

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF HON.
TILMAN "TILLIE" BISHOP

HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, today I wish to honor the great Colorado statesman and devoted community member, University of Colorado Regent Emeritus Tilman "Tillie" Bishop, who passed away at the age of 86 on Sunday, June 16th.

Born and raised in Colorado, Tillie dedicated his long and influential life to service for the people of our state. In 1970, he was elected to the Colorado General Assembly and served for four years in the Colorado House of Representatives and an additional 24 years in the Colorado Senate, during the last six years of which he was president pro tem. Tillie's 28 years of service in the General Assembly place him fourth in Colorado history for years of continuous service, and he is the longest-serving state senator from the Western Slope. His tenure of public service also includes four years as a Mesa County Commissioner. Finally, Tillie represented our state's 3rd Congressional District on the University Board of Regents from 2007 to 2013.

Nationally, Tillie served as Colorado's representative on the Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures. He also sat on the Executive Committee of the Energy Council.

Tillie's passion for education and commitment to promoting a school system that diligently serves each and every student that passes through it was tangible, and no doubt came from the seven years he taught in public schools and the 31 years he served as a Mesa State College administrator.

It was my honor to serve on the Board of Regents alongside Regent Bishop. Together, we consistently found ways to work across the aisle in order to ensure that the students at the University of Colorado were given a top-tier education which would prepare them for a successful future. I'll never forget Tillie's determination and devotion to the University and the people of Colorado.

I send my deepest condolences to Regent Bishop's wife Pat, and to all of his family.

RECOGNIZING JAN ISRAEL
CHARMAN ON HIS 95TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jan Israel Charman, a constituent of Illinois's Tenth District, who celebrated his 95th birthday on March 10th.

Mr. Charman was born in Wodzislaw, Poland. In 1947, he wedded his wife Estelle, the beginning of a loving marriage that would span more than half a century. Shortly after their marriage, the family immigrated to New York with their new daughter in 1949. He continued to move around the country, learning English and repairing clothes to make a living.

Mr. Charman eventually settled in the Chicago suburbs. He found a deep interest in business and worked many years at Manny Berger Shoes where he became a General Manager and Buyer. Eventually, the Charmans and their three children, moved to Buffalo Grove. In Buffalo Grove, Mr. Charman has become a leader at his synagogue, Congregation Beth Judea, where his zest for life, love of family and friends, and dedication to his Jewish faith is an inspiration for all that surround him.

Mr. Charman still enjoys pursuing his many interests including travelling and spending time with his eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

As he celebrates his 95th birthday, it is my great honor and privilege to recognize the inspiring life of Jan Israel Charman and celebrate his continued contributions to the Tenth District community.

RECOGNIZING THE INDIAN
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Indian Business Association (IBA) for its achievements representing Indian-American businesses and its assistance to numerous Indian-Americans across the country.

The IBA was conceived in Edison, New Jersey by a group of concerned citizens who felt the need to act when they witnessed injustices within their community. This experience was a catalyst for the IBA's founding principles of fairness, solidarity, and social activism. The IBA has played an important role nationwide to encourage the Indian-American community to embrace entrepreneurship.

As their members use their voice to build a better America, the IBA has worked to become a leader in reinforcing civic participation in Indian-American community. Members of the IBA have worked tirelessly to generate greater voter engagement by organizing non-partisan voter registration drives. These efforts by members of the IBA have garnered significant attention and helped make the IBA a pillar of the community.

As the IBA has expanded its footprint, the organization continues to uphold and share Indian culture and tradition with Americans of all walks of life. In its 39th year of existence, the

IBA will host and celebrate its annual New Jersey India Day Parade, our nation's largest such parade honoring India's independence and the creation of the world's largest democracy. Attended by nearly 40,000 people and includes more than 100 organizations, giving the parade and opportunity to celebrate the rich and cultural heritage of Indian-Americans and their contributions to our country.

Madam Speaker, I want to recognize the great achievements of the IBA and acknowledge its continuing actions to support Indian-American entrepreneurs and the jobs they create, its dedication to civic engagement, and its steadfast efforts to advance civil rights protections for all Americans.

REMEMBERING FRANK LAMERE

HON. DEBRA A. HAALAND

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HAALAND. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I recognize my dear friend and lifelong Native American activist, Frank LaMere. I want to join his family, the Nebraska community, and the national tribal community in celebrating him and his decades-long dedication to civil rights for all, particularly for Native Americans.

An activist from the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, Mr. LaMere was a prominent grassroots leader always ready for action. He was the longest serving Native American member of the Democratic National Committee, serving from 1996 to 2006. He founded both the Nebraska Native American Caucus and the Native American Caucus of the Democratic National Committee. In Nebraska, he also served as the state's Democratic Party First Associate Chair. I am proud to have served alongside him in the Democratic National Committee, and I will always have fond memories of his leadership, his stories, perspective and empathetic spirit.

Frank served as a tireless advocate for Native American rights, leaving behind a legacy of tremendous and significant change for the state of Nebraska. He had the gift of truly connecting with any individual and used his voice to lift and empower others. Mr. LaMere fought against the loss of Native children to the child welfare system and against the violence they faced in their foster homes. He was instrumental in ending border town beer sales in Whiteclay, Nebraska, eliminating decades of predatory sales that fueled alcohol-related issues on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Mr. LaMere advocated to ensure that Native Americans were always involved in the political process and were guaranteed a seat at every table. He will be greatly missed.

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