

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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Staff Sergeant. He continued his service in Bristol by joining its Police Department in 1982. When he retired in 2006, he was a Detective Lieutenant in the Criminal Investigation Division.

Outside of his career, he remained a beloved and active presence in the Bristol community. I knew him for his work on the Ninth District Republican Committee, where he was the Bristol Unit Chairman and represented the district on the State Central Committee. As a member of St. Anne Catholic Church, he was devoted to his God and his parish.

Kevin will be long remembered by many for his kindnesses. Befitting a man who followed a career path of service, he was always willing to help others. His survivors include his two children, Allison and Shawn, five grandchildren, and his sister, Jackie Collins. I offer my condolences to them on the loss of this fine man.

RECOGNIZING TWO MAINE CONSTITUENTS, DR. MICHAEL TAYLOR AND WENDY TAYLOR

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Ms. PINGREE. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize two of my Maine constituents, Dr. Michael Taylor and Wendy Taylor, whose shared vision, determination, and commitment have changed and saved lives in Northern Haiti and engaged countless Mainers in support of better health and better lives.

Over seventy years ago, the founding documents of the World Health Association proclaimed that "The enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition."

Michael and Wendy Taylor have long believed in this right, and they recognized the extraordinary need in Haiti. In establishing Konbit Sante in 2001, they committed to supporting the development of an improved health care system to meet the needs of the Cap Haitien community. Their vision was to ensure maximum local direction and partnerships within the existing system rather than the creation of a parallel system. And they knew that it was important to not just improve access to health care, but to improve the quality of that care.

The beauty of this effort has been in the Konbit—which, in Haitian Creole, loosely translates to working together for a common goal. Rather than providing short-term expertise, Konbit Sante's focus has been on strengthening infrastructure, enhancing training, and ensuring necessary resources. Right from the start, the Taylors recognized that real, sustainable improvements in an under-resourced health system required taking the long view. This has not been fast nor always easy, but this capacity building model—trusting and supporting Haitians to serve Haitians—has yielded extraordinary results.

Michael and Wendy have had successful careers, raised children, enjoyed art and music, nurtured deep and enduring friendships, and travelled the world—always coming back to coastal Maine. Along the way they

have invested their time, talents, and resources in doing good, making lasting contributions for the betterment of humankind and inspiring so many others to join them.

Dr. Taylor is receiving the 2019 Presidential Citation today from the American Academy of Dermatologists in recognition of his extraordinary contributions to the people of Haiti. His wife and Konbit Sante cofounder, Wendy, will be at his side. I want to congratulate them both, as they make me proud to represent the good people of Maine.

TERMINATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE PRESIDENT ON FEBRUARY 15, 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, after failing to get federal funding for his ineffective and overpriced border wall, President Trump has declared a national emergency at our southern border to try and sidestep Congress's constitutional authority so he can fulfill a campaign promise.

After the President shut down the government for 35 days, my colleagues and I came to an agreement that wisely invested in effective solutions to secure the border. Some of these solutions included infrastructure improvements at ports of entry, the hiring of additional immigration judges and technology enhancements to detect border crossings. Clearly, with this national emergency declaration, the president and his administration would rather stick to a slogan than actually secure the border.

The emergency declaration signed by the president would rob taxpayer money from high priority military construction projects, including projects in the state of Texas, and instead redirects that funding towards his pet project. This egregious misuse of taxpayer funds leaves our country less safe by denying military personnel the essential training, readiness and quality of life necessary for them to do their job.

This unlawful action by the President cannot be tolerated. I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this joint resolution of disapproval so that we can do our solemn duty and uphold the Constitution.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on Monday, February 25. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Roll Call Vote Number 88 (Passage of H.R. 539, the Innovators to Entrepreneurs Act): YES; Roll Call Vote Number 89 (Passage of H.R. 328, the Recognizing Achievement in Classified School Employees Act): YES.

HONORING THE CITY OF AURORA AFRICAN AMERICAN ADVISORY BOARD ANNUAL HERITAGE DINNER AND OFFICER SKYY CALICE AS THE 2019 AFRICAN-AMERICAN LEADER OF THE YEAR

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Officer Skyy Calice as the recipient of the City of Aurora's African American Heritage Advisory Board's 2019 African-American Leader of the Year award.

Officer Calice with the Aurora Police Department has been a true star in our community. As a Community Oriented Policing Officer, she has used her perspective and experience to launch numerous initiatives to make a difference. She established the Girls Run the World mentoring program to help guide young ladies in our local high schools to reach their full potential. Programs like this have been crucial to so many of our community members and future leaders.

I would like to thank Officer Calice for her honorable commitment to her community. I would also like to express my support for the City of Aurora's African American Advisory Board Annual Heritage Dinner. The commitment of dedicated public servants like Officer Calice is an inspiration to all of us.

IN MEMORY OF LOU WACKER

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory of Lou Wacker, who died on February 15, 2019, at the age of 84. Mr. Wacker was the celebrated football coach for 23 seasons at my alma mater, Emory & Henry College, where he compiled an impressive record and shaped the lives of many young men. The Richmond Times-Dispatch quoted him as saying on his retirement, "To say that Emory & Henry College and the football program have been a big part of my life for 23 years would be an understatement; it has been my life."

Coach Wacker was a native of Richmond and excelled at football during his time at the University of Richmond. Before his tenure at Emory & Henry, he was a defensive coordinator at Hampden-Sydney College. His arrival at Emory & Henry in 1982 started an incredible run for the Wasps. By the time he retired in 2004, his teams had compiled a 164–76 record, including seventeen consecutive winning seasons, a 37-game winning streak from 1991 to 1998, and eleven Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championships.

After retiring, Coach Wacker stayed close to Emory. For his great success, he received many honors, including induction into the Emory & Henry College Hall of Fame and the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame. The home grandstand at Emory & Henry's football stadium also bears his name. The many players and assistants he mentored over the years will remember him for his skill as a coach and for the impact he had on them.