

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF J.P.
WILES

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 3, 2020

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of one of my closest friends and advisors, the late J.P. Wiles. He lived a life of service, first as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, and later as a Pulaski County Magistrate and two-term Mayor of Somerset.

J.P. was a fiscally conservative leader who made a conscious effort to protect and promote the future success of Somerset and Pulaski County. He was adamant about transforming the Monticello Street intersection at South Main to improve traffic flow in and out of our beautiful downtown area, and I was proud to partner with him to build a bridge for our hometown. Another notable project that he worked diligently on, was the SomerSplash Water Park to give local families and young people a safe and fun place to spend time together. Those projects, coupled with his tireless efforts to expand low-income housing and reliable sewer service, serve as testaments of his passion and drive to make Somerset a better place to live and visit for years to follow.

In addition to our shared work on community projects, J.P. was by my side on the earliest campaign trails. He remained a loyal friend through every challenge and every victory. What set J.P. apart among leaders was his cheerful and encouraging spirit. He would often drop by for a visit with a bright smile, simply to share a friendly hello and dream of future projects, or to plan our next round of golf.

J.P. was a pillar of our community, beloved and respected by countless friends and colleagues. My wife, Cynthia, and I extend our heartfelt condolences to the entire Wiles family and his extended circle of friends.

CAPTAIN DELONG RETIRES FROM
THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding law enforcement career of California Highway Patrol Captain Dan DeLong, who will retire after 29 years of service.

Captain DeLong graduated from the California Highway Patrol academy in March of 1991, spending his first few years in the Central Los Angeles, Santa Ana, and Riverside area offices. In August of 2004, Captain DeLong was promoted to Sergeant where he was once again assigned to the Central Los

Angeles area supervising offices in Westminster and Riverside, prior to his transfer to the CHP Inland Division Investigative Services Unit. Captain DeLong was promoted to Lieutenant in January of 2013 becoming the commander of the Morongo Basin area, and in 2014 becoming the San Bernardino County Auto Theft Taskforce Coordinator. In December of 2017, Captain DeLong was promoted to the rank of Captain, becoming the Commander of the Victorville Area, where he would finish his career.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I offer my sincere congratulations to Captain DeLong for his 29 years of service as a member of the California Highway Patrol and wish him an enjoyable and relaxing retirement. I thank him for his service and his commitment to ensuring the safety and security of our community with hard work, dedication, and professionalism.

HONORING THE LOWER DAUPHIN
LADY FALCONS ON AN OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN THE PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 3A FIELD HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, today I offer my heartfelt congratulations to the Lower Dauphin Lady Falcons on their inspiring play at the PIAA 3A Field Hockey Championship.

Led by legendary coach Linda Kreiser, the Lady Falcons were a force to be reckoned with in their 2019 campaign, winning 23 of 25 contests for a final record of 23–0–2.

Since 1997, the Lady Falcons have won ten (10) 3A Championships, with their most recent win in 2018. Hoping to repeat their success, the Lady Falcons fought valiantly towards a 1–1 tie after regulation. The Wilson Bulldogs emerged as the victors following a spirited 3–2 shootout.

The dedication and teamwork of the Lady Falcons says much about their character—individually, and as a team. “Semper Stellas Spectemus”—literally translated, means, “may we always reach for the stars.” That’s exactly what the Lady Falcons did, and I know will continue to do.

On behalf of Pennsylvania’s Tenth Congressional District, I commend and congratulate the Lower Dauphin Lady Falcons on their dedication to excellence, sportsmanship, teamwork and success.

THANKING KATIE HETHERINGTON-CUNFER FOR HER DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE 9TH DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 3, 2020

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise today to recognize Katie Hetherington-Cunfer, my office’s Deputy District Director. Katie is moving on to serve our community in another capacity with the Greater Reading Chamber Alliance as their Director of Government and Community Relations.

A lifelong resident of the Ninth District, Katie has dedicated her career to the betterment of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. After graduating from Penn State University in 2006, she went on to dutifully serve our great Commonwealth in multiple positions at the United States Department of Agriculture, the Pennsylvania Landscape and Nursery Association, and later the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection serving as the Director of External Affairs for nearly five years.

Joining my staff as Deputy District Director when I took office in January 2019, Katie brought with her a wealth of experience and knowledge, and even more importantly a passion to serve our constituents. With her dedication to our office’s mission to serve the people of Pennsylvania’s Ninth District at the forefront, Katie has been a tremendous leader of our district staff and a fantastic representative of our office in communities throughout the district.

On behalf of myself and my staff, the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Katie Hetherington-Cunfer for her service to the people of Pennsylvania’s Ninth District and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

HONORING THE CITY OF DANIA
BEACH

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 3, 2020

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to recognize the 115th anniversary of the City of Dania Beach in Florida’s 23rd Congressional District.

Broward County’s first and oldest city, Dania Beach’s historic roots date back to the 1880s when 12 Danish families moved from Chicago to the area’s first planned settlement, Modello. It was soon after that A.C. Frost built the first home, the first general store, and became Modello’s first postmaster. It was Frost’s buildings that eventually housed the area’s first two schools.

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