

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING DAVE SNUGGS OF GREAT FALLS

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dave Snuggs of Great Falls who founded and leads My Neighbor in Need, a nonprofit organization that helps provide resources to people in need.

With the help of computer programmer Tom Penwell, Dave created myneighborinneed.org, a platform for people to anonymously request help. The organization evaluates a request and lists it on their website where members of the community can volunteer to meet the need.

My Neighbor in Need relies on the generosity of neighbors to fulfill essential needs, including winter clothes, beds, furniture, car and home repairs, help with utility bills, and transit passes or bicycles for people to get to and from work. The organization, which celebrates its seventh anniversary on March 20, has helped fulfill nearly 13,000 individual requests for help.

My Neighbor in Need has grown from a one-man operation to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization operating in Montana and nine cities in Wisconsin.

In 2013, Dave launched a similar concept to meet the needs of Montana students. My Student in Need now operates in over 160 schools throughout Montana and has helped fulfill over 2,800 requests from teachers on behalf of their students.

"I always have believed that people genuinely want to help their neighbors if they were made aware of their needs," Dave said. "My Neighbor in Need and My Student in Need truly represent the good in the communities we serve."

Madam Speaker, for his dedication to our communities and his innovative approach to helping those in need, I recognize Dave Snuggs for his spirit of Montana.

REMEMBERING THE KHOJALY MASSACRE

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of the Khojaly Massacre, and to honor the victims of this horrendous act.

The appalling massacre perpetrated on the innocent people of Khojaly in February 1992 is no less shocking 27 years later. One of the worst atrocities ever committed in the South Caucasus, justice has still not been delivered and 150 civilians are still missing.

As we demand respect for human rights and democratic accountability within the inter-

national community, it is important that we continue to remember what happened in Khojaly and bring those responsible to account.

BIPARTISAN BACKGROUND CHECKS ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 8) to require a background check for every firearm sale.

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Chair, I'm very proud to be a cosponsor of H.R. 8, the Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019, the most significant gun violence legislation to be considered in the House in over a decade. H.R. 8 strengthens our current laws on background checks by closing loopholes and ensuring that dangerous people do not have the opportunity to purchase a weapon. This legislation is critical and long overdue because 40 percent of gun sales are made with no background check at all.

Over 70 percent of Americans, including a majority of gun owners, support universal background checks. Why? Because they help keep guns out of the hands of criminals. The current system has already stopped three million gun sales to convicted felons and others who are prohibited by law from owning a firearm. These checks do nothing to infringe upon the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and use firearms for recreation, subsistence, or even self-defense, and importantly, the vast majority of background checks are completed within minutes.

When the Supreme Court first recognized an individual's right to carry a gun in the 2008 case *District of Columbia v. Heller*, it also acknowledged that the Second Amendment does not prevent Congress from imposing reasonable restrictions on gun sales. The right of responsible citizens to keep and bear arms must be carefully weighed against the right of all Americans to live in a safe society, and I believe H.R. 8 strikes the right balance between protecting the latter without infringing upon the former.

For too long, unreasonable forces have prevented serious consideration of virtually any gun legislation, no matter how commonsense it is. Ninety-six Americans are killed by a gun every day, and we owe it to them, their families, and the people of Newtown, Orlando, Las Vegas, Parkland, and so many other communities to take meaningful action. Too many innocent lives have been taken and the American people deserve so much better.

I wish to thank the thousands of devoted activists, including Moms Demand Action, for raising their voices across my Congressional District and across our country to end gun violence in our nation.

RECOGNIZING MRS. WILLIE C. WOODSON ON THE CELEBRATION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, on Sunday, February 24, the People's Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas will celebrate Mrs. Willie C. Woodson on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Mrs. Woodson was born in Burneysville, Oklahoma, on February 19, 1919—the third of fourteen children. She and her older brother, Thomas, were often tasked with caring for their younger siblings on top of school work. Shortly after starting the ninth grade at a local high school in Ardmore, Oklahoma, Mrs. Woodson's family came under hard times that left her without money to pay for books or school lunches. She was left with no choice but to forego her remaining years in school and focus on her family, her community, and her faith.

Upon her move to Dallas, Mrs. Woodson joined the People's Missionary Baptist Church and has been a devout member ever since. As one of the eldest active members of the church and a known mentor to all, she is commonly referred to as 'Mother Woodson' by family and friends alike. No matter how busy she is, she always makes the time to attend church every Sunday morning. She especially loves to attend the service on the first Sunday of the month because she enjoys sitting with the church's Mothers Board in their assigned row, dressed in white.

Mrs. Woodson refuses to let the limitations of old age stop her from a full schedule of activities. She has many hobbies that fill her free time, including reading, watching wrestling and cheering on the local Dallas sports teams. She also still prepares all of her meals and cleans the house on her own.

Madam Speaker, I want to commend Mrs. Willie C. Woodson for a life dedicated to her family, friends and church and want to wish her the happiest of birthdays. Congratulations are in order for her and her family as they celebrate this extraordinary milestone.

HONORING KEVIN CORBETT

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Kevin Corbett of Bristol, Virginia, who passed away on February 15, 2019, at the age of 63. Kevin was filled with devotion to the people of the City of Bristol.

In Kevin's younger years, he served his country by enlisting in the United States Army. As an Armor Crewman, he eventually rose to

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