RECOGNIZING UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FOR ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF WOMEN IN MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES AT THE 63RD SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

HON. BEN MCADAMS
OF UTAH
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. McADAMS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the members of the Utah International Mountain Forum, a coalition of student clubs at Utah Valley University (UVU) on efforts to advance sustainable mountain development around the world. These accomplishments 13 students help highlight how UVU’s Student Engaged Learning (SEL) model gives students opportunities for both professional advancement and the chance to work with local, state, national and international leaders to foster sustainable development, particularly for women and girls.

Through SEL, students take the lead in learning how to solve problems by collaborating with faculty mentors. Most of the students are nontraditional students who work full- or part-time, are 25 years or older and support a family while attending school.

Months of preparation preceded the New York event. They partnered with two prominent NGOs—the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences and Utah China Friendship Improvement Sharing Hands Development and Cooperation—to submit goals for addressing food insecurity, education access and climate change effects in mountain communities. They participated in global events such as the 61st and 62nd Commission on the Status of Women and organized celebrations on International Mountain Day and International Women’s Day that brought high-level diplomats and 62nd Commission on the Status of Women.

In 2019, 13 students studied in Utah. Individual students presented firsthand to address issues facing women and girls in the United States. Toyama is the most recognized karate organization in the world. Toyama’s mission is to teach discipline, confidence, and self-defense to prepare students physically and mentally to lead a better way of life.

What is the meaning of Karate-Do?: “The Road of the Empty Hand.” In Karate-Do we do not inflict harm with an attack, but attack with a defense to protect our life. I recognize Toyama Karate-Do and the Cazaletes family for all they do for my constituency. They truly are a great asset to the community.

CONGRATULATING SUSAN KUBORN FOR WINNING A GOLD MEDAL IN THE 1.500 METER RUN AT THE 2019 SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD GAMES

HON. CHERI BUSTOS
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, April 12, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Susan Kuborn of Rockford for winning a gold medal at the 2019 Special Olympics World Games held in Abu Dhabi. Susan Kuborn knew that this was a “once-in-a-lifetime” opportunity and she trained hard to win gold in the 1,500 meter run. Ms. Kuborn was once an athlete from Illinois to compete at the Special Olympics World Games. As a former athlete, I appreciate the fortitude Ms. Kuborn displayed to achieve her dream of winning gold and commend her for her outstanding efforts. Ms. Kuborn is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to see her represent Rockford not just here at home but throughout the world.

It is because of leaders such as Susan Kuborn that I am especially proud to serve Illinois’ 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Susan Kuborn on her gold medal win at the Special Olympics World Games.

HONORING TOYAMA KARATE-DO’S 50TH ANNIVERSARY AND 47TH BLACK BELT GRADUATION

HON. J. LUIS CORREA
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I would like to take some time today to honor Toyama Karate-Do Martial Arts Academy and recognize their 50 years of commitment to the community and the celebration of their 47th Black Belt Graduation.

Toyama Karate-Do began on April 26, 1969, and it was named after Hanshi Toyama Kankan, who was the founder of the Shudokan style, in Okinawa, Japan. Fifty years later, Toyama has the same mission; teach discipline, confidence, and self-defense to prepare students physically and mentally to lead a better way of life.

In 1991, Toyama Karate-Do reached Southern California, opening the first school in the United States. Toyama is the most recognized and accomplished Martial Arts Organization in Orange County and one of the top 100 schools in the United States. Currently, Toyama has more than 75 schools worldwide, including locations in Bolivia, Japan, and Canada.

Ms. Kuborn is the 17th Congressional District’s first Special Olympics World Games representative. She is the first Illinois athlete to win gold in the 1,500 meter run. Ms. Kuborn was one of seven athletes from Illinois to compete at the Special Olympics World Games held in Abu Dhabi.

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RETRIEVING OF SENIOR COUNSEL HARRY ‘HANK’ SAVAGE

HON. DON YOUNG
OF ALASKA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. YOUNG. Madam Speaker, on May 2, Senior Counsel Hank “Hank” Atack Savage is retiring from the Office of Legislative Counsel after 33 years. I want to commend Hank for his long and excellent service, and his improvements to the many bills on which he has worked over the years. In addition to working for other Committees, Hank handled maritime, Coast Guard, coastal and ocean and other issues for the now defunct Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, and for the Committee on Transportation Infrastructure, the Committee on Natural Resources, and the Committee on Armed Services. When I chaired the Committee on Natural Resources and, later, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I was glad to have his support and expertise when drafting complex legislation.

As the maritime transportation counsel, Hank helped shepherd through Coast Guard authorization bills, including eight in the last nine Congresses, and a Maritime Administration authorization measure in every National Defense Authorization Act since 1995. His work has left a lasting impression on title 14, Coast Guard, and title 46, Shipping, of the