

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MARIO RODRIGUEZ

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 30, 2019

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and recognize Mario Rodriguez, Executive Director for the award-winning Indianapolis Airport Authority. The Indianapolis International Airport is in the congressional district that I represent, and I have wholeheartedly supported its innovation and growth under Mario's leadership.

Mario Rodriguez has long been a dedicated aviation expert and community advocate, and has used his knowledge to serve not only the city of Indianapolis, but also the nation at large. For 30 years, he has held leadership positions in airports around the country, and, under his leadership, the Indianapolis International Airport has continued to receive recognition for its world class service. Mario has also championed a diverse workforce and to-date, more than 50 percent of senior leadership and 35 percent of professional staff at the Indianapolis Airport Authority are women and racial minorities. Mario's aviation expertise also led to his appointment in 2016 to the National Department of Transportation Committee for Aviation Consumer Protection by President Barack Obama.

Mario is also well-known for his commitment to civic engagement. He is board member for many nonprofits in our community, including Immigrant Welcome Center, Indiana Latino Institute, Indy and Indiana Chambers, The Indiana Sports Corps, The Economic Club of Indiana, Visit Indy, and the 500 Festival. For this good work, he has received numerous awards acknowledging his efforts to strengthen Central Indiana and improve the lives of its residents.

Mario Rodriguez is a leader and a trailblazer. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating his contributions to our community, state and country.

COMMEMORATION OF THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF DO- LORES AND WILL GRESHAM

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 30, 2019

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Dolores and Will Gresham of Somerville, Tennessee on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Dolores and Will were married on August 2, 1969. Together, their lives have been marked by service to their community, and both retired from the United States Marine Corps with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Dolores has also

served in the Tennessee State Senate since 2008.

In addition to their service, their marriage of fifty faithful years embodies the values of Tennessee which have and will keep our state and our nation strong. There's no doubt that they have lived an All-American life with their family; raising Hereford cattle on their farm, investing in their neighbors, and holding fast to their strong values and shared faith, giving us all an ideal to which we can aspire. May their commitment grow even stronger as they love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Madam Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year of marriage. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF H.D. BROOME

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 30, 2019

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Mr. H.D. Broome of Bassfield, Mississippi. Mr. Broome was an American patriot who served the U.S. Army during World War II and the perilous Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe Campaigns.

Private First Class H.D. Broome was inducted into the U.S. Army on August 11, 1944, at the age of 18. Assigned to C Company of the 8th Infantry, Mr. Broome participated in the American march across Europe and the famed "Battle of the Bulge." For his service, Mr. Broome was awarded the Bronze Star, a Purple Heart, and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Mr. Broome was Honorably Discharged from the U.S. Army in August 1946 and returned to Mississippi. After returning to Bassfield, Mr. Broome married Gracie Williams; served as deacon, Sunday school teacher, and church treasurer at Bethel Baptist Church; and enjoyed a 30-year career with the Mississippi Department of Transportation. Mr. Broome passed away May 11, 2019, and is buried at Lowland Cemetery in Bassfield, Mississippi.

Today, I join Mr. Broome's family in remembering his service and celebrating his life. I am grateful for all he has done in service to his country, his state, and his community.

RECOGNIZING ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC PARISH

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 30, 2019

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize St. Joseph Catholic Parish

of Erie, Michigan as it celebrates its 200th anniversary.

St. Joseph Catholic Parish, the second oldest Catholic church in Monroe County, and the third oldest Catholic church in the Archdiocese of Detroit, has a rich history of service to the community.

The parish began in 1819 as a log building in a community called Bay Creek, where worshippers were primarily hunters and trappers. In its early days, the church depended upon traveling Jesuit priests who ministered to the congregants, followed by occasional visits by Father Gabriel Richard. In 1826, a new wood-frame building was constructed to replace the earlier log structure, and in 1833, Father John Debrun became its first resident pastor.

Around 1850, the Bay Creek settlement area was renamed Vienna, and today is known as Erie. As the parish continued to grow in number, it became necessary to build a new facility. The present building was completed under the leadership of Father Peter Warlop and consecrated in 1852 by Bishop Peter Paul LeFever. The magnificent structure, still used today as St. Joseph's place of worship, is a testimony to many years of faithful ministry.

Over the years, the church provided an elementary school for parishioners and added a new activities center to better serve the church body. Today, St. Joseph Parish continues to enrich hundreds of individuals and families in Erie as a place of connection, worship, and service.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating St. Joseph Catholic Parish on its bicentennial anniversary. May God continue to bless the congregation as it shines a bright light in Monroe County and beyond.

IN HONOR OF THE FIRST PRES- BYTERIAN CHURCH IN FLEMINGSBURG

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 30, 2019

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the First Presbyterian Church in Flemingsburg, Kentucky on their 200th anniversary.

In 1795, Dr. John Poage Campbell came to Fleming County and erected a log church at Flemingsburg. According to historical records, other pioneer preachers were associated with the early church including Joseph P. Howe, James Kemper, William W. Martin, and John T. Edgar.

The present church building was erected in 1819. It remains as the major known work of architect-builders Samuel Stockwell and John Eckles. It is a fine example of Kentucky Federal architecture. In 1977, the church was named to the National Registry of Historic Places.

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