

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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IN HONOR OF SERGEANT FREDERICK JOHN HORNE, II FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant Frederick John Horne, II for his dedicated service. His commitment to country and community is worthy of commendation.

Sergeant Horne entered the Armed Forces on September 7, 1967 and was stationed at Fort Knox in Kentucky. He served in Vietnam where he was wounded in combat twice and received two Purple Hearts. Sergeant Horne was honorably discharged for his dedicated service on September 1, 1973. He returned to Michigan after a year at Valley Forge Hospital in Pennsylvania and worked for General Motors until his eventual retirement. Today we celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Sergeant Horne receiving his Purple Heart for his sacrifice. He has shown tremendous bravery and selflessness throughout his decorated service.

Sergeant Horne has shown a tremendous love for his country and community. His years as a member of the United States Military exemplify the selflessness of public service and stand as a testament to duty, honor, and country. We thank Sergeant Horne for his commitment to protecting the American people. His service underscores the significant price of freedom, and the dedication and sacrifice of our servicemembers in the Armed Forces and their families.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Sergeant Frederick John Horne, II for his exemplary service. He has effectively served Michigan and our nation through his selflessness and leadership.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FIRE CHIEF ROBERT B. ELWELL, JR. OF POMONA

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2019

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Robert B. Elwell, Jr. of the City of Pomona, and his tireless dedication to serving the Inland Empire community.

Robert Elwell graduated from the Crafton Hills College Paramedic Program and proceeded to work as a paramedic for a local ambulance company. He was then hired by the Ontario Fire Department in October 1985, where he worked for over 34 years in a variety of assignments including Fire Captain and Battalion Chief. In this role, he also helped develop the department's active shooter response program and assisted several Southern California cities with creating similar programs.

Former Chief Elwell graduated from several fire service state and federal programs and was both a state certified Fire Officer and Chief Officer. He also served on a number of fire service committees and advisory boards that focused on leadership, mentoring and,

training. In April 2016, he was promoted to Fire Chief, a position he held until his retirement in December 2018.

Chief Elwell was a dedicated husband, loyal friend, and patriotic public servant. He enjoyed RV'ing with his wife Anne, off-roading, recreational shooting, and spending time with his close friends. He will be fondly remembered by his loved ones, friends, colleagues, and extended fire family.

For his remarkable accomplishments, it is my honor to recognize Chief Robert B. Elwell, Jr. today. His decades of commitment and contributions to the city he loved are worthy of admiration, and his memory will live on through the countless lives he has impacted. May he rest in peace.

WALNUT BEND ELEMENTARY ODYSSEY OF THE MIND TEAM WINS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Walnut Bend Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind team for placing first in their division at the world finals.

Nearly 800 teams ranging from elementary to college levels from across the United States and the world participated in the problem-solving competition at Michigan State University in May. The Walnut Bend team has made it to the finals several times, but this year they finally took first place, defeating a team from China to win. Their months of hard work certainly paid off.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Walnut Bend Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind team for placing first in the world finals. We look forward to seeing them win again next year.

RECOGNIZING THE MARQUETTE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, It is my honor to recognize the Marquette County Department of Veterans Affairs Committee (MCDVAC) for its service to Veterans and their families. Through its tireless work, exceptional leadership, and steadfast devotion to its community, the MCDVAC has become an indispensable part of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

The Marquette County Veterans Affairs Committee consists of five Veteran volunteers appointed by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners to four-year terms. They work to provide the Veterans of Marquette County with the benefits and services they have earned through their service, including burial benefits, emergency financial relief, and disability compensation. They work with programs like the Disabled American Veterans Transportation Network, which provides trans-

portation from the Jacobetti Home for Veterans and other areas in the county to the Oscar G Johnson VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain. The organization also aids in the administration of the Soldier Sailor Relief Fund, which provides financial help for Veterans who are unable to provide for the basic necessities of life without causing hardship, and works to help Veterans and their families in applying for a broad range of benefits provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Day after day, the Marquette County Veterans Affairs Committee continues to set a positive example of what can be achieved when the people of a community work together for the common good.

Madam Speaker, It's my honor to recognize the Marquette County Veterans Affairs Committee for decades of success, and service to the Veterans of the Upper Peninsula. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHRIST CATHEDRAL

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Diocese of Orange Christ Cathedral on the completion of its renovations. The Christ Cathedral, formerly known as the "Crystal Cathedral," has been a recognizable architectural marvel landmark in Garden Grove since 1955. The 34-acre land has been a beacon to the community and continues to be a space for community members to practice their faith.

In 1955, protestant mega-church leader Dr. Robert Schuller began preaching at the Orange Drive-in Theater. By 1975, his congregation outgrew the first church and Dr. Schuller began searching for architects to build a creative and beautiful space for worship. He worked with Philip Johnson and John Burgee to create a plan for an all glass church. In 2012, the campus and its buildings were sold to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange and have since become the new spiritual center of the division.

Starting in 2015, the campus began major renovations including extensive restorations to the grounds and buildings. These renovations included the restoration of 11,000 glass panes, the construction of scaffolding inside the cathedral, and the design of sacred art. Construction workers involved in the project logged over 100,000 hours of work without a single accident. The renovations are now complete, and today the refurbished cathedral is ready to serve as a spiritual home to Orange County's more than 1.3 million Catholics, and the local community at-large through services and programs available to everyone including weddings, conferences, concerts, and family-friendly events.

It is my distinct honor to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the new building design of the Christ Cathedral.