes. He fought against excessive airplane noise, advocated for traffic and transportation improvements, pushed for beautification enhancements and partnered with local schools and libraries on a variety of projects. He also worked to combat the increase of overdevelopment and many newspapers, from the Flushing Times to the New York Times, highlighted his efforts on the issue.

In addition, Don was a member of many other community organizations in the Flushing area including the Greater Flushing Chamber of Commerce, New York Hospital Queens Community Advisory Council, 109th Precinct Community Council, Kissena Corridor Park Conservancy, Lions Club, Knights of Columbus and the NAACP.

But Don was much more than a terrific civic activist and staff member. He was also a great human being; a wonderful and special person who was selfless and full of life, and one of the kindest, friendliest and gentlest people I've known. He touched and impacted so many lives and was loved, admired and respected by all with whom he worked. Rarely did I see him without a smile on his face.

Born on March 2, 1945, Don was raised in Astoria, Queens. His mother Gaetana was an

immigrant from Italy, and his father Frank hailed from Indiana. Don graduated from La Salle Academy High School and went on to attend Long Island University where he earned a degree in Business Administration. An only child, Don was primarily raised by his mother; his father passed away when he was just 10 years old. Don loved his mother dearly and he cared for her as she grew older. With his help, she lived to the ripe old age of 103.

At the 1964–1965 World's Fair at Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, Don worked at the restaurant that was part of the famed Rheingold exhibit, and the job planted a seed for a career he had in the restaurant and food service business.

While working at the World's Fair, Don saw firsthand the popularity of the Belgian waffles that the Fair helped introduce to the nation. Showing what a visionary entrepreneur he was, Don purchased two mobile food trucks and used the vehicles to sell the famous waffles to the public, a venture that lasted several years.

Later on, Don supervised restaurant groups for Restaurant Associates Industries in Manhattan, and Inhilco division of Hilton International, where his responsibilities included the operation of six restaurants in the World Trade Center.

Don then opened the Border Cafe on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, and later the College Green pub on Kissena Boulevard near Queens College.

In addition, inspired by his love of travel, Don launched Away U Go Travel, a travel agency for people with disabilities.

Despite Queens being the home of the New York Mets, Don was a diehard Yankees fan, and often discussed his fondness for the Bronx Bombers and the game of baseball. He loved all types of food from soup dumplings to pasta, enjoyed traveling—particularly on cruises—and was proud of his Italian heritage. He was also a fan of Caribbean music. But above all, he loved Queens. He had a deep affection for the borough he called home and always embraced its diversity, history and culture.

I thank Don for his many years of dedication, and I will always remember his unwavering commitment to our constituents, and his many efforts to make our Congressional district a better place for all who live and work in west, central and northeast Queens. His contributions will have a lasting impact for many years to come.

There are so many wonderful words that can be used to describe Don. Simply put, he was a class act; a decent and honorable person and a man of great integrity who served his community and our district with tremendous distinction.

Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in praising the work and dedication of Don Capalbi. He will be sorely missed but the legacy of his service, and the contributions he made to help others, will never be forgotten. He will remain in our hearts forever.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DURING THE GARY FRONTIERS SERVICE CLUB'S 40TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL BREAKFAST

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, as we celebrate the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and reflect on his life and work, we are reminded of the challenges that democracy poses to us and the delicate nature of liberty. Dr. King's life and, unfortunately, his untimely death, remind us that we must continually work to secure and protect our freedoms. In his courage to act, his willingness to meet challenges, and his ability to achieve, Dr. King embodied all that is good and true in the battle for liberty.

The spirit of Dr. King lives on in the citizens of communities throughout our nation. It lives on in the people whose actions reflect the spirit of resolve and achievement that will help move our country into the future. I am honored to rise today to recognize several individuals from Indiana's First Congressional District who will be recognized during the 40th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast on Saturday, January 19, 2019, at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary, Indiana. The Gary Frontiers Service Club, which was founded in 1952, sponsors this annual breakfast.

The Gary Frontiers Service Club will pay tribute to local individuals who have for decades selflessly contributed to improving the quality of life for the people of Gary. This year, Dr. Janet Seabrook, M.D., MBA, will be honored with the prestigious Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major Award. Additionally, Sharon Chambers, Wendell Clayton Harris, Sr., Nellie Moore, and Monroe Smith will be recognized as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Marchers at this year's breakfast.

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Though very different in nature, the achievements of each of these individuals reflect many of the same attributes that Dr. King possessed, as well as the values he advocated. Like Dr. King, these individuals saw challenges and faced them with unwavering strength and determination. Each one of the honored guests' greatness has been found in their willingness to serve with "a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love." They set goals and work selflessly to make them a reality.

Madam Speaker, I invite you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending these honorees, as well as the Gary Frontiers Service Club officers, President Oliver Gilliam, who also served as the MLK Breakfast Chairman, Vice President Charles Jackson, Secretary Linnal Ford, Financial Secretary Melvin Ward, and Treasurer Floyd Donaldson, and all members of the service club for their initiative, determination, and dedication to serving the people of Northwest Indiana.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DON
JACKSON

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the life of Don Jackson, a lifelong philanthropist highly invested in improving the Central Valley, who passed away on December 21, 2018, at the age of 82.

Mr. Jackson was born in 1936 in Chicago, Illinois and raised in Tucson, Arizona. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona and later went on to study law at Stanford University. Upon completion of his studies, he was admitted to the California State Bar in 1962.

Shortly thereafter, Mr. Jackson started his own tax law and estate planning practice, which would become one of the largest and most successful firms in Fresno. Along with his legal expertise, Don was also heavily active in the political sphere, working on both the Reagan and Bush presidential campaigns, in addition to numerous other California campaigns. In 1998, Governor Pete Wilson appointed Mr. Jackson to the California Public Employee Relations Board. As a devoted Rotarian and a passionate philanthropist, Mr. Jackson served on several boards, including the Gazarian Real Estate Center Advisory Board at Fresno State, the Saint Agnes Medical Center Foundation Board, the Dominican Hospital Foundation Board in Santa Cruz, and co-founding the Central Valley Women's Conference.

In addition to these laudable accomplishments, the legacy for which he will be best remembered is his instrumental role in the founding of the Senator Kenneth L. Maddy Institute at California State University, Fresno; which works to inspire and engage a new generation of government leaders in addition to providing non-partisan policy analysis to resolve the issues facing the region, the state, and the nation. For much of their adult lives, Senator Maddy and Mr. Jackson were close friends as well as law partners. In honor of

Senator Maddy's legacy, Mr. Jackson chaired the Board from 1999 to 2009, for the first 10 years since the Institute's inception, and until this past year, he served the Maddy Institute as CFO and Treasurer.

During his tenure as Chair, Mr. Jackson established vital programs such as the Maddy Legislative Intern Program, the Maddy Associates Program, the Maddy Report, and the Maddy Daily e-newsletter. He provided scholarships for over 150 federal and state legislative interns, founding the Don Jackson Public Finance Intern Scholarship Program, and raising over \$1 million in grants, events, and programs for the Institute. He was an exceptional strategist, who will be forever remembered by those he touched for his high standard of excellence, his mentorship, and his commitment to making the Valley a better place.

Mr. Jackson is survived by his brother and sister, his 6 children, and 8 grandchildren for whom he has always shown dedication and affection. It is my honor to stand with Mr. Don Jackson's family in celebration of the life of this inspirational man.

Madam Speaker, it is with profound respect that I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life, remarkable career, and achievements of Mr. Don Jackson. His legacy and dedication to our beautiful Valley will be remembered for years to come.

HONORING THE CAREER OF
COLONEL STEPHEN MCCARTNEY

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Stephen McCartney, Chief of Police of the City of Warwick, Rhode Island, my hometown. Chief McCartney retired on December 21, 2018, concluding decades of unwavering dedication to his community and to his country.

In 1969, the same year that he graduated from Providence College with a degree in history, Chief McCartney joined the United States Marine Corps. Over his thirty years of service in the armed forces, he fought in Vietnam and in the Gulf War, and he even assisted in training Rwandan law enforcement as the country rebuilt from unspeakable tragedy. He held every infantry position from the platoon up to the regimental level before transitioning to reserve service, and he received numerous military distinctions, including the Naval and Marine Corps Medal for heroism.

Soon after his return from Vietnam, Chief McCartney joined the Providence Police Department, serving for nearly 26 years in many roles. He directed the department's first mounted unit, spent several years as the director of training, and commanded the Neighborhood Response Unit. After 15 years with the patrol bureau, he moved to the detective bureau—eventually overseeing more than 150 major investigations as its director.

Chief McCartney transitioned to the Warwick Police Department in 1999, where he served nearly 20 years as the Chief of Police with distinction, honor, and dedication. His tenure was marked by his humility, his professionalism, and his commitment not only to the safety of the community, but also to each officer under

his command. Countless individuals within the department have considered him a mentor, and countless others both inside and outside of the department have considered him a true friend, myself included. Warwick has been tremendously fortunate to have had such an exemplary public servant.

Although his leadership will certainly be missed at the department, I am sure he will continue to find ways to make a difference, and I wish him well.

CONGRATULATING MR. TORRES ON
BEING A RECIPIENT OF THE ILLINOIS
BICENTENNIAL HONOR 200
CAMPAIGN

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Raymond Torres for being a recipient of the Illinois Bicentennial Honor 200 campaign. The award is given by the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Illinois Bicentennial Office to honor veterans who have given back to their communities after their service.

From Sterling, Illinois, Mr. Torres honorably served our nation in the Vietnam War, where he was wounded in the battle of Khe Sanh. Upon his return, Mr. Torres developed Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and has since made it his mission to help others who have gone through similar experiences. In 2015, I had the privilege of meeting Mr. Torres and his family in my Rock Island Office where I presented him with service medals he had not previously received. Mr. Torres' honors consist of a Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation and a Combat Action Ribbon. It is fitting that Mr. Torres is honored for both his past and present service to our state and our nation, as Illinois celebrates its 200th birthday. His service is exemplary and I am humbled to have had the opportunity to meet him.

It is because of dedicated leaders such as Mr. Raymond Torres that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Mr. Torres for receiving this honor and thank him for all he does for veterans in our communities.

RECOGNIZING JUDGE WILLIAM
OSWALT

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize and honor Fayette County Probate Judge William Oswalt on the occasion of his retirement. I am proud to recognize Judge Oswalt for his thirty years of public service to Fayette County and the State of Alabama. He is truly a man who embodies the American principles of hard work and devotion to one's community.

Judge Oswalt is a life-long resident of Fayette County, Alabama. After graduating from