

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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call of duty. Each of these young Americans has our eternal gratitude and we will never be able to adequately repay them for their service to our nation. It is my distinct honor and privilege to represent them and their families in the First Congressional District of New York. I wish them the best of luck in their respective branches and in all of their future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL
REIMBURSEMENT BILL

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. CASE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce my bill, which would ensure all federal employees are treated fairly and are reimbursed in a timely manner for travel expenses during a shutdown.

Good government includes ensuring that during shutdowns, essential services are still performed. Thus, during the last government shutdown, federal employees, including TSA personnel in Hawai'i, continued to make official trips in support of their important security-related duties.

Unfortunately, these employees did not receive formal guidance on how or if they would be reimbursed for the official travel expenses they paid for using their own credit cards. This could have resulted in late payments and penalties, impacted their credit scores, and increased interest rates for both their personal and government cards.

No government employee should be held liable for the government's expenses during the shutdown. They should not have to pay for government travel on their personal travel cards without knowing when, or if, they will be reimbursed. My legislation would improve government functions by ensuring federal employees do not have to personally take on these liabilities.

RECOGNIZING ANN O'HANLON'S
SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF
VIRGINIA'S EIGHTH DISTRICT

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my longtime friend and Chief of Staff, Ann O'Hanlon. Ann has served by my side as chief of staff and campaign manager over the past five years and has been the backbone of our Congressional office. She oversaw our team with outstanding leadership, and motivated and inspired them to go above and beyond every day.

Ann's distinguished career began in the Peace Corps, followed by years as a journalist for the Washington Post. She eventually made her way to the political side, serving as the Executive Director for NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia from 2003 to 2007 and then as Director of Communications for the U.S. Office of Special Counsel from 2011 until 2014. I was lucky to have Ann come on board when I first ran for Congress and she has since been indispensable to me in running a busy office that serves the citizens of Northern Virginia.

As Chief of Staff, Ann led both our D.C. and District Offices, where she fostered work environments built upon trust and respect. Under her leadership, we have some of the most active and successful communications and legislative shops on the Hill. In the District, we've created and built invaluable relationships and resolved hundreds of constituent cases.

Ann has been such a trustworthy and steady right hand to me. I cannot imagine the past five years without her superb guidance, unmatched political savvy, and unyielding support.

I have been fortunate to be warmly connected to Ann's husband, John, and her three children, Liza, Griffin, and Nikki. I am grateful to them for their patience and support. On behalf of the American people, the people of Virginia's Eighth District, and on behalf of the team that Ann has remarkably led over the past five years, I am truly grateful for her service. While I am saddened to see her leave, I have no doubt she will continue to inspire and lead wherever she goes.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the dedicated service of my chief of staff, Ann O'Hanlon.

CONGRATULATING OKLAHOMA
STUDENTS ON ADVANCING TO
THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOWL
FINALS

HON. KENDRA S. HORN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, maintaining America's global leadership means that we must equip our youth with the skills to meet the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) needs of the future. Two teams from Oklahoma schools, Sequoyah Middle School and the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics high school students, showcased their STEM skills at the National Science Bowl finals and I want to recognize them for this achievement.

Sequoyah Middle School was represented by Alex Kelley, Jack McGill, Shirsha Mukherjee, and Billy Sweiger and led by Coaches Beth Bryan and Shaun Sweiger.

The Oklahoma School of Science and Math was represented by Peter Ha, Brad Luo, William Wang, Howard Zhong and led by their coach Dr. Fazlur Rahman.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) National Science Bowl® is a nationwide academic competition that tests students' knowledge in all areas of science and mathematics. Middle and high school student teams from diverse backgrounds are comprised of four students, one alternate, and a teacher who serves as an advisor and coach. These teams face-off in a fast-paced question-and-answer format, being tested on a range of science disciplines including biology, chemistry, Earth science, physics, energy, and math.

This year, 111 teams competed for a national title by demonstrating their knowledge in all areas of science and mathematics. Oklahoma was represented by the Sequoyah Middle School team in the middle school division and the Oklahoma School of Science and

Mathematics in the high school division. These teams worked tirelessly throughout the year and competed at the local and regional level to get to Washington, D.C. So we congratulate their efforts and celebrate their achievement, dedication, and hard work.

HAPPY RETIREMENT TO DR.
FRANK AYERS

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Frank Ayers for his remarkable career in education and his dedicated service to the Prescott, Arizona community. Dr. Ayers is the 7th Chancellor of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Prescott, Arizona Campus. He is a preeminent example of an educator who enriched and inspired his students every step of way. His tenure at Embry-Riddle has shaped the careers of the next generation of aviators, national security experts, and aerospace engineers.

In his 10 years as Chancellor, Dr. Ayers has dedicated his efforts to better the Embry-Riddle community by promoting the creation of new degree programs, establishing seven new athletic programs and creating a family atmosphere at the Prescott Campus. In addition, he was instrumental in working with the Prescott and Prescott Valley City Councils so that Embry-Riddle could help serve the greater Yavapai County region in the best ways possible.

This semester was Dr. Ayers last as Chancellor at Embry-Riddle. He leaves a remarkable legacy and Embry-Riddle, along with the greater Prescott community, will miss his outstanding leadership. I wish him a long and happy retirement surrounded by his family and friends, and thank him for all he has done for our community.

IN HONOR OF OFFICER JORDAN
HARRIS SHELTON

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Officer Jordan Harris Sheldon, who was killed in the line of duty during a routine traffic stop. Mr. Sheldon honorably served the Mooresville Police Department for six years as a K-9 officer.

I know that the Mooresville Police Department and the community are heartbroken by this news, as am I. Our men and women in blue put on the uniform every day not knowing what their fate could be, yet they continue to serve their communities without question.

Madam Speaker, I consider myself extremely fortunate to be able to represent a place like Mooresville in the United States Congress. I know I speak for the good folks in Mooresville when I say that Officer Sheldon won't be forgotten.

I'd ask you to join me in praying for Officer Sheldon, his family, the Mooresville Police Department, and the community during this difficult time.