

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING JANICE FULLER'S TEN YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE SIXTH CON- GRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 18, 2019

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Janice Fuller, who has served as one of my most trusted advisors for the last decade in her roles as District Director and then Chief of Staff. Janice is leaving my office after 10 years of distinguished service.

For 10 years now, my constituents in New Jersey's Sixth Congressional District have had a fierce advocate in Janice. She has a passion for constituent services and has always been a champion for the district's municipalities, counties, organizations and businesses as they explore funding or partnerships from federal agencies.

Janice's commitment to and advocacy for the people of my Congressional District was never more on display than in the days, weeks, months and years following Superstorm Sandy, which devastated my district. She was relentless in her efforts to ensure the federal government provided the assistance needed to New Jerseyans impacted by Sandy. Janice fought for increased temporary housing for those who lost their homes, worked to secure funding for critical flood control projects and highlighted flood insurance fraud that was perpetrated against homeowners. Her determination to improve the response and recovery process from this historic storm had an impact on countless people throughout New Jersey.

Over the last four years, Janice has served as my Chief of Staff, leading my legislative, communications and constituent relations staff.

Prior to joining my staff in 2009, Janice served the people of New Jersey in the offices of two governors. First, she served in the McGreevey Administration in 2001 and 2002 as an Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff, and from 2006 through 2009 she was the Director of Cabinet Affairs in the Corzine Administration.

Janice is also well respected throughout New Jersey as one of the state's top political minds. From 2003 through 2006, she was the Executive Director of the New Jersey Democratic State Committee. In this position, she ran the day-to-day operations of the state political party—this is no easy task.

Throughout her entire career, Janice has been a fierce advocate for the people of New Jersey. And that advocacy spills over into her free time—if that time even exists for Janice. Not only has she served as a Board Member on the Covenant House New Jersey—Asbury Park Program and the New Jersey Equal Opportunity Fund, she recently won an election to serve on the Ocean Township School Board.

It goes without saying that public service runs in Janice's blood. She may be leaving my

office, but I have no doubt that she will continue to find ways to serve the people of New Jersey throughout the remainder of her career.

Over the last ten years, Janice has spent a lot of late nights representing me and my constituents at meetings or events throughout the district. I want to acknowledge the support Janice always received from her husband, John, and her three children, Grace, Finn and Sloane.

Madam Speaker, the American people, New Jerseyans and the people of the Sixth Congressional District have been well served by Janice Fuller for the last 20 years. I wish her nothing but the best in her future endeavors and look forward to watching all the ways she looks to serve the public good.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, due to my attendance at a funeral I was not present for the vote, on March 14, 2019, on H. Con. Res. 24, expressing the sense of Congress that the report of Special Counsel Mueller should be made available to the public and to Congress. Had I been present for rollcall vote 125 I would have voted "yea." I am pleased that this resolution calling for the release of Special Counsel Mueller's report to the public and to Congress passed decisively.

RECOGNIZING JUDY McCARTY

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to mourn the passing and celebrate the life of a wonderful friend and former San Diego City Councilwoman, Judy McCarty.

It is an honor to have worked in the same community as Judy. Throughout her accomplished life, Judy's selflessness and commitment to others never wavered. As a journalist, a community volunteer, and a dedicated public servant, Judy always remained focused on building community and improving the lives of her neighbors.

Judy brought a zest for life into everything she did. One of her biggest passion projects was the founding of Mission Trails Regional Park. Judy was a key figure in establishing this beloved public recreational amenity that is now the largest municipally owned park in the State of California and the 6th largest park in the entire country. This is just one of many accomplishments of Judy's, in a lifetime of service and dedication to the greater good.

Those who have had the pleasure to cross paths with Judy likely know that she was a

woman who valued the little things in life. She loved volunteering, tending to her garden, and cheering for the Indiana Hoosiers, but above all, she loved being a mother and a grandmother.

I wish her family the comfort to know that Judy left San Diego a better place than she found it, and that we are all better off because of her vision and leadership in our community.

I am grateful to have called Judy my friend and will miss her presence in the community. The joy she brought into life will live on in the thoughts and actions of everyone she has touched along the way. Though she will be missed dearly, the impact she made in San Diego will always endure.

HONORING ROBERT B. THOMAS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a beloved member of the community who is celebrating a remarkable 95th birthday this year, Mr. Robert B. Thomas.

Robert's story is, in many ways, a uniquely American one. He was born on March 14, 1924 to Robert and Annie Thomas in Augusta, Georgia and he migrated with his family to New York, where he attended Benjamin Franklin High School. He graduated from New York Vocational High School, where he was introduced to, and excelled in, the trade of plumbing. During World War II, Robert heeded the call to serve his country and on March 15, 1944 he joined the United States Army. He became a gunner in the 394th Anti-Aircraft Unit and after serving our nation, he came back to serve his city with the New York City Public Housing Authority. In 1946, Robert met the woman who he would marry, Doris E. Jones and they had two daughters, Symra and Sandra. He also has three grandchildren, Duane Nichols, Turhan Brandon and Taniya Brandon, and four great grandchildren, Indira Nichols, Sebastian Brandon, Orion Brandon and Dominick Brandon.

Robert worked in construction as a member of Laborers International Union of North America, Laborers Local 60 and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 137, the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 15 and Con Edison, which enabled him to put his daughters through college. He likes to reminisce about the past and enjoy talking about how he was a foreman and helped build the Governor Malcolm Wilson Tappan Zee Bridge. His experience on that project later led to his work on the Throgs Neck Bridge and second deck of the George Washington Bridge.

To his family, his friends, and his community, Robert Thomas is known as a kind, generous and loving person, who has helped others achieve their goals. It is my honor to recognize Robert on this special occasion and to

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