

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN CELEBRATION OF CENTRE COLLEGE'S BICENTENNIAL

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 11, 2019

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Centre College in Danville, Kentucky, which is celebrating its bicentennial this year. Officially chartered by the Kentucky Legislature on January 21, 1819, Centre has been an important institution in the Danville community and in our Commonwealth for the last 200 years.

What began as a small Presbyterian college with only two professors and five students, Centre has grown into one of the top liberal arts schools in our country. Given the name Centre to reflect its location in the center of Kentucky, Centre College has become a true center of academic excellence in the Commonwealth. From its beginning, Centre has emphasized personal education, and in keeping with that tradition, currently maintains a 10–1 student to faculty ratio. A leader in study abroad programs, Centre also promotes a global education, with 85 percent of Centre students studying abroad at least once.

Centre offers more than fifty majors and minors across the liberal arts spectrum, and its alumni include two United States vice presidents and two Supreme Court justices. I have had Centre graduates on my staff and have always been impressed by their diligence and the quality of their work. My colleagues may recognize Centre College as the host of not one, but two vice presidential election debates, both in 2000 and, because the 2000 debate was handled so well, again in 2012.

I commend Centre College for its commitment to education, and to the success of its students. I am proud to represent Centre College in Congress. Congratulations to Centre College—here's to the next 200 years.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF BILL HORNER

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 11, 2019

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a public servant and great American, the late Mr. Bill Horner of Pocahtontas, Tennessee. President Ronald Reagan once said, "Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in this world. Marines don't have that problem."

Mr. Horner retired as a Major in the United States Marine Corps after serving our country and making a difference for twenty-two years as a Marine pilot. He then helped spread the Gospel message for sixteen years by flying from churches in Alabama and Tennessee to

many places in South America. And as one of his greatest accomplishments, he maintained a loving marriage with his wife Mrs. Emilie Horner for 46 years. She, his children Teresa and Chip, grandchildren Donald and Judith, and his eight great-grandchildren survive him.

We know that he made a difference to their lives and to our country in the honorable 82 years that he lived.

SPECIAL ENVOY TO MONITOR AND COMBAT ANTI-SEMITISM ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 10, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 221, the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism Act of 2019, important and bipartisan legislation that will ensure we continue addressing anti-Semitism across the globe. I was proud to cosponsor this bill last Congress, and I am proud to cosponsor it again this year, in the hope that the Senate will this time act to send it to the President for signature.

The Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism Act would elevate the position of Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism to the rank of Ambassador, reporting directly to the Secretary of State; as the primary advisor and coordinator for U.S. government efforts to monitor and combat Anti-Semitism and Anti-Semitic incitement in foreign countries. In short, it will ensure that the United States continues to play a leading role in combating Anti-Semitism across the globe.

We have seen a dramatic increase in anti-Semitism in recent years. It is ugly. It is tragic. It must be addressed. High attacks like the one at the Hyper Cacher kosher supermarket in Paris and the horrific shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh captured the world's attention and forced the issue into the international spotlight. Other incidents, including the stabbing of Holocaust survivor Mireille Knoll in Paris, the shattering of windows at the HaCarmel kosher restaurant in Amsterdam, and countless other daily occurrences of harassment or physical assaults against Jews do not garner as much attention. Europe is facing a growing number of right-wing, nationalist, extremist political movements, and across the globe, the growing trend of anti-Semitism masked as anti-Zionism threatens Jewish communities and delegitimizes the existence of Israel.

Those of us who have served on the U.S. Helsinki Commission have taken efforts to combat anti-Semitism at the international level. As the incoming Chairman of the Commission, I intend to continue prioritizing this work with representatives of governments throughout Europe to highlight the resurgence of Anti-Semitism and elevate efforts to push back against this despicable resurgence through

education, outreach, and improved security. Mr. SMITH, Mr. HOYER, Senator CARDIN and I have all chaired the Helsinki Commission, and together, we have worked with several other Members of both the House and Senate, as well as with parliamentarians particularly from Germany and Canada, to have the Parliamentary Assembly of the 57-country OSCE condemn the escalation of anti-Semitic violence in Europe. We first did this at the Assembly's 2002 annual session in Berlin, Germany, and have kept it on the agenda there ever since, suggesting measures to counter anti-Semitic statements and acts of violence alike. I pushed it strongly while serving as President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly from 2004 to 2006, and then as chairman of the Commission from 2007 to 2008. We succeeded in getting OSCE institutions, officials and diplomatic representatives to incorporate efforts to combat anti-Semitism and other forms of intolerance into their ongoing work.

Ensuring that our country continues to lead in the fight against Anti-Semitism is a priority that we should all embrace. I fully support this measure and urge my colleagues to do the same.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF ED STOKES

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 11, 2019

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Ed Stokes for his generosity, friendliness, and legacy in our community.

Ed was born in South Carolina in 1922 and was raised in North Carolina. After serving in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II, he attended the University of California, Berkeley. From his time as a young adolescent in high school to his years in university, Ed worked at local grocery stores to support his family.

In 1968, Ed founded Diablo Foods in Lafayette and quickly became a beloved figure in the city's community. Under the motto "good service, fairness, quality, and friendliness know no compromise," Ed ensured that Diablo Foods was a welcoming place for local residents.

An important member of his community, Ed was awarded Lafayette's Citizen of the Year and Business Person of the Year—twice. He was also the recipient of the Su Stauffer Acalanes Friend of Education Award, a Marine Corps League Award, the Humanitarian Award by the Soroptimist Club, and the Paul Harris Fellow Award from the Lafayette Rotary. Ed's commitment to public service extended to his work for the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, and Town Hall Theatre.

Ed will be sincerely missed by those who had the pleasure of knowing him, and will be remembered for his endless service to and love for his community.

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