

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING 50 YEARS OF BATES HOUSE OF TURKEY IN GREENVILLE, ALABAMA

**HON. MARTHA ROBY**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 4, 2020*

Mrs. ROBY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Bates House of Turkey in the City of Greenville, Alabama.

On March 1, 1970, the late W.C. "Bill" Bates, Jr. and wife, Teresa Carlton Bates, opened the doors of legendary Bates House of Turkey in Greenville, Alabama for the first time. As the second generation of Bates Turkey Farm, they became a driving force behind not only the farm's success, but also in the success of the iconic restaurant.

Following the completion of Interstate 65, the entrepreneurial visionaries, Bill and Teresa Bates, decided to buy property and build the restaurant in Greenville, making the conscious decision to serve only turkey dishes made from free-range birds grown on their farm. In addition to Bates House of Turkey being one of the most unique restaurants in Alabama, it has also become one of the most popular spots for commuters to stop and grab a bite to eat while traveling through Butler County along I-65.

Now, over 50 years later, Bates House of Turkey is still a family-owned restaurant where locals and non-locals alike gather for dishes such as their famous hickory smoked turkey sandwich or their old-fashioned roast turkey dinner. The Bates children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren have been successful in continuing the family legacy and keeping the restaurant alive and thriving.

As the staff and loyal patrons gather to celebrate this wonderful achievement, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the Bates family for their profoundly positive contributions to the Greenville community and surrounding area.

WELCOME KATHERINE MILLER KESSLER

**HON. HALEY M. STEVENS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 4, 2020*

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I am happy to congratulate Hannah and Adam Kessler of Birmingham, Michigan, on the birth of their new baby girl, Katherine Miller Kessler. Katherine Miller Kessler was born on December 19, 2019, at Henry Ford Hospital in West Bloomfield, Michigan. Katherine weighed nine pounds and .05 ounces and measured 19 inches long.

I would also like to congratulate Katherine's big sister, Emerson Roslyn Kessler, and her grandparents, John and Andrea Kessler of

Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, Lorie Kessler of West Bloomfield, Michigan, and Sally Hirst and Doug Miller of Rochester, New York. Congratulations to the entire family as they welcome their newest addition of pure pride and joy.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 4, 2020*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, regrettably, I was unable to attend the vote series for March 3, 2020. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call No. 81, H. Res. 387, Condemning continued violence against civilians by armed groups in the Central African Republic and supporting efforts to achieve a lasting political solution to the conflict, and Yea on Roll Call No. 82, H.R. 4508, Malala Yousafzai Scholarship Act.

### RECOGNIZING JAY VOGT

**HON. DUSTY JOHNSON**

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 4, 2020*

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Jay Vogt for his appointment to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP).

A South Dakota native, Mr. Vogt has been a passionate servant for the preservation historical places across the state of South Dakota and the entire nation.

Mr. Vogt served as Director of the South Dakota State Historical Society and State Historic Preservation Officer. In the past, he served as the president of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) and represented NCSHPO on the ACHP for several years. After a decade of service, Mr. Vogt was appointed Deputy Director of the South Dakota State Historical Society in 1999, where he spearheaded the preservation of historic Deadwood.

Mr. Vogt has directed the State Historical Society since 2003 and oversees the management of the five programs—archaeology, archives, museum, historic preservation, research and publishing—and the administrative and development units.

I commend Mr. Vogt for his outstanding record of service, dedication, and hard work. I extend my deepest congratulations to Jay Vogt for his contributions to South Dakota and our nation's historical places. I look forward to working with Mr. Vogt's as he advises both the president and Congress on historical preservation efforts across our nation.

CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 181 IN BREA, CALIFORNIA

**HON. GILBERT RAY CISNEROS, JR.**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 4, 2020*

Mr. CISNEROS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the centennial of one of the finest institutions in the 39th Congressional District. On Monday night, January 5, 1920, a cold wind blew out of the San Gabriel Mountains, through the Brea-Olinda Oil Field, the goat and sheep pastures, and into orange groves that surrounded the tiny hamlet of Brea. With little more than a thousand residents, Brea could hardly host a U.S. Post Office, but it held a small group of proud, determined men. They were American veterans of the Great War, and only 10 months after the founding of the national parent organization, with the ink still wet on national charter, they founded American Legion Post 181 in Brea, California.

The founders of Brea Post 181 were men like Ted Craig who returned home to Brea in 1919 and helped secure the charter and property for the new Post only a few months after returning from "Over There." Many had seen things, carried traumas off the battlefield and certainly bore emotional and physical scars of the first fully industrialized conflict. But their commitment to the Legion gave them a new mission, a common purpose and a way to channel the evils of war into a peace and prosperity that was good. The first line of the Legion's mission statement pledges every member to re-dedicate themselves to "uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States." But it requires more. Built into the very fiber of the Legion's national mission is a commitment to programs that build better communities and a better country in five areas: From honoring America's war dead and supporting the rehabilitation of our nations wounded warriors, to supporting a strong national defense, the patriotic education of younger generations and, most broadly, to build support for American ideals and values. And Brea Post 181 has been an exemplary participant in all five areas from its beginning with a city-wide Armistice Day Celebration on November 11, 1920, just ten months and five days after the Post's founding. Carnivals, dances, bingo nights and parades have been an important part of the Post's connection to the community. But the Post's work has also included scholarship funding, the Boy's Nation Program, voter registration, and a long-standing collaboration with the city's patriotic celebrations, especially the annual 4th of July Country Fair. And our Brea Legion Post has always been there in times of crisis. In 1933, Brea Legionnaires reacted heroically to the major earthquake that so heavily impacted Long Beach. The Post hosted displaced families, took care of the injured victims, and even stepped in to direct and coordinate recovery

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