

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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enrich and broaden America's global economic interests.

COLUMBIA RIVER IN-LIEU AND TREATY FISHING ACCESS SITES IMPROVEMENT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 29, 2019

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, I supported H.R. 91, the Columbia River In-Lieu and Treaty Fishing Access Sites Improvement Act, because it is important and necessary for the in-lieu fishing sites along the Columbia River to be properly maintained, safe and sanitary for tribal use. These sites, which are federally controlled, were set aside by Congress to provide fishing access to tribal fishermen whose traditional fishing grounds were displaced after the construction of dams on the Columbia River. Because these sites are federally maintained, the bill's authorization is necessary to assess the sanitation and safety in order to improve these sites tribal use. This bill, however, does not make any determination of the sites' boundaries nor should it be interpreted as doing so, but should only be taken to ensure tribes have access to traditional fishing areas on the Columbia River by the four Columbia River Treaty tribes.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Madam Speaker, throughout the history of the United States, our national leaders have consistently turned to prayer during times of struggle, adversity, and crisis. George Washington's prayer in Valley Forge was a turning point in our war for independence; Benjamin Franklin's call for prayer broke the political gridlock during the Constitution Convention; President Franklin Roosevelt took to the airwaves, leading the nation in prayer as our troops landed at Normandy on D-Day; and George Patton's prayer for a change in weather turned the tide during the Battle of the Bulge. More recently, I witnessed firsthand the miraculous impact of prayer during the Congressional baseball shooting in June, 2017.

These are only a few of the numerous documented instances where Americans have individually and collectively turned to God in prayer, and He has consistently answered.

The National Day of Prayer was established by an Act of Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman in 1952, to recognize God's hand of divine providence in the course of our nation. Since 1988, under the leadership of President Ronald Reagan, the first Thursday of May has been set aside as the official day of observance of the National Day of Prayer.

For over two decades, the people of Bartow County, Georgia have gathered on the National Day of Prayer at the County Courthouse, to continue the heritage of seeking God's Divine guidance.

Today, May 2, 2019, in observance of the National Day of Prayer, community leaders and people from all across the county will once again join together in collective prayer for our communities, our state, and our nation. I commend the pastors, elected officials, and community leaders in Bartow County, Georgia for actively recognizing the impact prayer has on our nation.

Effective and fervent prayers are not only a core aspect of our national past, but remain a powerful tool in all aspects of public and private matters, and I encourage all people to pray for one another and our nation on this National Day of Prayer, and every day.

IN RECOGNITION OF LIEUTENANT COMMANDER FELIX MARTINEZ

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Lieutenant Commander Felix Martinez's retirement after 40 years of public service. I would like to personally thank him for his service and dedication to our nation.

Lieutenant Commander Martinez has spent the last 40 years working to serve his community. He began by working as a college instructor at the City Colleges of Chicago and then moved on to become a teacher and baseball coach at Nelson County Schools. We are fortunate to have someone as honorable as Lieutenant Commander Martinez educating our youth.

Lieutenant Commander Martinez spent the next 30 years of his career in Military Services with the United States Navy and United States Marine Corps. He began his work as a US Naval Officer with Associate Protocol. Lieutenant Commander Martinez then worked as a Research Liaison, Coordinator, Homeland Defense Planner, and Analyst for the US Navy. Finally, Lieutenant Commander Martinez has most recently served as the Senior Naval Science Instructor for NJROTC unit at Stafford County Schools. I wish to express my immense gratitude to Lieutenant Commander Martinez for dedicating his life to serving the United States of America.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognition of Lieutenant Commander Felix Martinez. The Commonwealth is fortunate to have someone with such valor and commitment. May God bless Lieutenant Commander Martinez and I look forward to seeing his continued success for many years to come.

THANKING J. SPENCER FREEBAIRN FOR HIS SERVICE

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Spencer Freebairn for his 26 years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives and the American people. In 1993, a young, fresh out of college kid from Orange County, California began his career on

Capitol Hill working for his hometown congressman, former Representative Dana Rohrabacher. He went on to continue to serve for Representative Jerry Lewis, the former Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Appropriations Committee. Then we had the fortune of making him an honorary Texan from "far west Texas"—serving first for Representative Roger Williams before joining my office.

I have had the privilege of calling Spencer a friend for nearly twenty years, and my Chief of Staff for two. While I am personally sad to see him go, Spencer's impact on this body will be felt long after he departs. Along the way, Spencer has done it all. Whether he was advocating for our men and women in uniform, securing funding to prevent wildfires, or working to protect the rights of California dairy farmers, his legislative accomplishments are second to none.

Madam Speaker, on Friday, Spencer will retire from the House and move on to his next chapter. I thank Spencer for his service, and wish him and his husband Antonio, and their two daughters Artemis and Ariana, nothing but the best in the future.

RECOGNIZING BRIDGET MALLO OF BUTTE

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bridget Mallo of Butte for inspiring a community to celebrate life with her courage in facing a chronic, progressive, and often fatal disease.

Bridget was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at six months old. She and her family have consulted doctors and been in and out of hospitals for 15 years. Despite the prognosis, Bridget never uses her illness as an excuse.

Now 15 years old, Bridget recently faced a decision no teenager should have to bear.

Doctors said that forgoing a lung transplant could leave Bridget with four to six weeks to live. Proceeding with further treatment, including an organ transplant, did not guarantee a successful outcome and meant greater hardships for her loved ones.

She chose to return home to Butte to spend her remaining time with family and friends. Two of her final wishes are particularly touching. She wants to ensure her mother is supported and does not face financial insecurity. She also asked the community of Butte to come together to celebrate life.

Bridget's courage rallied the community, as individuals and businesses responded with donations to support the family. Bridget has also brought awareness to the struggles families face when a loved one is diagnosed with the incurable disease.

In late April, residents of Butte celebrated life and Bridget. Bridget's loved ones, friends, classmates, and neighbors cheered her arrival. Amid much fanfare and a police escort, there were tears of sadness and tears of joy.

Bridget has helped demonstrate the power of community. Family, friends, and neighbors have come together to support and celebrate a remarkable young woman.

Bridget's community will long remember her big heart. Because of Bridget, they will also