

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO KODI LEE

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual from Riverside County and the 42nd Congressional District who has inspired people around the country. On September 18, 2019, Kodi Lee from Lake Elsinore, California was named as the winner of the NBC talent show competition "America's Got Talent."

Kodi's voice is amazing. His life story is even more extraordinary. Kodi was born legally blind and diagnosed with autism when he was four years old. Yet, when he was just two years old, Kodi's musical talents began to shine after his father tapped out "Mary Had a Little Lamb" on a toy piano and he immediately played it back. At the age of three, Kodi was already replicating tunes he heard on a real piano. Throughout his childhood, music became an essential form of therapy for Kodi and provided a unique form of treatment for his autism. It was determined that Kodi has an audio photographic memory, in which he can recall music he hears after just one listen. Incredibly, Kodi started to perform publicly at the age of six and has sung and played the piano at over 200 charity events and in Korea, China and Japan.

As a contestant in the America's Got Talent competition, Kodi drew instant attention in May by singing the Donny Hathaway version of "A Song For You." Later in the competition, Kodi earned a spot in the semi-finals with a memorable rendition of Simon and Garfunkel's "Bridge Over Troubled Water." During the competition's finale, Kodi earned the top prize thanks to an inspired performance of Freya Ridings' "Lost Without You," that drew a standing ovation from both the fans and judges.

It's hard to think of anyone who has represented our region as well as Kodi Lee has on a worldwide stage. To say Lake Elsinore and Riverside County is proud of Kodi and all that he has accomplished is a tremendous understatement. To conclude, Madam Speaker I want to thank Kodi for inspiring us and congratulate him on winning the America's Got Talent competition.

RECOGNIZING MASON STIMATZE OF BOZEMAN

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mason Stimatze of Bozeman for his quick thinking and bravery that saved his family.

In the early hours of a June morning, Mason woke up to the sound of crackling and the

smell of smoke. He looked out his bedroom door and saw fire. The flames in the hallway blocked his path to his parents' bedroom. Mason ran outside and started banging on his parents' bedroom window. Mason's father, Nathan, and mother, Sabrina, woke up, broke the window, and safely climbed outside.

Mason's brother and sister, however, were still in their home. Mason and his parents ran to their bedroom window and got them out safely.

Mason's swift actions saved what is irreplaceable—family. His father said if it wasn't for Mason alerting them quickly to the danger, the story would have had a tragic ending.

For someone to have the presence of mind to act calmly and swiftly in such a tense moment is remarkable. For a ten-year-old to do it, is amazing. His family calls him a hero, and I couldn't agree more.

Madam Speaker, for saving his family's life through his bravery and quick thinking, I recognize Mason Stimatze for his Spirit of Montana.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF EDWARD CALLION, JR.

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Edward Callion, Jr., 96, who passed away on November 3, 2019.

Mr. Callion was a lifelong resident of my district and owned and operated Callion's Construction Company for 50 years before retiring in 2004. He attended Warren G. Harding High School and went on to attend Youngstown College, Sharon Brick Laying School, and A.T.E.S. School of Drafting. Mr. Callion was also a member of the Community Church of God in Christ and was inducted in the Africa American Achievers Hall of Fame. In his free time Mr. Callion enjoyed boxing, traveling, and watching sports.

Mr. Callion served our country during World War II as a Technician 4th Grade, from the 3420th Quartermaster Trucking Company. While serving proudly in both Normandy, France and Central Europe, he received the Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, American Theatre Service Medal, and EAME Service Medal. In addition to these honors, Mr. Callion also received 5 Bronze stars for his service.

He is survived by a full and loving family including his sons, Edward and Timothy Callion; his daughter, Mrs. Edith Lindsay; his sisters, Ms. Gladys Davenport and Ms. Leola Maxine Morgan Frazier, and 3 step-children, 7 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren.

I admire his dedication to his work and his commitment to family, and I am proud to have had Mr. Callion as a member of my district. My deepest condolences go out to the Callion family, and all whose lives were touched by

Edward. He will live on in the hearts and minds of all that knew him.

CELEBRATING THE 104TH BIRTH- DAY OF EMERCITY CHAPITAL

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ms. Emercity Chapital, a resident of Detroit, Michigan, who will celebrate her one hundred fourth birthday on November 29, 2019.

Emercity Chapital is a caring individual who is an active member of the community. The matriarch of her family, Ms. Chapital treasures her time spent with family. She is the proud parent to her grown children Leonard, Edith, and Deborah, and loves her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her compassion and kindness towards others has had a lasting impact on those around her. Her strong family values are reflected in the life she leads.

Ms. Chapital maintains an active life, which can in part, be attributed for her longtime affinity for playing bridge. She began playing organized bridge when she retired in 1978. She has especially fond memories of playing the game with early partners, co-worker Ann Sweeting, Walter Forbers, and Jimmy Irvin. Ms. Chapital was an energetic and tireless player, never pausing for rest or substitution at the local, sectional and national levels. Her team achieved success winning seven consecutive Knock-Out Championships from 1983 to 1990. Each win propelled the team to a higher level and the success continued as they moved throughout the fields.

Ms. Chapital owes her longevity to her active lifestyle and lively social life with keeping her fit and healthy. She has always strived to uphold her values. She also credits her daddy with providing her wisdom for life. Sharing the ritual with her dad from the age of ten onward, she has a teaspoon of bourbon to start the day. She feels blessed that she has never had any major illness and enjoys command of her faculties.

Please join me in wishing Ms. Emercity Chapital the happiest of birthdays.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FROM DEPLOYING STRATEGIC ASSETS OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of legislation that

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