

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DIVERSE U.S. COAST GUARD SERVICE MEMBERS ON THE U.S. COAST GUARD'S 229TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 26, 2019*

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the U.S. Coast Guard on its upcoming 229th birthday on August 4, 2019. In honor of this significant occasion, I would like to particularly recognize the contributions of Coast Guard men and women from diverse and underrepresented communities. They have fought for our country in times of war and rescued thousands in time of peace. "Semper Paratus" is the U.S. Coast Guard motto, and regardless of the day, time, or crisis, they have always been ready.

Such U.S. Coast Guard members include James Leftwich, a member of the Chickasaw nation. In 1943, Mr. Leftwich enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard. He was 14 years of age and the youngest enlistee. Two years later, he was wounded at the Battle of Eniwetok. Mr. Letwich recovered and continued to serve in the U.S. Coast Guard until 1964.

Master Chief Melvin Kealoha Bell, a native Hawaiian, joined the Coast Guard in 1938. Stationed at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, Mr. Bell transmitted the first radio message warning vessels and military institutions of the attack on Pearl Harbor. He then served as a member of the Navy's Fleet Radio Unit Pacific and helped break the secret Japanese Imperial Navy code that led to U.S. Navy victories in the Pacific.

Myrtle Rae Holthaus Hazard Gambrill was the first woman to serve on active duty in the U.S. Coast Guard. She joined on January 7, 1918, before women could vote. Ms. Gambrill served as an electrician at Coast Guard headquarters and was honorably discharged in November 1919.

Olivia Hooker, Dorothy Winifred Byrd, Julia Watson Mosley Shields, Aileen Anita Cooke Moore, and Yvonne Cumberbatch were the first five African-American women to serve as Coast Guard service members during World War II, as part of the "Semper Paratus, Always Ready" (SPARs) program. Dr. Hooker was the first one in this group to enlist in the U.S. Guard in February 1945, and she was one of the last known survivors of the Tulsa race riots of 1921.

Their sister SPARs included other trailblazers: Cuban-American Mary Rivero and Filipina-American Florence Finch Smith. Ms. Smith joined the SPARs after surviving torture and incarceration at the hands of the Japanese during the occupation of the Philippines.

Admiral Vivian Crea, former Vice Commandant, is the highest-ranking woman in Coast Guard history. Admiral Crea joined the service in 1973, and in 2000, she became the

first female Admiral in the U.S. Coast Guard. Admiral Crea was selected as Vice Commandant in 2006.

Master Chief Vince Patton became the highest ranking African-American Coast Guard enlisted member when he was selected in 1998 to be the Eighth Master Chief Petty Officer of the U.S. Coast Guard. He was the senior enlisted advisor on workforce and personnel issues.

Henry Garcia, born in Puerto Rico, became the first underrepresented minority to receive an officer's commission in 1928. Ten years later in 1938, he took command of the Coast Guard Cutter *Morris* and became the first Hispanic-American to command a Coast Guard cutter.

In 1991, Katherine Faverey took command of Coast Guard Cutter *Bainbridge Island*, becoming the first Hispanic-American woman to command a cutter.

Happy birthday, U.S. Coast Guard. You consist of a diverse group of men and women, and your diversity has been essential to your success.

HONORING DR. MARY BETH MUSKIN

**HON. DON BACON**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 26, 2019*

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Mary Beth Muskin for her lifetime of exceptional service and dedication to our community. Dr. Muskin devoted nearly four decades to education and her impact on the Omaha community has benefitted thousands and is an inspiration for all Nebraskans.

Dr. Muskin received her Bachelor of Science from the University of Nebraska in Elementary and Pre-School Education. She went on to obtain her Master of Science in Counseling from Johns Hopkins University and returned to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to get her PhD in Philosophy, with an emphasis in Adult and Continuing Education.

Dr. Muskin began her career in education while teaching in the Baltimore Public Schools. One day, a man was trying to break into her classroom of thirty-six children. Dr. Muskin will always remember the moment when she knew she had to stop the invasion and slammed the window ultimately breaking his arm. That act of bravery marked the beginning of her incredible career serving inner city students and she has loved every minute of that service.

Dr. Muskin eventually moved back to Omaha to marry Bruce Muskin and together that have raised three outstanding children, all of whom who have a passion for education and social justice. Upon returning to Nebraska, she spent thirty-six years working for the Omaha Public Schools across the entire District, and the last six as Director of Counseling at Omaha South High School.

Following an extraordinary career in education, Dr. Muskin became the Regional Direc-

tor of the Anti-Defamation League Plains States Region in 2015 and was excited to use her skills in classroom teaching to further the community education mission of the ADL.

The Anti-Defamation League Plains States region covers Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas. Their mission is to Protect, Investigate and Educate and the ADL is committed to addressing the issues of prejudice and discrimination that affect all people. They work to "secure justice and fair treatment of all citizens."

One of the programs of the Anti-Defamation League that Dr. Muskin proudly oversees is No Place For Hate. Dr. Muskin and her team have brought this program into schools across the region. Under her leadership, the ADL has worked tirelessly in metro Omaha schools, helping to reduce bullying in partnerships with students, parents, teachers, and administrators in our districts. In addition, Dr. Muskin has been a valued friend and counselor to my office and her wisdom regarding education and combatting hate has been vital with respect to our legislative efforts.

In her spare time, Dr. Muskin volunteers in South Omaha, is involved in voter education programs, and to date has registered over five hundred and fifty voters.

The impact of Dr. Mary Beth Muskin on our community and the surrounding states is broad and her passion is contagious. Through her example and leadership, she has built a legacy that will endure for generations to come. We all salute her for her work with students, the community, law enforcement, and legislators to make the world a better place.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ANTHONY MARTINEZ

**HON. TJ COX**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 26, 2019*

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Anthony Martinez, Sr., a true leader in Delano, California and the Central Valley, who dedicated his life to helping others.

Tony was born in Santa Paula, California and grew up in Hanford where he graduated from high school and then went on to pursue higher education at Bakersfield College, San Jose State, and Porterville College.

A selfless leader, Tony proudly served in the California National Guard and the United States Air Force.

Among his many jobs in life, Tony managed a Thrifty's Drug Store, but then with the support of his wife Pat, accomplished a lifelong dream by opening the renowned Tony's Pizza in Delano, and also founded the Anthony Martinez Farmers Insurance Agency.

During his impressive 40-year business career, Tony volunteered countless hours to his community and served in elected roles as both a city councilmember and as Mayor.

Tony passed away on June 20, 2019, but he leaves behind a legacy that will live on.

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