

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF FRED O. PLACKE
III

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 14, 2020

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Fred O. Placke III. He was a businessman, educator, realtor, public servant and humanitarian.

As a college student at Tarleton State in Stephenville, Texas, Mr. Placke and a small group of fellow football players distributed donated gifts to children at a local foster home. Over the past four decades, he expanded that initial charitable endeavor into an annual community Christmas event in Goldthwaite, Texas as he and a multitude of volunteer "elves" delivered moving trucks full of thousands of presents for children at the New Horizons Foster Home.

After graduation, Mr. Placke returned to his hometown of Spring Woods where he taught history and coached football. Later in his teaching career, he taught U.S. government at Marcus High School in Flower Mound, Texas and was voted "Teacher of the Year" in 1997. Two years later, he was elected to the Lewisville ISD Board of Trustees and subsequently served for twelve years; six of those years, he led the Board as President. Fred Placke was a passionate educator, dedicated leader and active community volunteer. He was a beloved husband, father and grandfather and will be sorely missed by his family and friends to whom I extend my sincere condolences.

HONORING DANIEL C. WEBER

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Daniel C. Weber, veteran, husband, father, grandfather, entrepreneur, visionary and giant in the conservative movement. Dan passed away in February. He embodied the American dream: humble and optimistic, resilient and resolved, hopeful and quick to give. Dan was never without a ready smile, never without appreciation for good fortune, never without faith in America, his fellow Americans, and his loving God.

Believing that Americans aged 50-plus deserved better representation in DC, Dan and his wife Judy created AMAC—the Association of Mature American Citizens for Americans. AMAC is the voice for individuals concerned with the spread of big government and its intrusion into their daily lives, the erosion of personal liberties and disregard for the Constitution, a document Dan believed to be the greatest ever conceived by mankind. Dan envi-

sioned AMAC to be a right-of-center, member-driven organization with an unwavering focus on the best interests of its membership.

From very humble beginnings in 2007, today AMAC has a membership of over 2 million people residing in every state of the country and it continues to grow. AMAC's common-sense, free-market approach to the problems facing the country resonates with Americans looking for an organization that holds their values of faith, family and freedom in the same high regard.

Dan Weber was an American success story and pillar of the conservative movement. We are grateful for the example he set. May he rest in peace knowing that his "good fight" to preserve America's best will continue. I am confident his beloved AMAC army will grow ever stronger, bigger and more resolved to see the mission through.

TRUMP BUDGET CUTS TO SNAP

HON. ALMA S. ADAMS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 14, 2020

Ms. ADAMS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak for our food insecure families.

Federal anti-hunger programs like SNAP play a vital role in the lives of 12th District families, but the Trump Budget slashes \$182 billion from food assistance programs.

President Trump's proposal to cut SNAP benefits comes on the heels of three USDA rules which will cut benefits for almost 4 million Americans and jeopardize 1 million children's access to free school breakfast and lunch.

These are real people they're hurting. These are our children, our friends, our neighbors.

Here's the sad truth: this President wants to pay for his billionaire tax cuts by letting children starve.

A couple months ago, I visited Windsor Park Elementary School in Charlotte as they were putting together their first food pantry for students.

Of their 650 students, many are homeless and 150 have immediate needs.

Their food pantry was put together because students kept asking their teachers and administrators for food.

Principal Shanna Rae told a local TV station that "you can tell a difference in students when they have something to eat."

That's not Oliver Twist: sadly, that's our community.

Over 20 million children across our country rely on SNAP.

Instead of cutting SNAP, we should expand it, so that children and families don't have to worry about where their next meal is going to come from.

Scripture tells us that Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

How can we expect them to do that if they have nothing to eat?

HONORING MARGARET WHELCHER
AS A VETERAN AND AS A PART
OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 14, 2020

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Margaret Patricia Whelcher for her achievements in the United States Air Force for Black History Month. Ms. Whelcher served from August 3, 1988 to November 5, 1991 and earned the rank of Senior Airman.

Senior Airman Whelcher trained at Lackland Air Force Base and Langley Air Force Base, and was part of the 1913 Communications Group. Her dedication and passion are evident, I commend Senior Airman Whelcher for her service and honor her as a part of the Black History Month Program in Rockford called "Capturing American History: The Unique Perspective of the African American Female Service Member." I would like to thank Senior Airman Whelcher for her service and recognize her for her experiences as an African American, female service member.

It is because of community leaders like Margaret that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally honor Margaret Patricia Whelcher for her service in the United States Air Force.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN
DAVID OWEN

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 14, 2020

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary work and life of service of Captain David Owen of the University of North Texas Police Department in Denton, Texas.

Captain David Owen began his law enforcement career with the Titus County Sheriff's Office in 2004. He was hired by the University of North Texas Police Department on June 13, 2005 as a Police Officer. He served the UNT students, faculty, and staff until his death on February 11, 2020 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Captain Owen received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and political science from Midwestern State University and a graduate certification in criminal justice education from the University of Virginia. He also attended several leadership training programs including the 270th session of the FBI National Academy, the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators Executive

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