

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 15
THROUGH 21, 2019 AS RESPON-
SIBLE GAMING EDUCATION
WEEK

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize this week as Responsible Gaming Education Week.

In 1998, the American Gaming Association established Responsible Gaming Education Week to promote responsible gaming nationwide and to educate employees and customers on the subject.

I am proud to represent Las Vegas, the gold standard when it comes to gaming and gaming regulation. Gaming generates jobs for 1.8 million Americans, providing \$74 billion in wages, benefits, and tips. The U.S. casino industry at large generates more than \$40 billion in federal, state, and local taxes, supporting a range of needed services like hospitals, schools, transportation routes, and public safety.

The gaming industry goes to great lengths to make sure employees are trained in best practices for recognizing and dealing with problem gaming and patrons are aware of options for help if they need it. The industry contributes hundreds of millions of dollars each year toward research and treatment of problem gambling as well as awareness and other training programs. In short, responsible gaming has become an integral part of their daily operations.

I am proud to support the goals and ideals of Responsible Gaming Education Week which brings together the gaming industry, advocacy groups, regulators, and other key stakeholders to promote transparency and gaming literacy. I commend the industry for its work on the issue and the education provided to promote responsible play and awareness of gaming disorders.

I also applaud the employees of the gaming industry for the work they do every day educating patrons about the issue. Las Vegas is a better community and tourism destination for it.

RECOGNIZING JOHN MORFORD OF
LIVINGSTON

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Morford of Livingston for his many years of dedicated service to Montana and the Livingston community through his participation and leadership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

John has served selflessly through the local and state Elks Lodges, including as president

of both lodges. His project management skills have helped turn many Elks programs into well-oiled machines that reach hundreds of people throughout our communities.

For over a decade, John has been the director of the annual Hoop Shoot program in which thousands of Montana students compete against students nationwide to be one of the six national champions. This competition is aimed at helping children develop and reinforce perseverance.

He also assists with the Elks' food basket distribution project, which coordinates community efforts to provide families in need with a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Last November they delivered food baskets to over 300 families in Livingston and surrounding communities.

John also created a scholarship for Montana students interested in studying music. Stemming from his love of music, he created a unique music scholarship program through the Elks almost 10 years ago, securing the necessary funding and creating a panel of musically-versed Elks members. High school seniors throughout Montana, who plan to major or minor in music performance or education, send their musical pieces to the panel for a chance to win a scholarship.

Madam Speaker, for his dedication to charitable giving in the community and the state of Montana, I recognize John Morford of Livingston for his spirit of Montana.

COMMENDING THE WORK OF THE
PEOPLE'S LAW OFFICE

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the 50th anniversary of The People's Law Office. Founded in August of 1969 in Chicago, the PLO has championed many important struggles against official racism, police violence, and mass incarceration over the past 50 years.

The first important case taken on by the PLO was the Fred Hampton Black Panther case. My friends and fellow students of the struggle, Fred Hampton and Mark Clark, were killed by 14 raiding Chicago police officers under the command of Cook County State's Attorney Edward V. Hanrahan on the early morning of December 4, 1969. After 13 years of hard-fought court battles in the wake of Fred's death, the PLO and their clients in the Illinois Black Panther Party proved that Fred was murdered in his bed as part of the FBI's COINTELPRO initiative. As the founder of the Illinois Black Panther Party, I was privileged to have a front-row seat to the commitment, diligence, and resilience of the PLO's lawyers. Together, we won a victory for justice and accountability, and made sure that Fred's death was not in vain.

The PLO was also an early pioneer in fighting against the inhumanity of America's pris-

ons both in Illinois and nationally. Its lawyers were instrumental in fighting for justice for the men who were murdered, tortured, and unjustly prosecuted in the 1971 Attica prison rebellion. They also fought for years for justice in the Marion Federal Penitentiary and several Illinois prisons, including Pontiac, Stateville and Dwight. Together with other Chicago lawyers and activists, the PLO obtained the acquittal of 16 Pontiac prisoners wrongfully prosecuted for capital murder after the Pontiac Prison rebellion in 1978.

In my district, as well as the greater city of Chicago, PLO has fought for more than 30 years to expose and bring to justice a ring of racist police torturers, led by police commander Jon Burge, who tortured more than 125 suspects of color from 1972 to 1991. Their work in uncovering the scope and breadth of this officially sanctioned scandal has been instrumental in freeing numerous men who were wrongfully convicted as a result of torture, winning money settlements for many of those men, helping to end the death penalty in Illinois, in obtaining the firing and conviction of Burge, and in obtaining from the City of Chicago a historic and wide ranging package of financial and non-financial reparations for many of the survivors of police torture.

PLO lawyers also fought for justice in Greensboro, North Carolina, in a case brought by the families of five anti-Ku Klux Klan demonstrators who were massacred by KKK and Nazi members in 1979.

The PLO continues to champion cases that advance the civil rights and civil liberties that uphold the very foundations of our government. The PLO has represented many generations of protestors, Puerto Rican independence and Palestinian activists, victims of police brutality, and other forms of official violence and abuse.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate the PLO on fifty years of fighting for truth, justice, and accountability. I wish them another fifty years of success in protecting the civil rights of my fellow Chicagoans.

TRIBUTE TO THE ASSISTANCE
LEAGUE OF LOS ANGELES

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Assistance League of Los Angeles upon its centennial anniversary.

Beginning in the mid-1890s, Assistance League founder Anne Banning and a small group of prominent Los Angeles women initiated a tradition of benevolence and compassion by performing local relief work for those underserved by conventional charities. By 1906, the group's humanitarian efforts extended beyond Southern California to victims of the devastating San Francisco earthquake.

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