

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. TERRY GEILING UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE AMERICAN GOLD STAR MANOR

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize the leadership and accomplishments of Mr. Terry Geiling, who has, after 12 years serving as President and CEO of the American Gold Star Manor, announced his retirement.

Located in Long Beach, California, the Gold Star Manor is a one-of-a-kind 25-acre retirement community providing affordable housing for 400 Gold Star Mothers, fathers, veterans, and other eligible seniors.

During Mr. Geiling's leadership tenure, he oversaw a major expansion and renovation of the facility, marshalling the resources of state, federal, county, and city agencies through his tireless efforts.

He showed unparalleled determination in building important partnerships and developing the necessary financial plans to ensure the completion of the \$55 million rehabilitation project. By the completion of the work, Mr. Geiling had built the Gold Star Manor into a nationally recognized housing facility for veterans and their families.

In the midst of the Gold Star Manor rehabilitation project, Mr. Geiling also played a key role in the development and construction of a Fisher House at the Tibor Rubin Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Long Beach.

While his leadership at American Gold Star Manor will be dearly missed, he will continue to support the organization as a consultant for another major expansion project that will develop 150 additional housing units at the manor.

Mr. Geiling is a pillar of the Long Beach community, a tireless advocate for our veterans and their families, and his name is synonymous with honorable public service.

I want to offer my deepest appreciation to Mr. Geiling for his service to our country, his dedication to our veterans and their families, and his deep commitment to the Long Beach community.

I wish him the very best of luck in future.

CELEBRATING OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE UPWARD BOUND'S 55TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Upward Bound at Occidental College as it celebrates its 55th anniversary. As one of the country's oldest and most success-

ful Upward Bound programs, Oxy Upward Bound has been assisting low-income, underserved, and first-generation students from central and northeast Los Angeles achieve success both in their pre-college achievement and their higher education pursuits.

Through one-on-one academic advisement, weekly academic enrichment services, workshops, cultural activities, and a summer residential experience, Oxy Upward Bound's programs helps students develop key skill sets that positively impact their academic performances in high school while also exposing and guiding them through the rigors of the college experience.

Oxy Upward Bound works to ensure scholars graduate from high school with a solid post-secondary plan—both academic and financial—and those students can graduate from a 4-year college or university in 6 years or less.

Over the past five years, 99 percent of Oxy Upward Bound students have advanced a grade level or graduated from high school, with 90 percent of those graduating from high school going on to enroll in college.

Among college access programs, Oxy Upward Bound stands out in that its chief goal is not to produce applicants to Occidental—although some participants have ended up enrolling at and graduating from the College—but to contribute to higher education nationwide and empower students to triumph over systematic, institutional barriers to opportunity and progress.

As Oxy Upward Bound celebrates 55 years of success, I am confident it will continue to inspire and serve students for even more years to come.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Upward Bound at Occidental College on their anniversary for their excellent work on behalf of students in Los Angeles.

TIM HORNE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tim Horne who is retiring after 27 years of public service.

Tim began his career with the General Services Administration in 1993 in the Rocky Mountain Region. He worked his way up and is retiring as the Regional Commissioner for the Rocky Mountain Region of GSA's Public Buildings Service based out of the Denver Federal Center, located in the heart of my district. The Denver Federal Center is an important asset with the highest concentration of federal agencies located outside of Washington, D.C. comprised of approximately 28 federal agencies and more than 6,000 federal employees.

Tim also served as the Acting GSA Administrator in 2017 leading GSA's staff of 12,000

nationwide, overseeing more than 375 million square feet of property, and approximately \$50 billion in annual contracts. These positions reflect his leadership abilities, passion for public service, and a true talent for bringing people together to get things done and improve local communities.

In his years of service, he has worked with me and my staff on a number of important issues and projects that impact federal agencies and federal employees in my district and the state. Tim always held the mission of GSA and the agencies and employees he served in high regard and worked to find innovative solutions on behalf of those he served.

I want to congratulate Tim Horne on a long and distinguished career, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING MIKE PERSON OF GLENDDIVE

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today, ahead of the Super Bowl, to honor Mike Person of Glendive for his resiliency and determination and for serving as an example of never giving up on your dreams.

Two weeks ago, Person helped the San Francisco 49ers beat the Green Bay Packers to earn a spot in Super Bowl LIV. As an offensive lineman, he helped the 49ers rack up 287 rushing yards and set a new franchise record for rushing yards from one running back in a game.

Person's story starts in Glendive where he was born and raised. In high school, he was a three-time all-conference selection in Montana's Eastern A division. He earned offensive lineman of the year honors twice while playing for the Red Devils. For his junior and senior seasons, he was all-state and selected for Montana's East-West Shrine Game as well as the Knights of Columbus Badlands Bowl.

Person then went to play for Montana State University where he became a first-team all-conference selection, first-team all-American, and a Big Sky Conference champion.

Person's story, however, is about more than statistics and honors. It's about Person's challenging journey to get to where he is today.

In 2011, Person was a seventh-round draft pick for San Francisco. Nothing is guaranteed in the National Football League, especially for a seventh-round pick.

For the first part of his career, Person was a journeyman, playing for six different teams. He was released midseason from three different teams which eventually made it to the Super Bowl. For some players, that much adversity would lead to an early retirement, but Person stood strong and kept moving forward until he eventually returned to the 49ers.

In May 2018, Person's hard work and dedication paid off, and he signed a contract to

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