

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 18, 2019*

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on April 10, 2019 during roll call no. 163, on Agreeing to the Amendment, Delgado of New York Part A Amendment No. 4, to H.R. 1644, the Save the Internet Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 164, on Agreeing to the Amendment, Wexton of Virginia Part A Amendment No. 6, to H.R. 1644, the Save the Internet Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 165, on Agreeing to the Amendment, McAdams of Utah Part A Amendment No. 12, to H.R. 1644, the Save the Internet Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 166, on Motion to Recommit with Instructions for H.R. 1644, the Save the Internet Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 167, on Passage of H.R. 1644, the Save the Internet Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

ANGEL MARTINEZ, LAISHA CAMPOS AND VERONICA MONCADA

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 18, 2019*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud students Angel Martinez, Laisha Campos and Veronica Moncada for earning the Rookie of the Year Award for their creative and unique mobile application (app) as part of the 2019 Congressional App Challenge.

As first-time participants in the challenge, this team from the Northglenn STEM Launch School built an app titled "Immigration Help" to assist members of the community with immigration resources allowing the community to be a welcoming environment for new constituents.

The students of STEM Launch School spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn about coding, further advancing their STEM education. Each team built their app in less than three months which shows their perseverance and dedication to this challenge and exemplifies the character and determination the faculty instills in the students at the school.

I extend my deepest congratulations to these students for their hard work on this project. I am certain these students will exhibit the same dedication and character in their future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMIE NICHOLAU ADAMS

### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 18, 2019*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Jamie Adams who is receiving the Citizen of the Year and Community Care Award from the Associated Parents' Group of Hillsborough for her tireless work improving the lives of our children.

As the principal at West Hillsborough School from 2009 to 2015 and the principal at Crocker Middle School from 2015 to the present, Ms. Adams has served Hillsborough with a dedication to students, a sense of community and forward-thinking leadership. She has always been open to feedback and input while remaining grounded in her principles which focus on what is best for all students, not only each individual student. In her own words, she strives to "uphold high academic standards, support innovative instruction, and build a sense of community among students, teachers, staff and parents on a daily basis."

Ms. Adams had devoted her entire career to education and the betterment of others. Originally from Marysville, California, she earned her BA in Sociology at UC Berkeley and her MA and Ed. D from Mills College. After college, she worked at a rehabilitation hospital in San Francisco before starting her family. She married her husband Griffith Adams 44 years ago and they have two children, Nicholau and Elizabeth. Her family, she says, is her greatest love and accomplishment.

Ms. Adams has worked at a private school for three years and in the Piedmont Unified School District for 17 years. To this day, she volunteers for the Piedmont Minor Offender Program, a program supporting minors who made poor choices and who are engaging in positive restitution for growth and development.

In her ten years at HCSD, Ms. Adams has achieved a long list of innovations and accomplishments. In 2011 and 2012, West was awarded the distinguished Kent Award for peer coaching and for "Operation Risk." Operation Risk encouraged teachers to innovate even at the risk of failure. The program was so successful that the school district asked her to expand it and made it one of five district-wide initiatives. She also brought a mindfulness program to all grades, introduced flexible classroom environments and desks to promote learning and innovation, and empowered students to establish the Principals Advisors Program.

Ms. Adams was the first principal at HCSD to create open forums to solicit both positive and negative feedback from parents. This openness to listening and trying new ideas rapidly improved the input from parents and the district subsequently adopted the model at all elementary schools.

Ms. Adams understands that the success of a child cannot be measured solely by test

scores. She is an advocate of the whole child perspective which in some cases makes it acceptable for test scores to drop for the betterment of the whole child. She oversaw the building of the environmentally friendly kindergarten wing, formalized the student council election process, and created other opportunities for students interested in leadership roles. In 2014, West was named a California Distinguished School.

When she started her tenure at Crocker Middle School in 2015, she worked her magic there. She immediately brought calm and confidence to teachers and staff. She also implemented science into the daily schedule.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Jamie Adams for her exemplary service to all children and families in Hillsborough. Her vision, wisdom and leadership have helped shape the educational system in the entire Hillsborough City School District.

## HONORING NELSON CARBONELL

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 18, 2019*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Nelson Carbonell, who has dedicated many years to The George Washington University (GWU), especially as the Chair of its Board of Trustees for the past six years.

Carbonell's service to GWU has been a labor of love. Carbonell first walked through the university's Professor's Gate as a teenager in the fall of 1981 during his freshman year as a scholarship student. He was eager to learn and fulfill his ambitions to become an engineer. From those first years as an undergraduate to his later years as a highly successful alumnus, Carbonell's devotion to GWU has only grown. There is no part of the university's academic, civic, athletic and cultural life that Carbonell has not touched in some way, shape or form.

Among his many contributions to GWU, Carbonell and his wife, Michele, have established an academic center within the university's athletics department to provide educational support services to student athletes. Together, they established the Nelson and Michele Carbonell Engineering Scholarship and created an endowed professorship at GWU's new Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders Initiative. Over the years, Nelson Carbonell has been important to individual students and has made key contributions that help to ensure the university remains ever-committed to its missions of educating future citizen leaders and generating ideas that have a real-world impact.

Carbonell was instrumental in helping GWU select its last two presidents, whose ideas and influence on a university's culture can be as enduring as any building. He was also crucial to the construction of the largest academic

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