

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REMEMBERING THOMAS J.
MCKENNA

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Tom McKenna, who passed away on December 11th after a courageous battle with two rare forms of leukemia at the age of 78.

Tom was born on August 11, 1941 in Chicago to Charles and Dorothy McKenna. He was a proud south-sider, an avid Notre Dame and Chicago Bears fan, and a passionate golfer.

Tom is survived by his wife Karin of 36 years, daughter Mary Kate Battles, son Matt McKenna, grandson Max Battles, son-in-law Joseph Battles, daughter-in-law Maggie Shine as well as his brothers Chuck, Dan and Jim, and many nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind many dear, wonderful golfing friends at Sand Creek Country Club and the many work friends he made over his 40-year career in the steel industry.

Tom will be remembered for being a fiercely loyal companion, father, grandfather and friend, and for his positive outlook on life. "Every day is a good day" was a phrase he said each day, which is a memory that will continue to inspire everyone who knew him.

HONORING BURKE DALTON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Burke Dalton. Burke is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 96, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Burke has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Burke has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Burke has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Burke organized and sold memorabilia from the archives of Village of Jameson, Missouri, as a fundraiser for the Village.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Burke Dalton for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING MARY BUTLER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Butler and to celebrate her retirement after 27 years of public service to Napa County.

Ms. Butler began her career when she graduated from Sonoma State University with a Bachelor's in Psychology and a Master's in Counseling. Since then, her tenure has been marked by both practicality and purpose. As a crisis worker, she began her career managing children's mental health at the Child Welfare Services Court Unit and supervised behavioral health for their Mental Health Divisions.

In 2002, Ms. Butler led the Napa County Probation Department where she championed important issues like implementing Evidence Based Practice (EBP), a practice designed to identify and treat the reasons people commit crime, and was instrumental in the passing of AB 109, legislation that transferred jurisdiction of juvenile offenders from the state government to the county government. Her passion for restorative justice is a mark of compassion that has set the tone for the future of juvenile justice in Napa County and across the State of California.

As the President of the Chief Probation Officers of California, she was responsible for opening the Napa County Juvenile Justice Center. Through Ms. Butler's efforts and leadership, Napa County has effectively diverted youth offenders from juvenile hall and left significantly more juvenile hall beds empty. And now, after 17 years of service as the Chief Probation Officer, Ms. Butler is the current, longest-tenured Chief in the State of California.

Madam Speaker, thanks to Mary Butler's work, many children have been taught how to succeed regardless of their circumstances. She is a community hero, visionary and an example of public service for us all. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Mary Butler here today.

HONORING FRANK OWEN OF
CARBONDALE, IL

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Frank Owen of Carbondale, Illinois upon the celebration of his 100th birthday. Frank has lived an eventful and fruitful life filled with laughs, family, and a commitment to his country and community.

Born January 12, 1920, Frank has collected a century's worth of memories, many of which began with his childhood in and around Carbondale. In fact, his family doctor had to trudge through snow on horseback to reach Frank's mother in labor and help deliver the baby. When World War II broke out, Frank selflessly joined in the effort as a member of the U.S. Navy.

He is widely regarded as a great storyteller who loves to give back to his friends and neighbors. In years past, Frank has visited numerous local schools to tell students about his experiences during the Great Depression and teach them the lessons he learned along the way. He spent his recent birthday celebrating, drinking and eating with his children and dozens of friends at his local church. I can think of no better way to mark a milestone.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Frank Owen for this great milestone. On behalf of Southern Illinois, happy birthday.

CONGRATULATING DELTACON
GLOBAL FOR EARNING THE HIRE
VETS MEDALLION DEMONSTRATION
AWARD

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Deltacon Global for earning an Honoring Investments in Recruiting and Employing American Military Veterans (HIRE Vets) Medallion Program Demonstration Award.

As a Navy veteran, I know all too well the incredible sacrifices our veterans make while protecting America from dangers both foreign and domestic, often risking life and limb. Deltacon Global has gone above and beyond helping veterans successfully transition into the private sector at the conclusion of their service.

The Hire Medallion was awarded to Deltacon Global for their efforts recruiting, hiring and training veterans for their business. As our nation's military transition from active duty to veteran status, their skills and talent are needed in our nation's workforce. I'm pleased to see companies like Deltacon Global tapping into this incredible talent.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I congratulate Deltacon Global, on their achievement. Their commitment to bettering the lives of our nation's veterans is an inspiring example of the many ways American businesses can thank our veterans for their service by providing them with the dignity of work.

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