

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LONG-TIME SERVICE OF MAYOR RICHARD ZIEGLER

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2019

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mayor Richard Ziegler.

Mayor Ziegler has served the City of Wixom for more than twenty-two years. Those decades of service include two years as Mayor, almost twenty years as a member of the Wixom City Council, and eight years as a Wixom police officer.

Mayor Ziegler's career is a quintessential model of civic engagement and leadership. In his many years of service, he has been intimately involved in the decision-making processes of his city; addressing public concerns and safeguarding the values of the community. He and his wife, Melody—who herself served the Wixom Police Department for twenty-four years—have chosen to devote their careers to promoting the quality of their community. We, in Michigan's 11th Congressional District, are so very grateful for their work.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in reflecting on the remarkable career of Mayor Ziegler and his many contributions to his community in Wixom, Michigan.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS BUREAU OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Jewish Community Relations Bureau of the American Jewish Committee (JCRB/AJC).

The American Jewish Committee was founded in 1906 in the wake of the Kishinev programs by Cyrus Adler, Jacob Schiff, Mayer Sulzberger, Louis Marshall, and other prominent leaders of the American Jewish community to advocate for the security of Jews everywhere. AJC eventually became known across the globe for its advocacy, support, and unremitting commitment to the preservation of Jewish communities nationally and abroad. From campaigning against the literacy test for immigrants, calling for more inclusive U.S. immigration policies in the early 1900s, joining emergency relief efforts to assist more than 10,000 European Jews en route to the U.S. in the 1920s, joining NBC in broadcasting the first Jewish religious service from Germany since the rise of Nazism in 1944, and playing a vital role in negotiating the \$822 million Hol-

ocaust restitution settlement with Germany on behalf of Jewish people in 1952, AJC has worked to not only better the lives of Jews across the world, but society as a whole.

JCRB/AJC Kansas City was established in 1944 as a result of merging what was Kansas City's AJC regional office and the local Jewish Community Relations Bureau. Now one seamless organization, JCRB/AJC's mission combines AJC's global reach with the local JCRB's tradition of community relations activities. Serving Kansas and western Missouri, JCRB/AJC advocates and educates to eliminate injustice and discrimination through its community and globally led initiatives, as well as connecting Kansas City with the broader network of AJC's partners. JCRB/AJC's mission reflects the American Jewish Committee's pledge to enhance the wellbeing of the Jewish people and Israel by combatting antisemitism, promoting Israel's place in the world, and countering the spread of radicalism and extremism. The impact of their work has resulted in a plethora of concrete results in the form of government policies, alliances, and legislation that make our world safer and more secure. In line with their historic and deep commitment to interorganization and interreligious cooperation, JCRB/AJC works closely with other faiths, educators, elected officials, and minority communities to pursue justice for all.

For seventy-five years, JCRB/AJC has been a pillar of leadership throughout the Kansas City area, leading the way in empowering marginalized communities through unmatched advocacy and community unification.

Madam Speaker, please join me and Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in honoring JCRB/AJC Kansas City's seventy-fifth anniversary and their dedication to advancing justice for Jewish and minority communities throughout the world.

HONORING DRS. SALLY AND BENNETT SHAYWITZ 2019 RECIPIENTS OF THE LIBERTY SCIENCE CENTER GENIUS AWARD

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2019

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, at this year's Liberty Science Center Genius Gala, two outstanding members of my District, and my very good friends, Drs. Sally and Bennett Shaywitz were recognized with a 2019 Genius Award in recognition of their invaluable contributions to the study of dyslexia and its impact on those afflicted with this frustrating learning disorder. Two of five visionary men and women of science bestowed this prestigious honor this year, this is a remarkable tribute to the lifetime of good work that Sally and Bennett have done.

The world's leading experts on dyslexia, Sally and Bennett are the Co-Founders and Co-Directors of the Yale Center for Dyslexia

and Creativity. Academic physicians, Sally specializing in developmental pediatrics and Bennett a neurologist and neuroscientist, they worked together to discover dyslexia's scientific basis, pioneer effective therapies, and change public attitudes. Afflicting one in five people in the United States, dyslexia is our most common learning disorder and it has been through the leadership of Sally and Bennett that we better understand this disorder—why it happens and how it can change over time.

Lab partners for thirty-five years—a partnership that is only outmatched by their marriage of fifty-five years—Sally and Bennett made it their life's work to understand how reading behavior might change from childhood to adulthood. Over the course of the last three and a half decades, they have continuously studied four hundred fifty-five people from the age of five. Their research has definitively demonstrated that dyslexia affects boys and girls in equal numbers, is not something that is outgrown, and is not linked to intelligence. Brain scan studies that Bennett conducted reveal a neural signature, a particular brain abnormality, is responsible for dyslexia. The results of their dedicated efforts have debunked the myth that those with dyslexia are simply less intelligent and has enabled physicians, scientists, teachers, and policy makers to better understand how to best help those affected by the disorder.

The Library Science Center is dedicated to inspiring the next generation of scientists and engineers and to exciting learners of all ages about the power, promise, and pure fun of science and technology. Each year their Genius Awards Gala honors pioneers in science, technology, and innovation. It is a fitting recognition of the lifetime achievement of this special couple. It is with great pride that I stand today to join the New Haven community in extending my heartfelt congratulations to Sally and Bennett Shaywitz on this very special honor.

REMEMBERING THE HONORABLE HENRY "HANK" WEDAA

HON. GILBERT RAY CISNEROS, JR.

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2019

Mr. CISNEROS. Madam Speaker, it is with immense sadness and a heavy heart that I rise to mark the passing of the Honorable Henry "Hank" Wedaa, former mayor and longtime council member of Yorba Linda. On the morning of November 13, 2019, Henry passed away in his Anaheim home at the age of 95. As a member of the Greatest Generation and a Yorba Linda "founding father" who dedicated his life to public service, Henry was a shining example of courage, determination, and selflessness. He will be missed dearly by family, friends, and the community he devoted his life to.

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