

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF  
BLOYCE BRADFORD

## HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 15, 2019*

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an American hero, Bloyce Bradford, who passed away at 90 years old on Tuesday, January 29, 2019.

Mr. Bradford was born Christmas Day in 1928. He went on to enroll in the Army, where he served during the Korean War. While in Korea, Mr. Bradford was wounded multiple times and, at one point, was considered missing in action. According to Mr. Bradford's son, for more than 30 days, Mr. Bradford avoided capture and eventually was able to find his way back to the American forces. Mr. Bradford received the Purple Heart and several other military awards for his distinguished service. After his retirement from the Armed Forces, Mr. Bradford started his own business in Northeast El Paso, showcasing his entrepreneurial drive and his commitment to the community.

Mr. Bradford will be remembered as one of the oldest-living veterans in El Paso and be-

loved by many across the city who will miss his mentorship and kindness. His legacy lives on through his sister Gwendolyn, his five children and their families, as well as his companion of 43 years and her family. The El Paso community mourns his loss and thanks him for his contributions to our nation.

COMMEMORATING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
TIOGA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 15, 2019*

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the Tioga County Chamber of Commerce.

On June 4, 1919, citizens of Tioga County joined together and signed a charter to create the Owego Chamber of Commerce. The charter stated that the purpose of the corporation would be to promote the general welfare of Owego and the surrounding communities. Even though their name may be different these one hundred years later, their mission remains the same.

The Owego Chamber of Commerce began as a corporation to encourage the growth of business in the Greater Owego area through the management of real estate. By purchasing properties and then improving those properties, the Chamber helped to create environments that welcomed new businesses.

As the times have changed, so has the Chamber. In its early years, it overcame the adversity of the Great Depression and worked to help their community through economic struggles. During World War II, the Chamber assisted with the selling of war bonds to aid in the war effort. Today, the Chamber continues a tradition started in 1999 with their annual business show. The business show brings new businesses and existing businesses together, putting them in contact with each other and the general public.

One hundred years of service to the community is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate the Tioga County Chamber of Commerce for their impressive record of hard work and look forward to many more years of them supporting businesses in our communities.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to celebrate the Tioga County Chamber of Commerce's one hundred years of service.

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