

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING LEE ARTHUR HOWE III

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of the 25th district, Lee Arthur Howe, III. Mr. Howe passed away on January 8, just 2 months shy of his 87th birthday. Mr. Howe graduated with his master's in education from Fredonia State Teacher's College before spending two years in the army during the Korean War. After an honorable discharge, he moved to Rochester in 1955 to begin his devotion to public education. He began teaching 6th grade at Lincoln Avenue School, known today as Sutherland High School. His promotion to principal came in 1962, and he would serve in that role at three other elementary schools until his retirement in 1988.

The oldest son of a Baptist preacher, he moved to different towns around Western New York along with his mother and three brothers. While he was young, he developed two life-long loves: jazz, especially big band jazz, and making those around him howl with laughter. He learned the trumpet and played it at every opportunity. He served as a first chair trumpet for the Perinton Concert Band for many years, entertaining countless big band concert fans all around the Rochester region.

Mr. Howe was beloved by his family, and whenever he went, music and laughter followed him. He was a gentle man, who took more pride in the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren than he did in his own accomplishments. Patient beyond words, a trait that is vital to being as avid of a golfer as he was in his retirement, he was able to enjoy his life to the fullest.

While I am saddened by Mr. Howe's passing, I am proud to have represented a man who brought so much joy to so many people for so many years. My heart is with his entire extended family.

DESTANIE ALLEN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

Destanie Allen is a student at Jefferson Jr/Sr. and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Destanie Allen 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 Destanie Allen 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.

OATH CEREMONY ON MARCH 8, 2019

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate twenty-five individuals who will take their oaths of citizenship on March 8, 2019. This memorable occasion will be held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On March 8, 2019, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, will take their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Saudi Elizabeth Gonzalez-Martinez, Clemence Ingabire Andrew, Avelina Garcia, Maria Del Carmen Trevino, Simona Podlecki, Fatoumata Diallo, Lorena Garcia-Vargas, Thu Le Coultas, Gustavo Lopez Lemus, Piotr Henryk Ozimek, Maria Del Pilar Parent-Quintana, Patricia Aguirre, Alyda Frederika Willemina Veenendaal, Khristine Mascardo Bernier, Gurpreet Kaur, Nada Jovanoski, Anaya Alvarez Lucila, Patricia Bugayong Fry, Miguel Avila, Nelly Berenguel Ramirez De Vargas, Elaine Criselda Dequina Moline, Dipika Darji, Adriana Albertina Martinez, Carmen Mendoza De Garcia, and George Vlahos.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country “. . . of the people, by the people, and for the people.” They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who will become citizens of the United States of America on March 8, 2019. They, too, are American citizens, guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

SUPPORT OF S. 47, JOHN D. DINGELL, JR. CONSERVATION, MANAGEMENT, AND RECREATION ACT

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 47, John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act. This legislation is critical to public lands management, and contains numerous important provisions.

This legislation protects three historic sites in my home state of Georgia—the Ocmulgee National Monument, Fort Frederica National Monument, and Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield Park. By doing so, the Natural Resources Management Act will provide Georgians with increased opportunities to appreciate our public lands.

Importantly, the Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act also includes the Open Book on Equal Access to Justice Act—legislation I have been working on for years.

I introduced the Open Book for Equal Access to Justice Act with my friends Representatives COHEN, CHENEY, and PETERSON, and Senators BARRASSO and COONS. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation reinstates needed transparency and accountability requirements to ensure that the Equal Access to Justice Act is helping individuals, retirees, veterans, and small businesses as intended.

I want to thank my Senate colleagues for including the Open Book on Equal Access to Justice Act in S. 47.

My legislation requires the Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS) to develop an online searchable database that includes information on the number, nature, and amount of the awards, claims involved in the controversy, and other relevant information.

Agencies would be required to provide information requested by ACUS for the development and maintenance of the database.

As made clear in report language in previous years, it is our intent that ACUS take appropriate measures to ensure that individual-specific healthcare information, such as an individual's diagnoses and treatments, is not contained in the database.

This legislation ensures appropriate protections are in place, while facilitating critical public and Congressional oversight.

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