

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ROBERT BEATO 2019 MICHIGAN  
PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

**HON. ANDY LEVIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 23, 2019*

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Robert Beato, Principal of South Lake High School in St. Clair Shores, who was named the 2019 Michigan Principal of the Year by the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP).

Mr. Beato has spent his entire career at South Lake High School, beginning in 1999 when he started teaching history, world history, and government. Currently in his third year as Principal, Mr. Beato served as Dean of Students and as Assistant Principal at South Lake.

The MASSP requires nominees for Principal of the Year to demonstrate collaborative leadership; involvement in curriculum, instruction, and assessment; and personal involvement with students, their families, and staff. After being selected as Principal of the Year, Mr. Beato summed up his philosophy to the St. Clair Shores Sentinel, saying “I pretty much want to do everything I can for my staff. Therefore, they can do everything they can for the students . . . at the end of the day, if it works for kids, let’s try it; let’s do it.” Students at South Lake High School certainly believe that he lives up to his words, as several of them told the Sentinel that he inspires them to learn, to achieve their goals, and to make their voices heard about issues important to them. His South Lake colleagues also agree, including Assistant Principal Rebecca Scholl-Riedel, who nominated Beato and who said, “He’s my sixth principal that I’ve worked for, and it’s what he was meant to do.”

As Vice Chair of the Education and Labor Committee, I strongly believe that students can achieve their goals with the support of people like Mr. Beato in leadership positions: leaders who focus on the academic and personal well-being of their students, leaders who promote collaboration among the education professionals in their schools, and leaders who inspire excellence and celebrate the achievements of everyone in their schools—even in unconventional ways. Mr. Beato has been known to tell high school juniors that if their class earns a higher SAT score than the previous year’s juniors, he will shave his head or spend the night on the roof of the high school, and he honors those commitments, noting to the Sentinel, “I’ve done it before.”

Madam Speaker, this Friday, October 25, 2019, the South Lake High School community will come together at an assembly to show their pride that Robert Beato was named this year’s Michigan Principal of the Year. I encourage my colleagues to join me in congratulating him for this richly deserved recognition, and in wishing him, his students, and his colleagues continued success.

HONORING THE 74TH BIRTHDAY  
AND 40 YEARS OF SERVICE OF  
JUDGE WAYNE C. SHELTON

**HON. MARK E. GREEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 23, 2019*

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Judge Wayne C. Shelton of Clarksville, Tennessee on the occasion of his 74th birthday and 40 years of service as a judge.

Judge Shelton was appointed as the judge for Montgomery County’s General Sessions and Juvenile Court Div. II by Governor Lamar Alexander on July 1, 1979. At present, he is the longest-serving judge in the State of Tennessee. For the past 40 years, Judge Shelton has served with distinction and devotion.

Fittingly, the Tennessee Judges Association recently presented Judge Shelton with a lifetime achievement award to honor Judge Shelton’s decades of faithful service to the people of Tennessee as a judge.

As the father of a son with Down’s Syndrome, Judge Shelton is a strong advocate for those with special needs. His family is establishing a scholarship in his honor at Austin Peay State University for students who intend to work with people like his son, William Isaac Shelton, to help them lead successful and fulfilling lives.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in commending Judge Shelton for his faithful service to the law and his contributions towards improving the lives of those in need.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT DOUGLAS CHAPMAN, RECIPIENT OF TEXAS’ THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2019 CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

**HON. VAN TAYLOR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 23, 2019*

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, it is my privilege to honor twelve distinguished military veterans from Texas’ Third Congressional District who answered the call to serve their Nation honorably, both in uniform and following their return to civilian life. The recipients of the 2019 Congressional Veteran Commendation exemplify the time-honored qualities of patriotism, service before self, and bold leadership. Following their time in service, their efforts in our community have earned these fine individuals recognition as the recipients of this prestigious commendation. Their stories of sacrifice will encourage future generations to pursue a life dedicated to the very values we cherish as Americans: faith, freedom, and democracy. One such hero is Sergeant Douglas Chapman of McKinney, Texas.

Sergeant Douglas Chapman proudly served in the United States Marine Corps from 1964 to 1969. During a tour of duty in Vietnam, Sergeant Chapman was stationed in Da Nang where he provided service to four different types of aircraft in his capacity as an Aviation Photographic Electronics Technician. He also provided training on specialized reconnaissance equipment repair to the Air Force, and was deployed to Yuma, Arizona; Key West, Florida; and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. For his outstanding and dedicated service, Sergeant Chapman was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Action Ribbon, and the Rifle Marksmanship Badge.

Following his time in uniform, Mr. Chapman received degrees from Saddleback College, California State University-Fullerton, and his Teaching Credential from National University in Quantico. Having been recognized as a State of Texas Educator of the Year by Project Learning Tree, and as the Math and Science Teacher of the Year by the Air Force Association’s State of Texas Chapter, Mr. Chapman has focused on meeting the individual needs of the students he serves. He further exhibited selfless volunteerism in his work with Lions International where he was recognized for his service as a recipient of their highest honor, the Melvin Jones Fellowship and Jack Weich Fellowship. His work with Lions continued in his active roles with both the Plano Early Lions Club and the McKinney Morning Pride Lions where he assisted in efforts to provide services for the vision impaired and those with diabetes. As a member of the Collin County Marine Corps League, he volunteered his time in programs including Toys for Tots and the Marine Corps Ball. Mr. Chapman also serves as a Court Appointed Special Advocate where he actively works to support children who have been removed from their home environment due to neglect or abuse. Sergeant Douglas Chapman is a wonderful example of a servant leader who has used his experiences to better the community around him.

Today a grateful Nation thanks Sergeant Chapman for his exceptional service and congratulates him on this recognition. May his steadfast example of leadership inspire others to live a life of service to a cause greater than themselves. It is my extreme honor to award him the 2019 Congressional Veteran Commendation for the Third District of Texas.

IN RECOGNITION OF ACCESS’S  
12TH ANNUAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM DINNER

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 23, 2019*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 12th Annual Domestic

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