

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING PHỞ 79 FOR BEING AWARDED THE JAMES BEARD FOUNDATION AWARD

SPEECH OF

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, today I'd like to recognize Phở 79 for receiving the James Beard Foundation Award in the America's Classics category. These awards are also known as the "Oscars of the Food World", and the America's Classics category rewards, "quality food that reflects the character of their community". Phở 79, founded by Liễu Trần and Thọ Trần, is in California's 48th Congressional District in Garden Grove and was one of the original businesses that comprised what would become Little Saigon.

Founded in 1982 as one of the first phở restaurants in Southern California, Phở 79, with its cozy and modest atmosphere, belies the nondescript corner of Garden Grove it sits on. The restaurant introduced Americans to that eponymous broth soup of Vietnamese cuisine, served with meatballs, tenderloin, or tripe and seasoned with bean sprouts, lime, mint leaves, and pepper. But, of course, the restaurant continues to garner acclaim for its signature oxtail soup.

Just as the restaurant introduced Americans to some of the best examples of Vietnamese cuisine, Phở 79, if only during a meal, reconnected Orange County's Vietnamese-American refugee community to their homeland—including those who came seeking asylum in the days and years following the Vietnam War and the children and grandchildren of those refugees. Those memories are reflected in the restaurant's name, which commemorates the year that the Trầns arrived in the United States. Their story is a testament to entrepreneurship, hard work, and the strength of the Vietnamese-American community.

With the Trần family continuing to prepare the food and work the restaurant, Phở 79 remains a fixture in Little Saigon and has played a crucial role in pioneering Vietnamese cuisine in California's 48th District and across Southern California. Their James Beard Foundation Award in the America's Classics category is richly deserved, and I give to them my warmest congratulations and best wishes for continued success.

THE WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE CENTENNIAL AND THE EVERY WORD WE UTTER STATUE

HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, this week we honored the 100th anniversary of the House passage of the 19th Amendment.

One hundred years ago on May 21st, the House passed HJR 1 proposing an amendment to the Constitution extending the right to vote to women. It took just over a year to ratify this amendment, forever enshrining women's right to vote in our Constitution.

At the forefront of this effort was a diverse group of women. From their first official call for equality at the Seneca Falls Convention, across multiple generations, from farms and villages throughout our nation, women organized, educated, and demanded enfranchisement. Through this brave and enduring movement, women received the vote.

It is in tribute to the fearlessly bold women who championed equality in our nation that I stand before you today, and ask for your support of H.R. 473 to establish the first outdoor statue dedicated to the Suffrage movement in Washington, D.C.

I want to ensure that my daughter and every girl growing up alongside her feel represented and are assured of the fundamental role they play in our society. Passing H.R. 473 and establishing this monument is a critical way to guarantee just that, and to inspire the next generation to continue advocating for justice and equality for one another and for all who will follow them. I urge your support for H.R. 473.

RECOGNIZING JIM SARGENT OF GREAT FALLS

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Sargent of Great Falls, a strong, reliable advocate for Montana's agricultural and veterans organizations as well as Montana Special Olympics. As a media and public relations professional, Sarge has volunteered countless hours to promote outreach and fundraising efforts for these and other civic groups.

"Sarge," as he is known to his friends and radio listeners, grew up on a farm near Chester, in northcentral Montana. He began his media career 28 years ago covering agriculture news and sporting events. Sarge says the strength of Montana's close-knit communities grounds his connection to ag and civic organizations.

In his service to Montana's agricultural organizations, Sarge is closely involved with the Montana FFA Association and Montana 4-H, helping promote and host events for both groups. He also helped launch the Electric City FFA chapter. Both organizations have recognized Sarge with distinguished service awards.

"Jim has always jumped in with both feet where ever we needed him," said Jim Rose, state advisor for Montana FFA. "He's invaluable as a promoter, but I think his biggest contribution is in the support and encouragement

he gives our youth. He helps them gain confidence in their abilities and develop their leadership skills."

A member of the Montana Farm Bureau Federation, Sarge served as membership director, and he served as vice president of the Cascade County Farm Bureau.

For the past five years, Sarge has helped promote and host the Stand Down in Great Falls. The event is a benefits fair for Montana veterans and active-duty members of the military. Organizations at the event provide services, including clothing, health care services, and other resources and benefits.

Sarge also contributes his time and talents to Montana Special Olympics. A past president of the Great Falls chapter, Sarge regularly hosts events and fundraisers for the organization. Jim and Sue, his wife of 35 years, also sponsor the Exceptional Rodeo for the group. In 2018, the organization recognized Jim as its Media Personality of the Year.

Madam Speaker, for selflessly dedicating his time and talents to Montana's civic organizations, from our agricultural and veterans groups to Montana Special Olympics, I recognize Jim Sargent for his spirit of Montana.

QUIET COMMUNITIES ACT OF 2019

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the millions of Americans who suffer from noise pollution caused by aircrafts. Noise from aircraft is a constant source of torment, even if you don't live right near an airport, but under a regular flight path. Chronic exposure to excessive noise can lead to sleep deprivation, task interruptions, among other negative consequences which result in untold costs on society in diminished work productivity.

That is why today, I introduced the "Quiet Communities Act of 2019". This bill would reestablish the Office of Noise Abatement and Control (ONAC) in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Noise abatement programs across the country currently lie dormant. While the EPA retains the authority to study noise effects and make recommendations to mitigate these effects and limit environmental exposure to noise, it is unable to practically do so without a functioning ONAC.

As population growth and air traffic continue to increase, noise pollution is likely to become an even greater problem in the future. Currently, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is tasked with air transport-related noise concerns. It is responsible for developing flight paths and regulating the airline industry, but the FAA neither has the resources nor the mission priorities to adequately address intolerable levels of noise.

Madam Speaker, it is time to allow the EPA the resources it requires to resume its role in combating noise pollution and include flight

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