

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING ROGER ADDISON

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Roger Addison, who served as a dedicated employee of the House of Representatives for 31 years under six Clerks of the House.

Born at D.C. General Hospital, Roger is a true Washingtonian. He began his tenure as a busboy and dishwasher in the Longworth cafeteria before becoming a laborer in House Furnishings. Having worked as a D.C. cab driver and chauffeur, Roger then became a driver under former House Clerk Donald K. Anderson.

Roger took computer classes and secured a position as a Public Information Specialist in the newly formed Legislative Resource Center. In time, Roger was promoted to Registration and Compliance Clerk.

He met his wife, Cassandra, while walking in the Longworth tunnel, and he will tell you it was love at first sight. They have been married for 18 years. They raised six children and have 11 grandchildren. Cassandra is responsible for convincing Roger to start wearing bowties, now his signature look.

Outside of the House, Roger is an avid golfer and often vacations with his family in the Carolinas. He loves to travel, and, as many of his colleagues will attest, he famously holds down the dance floor during the Clerk's annual holiday party. He is a deacon at Ambassador Baptist Church, and he is a Mason.

Roger is affectionately known as the "Mayor of Capitol Hill." He will be missed by his colleagues and the Members who have come to know him. We all wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Roger Addison for his service and dedication.

OUTSTANDING COBB COUNTY LEADER RETIRES

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Jerri Barr's thirty-five years of exemplary service to the families within Georgia's 11th Congressional District and the greater Atlanta area. Jerri is the retiring CEO for the Center for Family Resources, a non-profit social services agency in Marietta, Georgia.

The Center for Family Resources was founded in 1960, based on the community's need to streamline and simplify emergency assistance in Cobb County. Community leaders

recognized that their current system, which spread responsibility among six different agencies, created opportunities for miscommunication and slow response times when families needed urgent aid. By consolidating these responsibilities into one agency, families were able to receive necessary assistance in a timely manner.

With Jerri at the helm, the CFR grew substantially, and is now widely recognized and emulated due to its successful practices; as the CFR has become the gold standard for similar agencies across the country. This unique program not only provides vital resources during difficult times to families in Cobb County, but works with them long-term to provide the resources necessary to become self-reliant, free from the vicious cycle of government-funded resource dependency. The Center achieves this success by offering a series of life-classes on topics such as budgeting and parenting; they also provide GED classes as well as help with resume writing and how to interview for a job.

The Center for Family Resources benefits greatly from its outstanding staff of employees and volunteer workers, along with a highly engaged and motivated Board of Directors. The bond that has held all this together for the past 35 years has been CEO Jerri Barr. As this remarkable community leader prepares for her much-deserved retirement, I want to personally thank her for her dedication to families in need, as well as her continued commitment to supporting a high quality of life for the citizens of our Cobb County communities.

HONORING THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SUSTAINABLE LOGISTICS ACADEMY AT WHITES CREEK HIGH SCHOOL IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. COOPER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Future Farmers of America Alternative Energy Sustainable Logistics Academy at Whites Creek High School in Nashville, Tennessee.

In 2016 and 2017, Whites Creek High School Future Farmers of America Alternative Energy Sustainable Logistics Academy, led by the Academy instructor Dr. Garry Gibson, grew four acres of soybeans for their biodiesel program at the Whites Creek Community Garden.

In 2016, the Academy applied for and won the first place prize nationally and \$10,000 in the Ford Motor Challenge STEM Contest. The 2016 winnings were used to drive a biodiesel powered vehicle for a student lecture tour up-and-down the east coast ending at the University of Guelph, Canada's top agricultural university.

In 2017, the Academy again placed first place nationally in the Ford Motor Challenge, winning \$20,000. The 2017 winnings are being used by the Academy to create a student-led solar power station at Whites Creek High School, overseen by the Academy Principal, Mr. Jeremiah Davis; a local solar power adviser from Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, Mr. Jason Carney; and Whites Creek High School seniors Rachel Rhea and Daniel Vancief. The Academy has since created a solar power curriculum so Whites Creek students can continue these efforts.

The solar power station will reduce the school's electrical costs by an estimated \$5,000 each year. It will also keep an estimated 72,072 pounds of carbon dioxide out of the environment that would otherwise have been created from burning coal.

I congratulate the Whites Creek High School Future Farmers of America Alternative Energy Sustainable Logistics Academy on their invaluable contributions to Middle Tennessee's future.

RECOGNIZING QENDRIM HAXHIU'S COMPLETION OF THE CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate University of Georgia student Qendrim Haxhiu on his acceptance to, and completion of, the U.S. Department of State's Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) program.

Qendrim Haxhiu from Dahlonega, Georgia was one of only 572 students to be selected for the 2018 CLS program—an especially remarkable accomplishment, given this highly competitive program received over 5,500 applications in 2018. This prestigious merit-based scholarship allows U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to study abroad in intensive summer institutes in 14 critical languages. Scholars complete language instruction and structured cultural enrichment experiences designed to promote Americans' mastery of languages that are critical to our national security and economic prosperity.

The CLS program gave Qendrim the opportunity to study in Tainan, Taiwan. His time overseas was spent increasing his proficiency in Chinese while being fully immersed in Taiwanese culture. Fully grasping the culture of other countries is key to America's future success, and I commend Qendrim for his commitment to sharing American values and advancing American interests abroad.

On behalf of the people of Northeast Georgia, I want to congratulate Qendrim Haxhiu on his incredible accomplishment of being awarded this scholarship and completing the CLS program. I look forward to his continued success as he utilizes his knowledge and skills to

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