

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 27, 2019*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise today in observance of Women's History Month and its 2019 theme—Visionary Women: Champions of Peace and Nonviolence. Each year, the National Women's History Project selects a unifying theme to recognize and promote Women's History Month. This year's theme features the stories of women from diverse backgrounds and fields who have advocated for peace and human rights throughout the world.

In the United States, women of every race, class, and ethnic background have played a critical role in advocating for unity and peace. For generations, women have contributed to resolving conflicts and have worked to promote nonviolence in the workplace, schools, homes, communities, and government. Women have insisted upon and continue to fight for respect, justice, and peace for all of humanity.

Strong pioneers such as Graciela Sanchez, Dr. E. Faye Williams, and Dorothy Cotton built their lives upon fighting for equal rights and eliminating racism and sexism. Leaders including Deborah Tucker advocated for improvements of laws and policies worldwide. Ms. Tucker helped write and pass the Violence Against Women Act of 1994. Sister Alice Zachmann was also a trailblazer who dedicated her life to ending war and violence, giving much of her time and efforts to organizations that supported the end of the Vietnam War. In 1982, Sister Zachmann founded the Guatemala Human Rights Commission USA and served as its director for twenty years. For their leadership and outstanding dedication to women's rights, unity, and peace, they are well deserving of our respect and admiration. I commend these fine women and the many others who have fought alongside them for securing rights for all women of every creed, class, and ethnic background. These fearless and strong women serve as remarkable role models who reflect the 2019 theme, Visionary Women: Champions of Peace and Nonviolence.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to join in celebrating Women's History Month and to recognize that after decades of dedication, perseverance, contributions, and advances, great American women from all cultures and classes are being celebrated. To illustrate the numerous brave women of our nation's history, we remember and recount the tales of our ancestors' talents, sacrifices, and commitments that serve as an inspiration to today's generation. I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in celebrating these brave women who have improved American society and whose stories are woven into the fabric of our nation.

AMBER HARRIS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 27, 2019*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Amber Harris for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Amber Harris is a student at Pomona High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Amber Harris is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Amber Harris for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF MR. JAMES AUSTIN JENKINS, JR.

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 27, 2019*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I pay tribute to a great man, outstanding public servant, and dear friend of longstanding, Mr. James Austin Jenkins, Jr. Mr. Jenkins passed away on Thursday, February 21, 2019. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. at Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Burksville, Alabama.

James Austin Jenkins, Jr. was born on December 28, 1937, to the late James Austin Jenkins, Sr. and Octavia McCray Jenkins. A product of the Lowndes County, Alabama Public School System, he graduated from Lowndes County Training School before attending Alabama State University, where he received his bachelor's degree in Political Science.

James built quite an impressive career as a public servant in our nation's federal government which was demonstrated through his dedicated services to the National Park Service, as a Ranger stationed in the Washington Monument and as a Horse Mounted Ranger at Prince William Forest Park in Virginia, as well as in Federal Government Law Enforcement, and finally as a National Zoological Park Police Officer with The Smithsonian Institution.

George Washington Carver once said, "No individual has any right to come into the world and go out of it without leaving behind distinct

and legitimate reasons for having passed through it." We are all so blessed that Mr. James Austin Jenkins, Jr. passed this way during his life's journey. As a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., his exuberant personality captured the attention of all those he encountered and made him the life of the party wherever he went. He will be remembered for his welcoming spirit and love for his fraternity, his friends, and above all else, his family. He leaves behind a great legacy in public service to and warm cherished memories in the lives of those who knew him.

While he was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Aaron, Frederick, and Elliot; he is survived by his children, Karen, Earl, Bianca, Alicia, and Nathan; and a host of family and friends who will miss him dearly.

On a personal note, James and I both understood the importance of addressing the important issues facing our nation's Veterans and would discuss these issues at the Veterans Brain Trust during the Congressional Black Caucus' Annual Legislative Conference, which he attended regularly.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, along with my wife, Vivian; and the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District in paying tribute to Mr. James Austin Jenkins, Jr. for his service to our country. We extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends during this difficult time of bereavement and pray that they will be comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

## GUN VIOLENCE

**HON. ROBIN L. KELLY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 27, 2019*

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today for Hadiya Pendleton and Blair Holt—because they can no longer rise. Their promising young lives were cut short by gun violence.

I rise for Xavier Joy, Julian Gonzalez and Delmonte Johnson and the thousands of Americans lost to gun violence over the years.

People are dying in our cities and our rural counties, in school classrooms and movie theatres.

In Waffle Houses, synagogues and on our streets. Nowhere is safe from gun violence and the American people are sick and tired of it.

That's why they sent a historic wave of gun sense candidates to Congress with a singular mission: do something and save lives.

Today, we will keep that promise. Today, we will vote on legislation to ensure a background check on every gun sale.

This week, we will also vote on legislation that would have prevented the Mother Emanuel tragedy.

Now, Madam Speaker, we know that no single bill can prevent all gun violence but each

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