

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2019 CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG/BUNDESRAT EXCHANGE

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, since 1983, the U.S. Congress House and Senate and the German Bundestag and Bundesrat have conducted an annual exchange program for staff members from both countries. The program gives professional staff the opportunity to observe and learn about each other's political institutions and interact on issues of mutual interest.

A staff delegation from the U.S. Congress will be selected to visit Germany from Friday, November 1 to Sunday, November 10, 2019. During this exchange, the delegation will attend meetings with Bundestag/Bundesrat party staff members, and representatives of numerous political, business, academic and media agencies.

A comparable delegation of German staff members will visit the United States from Saturday, September 14 to Sunday, September 22, 2019. They will attend similar meetings in Washington.

The Congress-Bundestag/Bundesrat Exchange is highly regarded in Germany and the United States and is one of several exchange programs sponsored by public and private institutions in the United States and Germany to foster better understanding of the politics and policies of both countries. This exchange is funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The U.S. delegation should consist of experienced and accomplished Hill staff who can contribute to the success of the exchange on both sides of the Atlantic. The Bundestag reciprocates by sending senior staff professionals to the United States.

Applicants should have a demonstrable interest in events in Europe. Applicants need not be working in the field of foreign affairs, although such a background can be helpful. The composite U.S. delegation should exhibit a range of expertise in issues of mutual concern to the United States and Germany such as, but not limited to, trade, security, the environment, economic development, health care, and other social policy issues. This year's delegation should be familiar with transatlantic relations within the context of recent world events.

Please note that the U.S. participants are expected to plan and implement the meetings and programs for the Bundestag/Bundesrat staff members when they visit the United States.

Participants are selected by a bipartisan committee.

Members of the House and Senate who would like a member of their staff to apply for participation in this year's program should direct them to submit a resume and cover letter

in which they state their qualifications, the contributions they can make to a successful program and some assurances of their ability to participate during the time stated.

Applications should be sent to the Office of Interparliamentary Affairs, HC-4, the Capitol, by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2019.

IN RECOGNITION OF AMERICAN COASTER ENTHUSIASTS

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the American Coaster Enthusiasts (ACE), a non-profit organization founded in 1978, that represents the interests of the most ardent amusement ride enthusiasts. With more than 5,500 members from over 16 countries, ACE amasses a collective historical perspective making ACE the world's largest club of its kind.

It all started when four coaster lovers met at a coaster-riding marathon in Virginia in 1977. Today, ACE is an international volunteer run organization that offers an online newspaper, a quarterly magazine, and a National Roller Coaster Museum and Archive.

ACE's goal is to promote the conservation, appreciation, and enjoyment of roller coasters and their place in history as architectural and engineering landmarks. ACE celebrates wooden roller coasters as an integral part of the fabric that is Americana.

ACE has successfully saved and refurbished endangered coasters, including Leap-the-Dips, the world's oldest roller coaster located at Lakemont Park in Altoona, Pennsylvania and the 1925 Giant Dipper in San Diego. Since 1985, the club has either directly or indirectly helped to save more than half a dozen classic coasters and presents awards in recognition of significant roller coasters.

ACE holds many events including tours throughout the world to celebrate extreme coasters of all kinds and an annual Coaster Convention.

At this year's Coaster Convention Gala at the Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel on June 20th, the ACE "Landmark Coasters" Award will honor Montezooma's Revenge, the first flywheel-launched roller coaster in the world. Introduced May 21, 1978, Montezooma's Revenge is the last roller coaster of its kind still in operation in the United States.

Please join me in honoring the accomplishments of the American Coaster Enthusiasts, who certainly live up to their motto: "You join ACE for the roller coasters; you stay for the friendships."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, in a long vote series Thursday evening, I unintentionally voted nay for Mr. CUNNINGHAM'S amendment No. 167. Had I been able to correct my vote, I would have voted aye.

RECOGNIZING KYLA JOHNSTON OF COLUMBIA FALLS AND KARLEE ALBERTSON OF BILLINGS

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kyla Johnston of Columbia Falls and Karlee Albertson of Billings for their entrepreneurial spirit that has contributed to their communities. Kyla conducts a children's reading program, donates books, and encourages kids to read. Karlee paints nails for charity and has raised more than \$20,000 for Christmas gift-giving programs.

Kyla is a recent graduate of Columbia Falls High School. As part of a monthly community dinner program that brings together area families, Kyla reads to the children and brings them books to read at home. She is raising funds to purchase new books and to expand the program. Kyla's strong sense of volunteerism also leads her to shovel snow for seniors and plant flowers at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Karlee recently completed sixth grade at Castle Rock Elementary in Billings. She began her "Nails for a Cause" program as a first-grade student. By painting nails at school and community events and through donations, Karlee has raised more than \$20,000 for charity. Every year, she shops for Christmas presents and wraps them with the help of other volunteers. Her efforts have reached over 250 less fortunate people in her community.

For their work in their communities, Kyla and Karlee were recently recognized as Montana's top youth volunteers by the National Association of Secondary School Principals and Prudential Financial, Inc.

Madam Speaker, for their entrepreneurial spirit and dedication to serving their communities, I recognize Kyla Johnston and Karlee Albertson for their spirit of Montana.

IRAN AND 2001 AUMF REPEAL

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, this week, the U.S. inched closer to a dangerous military confrontation with Iran.

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