

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING SPECIALIST ANTONIO MOORE

HON. DAVID ROUZER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Mr. ROUZER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and sacrifice of the late Specialist Antonio Isaac Devante Moore, of Wilmington, N.C.

Just 22 years old, Specialist Moore tragically passed in the service of his country on January 24, 2020 in Green Village, Syria in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. He was a member of the 346th Engineer Company, part of the 411th Engineer Brigade stationed in Knightdale, N.C. Though only his first deployment, he had already won the respect of his superiors and his fellow soldiers. His awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.

A 2016 graduate of John T. Hoggard High School, Specialist Moore played football there all four years. He worked part time at Katy's Grill and Bar in Wilmington where he was fondly remembered. "If everyone else was having a bad day, all you had to do was look at Tony," said a former co-worker.

Specialist Moore is survived by his parents in Wilmington, as well as four siblings. On behalf of North Carolina's 7th District and the entire U.S. Congress, I extend our deepest sympathy to his loved ones and friends. They are in our prayers. We will always be grateful for his service, sacrifice and commitment to his country. He was a patriot and a devoted American soldier whose memory will always be cherished.

HONORING DALE KLINE

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dale Kline who is being honored as the Citizen of the Year by the City of Novato for his exemplary public service.

Born in 1961 in Winslow, Arizona, Mr. Kline and his family lived in many places while his stepfather was in the Navy. They moved to Exmouth Western Australia when Mr. Kline was 14 where he learned to fly gliders and excel in many sports. After his stepfather was tragically killed in a car accident, Mr. Kline's family moved back to California and settled in San Diego. Imbued with a strong sense of duty, Mr. Kline started volunteering for the American Red Cross when he was just 17 years old.

He met his wife in 1979 during a summer college course for high school students, and they married in 1984. When they moved to Novato in 1998, Mr. Kline immediately became

involved in the community as a Little League volunteer and coach for his sons' teams. Later, in 2000, Mr. Kline expanded his volunteer roles by joining the Novato Youth Soccer Association. In addition to taking on coaching roles, he joined its board of directors as an Age Group Coordinator, and later served as its Vice President. In addition to taking courses to become a coach, he became a certified soccer referee and worked tirelessly to mentor youth referees. He was honored with the Boys' Coach of the Year award for his positive attitude and encouraging coaching style.

When his sons started high school, Mr. Kline began volunteering with the Novato High School Athletic Boosters program, which was struggling financially. He took on leadership roles and led fundraising activities, collecting over half a million dollars in donations. In 2009, Mr. Kline received a certificate of special recognition for his volunteer efforts from the Novato Unified School District and an honorary service award from the Novato High School Parent-Teacher-Student Association. Even after his youngest graduated from Novato High School, Mr. Kline continued to volunteer and support the academic boosters. In 2011, after many years of service, he was awarded the Golden Oak Service Award from the California State Parent Teacher Association.

In 2010, Mr. Kline joined the board of directors of School Fuel, the Novato Foundation for Public Education, where he still volunteers today nearly a decade later. He has also been the executive director of Tour of Novato and Fun Fair for the past ten years, where he continues provide stellar community service to the City of Novato. He works closely with the Novato Parks and Recreation, and the Novato Police Department to coordinate an annual event enjoyed by many near and far. Mr. Kline has also served on the Novato Unified School District Bond Oversight Committee, and since 2018 has been a board member on the Novato Chamber of Commerce.

Beyond the positive and indelible impact Mr. Kline has on his community through numerous roles of the course of many years, his most important roles are that of husband and father. Madam Speaker, please join me in expressing deep appreciation for Mr. Kline's commitment to bettering his community and in wishing him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Pilgrim's Progress Clothing, a family run business in Plymouth, Massachusetts as they close their doors after 42 years.

Founded by Laura Brigida and her children in 1977, the story of Pilgrim's Progress is the

story of determination and family. The tragic passing of Laura's husband, Peter, in 1962 placed the family in precarious situation. Laura went to work for the postal service and was forced to raise their children on her own. Years later, a family meeting was called, and it was decided that together the family would purchase a local clothing store that was for sale in downtown Plymouth. Laura took out a second mortgage on her home and launched a new business.

Over the decades the family run business would evolve and expand to include men's clothing, women's shoes and accessories. Weathering economic turns and an ever-shifting retail landscape, Pilgrim's Progress continued to thrive. Customers came to know their store not only for the fashionable clothing they offer but also for the one-on-one service and advice they received once there.

In 2018, the Brigida family's beloved matriarch, Laura, passed away at the age of 94. Upon her passing, her five children, Jayne, Marie, Joyce, Carol and Peter, took it upon themselves to continue the store that they had created with their mother. The five siblings have continued to strengthen their incredible bond by working together in their family business for so many years. Recently, however, it was decided that it was time to close the family owned store and enjoy a much-deserved retirement.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Pilgrim's Progress Clothing and the dedication of the entire Brigida family as a Plymouth landmark closes.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF COACH BUDDY NOBLES

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Coach Buddy Nobles of Ocilla, GA who passed away on Thursday, January 23, 2020 after a hard-fought battle with stomach cancer.

Coach Nobles served as the Head Coach of the Irwin County High School football team for the past six seasons, taking his team to the state playoffs during five of those seasons. Despite his battle with cancer, Coach Nobles led the Indians to finish their 2019 season undefeated and win the Class A State Championship, earning him the honor of being named AJC's Class A public-school coach of the year.

Before coming to Irwin County in 2014, Coach Nobles was a high school football coach at various schools in Georgia and Florida for twenty-six seasons, during which, he was part of six Florida state-championship teams. His impressive career was marked by his dedication and love for all his players, and he will be missed by all. Coach Nobles' leadership and fighting spirit served as an inspiration to those who knew him, and his legacy is sure to live on at Irwin County High School.

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I would like to offer my deepest sympathy to the Nobles family and the entire Irwin County community. May you find strength and comfort in remembering the joy Buddy brought to the lives of everyone who knew him.

SGT. PHOEBE R. ORTIZ WINS 2019
USO MARINE OF THE YEAR

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the 2019 United Service Organization Marine of the Year, Sergeant Phoebe Ortiz.

Sergeant Ortiz was recognized as the United Service Organization Marine of the Year in December 2019. She joined the Marine Corps in September 2015. In 2016, she completed Recruit Training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina and Marine Combat Training at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. In October 2018, Sergeant Ortiz was one of the first female graduates of the elite Marine Corps Mountain Leaders Course, this course takes place at the Mountain Warfare Training Center within the 8th district. The completion of the course qualified her as an instructor for future participants within the program. She regularly organizes events for the single Marines of her command and volunteers in many community outreach initiatives.

Sergeant Ortiz conducts herself in a manner that reflects the exemplary work of our service members. She is not only an outstanding Marine, but a leader within her community and among her peers. I thank Sergeant Ortiz for her service, dedication, work ethic, professionalism and commitment to ensuring the safety and security of all Americans. Semper Fi.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN
WILLIAM SPRAGUE

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the retirement of Captain William Sprague, Fire Captain of the Eastham Fire Department.

Captain Sprague began his career with the Eastham Fire Department in September of 1979 as a call firefighter. In a few short years, he would be appointed an EMT and later a full-time firefighter. Always putting the needs of the community before his own, Captain Sprague played an incredibly crucial role in keeping the citizens of Eastham safe during Hurricane Bob in 1991.

He received his degree in fire science in 1997, and by 2001, after spending 20 years with the department, he was officially promoted to Fire Captain.

Continuing to put his expertise to practice, Captain Sprague joined the Barnstable County

Technical Rescue Team in 2004, where he joined regional partners to ensure the larger community was prepared during emergencies.

Captain Sprague brought considerable positive change and advanced the importance of teamwork both within his department and throughout Cape Cod.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Captain William Sprague and his commitment to ensuring the safety of our community. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his hard work and dedication as he celebrates his retirement.

HONORING SHERIFF THOMAS
(TOM) ALLMAN

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise with my colleague Representative MIKE THOMPSON to recognize Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman on the occasion of his retirement from a long and distinguished career in law enforcement. Thirty-four years of Sheriff Allman's career were spent with Mendocino County Sheriff's Department, where he provided the County with steadfast and effective leadership through major disasters and emergencies, while simultaneously working tirelessly to make Mendocino County a leader in mental health reform.

Born in Sylva, North Carolina, Sheriff Allman grew up between Northern California and North Carolina. After graduating from high school in 1979, he pursued a career in firefighting with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection in San Bernardino County. He returned to Northern California and attended California State University, Chico and the Fire Academy at Butte College. He soon transitioned into a law enforcement career with the Fairfield Police Department in 1982, and joined the Mendocino County Sheriff's Department three years later in 1985.

After his promotion to Lieutenant in 1988, Sheriff Allman made the difficult decision to temporarily volunteer with the United States Department of State as a civilian peacekeeper following the Kosovo War. He served for 12 months as a police presence in 1999, an experience which he has credited with influencing much of his later career, and which began a long history of volunteerism that continued throughout his professional life. He volunteered to support law enforcement efforts following Hurricane Katrina in 2005, and traveled with his local Rotary Club to Southern India in the wake of the 2004 tsunami to build an orphanage.

Sheriff Allman was first elected to the office of Mendocino County Sheriff in 2006, and he served continuously until his retirement in December 2019. Sheriff Allman's 13 years of service in that role have provided continuity and stability for the County through major disasters including the catastrophic wildfires in 2017 and 2018 as well as numerous other challenges faced by the County of Mendocino. He has been a tireless advocate for making broad structural improvements to mental

health resources, while prioritizing the difficult work of investigating serious crimes.

Sheriff Allman's legacy and achievements will continue to be felt in Mendocino County through numerous anti-recidivism programs he spearheaded at the County Jail, including a baking program, resume writing course, and a robust General Education Diploma (GED) program. One of his most significant achievements was the passage of a funding measure for the Mental Health Treatment Act, which has raised roughly \$10 million to date. Sheriff Allman will continue to serve on the Measure B Committee as the Sheriff's Designee.

Madam Speaker, Sheriff Tom Allman has shown throughout his long and distinguished career his dedication to public service and the people of Mendocino County. He has drawn from his personal and professional experiences to apply empathy and problem solving for the betterment of the many individuals and groups he has served over the course of his professional and volunteer life. His commitment to the issues that matter most to his community, and his ability to deliver results, are testaments to his skill and his dedication to law enforcement and public service. I hope you will join us and the community, his family, and many friends in celebrating Sheriff Allman's many accomplishments and in wishing him success and good fortune in his future endeavors.

CLARIFICATION OF CO-
SPONSORSHIP OF H.R. 550

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Mr. YOUNG. Madam Speaker, on January 30, 2020, the House voted on H.R. 550, the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2019. This bill originally provided for a Congressional Gold Medal to be awarded to the U.S. Merchant Mariners of World War II in recognition of their service. When this bill was drafted, I was an Original Cosponsor, and proudly supported its passage in the House. Regrettably, I was forced to vote against the bill when it returned to the House. Upon its return, the bill was amended to include language I do not support that would repeal the 2002 congressional authorization for the use of military force (AUMF) in Iraq and a prohibition against the use of military force against Iran.

I am, however, proud to have cosponsored and voted for H.R. 5671, which contained the original language for the Merchant Mariners of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2020.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 3, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote January 30 due to National Guard obligations. Had I been present, I would have voted "NAY" on Roll Call No. 33, and "NAY" on Roll Call No. 34.