

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING BETTY COOPER OF BROWNING

### HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 9, 2019*

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, with Mother's Day around the corner, I rise today to honor Betty Cooper of Browning for her advocacy for families and mental health services as well as for being named Montana's 2019 Mother of the Year by American Mothers.

Betty Cooper is the mother of five, a grandmother, and an enrolled member of the Blackfeet Tribe. She was born and raised in Browning. In 1963, Betty moved to the San Francisco Bay area with her husband and children. There, she became involved in substance abuse prevention and treatment in the Indian community. She helped establish the American Indian Family Healing Center in Oakland, CA, and served as director for a decade.

Returning home to Montana, she helped establish the Pikuni Family Healing Center in Starr School.

Betty was among over two dozen prominent Native American advocates featured in *Surviving in Two Worlds: Contemporary Native American Voices*, a book by Lois Crozier-Hogle and Darryl Babe Wilson.

Betty has served on the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council and has been an advocate for individuals with mental illness.

American Mothers, a non-profit organization founded in 1935, named Betty Montana's Mother of the Year for 2019. In her recent address at the group's annual meeting, Betty said, "Love our children; look them in the eye; hug them close and tell them you love them. When a child knows they are loved, everything else falls in place. Each of our children is a gift to us from the Creator."

Madam Speaker, truer words were never spoken.

Madam Speaker, for her dedication to family, advocacy for mental health services, and leadership in the Indian community, I recognize Betty Cooper for her spirit of Montana.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JUDGE DAMON J. KEITH

### HON. BRENDA L. LAWRENCE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 9, 2019*

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Madam Speaker, on behalf of myself and Representative JOHN LEWIS, along with my colleagues, Representatives KAREN BASS, ALMA ADAMS, COLIN ALLRED, G.K. BUTTERFIELD, ANDRÉ CARSON, YVETTE D. CLARKE, WM. LACY CLAY, EMANUEL CLEAVER, MARCIA L. FUDGE, ALCEE L. HASTINGS, HAKEEM JEFFRIES, EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, ROBIN KELLY, GWEN MOORE, ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, DONALD M. PAYNE, JR., AYANNA

PRESSLEY, CEDRIC RICHMOND, LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER, BOBBY L. RUSH, BENNIE G. THOMPSON, MARC VEASEY, and Senators CORY BOOKER and KAMALA D. HARRIS, to honor the life of a great public servant, Judge Damon J. Keith. For over half a century, Judge Keith fought for justice, transparency, and civil liberties, setting an example for generations to come.

Judge Keith was born on July 4, 1922—a fitting date for someone who so staunchly believed in American Democracy. The grandson of slaves, Judge Keith was a champion for racial equality. As he grew up in Detroit, he noticed that there were no African Americans in positions of power. He served in a segregated unit in World War II. Judge Keith always understood his importance in creating a more just nation.

Damon attended Howard University, where he was mentored by future Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. In 1967, he was nominated to a seat on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan by President Johnson. This nomination came at the suggestion of Michigan Senator Philip Hart, the namesake of the Hart Senate Office Building. As a federal judge, Damon worked to end segregation in Michigan. He ordered for the bussing of ten thousand African American students in Pontiac to achieve racial integration. He also ordered the city of Hamtramck to relocate 500 African Americans who were displaced during a federally supported urban renewal project.

These decisions were not popular at the time, and often resulted in Judge Keith receiving death threats. He never backed down, however, saying: "I don't scare easily." In 1977, he was nominated by President Carter to a seat on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, a position he held until his passing on April 28, 2019.

Judge Keith was a champion for government transparency. In his most famous case, he ruled that the Nixon Administration had acted unlawfully when issuing domestic wiretaps, a decision which was unanimously by the Supreme Court. In 2002, he issued an opinion on the secret deportation hearings for alleged terrorists following the September 11th attacks. In another unanimous decision, he wrote: "Democracies die behind closed doors." These wise words remind us that the United States is a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

At the age of 94, Judge Keith was a firm supporter of voting rights, dissenting against voting restrictions in Ohio. He cited the sacrifices made by generations of civil rights leaders and refused to let voters be silenced after decades of struggle and perseverance. Judge Keith spent every single day committed to helping our country respect the dignity, worth, and equality of every human being—whether it was their right to vote, education, housing, employment, or privacy.

Judge Keith will be sorely missed, but his years of tireless service as a champion for civil rights will never be forgotten.

OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES HONOREES

### HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 9, 2019*

Mr. ZELDIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to forty-three exemplary young men and women from the First Congressional District of New York who have chosen to serve their country in the various branches of the Armed Forces of the United States. These courageous individuals will put their lives on hold to ensure the security and welfare of their fellow Americans. Their unwavering patriotism, dedication to our nation's values and sacrifice in defense of our great nation is inspiring. Each of the following students has my deepest appreciation for their service to our country, and I ask my colleagues to join me in personally recognizing:

Army, Gabriel Bernal, Bellport; Army, Ayden De Grijze, Bellport; Army, Trinity Gilkey, William Floyd; Army, Justin Guimarra, Longwood; Army, Brian Kavanaugh, Bellport; Army, Evan Marchese, William Floyd; Army, Ryan Murphy, Patchogue-Medford; Army, Johnathan Patterson, Bellport; Army, Jose Rincon, Longwood; Army, Sean Rodriguez, Bellport; Army, Maria Sanabria, Sayville; Army, Derek Smith, William Floyd; Army, Devin Stinsman, William Floyd; Army, Jahdeba Williams, William Floyd;

Marines, Danyel Anderson, William Floyd; Marines, Amy Barbecho, William Floyd; Marines, Evan Berkemeyer, William Floyd; Marines, Brandon Bratchie, William Floyd; Marines, Anthony Cespedes, Patchogue-Medford; Marines, Matthew Dugan, Patchogue-Medford; Marines, Jefferson Guerra, William Floyd; Marines, Christopher Hlavaty, Sayville; Marines, Dylan Lauer, Patchogue-Medford; Marines, Maximus Maizus, Sayville; Marines, Patrick Malone, Patchogue-Medford; Marines, Salaahaddeen Poulos, William Floyd; Marines, Tristan Soto, William Floyd; Marines, Aaron Speeding, Longwood; Marines, Serina Wong, Longwood;

Navy, Anthony DeCarlo, Patchogue-Medford; Navy, Ryan Havel, Patchogue-Medford; Navy, Pedro Hernandez, William Floyd; Navy, Deyby Lituma Pucha, William Floyd; Navy, Ivan Lopez, Bellport; Navy, Jeffrey McFarland, Longwood; Navy, Anthony Musorofiti, Sayville; Navy, Dominic O'Brien, Bayport Blue Point; Navy, Wayne Snyder, Longwood;

Air Force, Lynda Carman, Longwood; Air Force, Joseph Cortes, William Floyd; Air Force, Richard Downes, Longwood; Eastport South Manor; Air National Guard, Carson Nagle, Bellport; Air National Guard, Ashley Raino, Longwood.

These enlistees will be recognized on May 15, 2019, at the 5th Annual "Our Community Salutes Brookhaven Town Enlistee Ceremony" at Sunset Harbor in Patchogue, N.Y.

Madam Speaker, we, as a nation, are extraordinarily grateful to each and every one of these forty-three individuals for answering the

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