

himself with the utmost dedication and professionalism, ensuring the needs of every constituent he encountered were addressed to the fullest extent possible. Going above and beyond the normal expectations of a Congressional staffer is a normal day for Todd.

Todd's tireless efforts ensured countless constituents received federal assistance, unpaid benefits, and additional earned services provided by the federal government which may have been delayed, misplaced, or unknown to the constituent. Additionally, Todd's efforts on the ground in the District ensured the legislative needs of constituents were heard and communicated to myself and my legislative team in Washington, D.C. This work often goes unnoticed but was instrumental in ensuring voices of the 24th District were constantly heard in Congress. Todd's commitment to public service is apparent in his pursuit of excellence in the public sector. During his time on my staff, Todd acquired a master's in public administration from the University of North Texas in 2012, further improving his abilities to serve the American public.

In a very bittersweet moment, this upcoming Friday, February 28th will be Todd's last day working for the people of the Twenty-Fourth Congressional District. He will leave as the fourth longest serving staffer in the office during my time in Congress. Todd will be continuing his commitment to public service in a new capacity, as he will soon be working for

the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Texas.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the contributions Todd has made to the 24th Congressional District of Texas, The State of Texas, and the United States of America. I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing Todd Martin and his outstanding service. We wish him well in his next chapter of public service.

IN HONOR OF RENEE MCNEAR

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 27, 2020

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is an honor and privilege to recognize a dedicated public servant who continues to make our community proud as a Ward Leader. As public officials, entrusted by their peers to oversee elections and party activity, Philadelphia Ward Leaders represent a corps of unsung heroes that help facilitate the progress that molds our city. I am honored to be joined by one of our most distinguished, esteemed Ward Leaders today, and in commemoration of Black History Month, ensure that their contributions to our city remain enshrined in our historical record for generations to recognize.

Black History Month is more than a mere byline on the month of February, it is an opportunity to celebrate and recognize the extraordinary contributions that the African American community has made, and continues to make, on our nation's history and culture. And I can think of no honoree more deserving of this recognition, who embodies the selfless commitment to their neighbors and peers, than Renee McNear.

Renee McNear, who leads Ward 20, has been extremely active in her first term. An experienced grassroots activist, Renee has taken it upon herself to educate voters not only on the importance of voting, but the value of being an informed and engaged voter. With a constituency that includes Temple University's main campus, I can think of no better leader to inspire civic engagement in our youth, and I look forward to serving as her partner in the ever-important endeavor of increasing turnout among the next generation of American leaders. I thank Renee.

Taking after the long lineage of Philadelphians who have helped sculpt our democracy into an increasingly inclusive system that encourages public participation, Renee McNear has left her own mark on our city. I look forward to years of collaboration so we can create a more inclusive, representative democracy throughout our community.