

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SERGEANT MICHAEL DELVISCIO

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend the valiant service of Magnolia, New Jersey resident Sergeant Michael DelViscio, Camden County Town Hall Honoree.

Sergeant Michael DelViscio was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1949 and two years later he and his family relocated to Barrington, New Jersey. In 1964 the DelViscios moved to Stratford, New Jersey and in 1967 Sergeant DelViscio graduated from Sterling High School. Following his graduation at the age of 19, Mr. DelViscio enlisted in the United States Army.

As a third-generation member of the United States Army, Sergeant DelViscio proudly followed in the footsteps of his grandfather and namesake Mike DelViscio who served in World War I, and his father Frank DelViscio who served in World War II. Sergeant Michael DelViscio honorably enlisted in the United States Army and was deployed during the height of the Vietnam War to South Vietnam on September 1, 1969. He served with the 361st Signal Battalion located in Phu Bai.

Upon returning from his one-year tour of duty, in 1970 Mr. DelViscio married his wife Fran and was reassigned to Fort Huachuca, Arizona. There he served out the remainder of his three-year enlistment in Arizona and was discharged on November 3, 1971 with the rank of Sergeant E-5. He received the Army Commendation Medal for his consistent acts of meritorious service during his time in the United States Army.

Thereafter, Michael began his Police career with the Borough of Magnolia in March 1973 and was promoted to Sergeant in 1976. In 1991 Michael and two other officers were awarded the Departmental Gallantry Star ribbon and a citation for apprehending an armed suspect that committed a robbery at a local service station. After more than two decades of service to his community on July 1, 2001 Michael retired from his distinguished career with the Magnolia Police Department.

On September 19, 2020 Michael and Fran will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They are proud parents of three daughters: Andrea, Karen, and Chrisy, who have all graduated from Sterling High School. He and his wife are the proud grandparents of Mandy, Johnny, Danny, Joey, Jacob, Ryan, Conner, Tyler, Katie, Michael, Ethan, and Sarah. Johnny is currently serving in the United States Marine Corps and has just completed his first year of active duty. Katie, Jacob, and Danny are volunteers at the Magnolia Fire Department.

Madam Speaker, Sergeant DelViscio is a great American who exemplifies the true meaning of a patriot. I ask you to join me in honoring the truly exceptional service of Mr. Michael DelViscio, of Magnolia, New Jersey.

TRIBUTE TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE MICHAEL "MIKE" MOORE

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great friend of America and a great leader of New Zealand. Former Prime Minister Michael "Mike" Moore has been called "a force of nature" and was a dedicated defender of working people. The Right Honorable Moore transitioned on February 2, 2020, but his legacy will live on.

Prime Minister Moore was born in Whakatane, New Zealand. He was educated at Bay of Islands College and Dilworth School, but left school at the age of 14. While working as a laborer and a printer, he became very active in the trade union movement and was elected to the Auckland Trades Council at the age of 17. Through his union work, he became active in politics and became the first youth representative on the Labour Party executive. He also served as vice president of the International Union of Socialist Youth for two terms.

In 1972, at the age of 23, he became the youngest person elected to the New Zealand Parliament. During his years of public service, he held various ministries in the Labour government, including Overseas Trade Minister, Minister of External Relations, and Deputy Minister of Finance. He served as Minister of Foreign Affairs from 1984 to 1990, when he won the post of Prime Minister after the resignation of Geoffrey Palmer. Yet his service as New Zealand's political leader lasted only eight weeks, ending when the Labour Party lost control of Parliament in the general election of 1990. He was defeated as the Labour Party leader three years later.

From 1999 to 2002, Moore served as director-general of the World Trade Organization, where his service was marked by his efforts to help poor countries effectively participate in multilateral trade. He then served as New Zealand's Ambassador to the United States from 2010 to 2015, where I was fortunate to get to know him. He was an avid supporter of my annual golf tournament and Scholarship Banquet in Santee, South Carolina, always sending a New Zealand team to participate.

Although he didn't have much formal education, Moore claimed, "the Labour Party has been my training college, Parliament my university." His keen intellect was well known and he was awarded honorary doctorates from Lincoln University, the Auckland University of Technology and the University of Canterbury, the People's University of China, and La Trobe University in Australia. He was also a prolific reader and wrote books on economics, politics and New Zealand history.

Moore was married to Yvonne Dereany, a teacher and host of the children's television program Romper Room, for 45 years.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of

New Zealand's Prime Minister Mike Moore. He was a distinguished public servant, who had a heart for the people and a love of history. He said in his final speech as a Member of Parliament that "a nation is the sum total of its history, its memories, and experiences. A nation without history is like a man without a memory." May we all remember this sentiment and honor his legacy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on February 10, 2020, I was unavoidably detained due to a flight delay and missed the first vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 55.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

HON. ALBIO SIRES

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Mr. SIRES. Madam Speaker, today, I recognize and congratulate Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, New Jersey on its 150th anniversary.

Stevens Institute of Technology was founded as the United States' first college of mechanical engineering on February 15, 1870 with a bequest from Edwin A. Stevens, a member of one of America's great families of inventors. Over the past 150 years, the university has expanded to include all engineering and science disciplines, an accredited School of Business, and a College of Arts and Letters.

From its earliest days, Stevens has honored its mission to inspire, nurture, and educate leaders in tomorrow's technology driven environment while contributing to the solutions for the most challenging problems of our time. Today, Stevens is among the fastest-growing universities in the nation, attracting top students and faculty from New Jersey, the nation, and across the world.

Stevens is one of the largest producers of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) degree recipients in New Jersey and ranks first in New Jersey and fifteenth in the nation in the production of engineering graduate degrees. Students at Stevens benefit from the university's technology-centric education, which provides a unique, problem-solving, and entrepreneurial approach to learning and is a passport to success. Stevens has an outstanding 96 percent placement rate for its graduates and its alumni have launched

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and led numerous companies and organizations.

Stevens faculty, students, and alumni have pioneered research and innovations in many diverse fields, including transportation, telecommunications, resiliency, sustainability, artificial intelligence, machine learning, health care, biomedicine, cybersecurity, maritime security, and systems engineering. It is not an exaggeration to say that Stevens has changed and improved the way we live, work, and communicate. Stevens has also contributed significantly to the community as well as the local, state, and national economy.

It is my great honor to recognize Stevens for this significant milestone in the history of the university and to thank its leadership, faculty, students, and alumni for their contributions to Hoboken, Hudson County, the State of New Jersey, and the United States.

GLoucester TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Gloucester Township, New Jersey, First Place in the Nation—2019 National Night Out.

Gloucester Township is a community in the heart of Camden County, home to nearly 70,000 residents. In 2016, Gloucester Township won eighth nationally for National Night Out and in 2018 the town won seventh place in the nation. Each year the town's National Night Out event continues to grow more popular. This year, for the thirty seventh annual National Night Out, Gloucester Township won first place in the nation for their community event for a town with 50,000 to 100,000 residents.

National Night Out is an event focused on crime and drug prevention in coordination with building stronger police-community relations. Through strengthening community spirit and developing stronger programs like crime watch, Gloucester Township is being recognized on both a state and national scale for their safe and caring environment.

Gloucester Township is protected by the dedicated Gloucester Township Police Department which responds to nearly 60,000 calls for service each year, with an average of 5,000 calls per month. The department consists of over 133 full-time sworn law enforcement officers, 35 special law enforcement officers, 17 telecommunicators, and 16 civilian employees and we extend the sincerest appreciation for Gloucester Township Police Department and all law enforcement.

In rediscovering our own communities, it is no surprise that we see more people moving to Gloucester Township and "joining the excitement." During Mayor David Mayer's administration, the township has substantially expanded economically and grown as a community.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring and congratulating Gloucester Township, as well as the Gloucester Township Police Department, on their achievement of earning first place in the United States of America for their 2019 National Night Out community celebration.

HONORING BONNIE LOWENTHAL'S CAREER OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. LOWENTHAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bonnie Lowenthal and her career of public service.

Ms. Lowenthal began her public service to the Long Beach, California community nearly five decades ago, serving as a licensed family counselor, mental health consultant, and as an educator.

Her work in the Long Beach community began a life-long focus on affordable housing and the problem of homelessness. She was appointed as Vice Chair of the Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness in 1987 and worked to find mechanisms to house people and prevent homelessness.

Her community work also led Ms. Lowenthal to a deep involvement with the Long Beach Cambodian community and in 1989 she was named Director of Planning for the United Cambodian Community organization while also serving as the Arts Manager representing a group of Cambodian musicians and founding the Cambodian Children's Orchestra. In 1991, Ms. Lowenthal traveled to Cambodia with a national Red Cross group to investigate the proliferation of landmines left behind during the decades of war that had engulfed the country. She also helped initiate a sister-city relationship between Long Beach and Phnom Penh and would go on to be an official observer during Cambodia's first municipal elections in more than 40 years. Ms. Lowenthal has also served as Clinical Director for the Cambodian Association of America and as a participant on the Cambodiatown Advisory Board.

In 1994, Ms. Lowenthal was elected to the first of two terms on the Long Beach Unified School District Board. Her dedication and commitment to students helped Long Beach earn a national reputation as one of the country's best urban school districts.

After winning a 2001 special election for the 1st District of the Long Beach City Council, Ms. Lowenthal would go on to win two full terms for the seat in 2002 and 2006. Selected by her colleagues as Vice Mayor in 2006, she was also elected by 27 regional cities to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board. She has stated that her mission on the Long Beach City Council was to make sure that the residents of her working-class district were as well represented at City Hall as residents of the city's wealthiest neighborhoods.

In 2008, Ms. Lowenthal was elected to her first of three terms in the California State Assembly. Her district, encompassing what is now the 70th Assembly District, remains one of the most ethnically diverse populations in the state.

During her three terms in the State Assembly, Ms. Lowenthal's district included the Long Beach/Los Angeles port complex—the busiest container complex in the Western Hemisphere. As an Assemblymember, she was instrumental in helping create more than 18,000 transportation-related jobs, while also protecting the employment rights of thousands of other port workers.

In addition to transportation issues, during her tenure in the State Assembly she focused on standing up for children, seniors, and the environment. She authored laws that protected coastal waters from invasive species; made it easier for older adults to stay in their homes; encouraged state workers to blow the whistle on wrongdoing; and made it easier for school districts to provide children with a safe ride to school. She also authored important legislation that brought additional federal funds to foster youth, protected injured workers from unjust medical bills, and reduced the cost of prison healthcare by millions of dollars a year.

Her leadership positions in the State Assembly included chairing the Legislative Women's Caucus, the Assembly Committee on Transportation, the Joint Committee on Emergency Management, and the Select Committee on Ports. She served as a member of the committees on Accountability and Administrative Review, Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials, Health, and other select committees.

For her service in the State Legislature, Ms. Lowenthal was named Legislator of the Year by the California Assisted Living Association, the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, and the California Chiropractic Association, among many others.

In 2017, Ms. Lowenthal was named to the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners by Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia, and elected President of the Board in July 2019, following a year of service as Vice President of the board.

As a member of the five-member board, Ms. Lowenthal is responsible for the management and oversight of City's Harbor Department which operates the Port of Long Beach, the nation's second-busiest port. She was unanimously confirmed by the City Council as the 68th appointee to the Board since the current Commission was established in 1925. Her appointment made her the seventh woman to serve on the Commission and marked the first time in the port's history that the five-member Board had four female members at the same time.

Besides serving on various Commission sub-committees, Ms. Lowenthal also represents the port on national and international trade missions and serves as the board representative or alternate to a variety of port-related leadership organizations.

In addition to her work on the Board of Harbor Commissioners, Ms. Lowenthal serves her community on the St. Mary's Medical Center Governing Board, the U.S. Vets Advisory Board, the Children Today Board of Directors, the LINC Housing Board of Directors, and the Jewish Family and Children's Service Board of Directors.

I want to thank Ms. Lowenthal for her nearly five decades of commitment to her community and for the dedication to public service that has allowed her to give so much to that community.

HONORING DR. WILLIAM CATON

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr.