

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING UCI CHANCELLOR HOWARD GILLMAN ON THE 2019 ELLIS ISLAND MEDAL OF HONOR

HON. KATIE PORTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2019

Ms. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Dr. Howard Gillman, Chancellor of the University of California, Irvine (UCI), as a recipient of the Ellis Island Honors Society's 2019 Medal of Honor. In his time with UCI, Dr. Gillman has been an advocate and an example for students, working to foster diversity and inclusion throughout the UC system.

Dr. Gillman grew up in Southern California and was a first-generation college student, an experience that has guided his work at UCI, where he has been Chancellor since 2014. Prior to joining UCI, Dr. Gillman spent more than two decades at the University of Southern California (USC), where he held appointments in the Departments of Political Science and History and the Gould School of Law. From 2007 to 2012 he served as dean of the Dana and David Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, the largest, oldest, and most academically diverse unit at USC.

As Chancellor, Dr. Gillman has established UCI as a trailblazer in creating opportunities for low-income and minority students. The University of California (UC) system has been called "California's Upward-Mobility Machine," and with Dr. Gillman's guidance, UCI has stood out as a leader within the UC system. The New York Times named UCI the No. 1 University "doing the most for the American dream," and College Access Index ranked the campus as one of the nation's best in its support of low-income students. UCI has also been recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) and as an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI), for its role in serving substantial populations of these students, the majority of whom receive federal financial assistance.

The Ellis Island Honors Society was "created on the conviction of its founders that the diversity of the American people is what makes this nation great." Today, UCI is ranked sixth in the nation for awarding bachelor's degrees to minority students in the 2016–2017 school year. I thank Dr. Gillman for his leadership as Chancellor of UCI and his work to ensure that UCI provides opportunities for a quality, affordable education to every student.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. ROBERT SPITZER

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2019

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, this weekend, we say goodbye to a Burlington legend, a man who exemplified the Wisconsin spirit. A farmer, educator, businessman, president of the Milwaukee School of Engineering, and UN delegate, Dr. Robert Spitzer dedicated his life to bettering the nation and our Southeast Wisconsin community.

Dr. Spitzer's reach and knowledge was not limited to Wisconsin—or the United States. In nearly every aspect of his life, Dr. Spitzer's commitment to agriculture and education is evident. Dr. Spitzer served as head of the U.S. State Department's Food for Peace program in the 70s and later as the U.S. delegate to the United Nations' World Food Program. These programs have helped billions of people worldwide gain access to food sources. Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Spitzer became the third president of the Milwaukee School of Engineering. Under his leadership, MSOE expanded its programs, rose enrollment, and became internationally recognized. Dr. Spitzer also spent more than two decades at Murphy Products Co., an agribusiness in Burlington, Wisconsin.

To Dr. Spitzer's wife, Delores, his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, our prayers are with you. Burlington, our state, and nation are stronger because of Dr. Spitzer's innovative spirit and expertise. His passion and legacy will be remembered for generations.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BILL BOYLE OF TOLEDO

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2019

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary life of William F. "Bill" Boyle, a lifelong Toledoan, a veteran, police officer, business owner, civic leader, and a leading force in Lucas County politics for the better part of four decades.

On behalf of our entire community, please let me extend deepest sympathy, comfort, and gratitude to Bill's beloved family and friends. Always a family man and proud of his Irish-American heritage, he was a compassionate but stern taskmaster, relishing his role as father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle, and loyal friend.

Bill was born on June 5, 1930 to Theresa and Daniel Boyle, who immigrated to America from Ireland. He attended St. Ann Grade School and was a proud 1948 graduate of Central Catholic. He attended Georgetown

University, and then later attended the University of Toledo, receiving his bachelor's degree in 1990.

He was gifted. He was patriotic. He was a strong, fearless, and unrelenting leader on many levels. He was a dogged fighter for his beliefs. His toughness could mask a sense of humor that he royally shared. Rising from the working class of people, he began his career in service to America as an Air Force Intelligence Officer, returned home to enlist in the Toledo Police Division where he was seriously wounded in a gun battle, losing his right eye, and then faced recasting his life.

He pursued wide ranging interests, choosing to lead a community-focused life with innumerable generous works. He chose to take the helm as Chair of the then beleaguered Lucas County Democratic Party. He built it into the most successful county party in the state of Ohio at the time, drawing forth new leadership down to the precinct level. He recruited a new generation of idealistic candidates to serve the region. Bill served as Executive Director of the Democratic Party from 1967 to 1970 and was Chairman of the Democratic Party from 1970 to 1984.

Bill then built again—by acquiring the TolTest Company and transforming it into a highly successful Toledo company, anchoring its headquarters in then job-short Downtown Toledo, just blocks away from where he had been wounded in the line of duty.

Our community has benefitted intergenerationally from Bill's wisdom and community-minded life. His business acumen and philanthropy in education and other fields kept building Toledo forward even during the toughest economic times.

Bill will be remembered for his dedication to his family, and we offer his children Mike, Kathy, Beth, Pat, and Kris, his 14 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren, his brother Regis and sisters Sheila, Theresa and Ann, and his friends our prayers and hope that they find comfort in the wonderful memories of what Bill had meant to so many who treasured his life and valued his pursuits.

May his loved ones gain strength to endure from the example he set—to triumph again and again over adversity. His relentless spirit and good works now form part of the precious character of our community.

I thank Bill Boyle for sharing his extraordinary life with us.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAFE KIDS NORTH CAROLINA

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2019

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 25th anniversary of Safe Kids North Carolina. Housed within the North Carolina Department of Insurance (NCDOI), Safe Kids was founded in

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