

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING HAROLD “RAY”
HERRON

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 28, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Harold “Ray” Herron, who passed away on Saturday, February 22, at the age of 81.

Ray was born on February 26, 1938, in Senatobia, Mississippi. He was an American patriot who served our great nation in the United States Army for over 21 years. Ray set an example of faith for his family to follow and was a member of the Crockett Church of Christ in Senatobia.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 27 years, Betty Herron; his children, Tom Herron, Donny Herron, Anne Austin, Terry Hallmark, Pamela Hallmark, Dudley Hallmark, and Kenny Russell; his grandchildren, Alex and Emily Herron, Amy and Phillip Corly, Dewayne, Jamie, and Latashia Russell and Heather, Sam and Cody Hallmark, as well as many friends and extended family members.

Ray’s life was one of service, grace, and love for his family and community. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

RECOGNIZING DAX WILSON OF
BILLINGS

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 28, 2020

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dax Wilson of Billings for his work in engaging his community on the importance of donating blood.

Dax’s motivation is his mother, Cassidy. After giving birth to Dax, she developed a rare blood disorder which left her in desperate need for blood transfusions. During her treatment, the hospital realized they didn’t have enough blood on hand. The shortage led doctors to call hospitals in Kansas City and Denver for help. During his mother’s time in the hospital, she received 700 pints of plasma and blood. The donations saved her life, and now Dax is looking to save more.

Now a junior at Billings Senior High School, Dax donates blood regularly, but he’s always wanted to do more. As a member of the Platinium Program, a high school honors organization, Dax found an opportunity to do just that.

A requirement of the program is to complete a community service project. Using this platform, Dax launched “Drops for Life,” a program that partners with the local blood donation center to prepare blood drives throughout the community. Starting this March, all three high schools in the area will participate in blood drives organized by Dax’s program.

Dax says not enough people are aware of how much hospitals and clinics need blood

and plasma. He says if people knew one hour spent donating can save up to three lives, more people would give. His efforts have created a wonderful opportunity to support a cause that will help Montanans throughout the state.

Madam Speaker, for his devotion to promoting blood drives, increasing awareness, and saving lives, I recognize Dax Wilson for his Spirit of Montana.

REMEMBERING LIEUTENANT
GOVERNOR ROBERT B. JORDAN III

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 28, 2020

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of Robert B. “Bob” Jordan III, North Carolina’s former Lieutenant Governor, a civic and business leader, and a longtime friend. Bob’s death on February 16, 2020 has been met with an outpouring of fond recollections, fulsome tributes, and expressions of affection and respect that attest to his life of service and the impact it had on our state. Lisa and I want to express our sympathy to Bob’s wife Sarah, their family, and Bob’s many friends and admirers.

A native of Mount Gilead, North Carolina, Bob attended North Carolina State University (NCSU), graduating with a degree in forestry, and was then commissioned Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He served two years in Europe and rose to the rank of Captain. Bob then returned to Mount Gilead and began a long career as head of Jordan Lumber and Supply. He also showed a knack for politics and was asked at age 24 to serve on the town board. Four years later he was appointed to what is now called the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina system.

Bob’s career in state politics began with his election in 1976 to the N.C. Senate, where he served for eight years, representing Montgomery, Anson, Richmond, Scotland, Stanly and Union Counties. He was elected Lieutenant Governor in 1984 and almost became governor, running a valiant race in 1988.

Bob had a remarkable ability to bridge divides and find common ground. He brokered a major agreement to increase investment in North Carolina’s highways, and another to finance statewide school construction. The N.C. Rural Economic Development Center is a monument to his leadership, as is the N.C. Biotechnology Center, the first state-funded economic development organization of its kind.

Bob Jordan provided educational leadership throughout his career, helping established the Basic Education Program, a comprehensive plan to equalize access to education, and the Teaching Fellows program, a highly successful scholarship program for prospective teachers. He was instrumental in the creation of the

present UNC governance structure and served on the Boards of Trustees for UNC–Charlotte and NCSU as well as the state community college system.

I first got to know Bob through my mentor, N.C. Senator Russell Walker, and was serving as state Democratic Chairman in 1984 when Bob was elected Lt. Governor (his election was about the only good news Democrats got that night). He was one of the most conscientious and well-motivated people I have known in politics. I agree with his friend and mine, Former N.C. Senator Gerry Hancock, who described Bob to a reporter as “one of the most honorable, decent, hard-working people we’ve ever known.”

We are indeed better for having known him, and our state is better by virtue of his steady and visionary leadership. Bob Jordan’s contribution lives on in those whose opportunities have been broadened and horizons have been extended by virtue of his dedicated service.

HONORING THE MARINES AND
SAILORS OF SITE SUPPORT AU-
RORA

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 28, 2020

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the accomplishments of the Marines and Sailors of Site Support Aurora, who will be honored by the Chamber of North-west Douglas County as a “Citizens Who Soar.”

These service members have been an integral part of the local community serving on Buckley Air Force Base. They are Active Duty support personnel who instruct and assist Marine Corps Reserve units in maintaining a continuous state of readiness for mobilization. They primarily inspect and render technical advice on command functions including operations, training, administration, and logistical support. While their primary duties focus on training and advising the reserve Marines, their efforts extend beyond this scope and include service within the local community.

Through their efforts, these Marines and Sailors supported a Toys for Tots drive which resulted in over 186,364 toys being distributed to 99,800 children in the Denver metropolitan area. In addition to this monumental effort, in 2019 these Marines and Sailors rendered military funeral honors to over 360 Marines who honorably served their country.

Through their devotion to duty and commitment to service, these service members have had an incredibly positive impact on the community. Their success in not only training our Reserve Marines, but also supporting the local community through their selfless efforts serves as an inspiration to the public.

As major contributors and an inspiration to the community, I congratulate these Marines and Sailors for receiving the recognition as “Citizens Who Soar.”

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