

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 2019

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the National Technical Institute for the Deaf on celebrating 50 years of providing an outstanding education for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. The National Technical Institute for the Deaf, or NTID, is one of the nine colleges at Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York. With almost 9,000 alumni and a 94 percent average employment rate over the past five years for its deaf and hard-of-hearing graduates, NTID continues to open doors and break down barriers for people who are deaf or hard-of-hearing.

For decades, the deaf community advocated for a technical university, and in 1965, that dream became a reality. After legislation was introduced in April that year, the National Technical Institute of the Deaf was established by Congress via Public Law 89-36 and signed by President Lyndon Baines Johnson on June 8, 1965. Three years later, in September 1968, 70 deaf young men and women arrived at the Rochester Institute of Technology, or RIT, campus to become the charter class of NTID students.

And here we are, 50 years after that charter class was facing the completion of its first year of academic instruction, and NTID is still excelling at its primary mission. “. . . to provide deaf and hard-of-hearing students with outstanding state-of-the-art technical and professional education programs, complemented by a strong arts and sciences curriculum, to prepare them to live and work in the mainstream of a rapidly changing global community and enhance their lifelong learning.”

We know NTID has succeeded because NTID students persist and graduate at rates favorable to national rates for two- and four-year colleges and because they are, on average, employed at higher rates and earn more over their lifetimes than deaf peers who do not attend NTID.

Over the past 50 years, NTID has also surpassed expectations for its secondary mission, by establishing one of the country's oldest and most prestigious American Sign Language interpreter training programs, improving the education of deaf children and youth by preparing future educators, and conducting research and outreach that benefit deaf people worldwide.

Serving as the U.S. Representative for Monroe County is a source of great pride for me, a pride that comes from knowing the role that Rochester has played and continues to play in changing the world for the better. NTID has helped make Rochester the diverse, innovative and determined community it is today. We are so fortunate to have this national treasure

as part of RIT and part of Rochester. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating NTID on 50 years of excellence

TRIBUTE TO ZYGMUND KOWALESKI

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 2019

Mr. YOUNG. Madam Speaker, today I'd like to congratulate Zygmund Kowaleski on the occasion of his 99th birthday on April 7th, and thank him for his service to the United States Navy and to the United States of America.

Mr. Kowaleski enlisted as a gunner on a twin-engine PBM flying boat in October of 1941, just two months before the ambush at Pearl Harbor would launch the U.S. into World War II. As a part of Torpedo Squadron Eight present at the Battle of Midway, he and his fellow crew members earned commendations for bravery in engagements at Guadalcanal, Midway, and the British Solomon Islands.

Attempting to fly a mail route off the coast of the Fiji Islands, Mr. Kowaleski's plane stalled on takeoff and crashed into the Pacific Ocean. He was forced to free himself from the downed plane and paddle from the wreckage, fearful the ship's 500-pound depth charges would detonate.

Madam Speaker, even after receiving combat honors twice for his heroics, Mr. Kowaleski once again piloted a U.S. Navy plane, instead hunting German submarines in the North Atlantic Ocean.

Mr. Kowaleski moved out to Alaska in 1967 after fulfilling his Naval service, continuing to fly as an FAA Airway Systems Inspection Pilot. But whether he was piloting a torpedo bomber or a twin-engine Cessna, he always conducted himself with valor and should be considered among Alaska's finest Naval Aviators for his service.

An aviator needs quick decision-making and a cool head to fly a plane in combat. Many of us will not know the kind of mental toughness required to see a mission to its conclusion, even under the most dire flight conditions.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Zygmund Kowaleski, who now at the age of 99, will have spent nearly one quarter of his life's work in service to his country having flown missions from Dutch Harbor to the Panama Canal. There are few people that can claim to have sacrificed as much under our flag, and he is owed the thanks and gratitude of all of us here in Washington and in Alaska.

RECOGNIZING POLICE CHIEF TROY MCGEE OF HELENA

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Troy McGee of Helena for his four decades of public service in the Helena Police Department, including nearly 23 years as chief of police.

Growing up in the community he would serve, Troy graduated from Helena High School in 1971 and Carroll College in 1975.

Troy began his career with the Helena Police Department in 1975 and worked his way through the ranks. After nearly 20 years in the department, Troy was promoted to police chief in August 1996.

Throughout his career, Troy was dedicated to law enforcement safety and training in Montana. He has contributed his time, experience, and perspective to several organizations, including the Montana Attorney General's Law Enforcement Advisory Council, the Montana Peace Officers Standards and Training Council, and the Montana Law Enforcement Academy Advisory Board. He also has advocated for law enforcement with the Montana Chiefs of Police Association and the Montana Police Officers Protective Association.

As Helena's chief of police, Troy created stronger relationships between his department and the community. He also bolstered the city's relationship with other law enforcement agencies. His commitment to coordination and partnership led the city's police department to work with the Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Department to form a joint SWAT team.

Troy has dedicated his life to the well-being of his community and law enforcement officers throughout our state. On behalf of the people of Montana, thank you for your service, Chief McGee.

Madam Speaker, for his decades of outstanding service and for his dedication to public safety, law enforcement, and his community, I recognize Troy McGee for his spirit of Montana.

HONORING THE HONORABLE DR. AMELIA ROSS-HAMMOND FOR HER CAREER AND SERVICE TO THE HAMPTON ROADS COMMUNITY

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the Honorable Dr. Amelia Ross-Hammond for her tremendous career and service in the Hampton Roads area.

Honorable Dr. Ross-Hammond recently retired from Norfolk State University where she

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taught Music Appreciation and the Humanities. Not only has Honorable Dr. Ross-Hammond been dedicated to her work as a Distinguished Professor, but she has been a renowned public servant. She served on the Virginia Beach City Council, and various councils and boards at the State and local level such as the City's Diversity and Inclusion Forums, and co-chaired the Mayor's African American Roundtable—just to name a few. She currently serves as a Commissioner for the Hampton Roads Transportation Commission and President-Elect for the Virginia Beach Beautification Commission. These are only a select few of her numerous titles and positions.

Honorable Dr. Ross-Hammond received awards for her service to the Hampton Roads community such as the Resolution of Appreciation from the Hampton Roads District Planning Commission and the Urban League of South Hampton Roads Young Professionals Award for Community Service. She was also the 2016 Honoree for the Norfolk State University Music Department's Spring Gala.

Honorable Dr. Ross-Hammond's dedication to strengthening bonds among people of different racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds is truly inspiring. I am proud to honor and recognize Honorable Dr. Ross-Hammond's leadership and the role she plays in making our community a better place. Hampton Roads has significantly benefited from her presence.

CONGRATULATING DENNIS BROWN

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 2019

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Dennis Brown on 50 years of employment at the Anheuser-Busch Jacksonville Brewery.

Mr. Brown began at the brewery in April of 1969, working onsite even before it packaged its first barrel of beer.

His attention to detail, unmatched work ethic, and commitment to quality has allowed him to excel as a leader in the brewery.

I have visited the Jacksonville brewery and can personally attest to its productivity and efficiency.

There is great honor in hard work at a job worth doing, and the admirable record of Mr. Brown's longevity speaks to his successful career.

I thank Mr. Brown for his part in making Budweiser the King of Beers and wish him the best in all future endeavors.

Cheers.

HONORING THE 1969 NEW YORK METS UPON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 2019

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise, on this, the greatest day of the year, Opening Day of the Major League Baseball season to honor the 1969 New York Mets

upon the 50th Anniversary of their World Series Championship. This scrappy team, led by the remarkable Gil Hodges, disproved their doubters, united a city, and offered hope during a dark time in our country's history. A season that began with a loss to the expansion Montreal Expos ended with Joan Hodges screaming "We're Champions" in an exuberant clubhouse under the beautiful Shea Stadium. With a rotation led by the powerful arms of Tom "The Franchise" Seaver and Jerry Koosman and a lineup packed with the ability of the likes of Ed Kranepool, Bud Harrelson, Cleon Jones, and Art Shamsky, these Mets jumped over the moon and won the World Series. The team that had been stumbling since the year of its creation somehow managed to outlast the historic Chicago Cubs with three future Hall of Famers, the imposing Atlanta Braves led by Hammerin' Hank Aaron, and the awe-inducing Baltimore Orioles led by Frank and Brooks Robinson. The characters that were these Mets offered hope to a struggling New York City and optimism for a country suffering through the Vietnam War. Fifty years ago, my New York Mets reminded the country why baseball is truly America's pastime. I, along with so many others who were cheering them during those exciting days, say thank you, congratulations on their 50th Anniversary, and Let's Go Mets.

RECOGNIZING THE REINTRODUCTION OF THE LYMPHEDEMA TREATMENT ACT

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 2019

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, as we near the end of March, which is Lymphedema Awareness Month, I rise to mark my reintroduction of the Lymphedema Treatment Act. When a cancer patient has her lymph nodes removed and experiences swelling and discomfort, it is a jarring experience. She is then often hit with another surprise: many insurers, including Medicare, do not cover a critical treatment for lymphedema—compression garments. This is one more challenge on top of the monumental battle of fighting cancer.

Including medically-necessary compression garments in Medicare coverage is a common-sense solution to increase access for the 10 million people who suffer from lymphedema. That is what my bill would do. Coverage under Medicare sets a precedent and is an important step in increasing access to compression garments for all Americans. 384 of my colleagues cosponsored this bill last Congress, and almost 100 have joined me and Representatives BUDDY CARTER, EARL BLUMENAUER, and MIKE KELLY as original cosponsors today. It is critical that we pass this bill into law.

Finally, I want to thank the Lymphedema Advocacy Group in particular for their tireless work in championing the Lymphedema Treatment Act. Today, my heart is with Elaine Eigeman, board chair of the Lymphedema Advocacy Group, who recently entered hospice care. She has been a champion for lymphedema patients for years, and she is the primary reason this bill was first introduced four years ago. I am proud to reintroduce this bill in her honor.

COMMEMORATION OF THE OPENING OF THE LIFE MESSAGE VETERANS RESOURCE & OUTREACH CENTER IN ROWLETT, TEXAS

HON. COLIN Z. ALLRED

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 2019

Mr. ALLRED. Madam Speaker, I am honored to commemorate a milestone for the community of Rowlett, Texas, the grand opening of the Life Message Veterans Resource & Outreach Center.

This facility is already making a difference in veterans' lives in this community, but Friday, March 29, 2019 will mark the ground-breaking and official opening ceremony of the center.

We owe a great debt to our veterans and their families, and I thank the people of Rowlett for their work on this effort. This is a great example of a community coming together to support those who have sacrificed so much for our nation.

It is an honor to represent them in Congress, and I know that I am deeply dedicated to being a strong and reliable partner for this new center as it works to become a source of long-term support and solutions for our veterans.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF ROBERT J. JAMISON, SR.

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Reverend Robert J. Jamison, Sr., who passed away on Sunday, March 24 at age 82.

Rev. Jamison, a native of Tupelo, Mississippi, was born on May 28, 1936 to Van and Cora Jamison. He was the third of four children and dedicated his life to Christ at an early age at Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church. Robert graduated from George Washington Carver High School and married his high school sweetheart, Minnie Lee Edwards, in 1954. After graduation, he received degrees from Mississippi Industrial College, University of Utah, and Memphis Theological Seminary.

Rev. Jamison served as pastor of Second Baptist Church, New Providence Missionary Baptist Church and founded the People's Community Baptist Church in Tupelo, Mississippi. It was through these roles and many more that Rev. Jamison touched many lives. He was dedicated to making his community better by serving the people any way he could.

Rev. Jamison's life is one that should be celebrated and remembered. His legacy of obedience to God and selfless service to others lives on in all the lives he touched.

Left to cherish his memories are his son, Robert "Fonda" Jamison, Jr. of Silver Spring, MD; three daughters, Searcy (Ray) Taylor and Venita Goins of Gulfport, MS, Marcy Jamison of Tupelo, MS; four grandchildren, Christen Shane Jamison of Philadelphia, PA, Julicia "GiGi" Taylor of Camp Spring, MD, William (Ashlee) Goins and daughter, Ava Claire of Starkville, MS, Jamison Goins of Atlanta, GA;