

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE 101ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPUBLIC DAY OF AZERBAIJAN

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 101st anniversary of the Republic Day of Azerbaijan, and to extend my best wishes to all Azerbaijanis. May 28th marks the founding of the Democratic Republic of Azerbaijan, when the people of Azerbaijan first gained their independence from the Russian Empire in 1918. Although Azerbaijan's independence was ended by Soviet forces in 1920, the Democratic Republic of Azerbaijan was the world's first secular parliamentary democratic republic in a predominantly Muslim nation—earning diplomatic recognition from the United States during the administration of President Woodrow Wilson. We also recall that the Democratic Republic of Azerbaijan granted universal suffrage to its citizens in 1918, making it the first Muslim country to give women the right to vote.

Following the collapse of the Soviet Union, Azerbaijan restored its independence on October 18, 1991, when its Parliament adopted the Constitution Act on the Restoration of the State of Independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Azerbaijan has emerged as a key player for enhancing global energy security. Azerbaijan also provides roughly 40 percent of Israel's oil consumption and enjoys friendly ties with Israel beyond oil sales.

Jews have resided in Azerbaijan for 2,500 years without persecution and today, the Jewish community in Azerbaijan numbers over 12,000. Azerbaijan is also home to Christian communities and has been praised for its religious tolerance by the European Parliament.

Azerbaijan is a key global security partner for the United States. As an active member of NATO's Partnership for Peace program, Azerbaijan cooperates with the United States in countering terrorism, nuclear proliferation, and narcotics trafficking. Azerbaijani troops serve shoulder to shoulder with U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan, as they previously did in Kosovo and Iraq. In support of the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan, Azerbaijan has extended important over-flight clearances for U.S. and NATO flights as well as regularly providing landing and refueling operations at its airports for U.S. and NATO forces.

As co-chair of the Congressional Azerbaijan Caucus, I stand with the Azerbaijani people as they continue to work towards independence and security as well as to embrace human rights and democratic values. I congratulate the people of Azerbaijan on the centennial of their Republic Day. May the partnership between the United States and Azerbaijan progress and continue to benefit both of our nations.

RECOGNIZING DENNIS "D.J." JEWELL

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Dennis "D.J." Jewell for receiving the Governor's Initiative for Volunteer Excellence Award in the Outstanding Volunteer Service by a U.S. Veteran category.

D.J., a resident of Columbus, Mississippi, was a past commander for VFW Post No. 4272 and completed over 1,000 community service hours in 2018. As a veteran, one of his main concerns is the mental health of fellow service members, specifically veterans suicide rates. To prevent this issue in his community, Jewell established a monthly support group for combat veterans at the VFW and has also traveled to Washington, D.C. to advocate for mental health support for veterans.

I am honored to have the privilege to represent outstanding servicemen such as D.J. His selfless service to our country extends past his military career as he continues to go above and beyond for Mississippians each day. It is individuals like him that make Mississippi, and America, great.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, had I been present for roll call vote No. 232 on Senate Amendment to H.R. 2157—Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019, I would have voted yes on the measure.

RECOGNIZING THE GOREVILLE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Goreville High School girls' softball team on winning the 2019 Illinois Class 1A championship. Goreville overcame the Glasford Illini Bluffs by a score of 4–2 in seven innings. This win marked the season with a 29–9 overall record for the Blackcats.

The team's overall tenacity and determination were observed through the commanding victories during postseason action. Throughout all of the postseason bracket games, the lady Blackcats scored over 70 runs as a team,

causing many games to end early due to the run rule. This is Goreville's second state championship title in three years.

Head Coach Shanna Green conditioned the team with a spirit of competition and passion of working for one another. In the championship game, the Blackcats only committed one error and batted an impressive .346 as a team.

It is an honor for me to extend my profound congratulations to the entire team which includes Abigail King, Kelsey Ray, Miley Kwiatkowski, Emma Vaughn, Kyleigh Massey, Ellie Grammer, Cheyenne Walker, Chloe Wolaver, Alexandria King, Adrianna Licka, Destani Bennett, Samantha Licka, and Payton Sopczak.

Madam Speaker, the athletes, coaching staff, and the community should be proud of their accomplishments. I wish the graduating seniors the best in their future endeavors and best of luck to those returning for a chance of a third state title in four years.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2019 OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BREAKFAST ON THE FARM HOSTED BY STEFFENS DAIRY FARM

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tradition of Breakfast on the Farm in Outagamie County.

Breakfast on the Farm is an iconic Wisconsin tradition that provides the community an opportunity to see first-hand how a dairy farm operates and learn about the significant role the dairy industry plays in Wisconsin's economy. Community members meet dairy farmers, explore the barns and equipment, and enjoy a delicious meal prepared on the farm.

Outagamie County Dairy Promotion organizes the annual Breakfast on the Farm by recruiting host farms, sponsors, and volunteers to support this terrific event. In addition, Outagamie County Dairy Promotion provides educational opportunities to the community to increase awareness of Wisconsin's dairy industry and the products produced by area dairy farmers.

I am grateful to Steffens Dairy Farm for hosting the 2019 Outagamie County Breakfast on the Farm. Steffens Dairy Farm was established in 1971 when Joe Steffens purchased farmland in Seymour. Since 2004, the farm has been maintained by his wife, Lorraine, and sons, Dan and Steve. Today, Steffens Dairy Farm, LLC milks 120 cows and manages over 280 acres of crop land. Always pursuing innovative practices, the Steffens equipped their barn with two Lely Robotic milkers, resulting in cleaner, healthier, and more comfortable cattle.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in commending the efforts of

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Breakfast on the Farm to educate the community through this time-honored tradition. Thank you to the Steffens, Outagamie County Dairy Promotion, and the countless sponsors and volunteers for their continued support of Wisconsin's dairy industry.

RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TIANANMEN SQUARE MASSACRE

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 30th Anniversary of the Tiananmen Square Massacre.

Starting on April 18, 1989 thousands of students marched through Tiananmen Square calling for a more democratic government and protesting China's Communist government. An estimated 1 million people joined the protests in Tiananmen Square and citizens in over 400 Chinese cities staged protests.

After months of protests, late in the afternoon of June 3 thousands of troops moved onto Tiananmen Square and fired into crowds throughout the night into June 4. The People's Republic of China has still not admitted to how many people were killed by the military but despite the Chinese government downplaying the number killed, it was likely in the thousands.

The Chinese government has tried to erase this tragedy from history in order to uphold its Communist regime's legitimacy.

The Chinese government continues to violate the human rights of its citizens including putting millions of members of its Uyghur minority into "re-education" camps and continuing suppression of democratic voices throughout China.

We must continue to commit ourselves to supporting the values for which the victims of Tiananmen Square Massacre gave their lives.

CONGRATULATING MR. AND MRS. CARL AND JANET BREWER'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. and Mrs. Carl and Janet Brewer and congratulate them on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The Brewers will celebrate this incredible milestone anniversary on June 14, 2019.

Carl and Janet both grew up in St. Louis, Missouri. They married at age 16 and have been by each other's side ever since. The couple eventually moved to Lohman, Missouri then to Wardsville where they still reside today. Both dedicated their lives to public service and the betterment of our community while working for the Missouri Department of Revenue. Carl's dedication as a public servant did not start and stop there. His service in our

military and as a policeman at the John Cochran Hospital and Jefferson Barracks is a perfect example of a man who put the lives of his neighbors and fellow Americans before his own.

Now, both retired from the Missouri Department of Revenue, Carl and Janet most enjoy spending time with what they consider their proudest accomplishment: their family. They have been blessed with a son, Carl Brewer II and daughter, Stephanie Brewer Palmer. Stephanie and her husband Jason have given the Brewers the greatest gift a family can receive with the birth of their granddaughter, Miranda.

When they aren't spending time with their family, the Brewers can often be found at Solid Rock Family Church in Jefferson City where they attend service each Sunday and Wednesday. Along with their congregation and family, I thank the Brewers for their many contributions to Missouri and our community.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Carl and Janet Brewer on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. May they have many more happy years to come.

OATH CEREMONY ON JUNE 7, 2019

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate thirty individuals who will take their oaths of citizenship on June 7, 2019. This memorable occasion will be held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On June 7, 2019, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, will take their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Ewa Szczepanik, Marcin Jan Kryczka, Martha Cecilia Meadows, Daewon Sun, Shams Khalaf, Negma H. Scott, Nosratollah Rezaee, Sonia Miramontes, Maria Reyes-Arellano, Brandi Jennifer Ellinger, Scepan Kovacevic, Eduardo de Freitas Ferreira, Lian Gu, Vicente Mauricio Gonzaga Gonzaga, Eric Coria Garcia, Sladan Alempijevic, Denise Alejandra Godinez, Samuel Assam, Claudia Gillies, Mark William Gillies, Wanpeng Tan, Erasto Lopez Lecona, Delun Shi, Milene Hurtado, Guang Dai, Emma Garza, Gintaras Bansevicius, Ancy Isac George, Jose Rodolfo Moreno, and Jose G. Londono.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupa-

tion, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country "... of the people, by the people, and for the people." They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who will become citizens of the United States of America on June 7, 2019. They, too, are American citizens, guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

REMEMBERING THOMAS A. CAHILL

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 04, 2019

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and service of Thomas A. Cahill, a member of the University of California, Davis community for over 45 years who embodied the American spirit of innovation and enduring dedication to his family and community.

Born on March 4, 1937, Thomas grew up in Sudbury, Massachusetts and earned his Ph.D. in nuclear physics from University of California, Los Angeles. In 1967, Thomas joined U.C. Davis' Crocker Nuclear Laboratory, where he conducted research for the Pioneer and Voyager spacecraft before beginning his work on California air quality. The aerosol and visibility network he developed as the director of Crocker Nuclear Laboratory improved the health of millions of Californians and expanded into the current nationwide IMPROVE program, widely considered the network of its kind in the world.

Beyond his scientific contributions, Thomas served as the thesis advisor to over two dozen Ph.D. students, published eight books, and donated 196 acres of land to the U.C. Natural Reserve System as the Cahill Riparian Preserve. For his work, U.C. Davis awarded Thomas the Academic Public Service Award in 1994 and the Outstanding Emeritus Professor Award in 2014. Following his retirement in 1994, Thomas continued his work on aerosols, including testimony before Congress on pollutant levels caused by the collapse of the World Trade Center. Even while ill, Thomas developed an ultrafine aerosol sampler to help people living near freeways. His contributions to science and public health established a legacy that will endure for many years to come.

He is survived by his wife Ginny; children Cathy and Tom; sister Barbara; and nieces and nephews. I know that they, along with the rest of his extended family and friends, join me in celebrating his life and his memory.