

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING MARY HOEHN

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a gifted educator, an outstanding coach and a genuine treasure in the North St. Francois County R-1 School District.

Mary Alice Hoehn was an art teacher at North County High School in Bonne Terre for 36 years. She was in her 37th year of teaching when she died suddenly on January 10, 2019.

Miss Hoehn taught longer in the district than any other teacher before her. In August of 1982, with degrees from Jefferson College and Southeast Missouri State University, she entered the classroom. More than three decades later, she never talked of retiring. On her last day in class, at the age of 60, she was just as determined as ever to spark her students' creativity and show them the benefits of a life dedicated to excellence. Miss Hoehn was just as committed to the players she coached for 34 years on the tennis courts.

She motivated her students to achieve their potential. She encouraged them to overcome their disappointments. She earned the respect of her students because she respected them as artists, athletes and young people with dreams.

In tribute to her passion for teaching and her unwavering dedication to her students, I am privileged today to honor the late Mary Hoehn before the United States House of Representatives.

MOURNING THE PASSING AND CELEBRATING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE AND LEGACY OF JOHN DAVID DINGELL, JR. OF MICHIGAN, THE LONGEST SERVING MEMBER IN THE HISTORY OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

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Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to mourn the passing and commemorate the remarkable life of Congressman John David Dingell, Jr. of Michigan, who passed away on February 7, 2019 at the age of 92.

John Dingell was one of the towering figures in the history of the U.S. House of Representatives and of our nation.

John Dingell served this House and this nation with integrity, grace, intellect, and legislative mastery for nearly six decades; in fact his retirement at the end of the 114th Congress brought an end to the longest tenure of service in the history of the U.S. House of Representatives at 59 years and 21 days of service, a record that is unlikely to be duplicated or surpassed.

John Dingell was present at the creation and played a major role in shaping virtually every landmark piece of legislation of the last half century, including the legislation creating the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Americans With Disabilities Act, Endangered Species Act, the Clean Air Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Social Security Amendments of 1965 which created Medicare, and the Affordable Care Act to name just a few.

As Chairman of the powerful Energy and Commerce Committee for sixteen years, John Dingell shepherded through to passage the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Air Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act, among other pieces of legislation.

And for more than a half century, John Dingell honored the memory and passion of his

father and congressional predecessor—John D. Dingell, Sr.—in introducing at the beginning of each new Congress legislation providing for universal healthcare.

His persistence was rewarded in 1965 when he was chosen to preside as Speaker Pro Tempore on the day the House passed the legislation creating Medicare and Medicaid.

Madam Speaker, John Dingell's service to this institution began in 1938 when he became a House page at 11 and he was in the chamber on December 8, 1941, when President Franklin Roosevelt announced that a state of war existed between the United States and Japan following the attack on Pearl Harbor.

A member of the Greatest Generation, John Dingell enlisted in the U.S. Army during World War II where he rose to the rank of Second Lieutenant.

After the war, John Dingell went on to earn his undergraduate degree in chemistry and law degree from Georgetown University in 1949 and 1952, respectively.

After law school John Dingell returned to his hometown of Detroit where he worked as a Wayne County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney before winning the special election in 1955 on to fill the unexpired term of the congressional seat that had been held by his late father since 1933.

John Dingell was elected to a full term in 1956 and reelected to each of the succeeding 28 Congresses.

Madam Speaker, as we mourn the passing of our friend and colleague, we also celebrate a remarkable life of honorable and extraordinary service to our nation.

As he reminded us in his farewell message published after his passing, his work was not done alone, and the fight to make ours a more perfect union requires the work of Democrats as well as Republicans, who put country over party.

And, of course, John Dingell was forever grateful for the love of his life, his wife DEBORAH—who would be his partner the last forty years of his life and carries on the proud Dingell family tradition of representing southeast Michigan in the United States Congress.

I ask the House to observe a moment of silence in memory of the Honorable John David Dingell, Jr., of Michigan.

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