

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF KOREA'S MARCH FIRST MOVEMENT DAY

**HON. GRACE MENG**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 4, 2019*

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the centennial anniversary of Korea's March First Movement Day. On March 1, 1919, the Korean Declaration of Independence, inspired by President Woodrow Wilson's Fourteen Points and the first of a people to self-determination was read aloud in Seoul for the first time.

Korea's hard-fought independence would not have been possible without brave and committed activists like 16-year-old Yu Gwan-sun, who gave her life in the name of independence and died from the injuries she sustained while she was imprisoned. Yu became the face of the Korean independence movement, giving speeches at rallies that drew thousands of participants.

Korea's March First Movement inspired other non-violence and independence movements around the world, including the important work of Mahatma Gandhi.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to have introduced a resolution last week that celebrates this history with my new colleague—Congressman ANDY KIM of New Jersey. This resolution recognizes the impact of all youth human rights activists; the indelible contributions of Korean Americans to the vibrancy of United States society, politics, culture, and the economy; and reaffirms the U.S.-ROK alliance as the lynchpin of U.S. engagement in Northeast Asia.

Thank you for joining me in honoring this important and historic day.

NATHANIEL FLETCHER

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 4, 2019*

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

Nathaniel Fletcher is a student at Pomona High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Nathaniel Fletcher 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 Nathaniel Fletcher for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 4, 2019*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, because of unavoidable conflict, I unfortunately missed votes on February 27. Had I been in attendance, I would have made the following votes:

On roll call No. 100, I would have voted aye.

On roll call No. 101, I would have voted aye.

On roll call No. 102, I would have voted nay.

On roll call No. 103, I would have voted aye.

The Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2019, H.R. 1112, addresses a loophole in federal gun background check laws. Currently, a gun buyer only needs to wait 3 business days to acquire a gun without a background check. This bill fixes a lapse in oversight, by allowing the FBI 20 business days to conduct their check.

MARK TAKAI ATOMIC VETERANS HEALTHCARE PARITY ACT

**HON. GRACE MENG**

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*Monday, March 4, 2019*

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 4,000 veterans who participated in the nuclear cleanup of Enewetak Atoll, the site of 43 nuclear tests in the Marshall Islands. The servicemembers who participated in its nuclear cleanup between 1977 and 1980 suffer from high rates of cancers due to their exposure to radiation and nuclear waste.

That is why, on February 26th, I introduced the "Mark Takai Atomic Veterans Healthcare Parity Act". This bill would permit veterans who participated in the nuclear cleanup of Enewetak Atoll to be treated as "radiation-exposed veterans." This change in law will allow servicemembers who performed the largest nuclear cleanup ever undertaken to receive the medical care they now need for service-connected cancers and diseases. Current law only covers servicemembers who participated in active nuclear tests, not those who participated in the cleanup.

These veterans served our nation with honor and distinction, but are currently unable to receive the same treatments and service-related disability presumptions that other "radiation-exposed veterans" receive.

Madam Speaker, of the 4,000 veterans who risked their lives on the radiological cleanup of

Enewetak Atoll, only about ten percent are alive today. These survivors, who are now in their late 50s and 60s, have cancer and are fighting for their lives.

This legislation is named after the late Rep. Mark Takai—a veteran of the U.S. Army and Hawaii Army National Guard who passed away in 2016—and who originally introduced the bill in the 114th Congress.

Madam Speaker, my hope is that Congress will finally right this wrong, and help the men and women who sacrificed their youth and health in service of this great nation.

GABE SCHABLE

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 4, 2019*

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

Gabe Schable is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Gabe Schable 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 Gabe Schable for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING ALLAN G. KIMBALL

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 4, 2019*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Allan G. Kimball, who is retiring after serving for 21 years as the Theatre Director of Southeastern Illinois College.

Mr. Kimball has been directing shows since 1977, working with several high school theatres and at Southeastern Illinois College. He has passionately worked hard to assist many students, encouraging them and nurturing their talents. His efforts have resulted with Mr. Kimball receiving two prestigious Illinois theatre awards during his career.

The community at Southeastern Illinois College has been greatly impacted by his service. His hard work and dedication prompted the college to name their theater stage after Mr. Kimball. The theatre will now be a symbol of his significant role at the college and a reminder of his passion and dedication.

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