

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENT
OF NEAL HENDERSON

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Coach Neal Henderson on his induction into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame. Over the past 40 years, Coach Henderson has led the Fort Dupont Ice Hockey Club, known as the Cannons.

Henderson fell in love with hockey at a young age when his father, a Merchant Marine, was stationed in St. Catharines, Ontario during World War II. After moving back to the U.S., he settled in the District of Columbia in the 1960s with his family. He shared his love of hockey with those willing to learn and soon recognized interest in the game far exceeded the narrow streets of the District where he taught neighborhood kids.

To meet the demand, Henderson started renting ice space at the Fort Dupont Ice Arena and, in 1978, he established the Cannons with his high school classmate, Betty Dean. For the next 40 years, he coached the Cannons at Fort Dupont Ice Arena and continues to be a community icon. Coach Henderson saw hockey as an opportunity to give youth from predominantly low-income communities a chance to play and develop greater connections through the game. Henderson's Fort Dupont Ice Hockey Club is a developmental program that provides local and inner-city youth with the opportunity to participate in an organized ice hockey program. The team colors are black, gold and white, symbolic of African-American history in the District—black soldiers, brass buttons and white officers.

The Cannons is one of the oldest minority hockey club in North America. The team is made up of 50 players between the ages of 8–18 predominantly from Southwest and Northwest D.C. neighborhoods and has been recognized by the Washington Capitals. Henderson and his players had the unique opportunity to touch the Stanley Cup in June 2018 when the Capitals came to Fort Dupont.

Henderson's organization has supported over 1,000 children since its inception in 1978 and encourages students to succeed beyond the rink. Coach Henderson's program has an 85% high school graduation rate, and he incorporates educational activities, such as visits to museums and colleges, when the team travels for tournaments.

Henderson embodies the best values of the District of Columbia and its residents. Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Neal Henderson for his achievements and contributions to the District of Columbia and its children, and for his well-deserved induction into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

LEGENDARY POLITICAL ACTIVIST
DARREN PARKER

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Ms. BASS. Madam Speaker, last month California lost an esteemed political colleague

and tireless advocate, Mr. Darren Parker. He championed racial equality and civil rights, especially for African Americans, and his career was one of public service and selfless contributions.

From a very young age, Darren showed a strong interest in political engagement. At just 11 years old, he teamed up with a few family members to found One Hundred Thousand Students for the Freedom of South Africa, gathering peers in his grandmother's Compton home to support the anti-apartheid struggles half a world away.

His passion for politics continued through his college years, then as a union rep with the Communication Workers of America during his 20-year career with Pacific Bell. Early on, he became involved with the Democratic Party, in Los Angeles City, Antelope Valley, L.A. County, and the state of California. After years of involvement, in 2007 he was elected Chair of the California Democratic Party's African American Caucus, aiming to lift up the voices of African Americans and encourage civic engagement. He was particularly proud of significantly increasing voter registration in the Antelope Valley.

His passion for service continued with his positions on many nonprofit boards and appointed offices over the course of his life, including his appointment to the LA County Commission for Children and Families.

Wanting to contribute directly to governing the state, he ran for a seat in the California Senate in 2011 and in the Assembly in 2016. In between, he served in state government as special assistant to California Assembly Speakers John Pérez, Toni Atkins, and Anthony Rendon. As a former Speaker myself, I know how demanding and important that job is, and I know that he contributed to successes in each Speaker's administration. Remarkably, during that time he also served as Executive Director of AFSCME Local 2620 for two years.

I had the privilege of working with Mr. Parker many times over the years. I offer my sincere condolences to his family and friends. He will be remembered for his influential activism, indomitable spirit, and life-long dedication to public service.

IN HONOR OF RAUDE RAYCHEL

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Raude Raychel for her tireless work on behalf of the Indonesian community in New Hampshire.

Raude serves as President of the Indonesian Community Connect (ICC), a non-profit organization based in Somersworth, NH. ICC hosts community events for the Indonesian community, shares Indonesian culture and values with the broader community, and provides support and information for those building lives in the United States.

The daughter of immigrants, Raude's parents always instilled in her a drive to always make her community stronger. Throughout her life, Raude has been more than just a model citizen—she is truly a pillar of our community.

In her role as President of ICC, Raude has not only upheld and carried on the traditions of

the Indonesian community but also shared these with the entire Seacoast region. The contributions of the Indonesian community have made Somersworth and all of New Hampshire a better place to live. I am particularly proud of her efforts to bring local municipal officials and the Indonesian Consulate and Embassy together to discuss creating the country's first 'Little Indonesia' in Somersworth.

Like so many other Granite Staters, I have been lucky enough to learn about Indonesian culture through ICC's events and festivals. On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank Raude for her decades of dedication to our community. I thank her for her tireless work for our community, and for helping to make our state such a wonderful place to learn, live, and grow.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNUAL
CODY STAMPEDE

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th Annual Cody Stampede held in Cody, WY.

This year marks the 100th Stampede. Each year over 800 of the best rodeo contestants compete for a total prize purse of over \$400,000. This Wyoming tradition is a major event in Cody and is closely linked to July 4th celebrations in the surrounding area. I want to extend my congratulations to the town of Cody on 100 years of this great Wyoming tradition.

Again, Madam Speaker, I want to commemorate the 100th Stampede Rodeo being held in Cody, WY and I hope it continues for many years to come.

HONORING DOROTHY STONE ON
HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dorothy Stone around her 100th Birthday. Ms. Stone was born August 6, 1919 in Erie, Illinois.

Ms. Stone grew up in Erie, Illinois and graduated from Erie High School in 1937. She went on to get her teaching degree at Blackburn College in Carlinville, Illinois and Marycrest College in Davenport, Iowa. Ms. Stone then had a long and successful teaching career spanning 35 years in the Erie area until she retired in the 1970's. In that time, she left a long lasting, positive impact on her community.

It is because of community leaders such as Ms. Stone that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally honor Ms. Dorothy Stone on her 100th Birthday.