

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JAMES KING AND CHARLES COBB FOR THEIR 55 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE KEESEVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 14, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor both James “Jim” King and Charles “Charlie” Cobb for their 55 years of service in the Keeseville Volunteer Fire Department.

Jim and Charlie both started at the Department in 1964 and have shared countless stories and adventures together since then. Throughout their 55 years of service, regardless of changes to technology or personnel, the two have remained life-long friends and are steadfast in their commitment to the safety of Keeseville and the surrounding communities.

Jim has admired the fire station since he was a child and became the first in his family to join. During his tenure with the Department, he has held the positions of Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, and Fire Commissioner, and started the Department’s enhanced 911 system. Jim also served as President of the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs in 2003. Prior to joining the Department, Jim served for 15 years in the Army, which included a deployment to Korea and assignment to the 962nd Ordinance Company in Plattsburgh.

For Charlie, serving as a firefighter has been a family tradition. After obtaining his license, Charlie often drove his dad—who served with the department for thirty-eight years—to fire calls, and soon followed in his father’s footsteps and became a firefighter himself. During his impressive fifty-five-year career with the Department, Charlie served as Fire Commissioner, Assistant Fire Chief, Fire Police Captain, and EMS Captain.

Having devoted over half a century of their lives to fire protection, Jim and Charlie are exemplary members of the community. On behalf of New York’s 21st District, I want to join the Keeseville Volunteer Fire Department in honoring Jim King and Charlie Cobb and thanking them for their many years of public service.

RECOGNIZING FORMER MAYOR SCOTT EISENHAUER

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

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Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Scott Eisenhauer, who recently retired as Mayor of Danville after 16 years of service.

Like many other cities, Danville has faced its share of challenges. Yet, through it all,

Mayor Eisenhauer was a beacon of hope and resiliency as a tireless advocate for his home town and a superb manager of its affairs. Over the past few years, I have come to know Scott and I have seen firsthand the many positive results his hard work has brought.

Today, Danville is a far better place to live, work, and raise a family than it was when Scott won his first election in 2003. Numerous large-scale economic development projects have been realized and more are in the works. Public housing programs will be accomplished in early 2019. Additionally, a long list of infrastructure and quality of life projects were completed under Scott’s stewardship.

His list of accomplishments are many, but perhaps the most remarkable aspect of Scott’s tenure as mayor was how successfully he was able to gain a consensus with the many stakeholders he engaged. His working relationship with city aldermen, the business community, civic and community leaders, and the state and federal government officials was exemplary and a major key to his success.

Madam Speaker, “Eisenhauer will be missed” was the title of a recent editorial in Danville’s newspaper. It is a good way to sum up how the city feels about their former mayor. Indeed, Scott’s boundless energy and endless enthusiasm will be missed by all, and I wish him the very best as he begins a new chapter in his professional life.

HONORING THE CAREER OF DOUGLAS VERVERS

HON. JOHN KATKO

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Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Douglas Ververs, who retired in 2018 after a 30-year career with the Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE). Mr. Ververs has served the CCE in various capacities throughout the years and has remained steadfast in his commitment to support economic development and the agriculture in Upstate New York.

Mr. Ververs graduated from SUNY Oswego with a degree in Industrial Arts & Technology Education in 1979. He spent his first eight years after college working in sales for the Black Clawson Company in Fulton, but changed his career trajectory in January 1988 when he started working for CCE. He first served as a Small Business and Tourism Educator for CCE Oswego County, where he taught businesses how to utilize local attractions for their customers. In 2006, Mr. Ververs became Executive Director of CCE Cayuga County after 17 years working for CCE Oswego.

Mr. Ververs oversaw all of CCE’s operations in Cayuga County during his tenure as Executive Director. This included conducting outreach programs for Cayuga County residents in the fields of agriculture, environmental education, and small business and nutrition. Addi-

tionally, Mr. Ververs implemented a 4-H youth development program through CCE Cayuga. He was also responsible for many administrative responsibilities at CCE Cayuga.

Outside of his CCE Cayuga activities, Mr. Ververs was a team member with the New York Sea Grant Program in Costal Business Development from 1988 to 2002. He also shared his knowledge of recreation and the environment by teaching classes at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry from 2003 to 2005. Mr. Ververs has been honored many times throughout his career for his work in Central New York, including his receipt of the Community and Rural Development Innovator Award in 2001, the Cornell Cooperative Extension Distinguished Service Career Award in 2014, and induction into the Oswego County Tourism Ambassador Hall-of-Fame in 2005.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring the distinguished career of Douglas Ververs. He has improved the lives of many Central New Yorkers, as well as the environment, through his diligent service to his community. His investment in the success of his local community is exemplary of a model citizen and is a standard from which we can all learn.

HONORING DR. BHAGWATI MISTRY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a member of the community who this year will serve as a delegate to the 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas celebration, which will be held in Varanasi, India from January 21 to 23.

Dr. Mistry was born in India but emigrated to the United States in 1978. She has served the community as a pediatric dentist, delivering high quality treatment and care to young children and teenagers in New York for the past 38 years.

The Pravasi Bharatiya Divas event occurs every two years, and is an opportunity for the Government of India to recognize the contributions made by the overseas Indian community. This year, the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is associated with two other major events for India, the Kumbh Mela and India’s 70th Republic Day. By including Dr. Mistry among the delegates for the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, the celebration is further enriched because of her tremendous contributions to the Tarrytown community.

Congratulations to Dr. Mistry on receiving this wonderful and well-deserved recognition.

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