

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE
OF DR. JOYCE KNESTRICK

HON. CONOR LAMB

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Mr. LAMB. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize a former constituent of mine, Joyce Knestrack, PhD, C-FNP, APRN, of Washington, Pennsylvania for her service over the last two years as President of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).

Dr. Knestrack has an exemplary career of service with over 30 years as a registered nurse, of which she has spent 25 of those years as a nationally board-certified family nurse practitioner working in clinics that serve low income and underserved populations both in urban and rural Appalachian areas. As an organizational leader, Dr. Knestrack has served as an adjunct professor in organizational leadership master's programs.

She has served multiple clinical roles as a family nurse practitioner, a nurse manager and a registered nurse in critical care, medical surgical, pediatric and long-term care settings. She serves on several committees for the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties and was elected as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners in 2007.

The American Association of Nurse Practitioners is a national professional membership organization representing over 270,000 nurse practitioners nationally. Under Dr. Knestrack's tenure, AANP membership has grown to more than 97,000 members, making AANP the largest nurse practitioner organization in the world. Dr. Knestrack has helped lead nurse practitioners in transforming patient-centered health care and has made tremendous strides in ensuring that policy makers and the public understand the care that nurse practitioners provide to millions of Americans each year.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Knestrack on a successful term as President of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and in thanking her for the excellent care she has and continues to provide to her patients and the nurse practitioner profession.

**MENSTRUAL HYGIENE DAY
RESOLUTION**

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate today as Menstrual Hygiene Day. Since 2013, Menstrual Hygiene Day has been annually celebrated on May 28th to raise awareness and catalyze political action around the challenges menstruating women and girls face around the world.

To support the goals and ideals of Menstrual Hygiene Day, last week, I introduced H. Res. 406. This legislation highlights that: 500 million women and girls around the world lack adequate facilities for menstrual health and hygiene management; 1 in 3 girls around the world don't have access to adequate toilets; and many others face social and cultural restrictions during their periods. Additionally, displaced women and adolescent girls—whether by conflict, climate, or natural disaster—face significant barriers to managing monthly menstruation in a safe, private, and dignified manner.

Here in the U.S., 25 million women live at or below the poverty line, often without consistent access to menstrual hygiene products. A recent survey of low-income women in a large U.S. city found that nearly two-thirds of these women couldn't afford menstrual hygiene products during the previous year. It is estimated that a woman may spend over \$1,700 in her lifetime on tampons, a figure that is multiplied for women who also support children who are menstruating. Additionally, incarcerated women have illustrated that their dignity has been compromised when they seek to access menstrual hygiene products. I have also heard heartbreaking stories from girls whose schools fail to provide a supportive environment for menstruating students, often resulting in negative consequences.

Madam Speaker, no one should have to choose between their period or their dignity. No girl should be forced to miss school because of her period.

We must break the silence, raise awareness, and change negative social norms surrounding menstrual hygiene here in the U.S. and around the world. While Menstrual Hygiene Day is commemorated today, we must fight to ensure menstrual equity for all—each and every day.

That is why this resolution recognizes the barriers vulnerable populations face in accessing menstrual hygiene products, while encouraging greater research, as well as integration of menstrual hygiene services in global humanitarian and development activities abroad.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and join me in commemorating Menstrual Hygiene Day. I also urge support of H.R. 1882—the Menstrual Equity For All Act, a bill which would comprehensively address the challenges menstruating women and girls face.

Madam Speaker, access to safe, affordable menstrual hygiene products is not just a basic health care right; it is a human right. Period.

BOB MAXWELL

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, before I begin, I would like to recognize the life of an

American hero who I was honored to call my friend, Bob Maxwell of Bend, Oregon, who passed away this weekend at 98 years old.

Bob Maxwell represented the best of what Oregon and America have to offer. Bob was the oldest living Medal of Honor recipient, and his gallantry was well known.

In the early morning hours of September 7, 1944 in France, Bob Maxwell threw his unprotected body on a German hand grenade to protect his comrades in WWII.

This unhesitating selflessness earned Bob Maxwell the highest military honor, his second Silver Star, a second Purple Heart, and a Bronze Star.

For those who had the pleasure of knowing Bob, they know that his bravery and heroism were only matched by his kindness, warmth, sense of humor, and humility.

Bob once said of his Medal of Honor that, "I'm not wearing the medal for any personal deeds. I'm wearing it because it represents all the casualties we had in the war. It represents those that were killed defending their country and the ideals that they believed in."

Like his fellow soldiers, Bob's service will forever be cherished in the country that he sacrificed so much to protect.

Bob's legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of everyone he interacted with, especially the community in central Oregon where Bob Maxwell was a pillar.

To the entire Maxwell family: Mylene and I send our heartfelt condolences and prayers during this difficult time.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking Bob Maxwell for his service to the United States on our behalf and on behalf of all Americans.

**USC WINS STUDENT PHARMACIST
COMPOUNDING COMPETITION**

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, the University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy is the champion of MEDISCA's 2019 Student Pharmacist Compounding Competition.

A special congratulations to Rebecca Caughman, Ameer Shah, Jessica Shue, and their supervisor Kathy Quarles Moore for being a part of the winning team.

According to Kathy Quarles Moore, "this competition is comprised of three categories: the teams were required to develop a unique innovation piece to better serve patients, pharmaceuticals knowledge, and a pharmacy compounding formulations portion where the teams had to come up with a formulation and then compound the medication based on a unique patient scenario."

These are 'National Champion Scholars and pharmacy student leaders that will soon be making a difference within the pharmacy profession.'

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