

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JAMES BOGART

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. James Bogart for his decades of service to the central coast of California with the Grower-Shipper Association of Central California. Through his decades of serving agricultural producers on the Central Coast, Mr. Bogart leaves an indelible legacy in our community.

Mr. Bogart joined the Grower-Shipper Vegetable Association on November 3, 1980 as a Staff Attorney. In 1998, began his leadership role by serving as President and General Counsel for what would later be re-named the Grower-Shipper Association of Central California, where he has helped lead the Association and its members on many issues in the Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito and Santa Clara Counties. He is the longest serving president of the Grower-Shipper Association and is a highly respected advocate for agriculture.

Mr. Bogart has been a prominent leader in agriculture and his community all of his professional life. His community activities include service on several boards of directors, including but not limited to the Community Foundation of Monterey County, Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce (Chairman of the Board), California Bar Association (Agriculture Committee), Monterey County Bar Association (Labor Committee), Ag Against Hunger (Founding Director), Monterey County Agricultural Education (Founding Director), Grower-Shipper Association Foundation (Co-Founder and Incorporator), "AgKnowledge" Executive Leadership and Education Program (Past President and Founding Director), Hartnell College Ag Steering Committee (Founder and Past Chairman), Spreckels Union School District Board of Trustees, Monterey County Legal Services (Founding Director), Community Homeless Solutions (Past Chairman and Member of the Board of Directors), and the Salinas Valley Chapter of the American Cancer Society (Past President).

Mr. Bogart takes pride in the growth of the Grower-Shipper Association in both membership and in their leadership. Through the AgKnowledge program, he has focused efforts to educating community stakeholders in the importance of the produce industry. Mr. Bogart has been tenacious in working on issues that impact the produce industry, including labor relations, water, food safety, and crop protection tools. He has led by example and worked to build relationships with individuals on all sides of an issue by emphasizing work to identify common ground. He is well known for entertaining all with his good sense of humor.

Mr. James Bogart exemplifies what it means to be a conscientious and engaged citizen of the Central Coast. In retirement, Mr. Bogart will be cheering on his beloved alma mater,

the University of Southern California, and enjoying life with his wife, Janis; two stepsons, David and Aaron; and his grandchildren. Madam Speaker, the agricultural community on the Central Coast will miss Mr. Bogart, and I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him a long and fulfilling retirement.

HONORING DAVID BARTLETT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize David Bartlett. David is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 606, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

David has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years David has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, David has received the Paul Bunyon Award, and is a member of the Order of the Arrow. David has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. David built a wooden dumpster enclosure at his church to aid in aesthetics and security.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending David Bartlett for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING KYLER REESE

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

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Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of our hardworking D.C. office interns, Kyler Reese. Kyler was born and raised in Virginia and is working towards a concentration in Sports Management from George Mason University.

Our office was fortunate to have Kyler as part of the Gregg and Livingston Harper Congressional Internship Program for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities. Kyler lit up the office with his smile and energy, and enjoyed learning from staff and helping with our mail program.

We'll miss having Kyler in the office and wish him all the best in the future. On behalf of Wisconsin's First Congressional District, we thank Kyler for his help.

CONGRATULATING MARK K. COLIP, OD ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS THE SIXTH PRESIDENT OF THE ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

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Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I wish to acknowledge Mark K. Colip, OD on his appointment as the sixth president of the Illinois College of Optometry, the oldest and largest college of optometry in the country and the largest provider of eye and vision care in Illinois.

Dr. Colip has dedicated his career to improving optometric education and the profession of optometry and has served in increasing positions of responsibility at the Illinois College of Optometry for the past twenty years. He has led multiple projects and campaigns that have garnered unprecedented alumni and community support and devoted his life's work to studying, understanding, and influencing the national optometry applicant pool.

Because of his leadership, Madam Speaker, the Illinois College of Optometry had a 250 percent increase in fundraising revenues over the past nine years, demonstrating significant successes compared to any prior period in the college's history. Dr. Colip is dedicated to the sound financial management of the College, utilizing his business acumen and service prioritization to enhance essential fiscal strategies, and has served in volunteer positions within the American Optometric Association, the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry, and the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education throughout his stellar career.

He has earned the recognition of Distinguished Scholar and Fellow by the National Academies of Practice for his extensive involvement and dedication to furthering practice, scholarship, and policy in support of inter-professional care and his dedication to helping the underserved, participating in six international medical mission trips.

Needless to say, Dr. Colip has a deep-seated passion and commitment to the success of the College and its students, alumni, patients, employees, and community. So, Madam Speaker, I applaud Dr. Colip for his years of hard work and congratulate him on his appointment as president of the Illinois College of Optometry and wish him nothing but continued success.

RECOGNIZING TANJA FRANSEN OF GLASGOW

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

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Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Tanja Fransen of Glasgow, an

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