

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

DAVE THOMAS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2019*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dave Thomas for receiving the Award of Merit from the First Judicial District Bar Association.

An active community member of Jefferson County and within the local law community for decades, Dave serves the First Judicial District and is well-deserving on the Association's highest recognition. For the first ten years of his career, Dave worked in the Denver District Attorney's Office as a Deputy and Chief Deputy District Attorney where he tried homicide cases, white collar crime, and complex drug cases as well as spending three years in the Complex Prosecution Unit. He then spent two and a half years as Assistant United States Attorney while also serving on the Mountain States Drug Task Force and coordinated the regional drug enforcement effort. Once his term ended, he went on to serve as the elected District Attorney for Jefferson County for twelve years and as the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Safety for six years. During that time, Dave also served as the Executive Director of the Colorado District Attorneys' Council. He is currently is a private defense attorney in Jefferson County.

Throughout his career, Dave has been a dedicated public servant and active member of the Jefferson County community. He has served on numerous boards and local organizations including the Children's Alliance Board of Directors (1993–2005), Jeffco Action Center (1995–2005) and the Victim Outreach Information organization (1993–2005). He also helped bring positive changes to the second largest school district in Colorado as the President of the Jefferson County Board of Education from 2007 to 2011.

Dave's contributions and ongoing dedication to his community is tremendous. I extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to Dave Thomas for his service to our community and to the people he represents. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition from the First Judicial District Bar Association.

NELSON L. MELLITZ

**HON. DONALD NORCROSS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Col. Nelson L. Mellitz, a resident of Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

In 1970, Nelson enlisted in the United States Air Force where his first career field was as a Civil Engineer, Site Development Specialist and obtained the rank of Master Sgt

(E–7). Throughout his 32-year military career, he supported U.S. war and peace-time operations from Vietnam through Afghanistan. He was a direct commission as a 2nd Lt in 1980 into the Acquisition and Contracting career field and after approximately 18 years he was promoted to Colonel (O–6).

During Col. Mellitz's military career, he had assignments in Europe and 15 other locations in the United States, including the Pentagon (SAF/AQC). While he was assigned to Defense Contract Management Command (DCMA) in the Brigadier General Reservist slot, he managed over 3,000 Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine joint service staff and billions of dollars in supplies and services.

Immediately after September 11, 2001, Col. Mellitz was assigned as the manager of the DCMA Headquarters Command Incident Mobilization Center and deployed troops and equipment in support of operations in Southwest Asia and elsewhere. In 2005, he volunteered to be recalled to active duty and was assigned to the United States State Department as a Senior Executive Service leader with the Iraqi Reconstruction Management Office in Baghdad, Iraq for 2005/2006.

In addition to his military service, Nelson Mellitz is a retired federal employee with his last assignment at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service as Northeast Area Chief Procurement Officer. Col. Mellitz has also obtained an Associate's Degree in Architecture and Building Construction Technology and a Bachelors of Business Administration in Organization and Personnel Management from Temple University, a Bachelor's of Science in Accounting from Point Park University, a Masters of Management in Acquisition from American Graduate University, and a Doctorate in Business Administration with a concentration in leadership from Walden University.

In recognition of his valiant service to our nation, Col. Mellitz humbly received numerous medals and citations including: Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award w/1 OLC, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, recipient of the U.S. Ambassador to Iraqi, Meritorious Service Award and among many other medals and citations.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Col. Nelson L. Mellitz of Cherry Hill, New Jersey who is a constant reminder of the sacrifices that our men and women of the military made so that we can enjoy the liberties we do today.

CONGRATULATING DUMARESQ  
SPENCER POST NO. 145

**HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2019*

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to proudly recognize the 100th anniversary

since the founding of Dumaresq Spencer Post No. 145, an American Legion Post located in my district.

The Dumaresq Spencer Post was established by World War I veterans led by William Burke and its namesake honors the first Highland Park resident to be killed in the conflict. It was originally located on the second floor of Witten Hall, across the street from the former Alcyon Theatre.

Members of the Post typically took part in patriotic events such as the Memorial Day parade each year. They also led efforts to collect scrap metal, prepare for possible air raids, and offer comfort to families whose sons were killed in World War II.

Following World War II, the Post gained substantially more members and its headquarters was relocated to a larger venue, the second floor of the then-Masonic Temple. In the late 1940's, the Post donated \$2,400 to the Highland Park Hospital because of a lack of basins in their nurseries. Post members also assisted disabled veterans at Downey Veterans Hospital by frequently visiting them and providing them with entertainment.

The Post eventually constructed its own building at 1957 Sheridan Road and its members made enormous financial and material sacrifices to this end. This location hosted many events, including Tenth District meetings and Scouting events. It was eventually sold and a portion of the proceeds funded the construction of the Veterans Memorial on the corner of Central and St. Johns Avenue.

The Post now has approximately 100 members and it continues to serve our community and champion the causes of veterans. I congratulate all its members on their 100th anniversary, and look forward to working with Post No. 145 for many more years to come.

IN CELEBRATION OF MR. ROBERT  
F. KELLEY, SR.'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2019*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincerest congratulations and Happy Birthday wishes to a true man of God and public servant, Mr. Robert F. Kelley, Sr., who celebrated his 100th birthday on Wednesday, August 14, 2019. He celebrated this milestone with family and friends on Saturday, August 17, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. at The Cunningham Center located on the campus of Columbus State University in Columbus, Georgia.

Robert F. Kelley, Sr. was born on August 14, 1919, in Ellaville, Georgia as the fourth of six children to the late Will Lee and Little Hardison Kelley. The values of Christian discipleship, hard work, and education were instilled in Robert at a young age. Although his studies in the Chatahoochee County Public School System were cut short because he had

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