

RECOGNIZING BRAD GORDON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE AMERICAN ISRAEL PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 14, 2020*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize my dear and longtime friend Brad Gordon on the occasion of his retirement, concluding a career of dedicated public service and advocacy spanning more than 40 years.

Brad Gordon has personified excellence throughout his career. He graduated cum laude and with Honors in Politics from Brandeis University in 1971. He went on to earn a Master of Arts in Political Science from the University of Vermont, a Master of Philosophy from Columbia University, and a Certificate from their Middle East Institute. While at Columbia, Brad was a National Defense Foreign Language Fellow in Arabic, while also serving as a Research Assistant. By 1979 he had begun his career in public service, working for the Central Intelligence Agency as a Political Analyst in the Office of Near Eastern and South Asian Analysis.

Brad spent 6 years at the CIA before he transitioned to a legislative role as both a foreign policy advisor for Senator Rudy Boschwitz (R-MN), and as a professional staff member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, where I had the privilege of also serving.

Based on his wealth of foreign policy knowledge and experience, Brad was appointed the

Assistant Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency for Nonproliferation Policy. During his tenure, he served as the U.S. Ambassador to the Fourth Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in Geneva. He was responsible for issues related to the proliferation of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons.

In 1993, Brad became the Staff Director of the International Operations Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, where he helped oversee the operations of the State Department, the Agency for International Development, the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and the U.S. Information Agency.

In 1995, Brad started working on constituent and issue advocacy as the Legislative Director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). He went on to serve as the Director of Policy and Government Affairs and eventually as the Director for Strategic Policy at AIPAC. Throughout his career, Brad was an asset to all those around him. His intelligence, veracity, unflagging work ethic, persistence, and quality of character are unquestionable.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating my friend, Brad Gordon on his retirement and in wishing him all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING MILANA HERMAN AS A VETERAN AND AS A PART OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

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Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Milana Herman for her achievements in the United States Army for Black History Month. Ms. Herman served in the Active Army from 1989 to 1994 and the Army Reserve from 1994 to 1997 and earned the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Staff Sergeant Herman served as part of the HHC 440th Signal Battalion in Germany, the HHC 4th Battalion 58th Aviation regiment in South Korea, and the HHC 25th Signal Brigade Battalion in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina during her time in the Active Army. She served in the 335th Company 4th Brigade, 85 Division in the Army Reserves. I commend her 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 Milana Herman for her service and recognize her for her experiences as an African American female servicemember. Her bravery, strength and patriotism are admirable.

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