

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES OF NURSING

HON. LAUREN UNDERWOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Madam Speaker, I stand today to recognize the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN)—the national voice for academic nursing—as this organization celebrates 50 years of advancing excellence in baccalaureate and graduate nursing education, promoting nursing research, and improving the health of our nation.

Since 1969, AACN has set the standards for educating the nation's largest healthcare profession, nursing. AACN has consistently illustrated a steadfast commitment to nursing schools, deans, faculty, and students who are essential to ensuring a strong nursing workforce able to support the health and well-being of citizens in all communities throughout the country.

The rich history of AACN began with a modest but significant meeting of 44 deans of nursing who met in Detroit, Michigan in 1969 and formed the Conference of Deans of Colleges and University Schools of Nursing. At its inception, the organization—soon to be renamed the American Association of Colleges of Nursing—represented 121 member institutions. This organization had a number of visionary leaders, not only for higher education, but also for the nursing profession. AACN has provided guidance through changing social, political, and economic context and as our country weathered many changes and advancements in health care and higher education.

Over the last 50 years, AACN's dedication to sustaining the nation's nursing workforce has expanded and evolved with the organization now comprised of more than 825 schools of nursing representing more than 45,000 faculty members and 543,000 students. AACN's commitment to preparing nurses with the skills needed to transform health care and improve the public's health has had a profound impact in every state and has helped to support the nation's healthcare infrastructure.

As the American Association of Colleges of Nursing celebrates its 50th Anniversary, I commend AACN for its leadership in educating the nursing workforce; its commitment to advancing innovation, diversity, inclusion, and research in the nursing profession; and for its dedication to driving excellence in academic nursing.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF DR. JOHNNIE M. ARMSTRONG

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Dr. Johnnie M. Armstrong, who passed away on Monday, September 30th.

Johnnie, a native of Nashville, Tennessee, was a long-time faculty member at Blue Mountain College in Blue Mountain, Mississippi. During her 64-year career at Blue Mountain College, she had many roles in the college's health and physical education, including Athletic Director for the college. Her influence in the athletic program led Blue Mountain College to dedicate both their Campus Fitness Center and the Tyler Gymnasium floor to Johnnie. Johnnie also served as Special Ambassador of Blue Mountain College, where she represented the entire college.

Johnnie's love for fitness education expanded beyond Blue Mountain College and led her to receive many accolades from various organizations. Johnnie was named "Female Athletics Administrator of the Year for District 24," and the "NAIA Athletic Administrator of the Year." She received the "Price in Teaching Award" from the Mississippi Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (MAHPERD), the "Pathfinder Award" from the National Association for Girls and Women in Sports, Blue Mountain College's Outstanding Faculty Member Award in both 1979 and 2000 and the Higher Education Appreciation Day Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) Award in both 1988 and 1997.

Left to cherish her memory are many extended family members, friends, her congregation at Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church in Blue Mountain, MS, as well as the faculty and students at Blue Mountain College.

Johnnie's life was one of service, grace, and love for her community. She will be greatly missed by all who she encountered.

HONORING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREENING OF DETROIT

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Greening of Detroit, an organization dedicated to creating a greener and more sustainable Detroit.

Greening of Detroit was founded in 1989 with the primary goal of restoring Detroit's once lush tree-lined neighborhoods and parks. Since then, the organization's mission has expanded to include working toward green infra-

structure, protecting our natural resources, and environmental sustainability. These efforts have not only concentrated on the City's environmental needs, but also on created "green jobs" by recruiting and training local individuals in urban forestry and landscaping. Greening of Detroit has continued to foster passion about creating a sustainable future for Detroit through its youth education and summer jobs programs. In short, Greening of Detroit is an organization that has adapted to the needs of the community it serves and has grown remarkably as one of Detroit's premier environmental stewards.

I therefore ask you to please join me in tribute to Greening of Detroit as they celebrate thirty years of service.

REMEMBERING MAYOR DAMON WELCH

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to give my deepest sympathies to the Welch Family and the City of Madison.

On Wednesday September 25, Mayor Damon Welch of Madison, Indiana passed away. Mayor Welch was a devoted public servant who cared deeply about his family, his country, and his community.

Mayor Welch married Virginia "Ginny" Kelley in 1973. He graduated from the University of Kentucky with a degree in Business Administration and was a cadet in the ROTC program. Mayor Welch joined the United States Air Force in 1975 and served five years in the United States Air Force, earning the rank of Captain and meriting the Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon.

After his service, Mayor Welch returned to his hometown of Madison where he ran a small business and worked in the health care industry.

Mayor Welch was elected as the Mayor of Madison in 2012 and was finishing his second term in office.

Mayor Welch was a devoted servant to the people of Madison, and he will be dearly missed by all.

I give my deepest condolences to his wife Ginny, daughters Gaeli and Kirsty, son Collin, and the entire community of Madison.

TRIBUTE FOR MARIO SR., JOSEPH, MICHAEL, AND ANGELO PETOSA

HON. MAX ROSE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. ROSE of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring four outstanding Staten Islanders and veterans of the United States Military,

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