

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOUTH SHORE CLEAN CITIES

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2019

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I take this time to congratulate South Shore Clean Cities, Incorporated, as the organization celebrates its 20th anniversary. Through sustainable transportation and energy efforts, South Shore Clean Cities has enhanced the quality of life for residents and visitors of Northwest Indiana and beyond for the past twenty years. In recognition of this momentous milestone, the organization will host a celebratory banquet on June 18, 2019, at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville, Indiana.

South Shore Clean Cities is a member-based, nonprofit coalition that promotes sustainable transportation and energy programs in Northern Indiana. The organization supports initiatives that work to encourage domestic fuels, improve air quality, strengthen the nation's energy security, reduce dependence on imported oil, and build the local economy. Due to the dedication and hard work of the coalition's members and leaders, South Shore Clean Cities has won numerous awards and received countless accolades for its contributions, and it is certainly worthy of each and every honor.

On June 15, 1999, South Shore Clean Cities was founded as the 71st Clean Cities coalition under the United States Department of Energy. In the early years, Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) provided support for the organization to achieve nonprofit status and to be recognized by the United States Department of Energy. Under the initial leadership of Liz Williams and Deb McClelland-Parker, the coalition continued to grow, serving Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties in Northwest Indiana. In 2005, Carl and Lorrie Lisek became co-coordinators of South Shore Clean Cities. Then, in 2011, Lorrie became the Executive Director of Wisconsin Clean Cities and Carl became the Executive Director of South Shore Clean Cities, Incorporated.

Throughout the years, South Shore Clean Cities has surpassed its goals, exceeded its expectations, and continues to progress. Today, the coalition covers eighteen counties and its membership has grown exponentially. Projects spearheaded by the organization include NIPSCO's IN-Charge Project, the BP Cleaner Air through Diesel Emissions Reductions Grant Program, and the Green Fleet Program. Over the past decade, South Shore Clean Cities has helped to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 607,000 tons and has reduced the number of gasoline gallon equivalents by 93 million gallons. For their truly innovative and successful energy and transportation initiatives, the organization's members and leaders are worthy of the highest praise.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in congratulating South Shore Clean Cities, Incorporated, on its 20th anniversary. For the past twenty years, the leadership and members of the coalition have enhanced the lives of countless individuals through their unwavering commitment to the community of Northwest Indiana and beyond, and they serve as an inspiration to us all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2019

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, due to my attendance at an event off the Capitol Hill campus, I was unable to make roll call votes 263 and 296. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: No. 263 YES on Agreeing to the Amendment, and No. 296 YES on Agreeing to the Amendment.

CELEBRATING THE SUCCESS OF QTD MILITARY STYLE LEARNING ACADEMY

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I would like to celebrate the success of the QTD Military Style Learning Academy in Garden Grove, California. This year, QTD Military Style Learning Academy will be celebrating their eighth anniversary. Each year, QTD serves thousands of students through QTD Private School, Summer Leadership Program, After-school Program, and Worldwide Learning.

The QTD Military Academy offers over 100 academic courses and class sizes are small to provide an interactive learning experience. The teachers at QTD Military Academy are committed to helping their students strive for excellence.

Mike Tran is the Founder and CEO of QTD International. Mr. Tran has served as a Recruiter and Career Counselor for the United States Army. He is a graduate from the Harvard Law School Program on Negotiation and the Orange County Superior Court Leadership Academy. His attention to detail and dedication to the Academy and students have created an environment for both personal and academic success.

QTD Military Academy's goal is to generate new possibilities and inspire students to act with creativity and courage in their work. Academic excellence, knowledge, and goodness are the core values at QTD. The Military Academy emphasizes academic excellence by providing students with foundations in arts, humanities, mathematics, and natural sciences. Instructors at the academy foster independent

learning, critical thinking, creative collaboration, and personal well-being. Students thrive in the creative and innovative environment with plentiful opportunities, aid, and resources. QTD encourages students to consider the impact of their actions on the community in tandem with striving to attain their personal goals.

QTD has expanded to additional locations in Southern California with locations in Irvine and Huntington Beach.

It is my honor to congratulate Mike Tran and the QTD Military Style Learning Academy on their eighth year of success and their continued contributions to the community of Orange County.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARY GAY SCANLON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2019

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and could not vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 305.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF BELL'S SHORT STOP

HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2019

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of Wilbur Bell on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Mr. Bell's business, Bell's Short Stop.

Opened in 1969, Bell's Short Stop has grown into a community staple. Thanks to Mr. Bell's business savvy and dedication to the tight-knit West Perrine community, Bell's Short Stop has expanded to include Flavas, a soul food staple that attracts not only locals but also Florida politicians and visiting NFL players. Mr. Bell's businesses have played an integral role in the lives of the families of West Perrine, bringing supplies and services as well as community spirit to the neighborhood.

Mr. Bell is also a local celebrity, West Perrine's first elected official as former Chair of the Miami-Dade County Community Council. Prior to this position, he studied at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and served in Vietnam, for which he received a Vietnam Service Medal. He is also a licensed real estate broker and member of Midtown Realty's Millionaire Club.

Mr. Bell's business has become a family affair. Three of his children worked at Bell's Short Stop, and one son currently runs Flavas. But more than that, Mr. Bell treats his customers as though they are family.

I am truly inspired by Wilbur Bell's passion for giving back to the West Perrine community, his dedication to his business and to his

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family, and his ability to transform a store into a local landmark. South Florida is richer and fuller thanks to his work.