

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING LOU MONEYMAKER

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2019

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lou Moneymaker on the occasion of his retirement as President and Chief Executive Officer of Bosma Enterprises. Throughout his impressive career, Lou proved to be an innovative leader in the Indianapolis nonprofit community. Over the past 17 years, Lou served as the President and CEO of Bosma Enterprises, working tirelessly to improve the quality of life of blind and visually impaired Hoosiers. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Lou's dedication to transforming lives in Indiana.

A lifelong Hoosier, Lou graduated from George Washington High School in Indianapolis before joining the U.S. Army in 1967. After completing his service in the Army in 1973, Lou attended Indiana University where he earned a bachelor's degree in education. Following that, Lou earned a master's degree in school administration from Butler University. Lou transitioned these achievements into an extraordinary 32-year career with the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ISBVI), one of the largest PreK-12 schools for visually impaired students in the country. ISBVI has earned an excellent national reputation for its commitment to the Indianapolis community, in part, because of Lou's strong leadership and charisma. As a track and field and wrestling coach, Lou inspired many students to succeed. This coaching, combined with his work as the Dean of Students at ISBVI, helped the institution gain national recognition for its innovative educational opportunities.

After leaving the ISBVI and joining Bosma Enterprises in 2001, Lou immediately set about driving the nonprofit to a new level of exceptional growth and success. Under his guidance as President and CEO, Bosma's revenues grew from two million dollars to over seventy million dollars per year. This growth allowed Bosma Enterprises to expand its training and employment facilities to serve nearly 800 blind or visually impaired individuals per year, helping to drive down the nearly 70 percent unemployment rate among such individuals. Bosma Enterprises employs more than 100 blind and visually impaired Hoosiers, making them the largest such employer in the state.

Today, Bosma offers programs to help those living with blindness and visual impairment maintain a positive lifestyle, especially by giving them tools to live independently. Through their new Center for Visionary Solutions for the Blind, Bosma provides programs to help people of all ages succeed in higher education and find work. Their innovative

BosmaForce program utilizes modern education tools to give students around the country access to high skilled job training, in particular, computer and technical jobs. Bosma's Orientation and Mobility Trail gives visually impaired individuals an opportunity to practice navigation in a real-world environment on a variety of surfaces and around many types of obstacles. Together, programs of this type serve to benefit many of the 160,000 Hoosiers who are blind or visually impaired. These programs would not have been able to reach such a level of success without Lou's guidance and the commitment of Bosma's team of more than 220 employees, along with hundreds of volunteers, to fulfill his plan for the future.

Lou's passion for helping Indiana's visually impaired community extends far beyond his role at Bosma. A leading founder of the United States Association of Blind Athletes (USABA), Lou helped to transform the lives of many athletes all around the world. His involvement with both Ability Indiana and the Association for the Employment of People who are Blind demonstrates his commitment to the mission to empower visually impaired athletes. Additionally, his work on the 1996 Paralympic Organizing Committee helped to expand the reach of Paralympic organizations throughout the United States.

On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I congratulate Lou on his extraordinary career of leadership and service. I extend my gratitude for all the contributions he has made to our community. While I know Lou will be missed at Bosma Enterprises, I wish the very best to him and his family as he enjoys a well-deserved retirement.

CHANGE OVER THE YEARS

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2019

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I'm very "animated" to announce that this year is the 50th anniversary of San Diego Comic-Con.

This event began with a heavy focus on independent artists and cultivating a community of folks with similar interests—comics.

Comic-Con has always been about supporting creative communities and celebrating what makes us special.

Today, Comic-Con has grown to include industry legends, independent artists, TV stars, and movie studios—but it never stopped being about fans coming together to share their interests.

This new era has expanded the levels of interest to a wider audience and brought in more fans of current media.

In an industry that was once dismissed and disparaged as not serious art, celebrating in-

clusion is an important staple of our community.

I am excited for the next 50 years of panels, whether in the traditional comic book or celebrity style, to flourish in Comic-Con of San Diego.

THANKING GLENDA GUNDERMANN
FOR HER 35 YEARS OF SERVICE
TO SUGAR LAND

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Glenda Gundermann for her 35 years of service to our community.

Gundermann has been an important leader within our Sugar Land community over the past three and a half decades. Glenda has worked with five mayors and city managers, managing the annexations of Sugar Creek, First Colony and numerous other cities. Her work has encouraged more participation in local government and has led to Sugar Land being named one of our nation's top cities for transparency and engagement. During Tropical Storm Allison, she was instrumental in delivering emergency resources to those impacted.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Glenda Gundermann. Her service to this country will be remembered, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBRA A. HAALAND

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2019

Ms. HAALAND. Madam Speaker, on July 17, I was inadvertently not recorded for Roll Call vote 493. I had intended to vote "Aye." As a cosponsor of the bill, H.R. 748, the Middle Class Health Benefits Tax Repeal Act of 2019, I strongly support this important legislation that will help reduce the cost of healthcare for the over 181 million Americans who depend on employer-sponsored health insurance. To avoid the 40 percent excise tax, many employers have been making changes in plan design that are driving up deductibles and out-of-pocket costs, yet one in five employers are expected to hit the taxable threshold in 2022. As a result, this tax is placing a disproportionate burden on working families, which was not the intent of Congress when it enacted the Affordable Care Act, and I intended to vote "Aye" on this legislation to repeal it.

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