

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING MICHELE KEARNS, KELLY GENOVA, AND THE STUDENTS OF FESTUS' QUEST K-8 GIFTED PROGRAM FOR RECEIVING THE EPA'S PRESIDENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH AWARD

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Festus, Missouri teachers, Michele Kearns and Kelly Genova and the students of Festus' Quest K-8 Gifted Program for receiving the Environmental Protection Agency's Presidential Environmental Youth Award.

Long before receiving this prestigious award, it all started last year with two teachers, Michele and Kelly deciding to come together and apply for a grant from the Innovative Technology Education Fund in St. Louis, Missouri. The pair successfully received \$22,000 for their students. Unaware to them, with this grant, it was the start of a great journey for the students of Quest.

Michele and Kelly challenged their students to apply their knowledge and skillset in the STEM fields to come up with uses of the grant funds that would be beneficial to the Festus community. The students identified a problem, came up with a plan to solve it, and worked together to execute their project perfectly.

The students of Quest noticed that their city park had an awful mosquito infestation during warmer weather. Their goal was to eliminate the problem for park goers in an environmentally friendly way, and they did that with the invention of Pollinator Paradise. With Pollinator Paradise, the students of Quest designed, built, and installed homes for Indiana bats, mason bees, purple martins, humming birds, and monarch butterflies, all of which are natural pest controls, and pollinators. The end result was a more diverse makeup of wildlife and a more pleasant setting at the park.

The students of Quest have demonstrated that no matter how small and young one might be, you don't have to wait to start making a difference and impacting your community. Earlier this year, Michele and Kelly decided that others needed to know what the students of Quest were accomplishing down in Festus, Missouri and applied for the EPA's Presidential Youth Award. Much to their surprise, they were selected to receive this prestigious award. As their Representative, I couldn't be prouder of this group. They are the perfect examples of the great things that can come from team work and dedication. I know this is only the beginning for Quest. They are our next generation of thinkers, inventors, teachers, doctors, and leaders, and I look forward to seeing what the future holds for each and every one of them.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating Michele, Kelly, and all the stu-

dents of Quest on this distinguished award and for a job well done.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ARTHUR "ROY" THOMAS

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to honor the life of Arthur "Roy" Thomas and extend my condolences to his family. Roy was an integral part of the International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW) Region 8.

Roy, a dedicated champion for union rights, tragically passed away on July 13th after a battle with stage 4 cancer.

He was a dear friend and embodied the best of what it means to give back to your country and community. Born in 1952, Roy dedicated his entire life to helping others. He began working at Fleetguard in 1970 and was employed there for 47 years. Roy started working for UAW in November 1995 as a union organizer and became UAW Community Action Program Representative in October 2002 until his retirement in December 2017.

Roy embodied UAW's mission of social justice and action, and his passion truly inspired so many of the union sisters and brothers that he fought for every day.

He was warm, loyal and devoted to his friends and allies. He was the type of person who through his affable personality and his approach to advocacy on the issues important to auto workers drew devotion, respect and affection simultaneously.

I personally was a recipient of his unwavering friendship and am eternally grateful for his leadership in supporting our unions.

Roy Thomas was truly one-of-a-kind whose joy for life is the imprint he left on the hearts of those who knew him well.

He will be tremendously missed, but never forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, on July 15, 2019, I was absent and unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 475; "yea" on Roll Call No. 476; and "yea" on Roll Call No. 477.

RECOGNIZING MR. ROY LUNSFORD

HON. RUSS FULCHER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. FULCHER. Madam Speaker, Mr. Roy Lunsford commits every day to making a positive impact to the lives of his wife, five children, 25 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and his town of Kuna, Idaho.

That is something we can all learn from. Despite being diagnosed with lung cancer, Mr. Lunsford wakes up at 7:00 am to setup cheerful signs and wave to passersby on his street.

Acts of kindness like Mr. Lunsford's, bring joy to others, and make our communities a better place to live.

Mr. Lunsford's positive outlook on life deserves recognition and makes me proud to be an Idahoan.

SUMMER JAIME EARNS GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Summer Jaime from Richmond, TX for earning her Girl Scout Gold Award.

The Gold Award is the highest achievement a Girl Scout can earn. To earn this distinguished award, Summer had to spend at least 80 hours developing and executing a project to benefit the community, as well as have a long-term impact on girls. For her Gold award project, "Swimming through the Summer," she gave free swim lessons to young children and created an instructional video for future swimmers and instructors. Over the course of her project, over 20 children were guided through lessons.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Summer Jaime for earning her Girl Scout Gold Award. We are confident she will have continued success in her future endeavors. We are very proud.

HONORING BRIAN AND CANDI CRAWFORD

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious couple, Brian and Candi Crawford.

Brian Crawford is a licensed and ordained Gospel Minister having served as a youth pastor, associate pastor and lead pastor before

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starting City Light Church. Brian and his wife Candi are natives and long-time residents of Vicksburg having a passion to share the Love and Gospel of Jesus Christ with the city they hold dear. Having felt a burden for Vicksburg for a long period of time God moved to allow Brian and Candi to move back to the area with the mission to shine the light of Christ in the city through the transformed lives of His people.

Brian changed jobs and moved into the heart of the city to begin their journey. Brian and Candi were assessed through the 242 Church Planting Network and were deemed ready for the rigors of church planting. Brian also completed the Multiply church planting training through the network in May 2016. When he isn't doing the work of the ministry, you probably can find Brian coaching his boys, dating his wife, reading (by the truckload) or watching movies (any genre) and sports (any kind).

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Brian and Candi Crawford for their hard work, dedication and desire to spread the Gospel.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CITY OF
DEARBORN FOR ITS 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Dearborn, which is celebrating its 90th birthday. Dearborn is a vibrant city with an immense history and diverse community.

Originally established as the Detroit Arsenal and coined the "Dearbornville" United States Military installation in 1864, Dearborn housed and supplied Union soldiers during the Civil War. Situated on the River Rouge in southeast Michigan, Dearborn was officially incorporated as a city in 1927. The birthplace of manufacturing pioneer Henry Ford, Dearborn rapidly industrialized in the early 20th century. The city is home to the River Rouge Complex and now-closed Ford Airport, which were once the largest integrated factory and most advanced airport in the world, respectively.

A melting pot of races, ethnicities, and religions, Dearborn embodies the diversity of our nation. During the 19th and 20th centuries, immigrants from across the world flocked to Dearborn in pursuit of safety, tolerance, and economic opportunity. Similarly, during the Great Migration, African Americans moved to the city to escape racial violence and discrimination. This tradition of heterogeneity continues today, as Dearborn has the highest per-capita Muslim population of any city in the country and is home to both the Arab American National Museum and the largest mosque in the United States. We recognize and thank the Dearborn community for their commitment to economic and cultural excellence. They have built a vibrant, inclusive, diverse community that serves as a role model across the nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the city of Dearborn for its 90th birthday. I wish Dearborn a successful celebration as they mark this special milestone.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MS. SADIE ROBERTS-JOSEPH

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. RICHMOND. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Ms. Sadie Roberts-Joseph, civil rights activist and founder of the Odell S. Williams Now & Then Museum of African-American History—now known as the Baton Rouge African-American History Museum in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She passed away on July 12, 2019 at the age of 75.

One of 12 children, Ms. Roberts-Joseph was born in 1944 in Woodville, Mississippi before her family relocated to Baton Rouge. She attended Baton Rouge Vocational-Technical School and Southern University, studying education and speech pathology. She later worked as a minority business officer for the City of Baton Rouge and as a certified respiratory therapy technician.

Ms. Roberts-Joseph was a prominent civil rights activist in the Baton Rouge area. In 2001, she founded the Odell S. Williams Now and Then African-American Museum. She also founded the Community Against Drugs and Violence, a non-profit organization whose mission was to create a safe environment for the youth in north Baton Rouge. She also served as host for the Juneteenth Freedom Festival, which remembered the emancipation of slaves in the Confederate states and a Veterans Day celebration, which honored veterans of all racial backgrounds who fought in the Civil War.

Ms. Roberts-Joseph was an individual of great compassion, intelligence, vision, and integrity. Known as a pillar of the community, her legacy will forever be a part of Baton Rouge and her dedication to service will forever embody the spirit of Louisiana. We cannot match the sacrifices made by Ms. Roberts-Joseph, but surely, we can try to match her sense of service. We cannot match her courage, but we can strive to match her devotion.

Ms. Roberts-Joseph's survivors include two children; Jason Roberts and Angela Roberts Machen.

Madam Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Ms. Sadie Roberts-Joseph.

BLACK CHICAGO CATHOLIC PRIEST
ON THE ROAD TO SAINTHOOD

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, a man who escaped slavery to become the first black Catholic Priest to establish a Black Catholic Parrish in Chicago, has come a step closer to Sainthood. The Rev. Augustus Tolton along with seven other candidates are now considered seriously on track towards Sainthood after Pope Francis signed a decree that formally recognized that they lived the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity at the Cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance at a heroic level, according to a statement from the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Tolton was born in 1854 and was seven when he escaped with his Roman Catholic

mother from a Missouri slave owner. Tolton's mother took her children to Illinois where Tolton began his ministry in Chicago. Tolton graduated from St. Peter's in Quincy, Illinois. A German Franciscan Priest arranged for Tolton to attend a Seminary in Rome after no U.S. Seminaries would accept a Black man. He was ordained a Priest in 1886. Three years later, Tolton began his ministry in Chicago. He established St. Monica Catholic Church in Bronzeville. He died in 1897, at the age of 43.

Upon hearing the news of Tolton's possible elevation, Cardinal Blasé Culpich said in a statement, "We welcome the news from the Holy Father on the advancement of Father Tolton's cause for Sainthood." His struggles to become a priest and his remarkable service to God's people are admirable examples, particularly in these times of the value and dignity of all people. Chicago is blessed to have seen the election of the first Black woman elected into the U.S. Senate, the first Black man as the President of the United States, and we look forward to the addition of the first Black Saint.

RECOGNIZING DELL
TECHNOLOGIES

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I'm honored that Dell Technologies, one of the world's leading technology companies, has called Round Rock, TX home for the last quarter century. The impacts they've made on the region and state are rivaled only by the extraordinary innovations they've made in the demanding world of cutting-edge high technology.

Knowing that Central Texas was the ideal place to plant roots and grow, Dell Computer Corporation broke ground on a new campus in Round Rock, Texas on August 2, 1994. Since then, the company has exploded to the global scale, employing 145,000 people worldwide and making enormous contributions to the technology revolution that has defined our changing times.

Dell Technologies has brought prosperity and growth to the Texas city it calls home. A once-small Texas town now has more than 125,000 residents and is regularly ranked in the highest tier of the nation's safest and most family-friendly cities. Dell Technologies fully embodies the Texas spirit of generosity, annually donating \$13 million to local charities, and its employees dedicate more than 200,000 volunteer hours. Through its work providing technology support to Round Rock businesses, government, and schools to hosting the Round Rock Express AAA minor league baseball team at Dell Diamond Stadium, Dell Technologies has made lasting and positive impacts.

What has benefitted Round Rock benefits the rest of Texas. Dell Technologies supports more than 70,000 jobs statewide with wages nearly ninety percent higher than the state average. This commitment to excellent pay reaps dividends as every \$100 in Dell Technologies employee wages drives about \$200 of additional wages across the state. All this