

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO LARA YERETSIAN—
28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women’s History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation’s women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Lara Yeretsian of Hollywood, California.

Before moving to the United States, Lara and her family experienced hardship during the civil war in Lebanon. Her parents, who were wholeheartedly devoted to giving Lara and her three sisters a good life and a loving home, established Sasoun Bakery, a renowned Armenian bakery in the Little Armenia area of Hollywood, and enrolled Lara and her siblings in the local Armenian school. Lara continued her education at Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles, and received her J.D. degree in 1997, followed by her LL.M. degree in International and Comparative Law from Georgetown University Law Center in 1998. She interned for Judge Bert Glennon of the Los Angeles County Superior Court in California, and for Judge Robert M. Takasugi of the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

A well-respected and successful criminal defense attorney, and fluent in English, Armenian and Arabic, Lara spent a decade working on various high-profile cases at the law firm of Geragos & Geragos. Later, she founded her own firm, Yeretsian Law, and continues to work as an uplifting and compassionate guide for her clients. Recognized as a Southern California Super Lawyer for 2019, Lara’s professionalism and achievements have not gone unnoticed. In addition to her many accomplishments as an attorney, Ms. Yeretsian has authored numerous articles regarding issues that impact the criminal justice system.

In spite of her tremendously successful career, Lara never lost sight of her passion to give back, and her benevolence, leadership and advocacy are reflected in her philanthropic work in the community. Currently, she serves on the Board of Directors of the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry and the Los Angeles City College Foundation, and as co-chair of the Hollywood chapter of the Armenian National Committee of America. Ms. Yeretsian also serves as chairperson of the Police Permit Review Panel of the Los Angeles Police Commission.

Lara is married to Hratch Manuelian, and they have two sons, David and Christopher.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California’s 28th Congressional District, Lara Yeretsian.

HONORING THE FALLBROOK UNION
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
FOR SERVING OUR MILITARY
FAMILIES

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the students and faculty of Fallbrook Union Elementary School District.

Last month, my staff met with administrators from Fallbrook Union who brought dozens of letters and drawings from the students of Mary Fay Pendleton Elementary School. The students shared what they liked most about their school. Ashton said “I love PE, when we play tug-of-war” while Alina said she loves Mary Fay “because we have a great librarian and a big library.” Taelin said that “at this school I like to help people that do not have a friend and help people in need.”

Mary Fay serves military-connected students living on Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base. These students have parents who are serving their country on base or deployed abroad. Mary Fay creates a safe learning environment for its students and encourages them to dream and succeed.

These students are benefiting from a top-notch public education at an Impact Aid school. School districts across the country cross into land owned by the Federal Government, including military bases. These schools must operate with less local revenue because federal lands are exempt from local property taxes. It is our responsibility to ensure that schools like Mary Fay have the necessary resources to succeed by including sufficient funding for Impact Aid schools in the FY2020 budget. I was proud to join my colleagues in calling for the Appropriations Committee to support strong and continued funding for the Impact Aid Program.

I am honored to represent Mary Fay Pendleton Elementary School and I thank them for serving our military community. I especially want to thank the teachers of the entire Fallbrook Union Elementary School District for their heroic work and for encouraging their students to engage in the democratic process at a young age.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on April 8, 2019 for Roll Call Vote 157, Roll Call 158, and Roll Call Vote 159. Had I been present, my vote would have been the following: Yea on Roll Call Vote 157, Yea on Roll Call 158, and Yea on Roll Call 159.

SASHA BAILEY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Sasha Bailey for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

The Youth Award focuses on teenagers who have overcome personal adversity and created positive changes in their lives and their community. The program provides businesses, the community and civic leaders an opportunity to support young people in their communities and recognize their accomplishments. Sasha is the perfect recipient for this award because despite adversities and challenges, she has become an inspiration and role model for her peers.

The dedication and leadership demonstrated by Sasha 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 Sasha Bailey for this well-deserved recognition. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF NATIONAL FORMER
POW RECOGNITION DAY AND
THE JANESVILLE 99

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of National Former POW Recognition Day and the 77th anniversary of capture of U.S. soldiers on the Bataan Peninsula in the Philippines to the Imperial Japanese Army and the beginning of the Bataan Death March.

In November 1941, 99 soldiers from my hometown of Janesville, Wisconsin arrived on the Bataan Peninsula. These soldiers were known as the “Janesville 99” and composed Company A of the U.S. Army 192nd GHQ Light Tank Battalion. Less than three weeks after arriving to the Philippines, on December 8, 1941, Imperial Japan attacked.

For the next four months, out-gunned and under-supplied, sick and starving, these brave Wisconsinites fought the Battle of Bataan against a substantial Japanese invasion force. On April 9th, they were captured, tortured, and subjected to the Bataan Death March.

Only 35 of the original Janesville 99 returned after the War. This is a solemn reminder of the bravery and selfless sacrifices our service members make for our freedom. In Downtown Janesville, there is memorial to

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