

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2019

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize International Holocaust Remembrance Day which marks the anniversary of the 1945 liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. I join with people around the world to commemorate the millions of lives lost to Nazism, especially the six million Jewish lives lost.

It is imperative that we remember the loss of those six million people and, also, the people who survived and those who helped them survive. Of the 1.3 million people taken to Auschwitz, an estimated 1.1 million were killed.

In 1984, as a young State Senator, I sponsored legislation to create the Tennessee Holocaust Commission, one of the first such state Commissions. I'm very proud of the work of the Tennessee Holocaust Commission, much of which is educating Tennessee teachers so they can teach children about the Holocaust.

As we remember the lives lost, we should also remember those who survived and, also, the military that liberated the camps and the hundreds of thousands of righteous gentiles who risked their own lives to save Jews. The Holocaust showed that a society that tolerates antisemitism is susceptible to other forms of racism, hatred, and oppression.

I urge all Americans visiting Washington to visit the U.S. Holocaust Museum and I urge all Tennesseans and those visiting Nashville to go to the Memorial on the State Capitol Grounds, situated alongside six cedar trees representing six million people, to remember and to understand why we must always remember and stand up against antisemitism, racism, hatred and oppression wherever and whenever it occurs.

HONORING EVA MARGARITA BRAVO

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2019

Mrs. LESKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate a life well-lived by Eva Margarita Bravo. At 58 years old, Eva passed away in a Mesa, Arizona hospital with her family by her side on December 7, 2018.

Eva was a native Arizonan, born on July 21, 1961 and was raised with seven brothers and sisters. She lived in Mesa for over thirty years of her life, where she raised two children, Cealia Bravo and Roberto Bravo III (Bobby), with her husband of thirty years, Roberto Bravo Jr. Eva faithfully served her community as a Medical Assistant, then a Certified Nursing Assistant. She proceeded to follow her

passion and had a long, successful career in baking and cake decorating.

Her son, Bobby, has served on my staff both in Washington, D.C. and Arizona for five years while taking care of his mother in her last few years of life. His dedication to his mother and family while working with distinction on my staff is admirable and inspiring.

Eva was a great mother to her children. She leaves behind a legacy of love for her family and committed service to her community. It is impossible to write into words the impact and value a person's life has on another, but Eva will be greatly missed by her family, friends and the Mesa community. On behalf of Arizona's Eighth Congressional District, I extend my deepest condolences to Eva's children, Cealia and Bobby, their family, and their friends who mourn this loss.

COMMEMORATING THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE FOUNDING OF SIMPSON COUNTY AND THE CITY OF FRANKLIN

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2019

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the bicentennial of the founding of Simpson County and the City of Franklin in the 1st Congressional District of Kentucky.

Simpson County was founded on January 28, 1819 with the City of Franklin formally incorporated in 1820. To honor both, the local community is beginning a year-long celebration on Monday, which will highlight their shared past and anticipate their bright future.

Simpson County's namesake, Captain John Simpson, was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1812, but postponed service in the House to fight in the War of 1812. Although Captain Simpson died before returning home from the war, his legacy carries on in the selfless service displayed daily by the residents of Simpson County. I appreciate the generations of local officials, military veterans and citizens of Franklin-Simpson who have steadfastly devoted themselves to the betterment of others. I am also grateful for all who have assisted with the planning of the celebration. This historic milestone is a culmination of their efforts and a testament to their collective pride for their beloved community.

I look forward to continuing to work with local leaders and residents to further the economic and industrial prosperity of Simpson County and the City of Franklin for generations to come. I join with the county's current and former residents in honoring this tight-knit, culturally rich community.

HONORING GWEN SHELTON OF FAYETTEVILLE, TN FOR TWENTY YEAR CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. SCOTT DesJARLAIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2019

Mr. DESJARLAIS. Madam Speaker, today I would like to take a moment to honor the well-served career in public service of Gwen Shelton. Gwen is stepping away from her role as Fayetteville city alderman after a 20-year career of holding public office and serving in several roles for the city of Fayetteville.

Since 1998, she has served as an elected official on the city school board, twice as city alderman (First from 2004 to 2006, then again from 2012 to 2018), and as Mayor from 2006 to 2010. Along with these duties, Gwen has also served as the Industrial Development Board director for Fayetteville-Lincoln County, in which she led many efforts to increase investment and job growth within the community.

Perhaps the best thing you can say of Gwen's time as a public official in Fayetteville is that whether you agreed with her positions and policies or you didn't, you always knew where she stood on an issue and you always knew she was working to do what she felt was in the best interest of the city of Fayetteville and its people. That trust in her as a leader provides understanding as to the secret of her success and gives all elected officials a standard to strive for.

Gwen Shelton has served her family and her community well, and while she will be deeply missed in Fayetteville, her success will not stop here. She and her husband, Scott, have both been presented with promising new opportunities in Huntsville, Alabama and I am confident that the next chapter for these two will be just as good if not better than the last. We wish her and her family the absolute best, and again, I would like to personally thank her for her outstanding service to the city of Fayetteville, Lincoln County and the state of Tennessee.

INTRODUCING THE TRANSITION- TO-SUCCESS MENTORING ACT

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2019

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I am introducing the Transition-To-Success Mentoring Act to help local education agencies prepare at-risk students for the transition from middle school to high school.

The Transition-To-Success Mentoring Act would establish a grant program for school-based mentoring programs targeted at helping at-risk middle school students transition from

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