

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF TRISHA MARTINEZ

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Trisha Martinez of the City of Montclair, and her tireless dedication to serving the Inland Empire community.

A resident of Montclair since 1992, Trisha was elected to the Montclair City Council in 2014 and re-elected in 2018. Throughout her tenure, Trisha was a fierce advocate for the City she dearly loved. As a Council member, she fought for Montclair's award-winning Montclair to College Program which provides free tuition and books to graduating Montclair High School students who attend Chaffey College for up to two years.

Trisha also remained committed to Montclair's seniors, working to ensure the elderly community continues to receive free or reduced-cost services, including micro-transit and discounted refuse services. Trisha also continued to volunteer with the Senior Nutrition Program at the Montclair Senior Center for over 10 years.

In April 2019, Trisha was diagnosed with cervical cancer. Despite spending most of these past months in hospitals, Trisha still dedicated herself to attending City Council meetings and other local and regional board meetings. This rare kind of commitment and devotion to the people of Montclair is worthy of admiration.

For her exemplary life of service, Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Montclair City Council Member Trisha Martinez on the House floor. Her decades of commitment and contributions to the city she loved are exemplary, and her memory will live on through the countless lives she impacted. May she rest in peace.

TRIBUTE HONORING LATHRAN J. WOODARD

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding South Carolinian and a proven health care champion for the people of South Carolina and the nation. Lathran Johnson Woodard has devoted her career to promoting the health and well-being of South Carolinians, especially those who struggle to access quality health care.

A Columbia, South Carolina native, Ms. Woodard received her primary and secondary education in Richland County public schools, graduating from C.A. Johnson High School in Columbia. She received her Bachelor of

Science Degree in Business Administration from Southern Wesleyan University and began her career at the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). Over the course of her fourteen-year tenure, she was promoted to various positions at the agency. Her hard work and dedication earned her the position of Deputy Director for the Division of Maternal Health. While at DHEC, Ms. Woodard helped write and initiate the state's Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program and led initiatives to ensure access and improve the quality of services provided to mothers and children in South Carolina.

Ms. Woodard has achieved over 30 years of service in the health care field. In 1987, she became the Assistant Director for the South Carolina Primary Health Care Association (SCPHCA), where she now serves as the Chief Executive Officer. As CEO of SCPHCA, Ms. Woodard has worked relentlessly to ensure the strength and capacity of the state's primary care safety net, focusing primarily on assistance to those health care centers that provide vital services to medically underserved communities. Her primary interests are community systems design, the development of integrated systems of healthcare, and youth self-enhancement.

Beyond her work in South Carolina, Ms. Woodard has promoted health care on a national level as well. She is currently the Chair-Elect of the National Association of Community Health Centers. She holds membership in the National Association of Female Executives, the National Rural Health Association, the American Society of Association Executives, and the South Carolina Public Health Association. She has earned several awards and honors. Most recently, Ms. Woodard was a recipient of the Order of Palmetto, the highest honor a civilian can receive in the State of South Carolina.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in offering congratulations and sincere gratitude to Ms. Lathran J. Woodard for her unwavering service to the people of South Carolina and the nation. Her many contributions have improved the quality of life for so many South Carolinians and helped advance healthy communities throughout the country. I am pleased to honor her for exemplifying what it means to be a true public servant.

CONGRATULATING SENATOR MAGGIE HASSAN ON RECEIVING THE 2019 NEW ENGLANDER OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend and colleague, Senator MAGGIE HASSAN, for receiving the 2019 New Englander of the Year award from the

New England Council. This award recognizes New Englanders who make our region such a wonderful place to live, learn, and grow.

Senator HASSAN epitomizes all that we should strive for as public servants. Her call to public service is deeply rooted in her belief that everyone, no matter their ability or background, should be able to fully participate in their communities. Senator HASSAN knows that when we lift up and empower all members of our community, we can collectively rise higher.

First as a New Hampshire State Senator, then as Governor, and now as a United States Senator, Senator HASSAN has been a committed public servant and champion in making our communities stronger. During her tenure as governor, I was honored to work under her leadership to expand access to health care and deliver additional resources for treatment and recovery. Now in Washington, I am proud to work with her to address the opioid crisis, foster a more inclusive future, and build a New Hampshire economy that works for everyone.

Senator HASSAN's steadfast advocacy for our state and region may only be surpassed by one other thing—her passion for our great New England sports team.

I could not think of a better recipient of such an award than my colleague, Senator MAGGIE HASSAN. On behalf of our constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to congratulate Senator HASSAN on this well-deserved honor.

PHARMACEUTICAL INDEPENDENCE LONG-TERM READINESS REFORM ACT OF 2019

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the "Pharmaceutical Independence Long-Term Readiness Reform Act." I want to thank Congresswoman HARTZLER for her support as an original cosponsor.

Our legislation would require the Department of Defense to acquire and purchase only American-made raw materials, medicines, and vaccines for our military. It would also require the Department of Defense to identify the national security vulnerabilities caused by our country's current dependence on Chinese pharmaceuticals.

As a result of the Chinese government's chokehold on the generic pharmaceutical market, our military servicemembers have been left vulnerable. China is a principal creator of generic prescriptions, which account for approximately 90 percent of the global pharmaceutical market.

The reality is that if the Chinese wanted to cripple the United States they could sabotage or cut off our supply of generic medications and antibiotics used by our military. This simply is a vulnerability that we cannot let continue to exist. We need to reinvigorate the

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