

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

DIVIDED FAMILIES REUNIFICATION ACT

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of my Divided Families Reunification Act, and to raise the voices of families who have been separated for decades both across the DMZ and across the Pacific Ocean.

The division of the Korean Peninsula into South and North Korea separated millions of Koreans from their family members. While there have been some agreed upon reunions between South and North Koreans, for Korean Americans there is no pathway for such reunions. Many of these Americans are in their 70s–90s, and time is of the essence to be reunited with their families.

I am proud to introduce the Divided Families Reunification Act, which requires the Secretary of State or a designee to consult with officials in South Korea on potential opportunities to reunite Korean American families with family members in North Korea. This bill will also require the Special Envoy on North Korean Human Rights to submit a report on the opportunities for video reunions between Korean Americans and family members in North Korea.

Thank you to my colleagues, Chairman BRAD SHERMAN, Rep. KAREN BASS, Rep. BARBARA LEE, Rep. JAMES P. MCGOVERN, Rep. JAN SCHAKOWSKY, Rep. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, Rep. GILBERT CISNEROS, Rep. ROB WOODALL, and Rep. TULSI GABBARD for supporting this bipartisan legislation.

DREAM AND PROMISE ACT

HON. LORI TRAHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. TRAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to urge this Congress to provide permanent relief to the Dreamers, Deferred Enforcement Departure, and Temporary Protected Status holders whose lives have been turned upside down by the Administration. We must pass H.R. 6, the Dream and Promise Act, without delay.

Fourteen months ago, the Department of Homeland Security announced that it was ending TPS for nearly 200,000 Salvadorans in the United States. The Department's decision about Salvadorans' TPS was just the latest in a string of such announcements since the fall of 2017—which also threaten Sudanese, Haitian, and Nicaraguan immigrants. Families have been living in a state of fear and uncertainty for a year and a half, and for no good reason.

Madam Speaker, I'd like to explain why this is not only cruel policy, but also unnecessary

and short-sighted. Recently, I had the pleasure of speaking with Irma Flores. Irma is a community engagement specialist for the city of Somerville, Massachusetts, where she assists the Spanish-speaking community. She lives in Haverhill, in my District, with her daughter, who goes to school at UMass Boston. Her son graduated from Suffolk University with degrees in International Relations and Political Science. Irma, herself, studied International Relations in her native country at the University of El Salvador. However, she and her kids fled to the United States 18 years ago because of a devastating earthquake.

For nearly two decades, the United States has been Irma's home and her children's home. The people of Somerville depend upon her; and she is a beloved part of the Haverhill community.

It is estimated that there are more than 12,000 people living in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with Temporary Protected Status—half of whom are from El Salvador. However, people like Irma have had their lives upended by the callousness of the Administration's policy.

If Irma's story isn't persuasive enough for Congress to act, consider the fact that the law, despite the Administration's claim, does not require her return. That's because we have the power to permit extensions if these residents are unable to return in safety.

The United States does not—and should not—return people to disaster areas or warzones. In January, our State Department renewed its travel advisory to El Salvador. The warning reads: "Violent crime, such as murder, assault, rape, and armed robbery, is common. Gang activity, such as extortion, violent street crime, and narcotics and arms trafficking, is widespread." These are not conditions under which families should be forced to return.

But if the legal argument is not persuasive either, consider the fact that TPS holders contribute nearly \$650 million to the Commonwealth's economy. One analysis found that if Salvadoran, Honduran, and Haitian workers with TPS were removed from the labor force, the United States would lose \$164 billion in gross domestic product over the next decade.

Again, Madam Speaker, this is cruel, unnecessary and shortsighted policy. This Congress should approve the Dream and Promise Act, which provides a permanent fix for Dreamers, DACA, and TPS recipients without delay, so that people like Irma and her family can remain safely here as members of our communities.

RECOGNIZING WINNETT ACES

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the members of Winnett ACES

for leading efforts to encourage economic growth, revitalize their community, and protect its future.

Concerned about the decreasing population of rural America, Winnett ACES (Agricultural and Community Enhancement and Sustainability) formed in 2016 to strengthen its community so that future generations will live, work, and raise their families there.

The group's first program to take off was Winnett Beef in the School, which serves locally-raised beef to the local K–12 school system. Led by local producer Charlie Ahlgren, area ranchers made a three-year commitment to donate beef, about four cows per year, to the program. Other volunteers helped cut and deliver the fresh product. Within three months, the program had successfully launched, saving money for the schools to use on other education priorities.

Winnett ACES is also leading a revitalization project to build a community center. Land has been donated, and grant money awarded to design the center, which will accommodate 300 people.

Another project, known as grass banking, is underway after a feasibility study produced the program's guidelines. Local ranchers and landowners lease their lands for summer grazing in exchange for conservation work. Seven individuals will each graze 100 or more cattle when the program launches this spring.

These projects are a few of the inventive approaches Winnett ACES is taking to strengthen its community.

Madam Speaker, for their innovative efforts to bolster their community's future, I recognize the members of Winnett ACES for their spirit of Montana.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TRISH MORRIS-YAMBA

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a life well lived. Trish Morris-Yamba was an early childhood education visionary from South Orange, New Jersey. She passed away peacefully on March 8, 2019.

Ms. Morris-Yamba was called to serve children and community at a young age. When she was in college, she established a campus child care center for adult students. After completing her master's degree, she opened the CHEN School and served as founding president of Newark, New Jersey's Early Childhood Coalition. Over the years, Ms. Morris-Yamba served as president of the board of trustees at the Newark Public Library, a trustee of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center Women's Board Association, a board member for Newark Emergency Services for Families, and executive director of Newark Day Center and the Greater Newark Fresh Air Fund, among other

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roles. Ms. Morris-Yamba was the epitome of a community servant, and the thousands of lives she touched are grateful for her visionary leadership.

Ms. Morris-Yamba will be forever remembered for her belief that society must serve the total child. She had a love of learning and a passion for passing knowledge along to future generations. Throughout Newark, Essex County, and all of New Jersey, countless children grew into civic-minded adults because of Ms. Morris-Yamba's work.

Trish Morris-Yamba was an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, a member of Bethany Baptist Church in Newark, a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and aunt. I ask that my colleagues join me to celebrate Ms. Morris-Yamba and to honor her legacy.

HONORING MR. JOHN ALFIREVICH
FOR BEING NAMED THE 2019
TIME DEALER OF YEAR

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. John Alfirevich of Apple Chevrolet in Tinley Park for being named the 2019 TIME Dealer of the Year. It is an honor to recognize not only a successful businessman, but someone who has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to our community.

The TIME Dealer of the Year award was created in 1970 by TIME magazine in partnership with Ally Financial and the National Automobile Dealers Association. It is an award honoring new-car dealers in the United States for exceptional performance and distinguished community service. This year, Mr. Alfirevich was selected from 51 nominees out of more than 16,000 franchised dealers throughout the country. Criteria for the TIME award include sales record, customer and employee satisfaction, and service to the community.

Mr. Alfirevich began his career in the car business at the age of 12 at Bob Motl Chevrolet in Chicago, the company that would later become Apple Chevrolet. From there, he continued his journey, working in every department, eventually coming to own the dealership along with his father. Mr. Alfirevich credits his dealership's success to its emphasis on honesty and transparency in every transaction. His integrity also guides his philanthropic endeavors. In 2015, he served as the chairman of First Look for Charity, a fundraising celebration held before the Chicago Auto Show, raising \$3 million to benefit Chicago-area charities. Further, under his leadership, Apple Chevrolet made charitable contributions to almost 100 organizations in 2018.

As the 2019 TIME Dealer of the Year, Mr. Alfirevich is recognized for his integrity, dedication, and service. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Alfirevich. He is well deserving of this award and I am proud to represent such a talented and charitable businessman.

HONORING SYLVIA S. BANKS

HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor a friend, a colleague, a confidant, and a great Delawarean on the occasion of her semi-retirement. Sylvia Banks has served as my State Director since I was first sworn in as Delaware's member of Congress. While new members have a host of difficult decisions to make when assuming office, naming Sylvia as the leader of my team was by far my easiest. From her extensive experience as the Manager of Corporate Contributions Program at the DuPont Company, to her work as a founding trustee of the Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League, Sylvia's resume even before this job was long and impressive. It's why I had to convince Sylvia to end her much-deserved retirement early to come and join my team. But it wasn't just her experience that made Sylvia a must-have. Her wise counsel had served me well personally for years and anyone who has spent any amount of time with her can testify to her calming, assured presence and her incredibly sharp sense of humor.

Luckily for me, and for my whole team, Sylvia's sense of public service won the day, and we made a deal that she would serve as State Director for 1 year. Well, Madam Speaker, 2 years and some months later, I'm happy to say that I got the better end of that bargain. Sylvia is now trying retirement again after failing the first time. Lucky for all of us, I managed to strike another deal with Sylvia. She will be staying on the team part-time as a Senior Advisor, meaning for all of us, her wise counsel will never be more than a phone call away. For her end of the deal, Sylvia will now have more time for her most important job; mother, grandmother, and golfer.

Sylvia Banks has left a lasting mark on my office and our State of Delaware, setting a very high bar, both professionally and personally for which we can all strive. I am eternally grateful for her work.

IN HONOR OF EDWARD WINFIELD
TAYLOR

HON. DAVID ROUZER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mr. ROUZER. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to bring to the attention of this distinguished body Mr. Edward Winfield Taylor of Clinton, North Carolina, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday. Mr. Taylor is a dedicated community leader in Sampson County and in commemoration of Mr. Taylor's outstanding achievements and service to the community, Mayor Lew Starling of Clinton proclaimed Saturday, February 9, 2019, as "Edward W. Taylor Day."

This is a well-deserved honor. Mr. Taylor helped shape countless lives during his 36-year tenure as an admired teacher and band director at Clinton High School. He even went on to earn induction into the North Carolina Bandmasters Association Hall of Fame in

2011. Mr. Taylor helped make a small-town band competitive with some of the largest bands across the state, marching in several national parades such as the Lion's International Parade in New York and the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Taylor's service to the community extended beyond his role as a teacher and band director. He taught Bible school at Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church for twenty years and coached baseball and football at the Clinton Recreation Department for fifteen years. Not only has he dedicated his life to serving his community and youth, he also served in the United States Air Force where he was a drum major for the marching band.

Edward Taylor and many others just like him brought liberty to millions throughout the world during a very dark time of world-history, and he is one of the giants of his time who made America great by doing his part day in and day out to influence the lives around him and serving our country every step of the way.

Congratulations to Mr. Taylor on 90 great years. May God continue to bless him.

Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the proclamation of the mayor of Clinton.

"EDWARD W. TAYLOR DAY"

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY

Whereas, family and friends will come together at Coharie Country Club, 101 Coharie Lane, Clinton, NC, on this day, Saturday, February 9, 2019, and celebrate the life of MR. EDWARD W. TAYLOR; and

Whereas, February 12, 2019, will mark the 90th birthday of this outstanding man of Clinton, Sampson County, North Carolina; and

Whereas, Mr. Edward W. Taylor was born February 12, 1929 in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina; and

Whereas, he has been blessed throughout the years and others have been blessed by him in many ways. He has contributed much to the City of Clinton and surrounding areas as a band director at Clinton High School for 36 years that won titles at the state and national levels in some of the most prestigious events; and

Whereas, his name is known throughout the land: he led Clinton High School bands that marched the Lion's Club Parade in New York, Atlanta, and New Orleans and won events at the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, DC; the Dogwood Festival in Knoxville, TN; and the Apple Blossom Festival in Winchester, VA; and

Whereas, he also served as choir director at Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church for several years.

Now, therefore, I, Lew Starling, Mayor of the City of Clinton, North Carolina, do extend good wishes and hereby proclaim this day, Saturday, February 9, 2019, as: "EDWARD W. TAYLOR DAY".

In Witness Whereof, I do hereunto set my hand and seal of said City of Clinton, this the 9th day of February, 2019.

LEW STARLING,

Mayor.

REMEMBERING PATRICIA HOWARD

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay a special tribute to a great woman of Memphis, Patricia Claxton Howard, a staunch