

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO THE WASATCH FRONT
REGIONAL COUNCIL

HON. BEN McADAMS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Mr. McADAMS. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Wasatch Front Regional Council on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, celebrated this year on March 28, 2019.

WFRC is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the majority of the Wasatch Front Region in Utah. It is a collaborative body comprised of city and county officials, transportation agencies, and other stakeholders, who work together to plan for the future of the Region. As a convener, WFRC works with its partners to build consensus and enhance quality of life by developing and implementing visions and plans for a well-functioning multimodal transportation system, livable communities, a strong economy, and a healthy environment.

The Region's geography is unique. Bounded east and west by mountains and lakes, the linear metropolitan area extends 100 miles north to south, along the Wasatch Mountains. The majority of Utah's population lives in the Region. Since 1969, Utah's population has grown from just over 1 million to over 3 million today, and it is projected to top 5 million by 2050. This growth presents challenges, but also tremendous opportunities, on which WFRC seeks to capitalize through proactive, collaborative planning and implementation.

Utah is widely referred to as the Crossroads of the West. The multi-modal transportation system that distinctively serves the broader Wasatch Front Region—and the nation—found its birth in the WFRC plans. These plans were also fundamental in development of Utah's Unified Transportation Plan, the first comprehensive, coordinated, multimodal statewide transportation plan in the nation, which has received recognition as a national best practice from the U.S. Department of Transportation and others.

On transportation and other quality of life issues such as land use, housing, and economic development, WFRC and its partners have kept an eye to the future and a cooperative spirit. This has been instrumental to developing and maintaining one of the top-rated economies and most enviable places to live, work and play in the nation.

The Wasatch Front Regional Council is a fine example of how collaborative efforts will continue to shape plans looking ahead to 2050 and beyond, helping to ensure high quality of life for Utah's current residents and generations to come.

IN HONOR OF CHIEF OF STAFF,
TIM WALSH

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Mr. VARGAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my departing Chief of Staff, Tim Walsh, and his years of dedication to our country and the communities of California's 51st Congressional District. After eight years of service as my Chief of Staff, first at the California State Senate and later in the United States House of Representatives, Tim Walsh is departing my office with a track record of success and leaving behind an unparalleled team reflective of his dedicated leadership.

Tim Walsh is a native of California and a proud San Diegan. His professional experience spans the public and private sector as the founding member of two companies at the highest levels of public management as well as an adjunct university professor. Coincidentally, we are both Magna Cum Laude graduates of the University of San Diego with Bachelors of Arts in Political Science. Tim is also a graduate of the inaugural class of the Master of Arts in Peace and Justice Studies Program of the University of San Diego, where he was awarded a Gandhi Fellowship, as well as a graduate of the Price School of Policy, Planning and Development at the University of Southern California.

As you may know, in 2016, I was named one of the "Hardest-Working Members of Congress." While I am proud of that recognition, every Member of Congress relies on a dedicated team. I would not have received this award, garnered nearly one billion dollars of infrastructure funding for my district, or accomplished many other things for this wonderful country and my district, without Tim's dedicated leadership.

If asked, Tim will share that his greatest source of pride is his family. As the youngest of six children in a proud Irish Catholic clan, he credits his parents, Bill and Penny Walsh, with providing a secure foundation leading all his brothers and sisters to lives of great opportunity. As a new father, he is excited about the opportunity to spend more time with his baby girl, his remarkable wife, and the rest of their loving family.

Madam Speaker, I would like to echo the teachings of John Wooden who said, "It is amazing how much can be accomplished if no one cares who gets the credit." Tim truly lives by this motto. I am certain that Tim Walsh's future success will eclipse his significant past accomplishments.

On behalf of California's 51st Congressional District, I would like to formally honor Tim Walsh on his years of dedicated service to the nation and California's 51st Congressional District.

GUNNERY SGT. SCOTT A.
KOPPENHAFFER

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Mr. TIPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Marine Gunnery Sgt. Scott A. Koppenhafer of Mancos, Colorado. Gunnery Sgt. Koppenhafer was killed in combat on Saturday, August 10, 2019 while serving alongside the Iraqi Security Forces in a planned operation in northern Iraq.

Instead of pursuing a job in business following his degree completion at Adams State University, Gunnery Sgt. Koppenhafer decided to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps. His decision to serve was made during an intense period of war against radical terrorists who continue to threaten our nation's liberties and freedom. Knowing the dangers that accompany serving in war, Gunnery Sgt. Koppenhafer heroically put aside his civilian life ambitions and instead chose to serve his country.

As one of the world's most lethal fighting forces, Marines are also well-known for their motto, *Semper Fidelis*, or always faithful. Gunnery Sgt. Koppenhafer adhered to this motto and perhaps best exemplified it during his time in service which spanned nearly 14 years and three deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. He built an impressive resume over that period which includes two Bronze Stars, a 2018 Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command's Critical Skills Operator of the Year award, honor graduate for the special operations training school, and dozens of other prestigious military medals and decorations. Gunnery Sgt. Koppenhafer set himself apart from his peers by setting the example with his remarkable record and dedication to putting country over self.

Madam Speaker, Gunnery Sgt. Koppenhafer's life was taken all too soon. His death not only impacts his brothers and sisters in the Corps, but he also leaves behind two children, his wife, and his parents Gerald and Carla. Among his fellow Marines and family members, his hometown of Mancos bears the immense weight of his loss. With a population the size of many high schools across the country, the loss of one from our small community is felt by all who live there. It is with a heavy heart that I, along with so many from the area, say goodbye to such an upstanding citizen and a true American hero. I send my deepest condolences to Gunnery Sgt. Koppenhafer's family and pray that God's grace provides them with the comfort they need to heal.

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CONGRATULATING KOBY BRACKENMEYER FOR HIS WIN AT THE STATE FINALS BOYS' TRACK AND FIELD TOURNAMENT IN THE 4X800 METER RELAY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Koby Brackemeyer, a junior from Morrison High School, for winning the Illinois High School Association's Class 1A State Finals Boys Track and Field Tournament in the 4X800 Meter Relay. Koby and his team finished first with a time of 7:57.85.

Koby ran the opening leg and turned in a 1:57.8 to put Morrison ahead instantly. By giving his teammates such an advantage, the team was in an incredible position to finish first. As a former athlete, I appreciate the fortitude Koby displayed to achieve his dream of being a state champion and commend him for his athleticism and leadership. Koby is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am elated with the presence of such young talent in our community and to see him represent Morrison so well throughout the state.

It is because of student leaders such as Koby that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Koby Brackemeyer on his Class 1A State Finals title in Boys Track and Field.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF ROSE MARY HANSHAW

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Rose Mary Cicero Hanshaw, who passed away surrounded by her loving family on August 11, 2019, at the age of 81.

Born Aug. 12, 1937, in Warren, Rose was the daughter of Nicholas and Carmella Nardo Cicero. As a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Rose's family meant everything to her.

She was a licensed beautician for many years, working for Helen Accordini's Beauty Salon. She later worked as a cook at her cousin's and godfather's grocery store: Cicero's Market in Niles. During those years, she built lifelong friendships with many of her co-workers and customers.

Engaging her Italian heritage, Rose enjoyed baking, cooking and Sunday macaroni dinners with her entire family. She always looked forward to family celebrations for birthdays and holidays. She loved yardwork as well as working in her flower beds.

She was a graduate of Niles McKinley High School, Class of 1956, and was a lifelong member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Niles. In her younger years, she was active at working the parish festival in the sausage booth as well as being a part of the ladies auxiliary group who cleaned the Church before the celebrations of Christmas and Easter and special events.

On June 13, 1959, Rose married the love of her life, Marvin Hanshaw, who died June 4, 2018, and during their 58 years together, they enjoyed the love and joy that family brought to them.

She will be deeply missed by three sons, Deacon Michael Hanshaw and his wife, Stacey, of Liberty, David Hanshaw of Lordstown and Frank Hanshaw and his wife, Jessica, of Howland.

Her grandchildren brought much joy and pride into Nana's life, as she was affectionately known as, and she delighted in sharing in all of the significant moments of their lives from school sporting events to high school graduations. They include Nick Hanshaw, Kyle Hanshaw, Chance (Jaclyn) Hanshaw, Melissa Hanshaw, Arianna Hanshaw and Nathaniel Hanshaw. Great-grandchildren include Bentley Edward Lane, Madalynne Rose Hanshaw and Braelynn Rae Meely.

Rose is also survived by one brother, Carmen Cicero of Garden Grove, California.

My wife Andrea and I are blessed to be long-time friends of her son, Mike, who is the deacon at my childhood church. I give my deepest condolences to Rose's family. She will certainly be missed.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF
CONNIE JONES

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Connie Jones, who is retiring after 35 years of serving her community as Executive Director of the Southwest Minority Economic Development Association, which operates Santa Ana's Southwest Community Center.

Each day, Ms. Jones and the Southwest Community Center carry out their mission of "helping people help themselves." The Southwest Community Center serves as a vital life line to single mothers, seniors, veterans, recovering addicts, the disabled, the homeless, those who suffer from mental illness, as well as neighborhood families and children.

Under Ms. Jones' direction, her dedicated staff and volunteers serve 10,000 meals a month, distribute food baskets, clothing, provide health screenings, rental and utility assistance, transportation vouchers, job referrals, and much more. The Center has also created an environment that fosters friendship and a sense of belonging.

Ms. Jones, a Santa Ana native, has worked tirelessly to continue the vision started by her grandmother, the late Annie Mae Tripp, who began serving meals in her garage to homeless men, while struggling to make ends meet as a domestic worker with seven children.

From that starting point in 1970, her ministry for the poor and homeless expanded to a rented building that—with the help of other dedicated neighborhood women, area churches, community and business sponsors, and hundreds of volunteers—went from serving soup and bread to 12 homeless men to providing a life-saving services for thousands in need.

Even a devastating fire in 2009 did not stop the success of the Southwest Community Center. Like a phoenix rising from the ashes,

the Center continued operations in rented facilities until a beautiful new building opened two years later.

The new Center was built nearly for free by contractors who wanted to give back to their community. One of those contractors grew up in the neighborhood served by the Southwest Community Center. The Center's services and caring atmosphere helped him thrive and succeed, which is also true for hundreds of other men, women, and children from this Santa Ana neighborhood.

Ms. Jones' receipt of the "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the Community Action Partnership of Orange County is a true testament to her spirit and love for the Santa Ana community. It is my distinct honor to recognize my constituent and friend, Connie Jones, for her humanitarian accomplishments and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating her on her retirement.

HONORING DR. WILLARD
LEWALLEN

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the retiring Superintendent-President of Hartnell Community College District, Dr. Willard Lewallen, for his career in higher education and commitment to serving the people of the central coast of California. His leadership has touched the lives of many, and I am honored to acknowledge his legacy today in the House of Representatives.

Throughout his seven years in his role as Superintendent-President, Dr. Lewallen has remained committed to a philosophy of "students first." He has set an inspiring example for Hartnell College employees and its supporters, leading initiatives and partnerships that have yielded tremendous success and strengthened Hartnell and the entire Salinas Valley. The continual growth and development of the college itself is due in large part to Dr. Lewallen's investment of time and expertise into improvement of campus programs and facilities. Dr. Lewallen's record of service to Hartnell and the Salinas Valley has certainly left a lasting impact on the City of Salinas and the Monterey Peninsula.

Student success has been a priority of Dr. Lewallen throughout his time at Hartnell and is reflected by an overwhelming increase in completion of degrees and certificates. The number of students pursuing four-year degrees has also risen during Dr. Lewallen's tenure, preparing these students to transfer to the California State University and University of California systems to complete their degrees.

Dr. Lewallen has left an indelible mark on the central coast with Hartnell's recently developed partnerships with California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) and Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System. Dr. Lewallen helped initiate programs like the CSin3 program, which allows students to complete a B.S. in computer science in three years, and the Teacher Transfer Pathway program, which enables students to begin at Hartnell and continue seamlessly at CSUMB and earn a teaching certificate within five years.

Growth and development have been remarkable under the leadership of Dr. Lewallen