

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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resources. World War II may have been 181's finest hour. With the founding generation being too old for direct military service, men like Eugene Streed—a proud Marine who had fought Bolshevism in Vladivostok in 1918–1919—led war drives, supervised civil defense activities and put on remembrances and memorials. In Streed's case, this included handcrafting more than 1000 white crosses to identify veterans' graves. He was also the co-founder of Brea's Memory Garden, where American flags with the names of Brea's lost soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines are displayed on Memorial Day.

Brea is not such a small town as it was in Eugene Streed's day. One hundred years later, its population, at well over forty thousand, is 40 times the size of a rural village that gave birth to Brea Post 181. Yet, for all the city's growth and for all that the Post has done to underwrite that growth, our local Brea Legion has not always prospered in the same way. Indeed, I would be remiss if I failed to point out the struggles. The demographic shift from the mid-twentieth century, when service was almost universal for physically qualified men, to today's all-volunteer force has dramatically changed the recruiting and financing picture of the Legion. Local membership had declined so precipitously that by 2014, the Post had to sell a property it owned to avoid insolvency. It might have collapsed, and the story might have ended before this centennial celebration. But the warrior spirit has always been fierce among the veterans of Brea, and Post 181 has evolved to thrive in its new demographic environment. The membership has made smart business decisions and even smarter partnership arrangements with other veterans and civic groups like Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5384 and St. Angela Merici Church. The Post has come through its crisis. It is more intergenerational than ever before with former Brea Mayor Carrey Nelson—a retired Navy Master Chief who served in both the Second World and Korean Wars—still an active contributing member alongside current Brea Mayor Pro Tem and Brea Post 181 Commander Steven Vargas, who is also a Chief Petty Officer in the Naval Reserves. I hope that other Legion Posts are beginning to thrive and reinvent themselves to meet a rapidly changing country that, however different, still needs a strong American Legion. As a member of the neighboring Legion Post 277 in Placentia, as the son of a Vietnam combat veteran and grandson of two World War II combat veterans, but most of all, as a member of the House Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Committees, I congratulate and commend the Legionaries of Brea Post 181 and wish them another century of excellence.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DENVER RIGGLEMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mr. RIGGLEMAN. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend votes on March 2, 2020. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 79, and YEA on Roll Call No. 80.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANAN AMERI
AS SHE IS NAMED THE 2020
ARAB AMERICAN OF THE YEAR

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Anan Ameri as she is named the 2020 Arab American of the Year by ACCESS. Dr. Ameri's lifetime of community service and activism is worthy of commendation, and we are proud to recognize her achievements today.

Anan Ameri is a pillar of Washtenaw County. For over forty years, she has dedicated her career to advocating for social justice and equity, upholding immigrant rights, and preserving Arab American stories. Dr. Ameri, an author, educator, and activist, is especially known in our community as the founding director for the Arab American National Museum. Thanks to her steadfast leadership and revolutionary vision, she secured the museum's Smithsonian affiliation, making it the only Arab American organization in the prestigious network. In addition, Dr. Ameri is the national president of the Palestine Aid Society of America and was inducted to Michigan's Hall of Fame for her extraordinary efforts in 2016.

Today, we celebrate Anan Ameri for her lifetime of service to her community. Born in Damascus, Syria and raised in Amman, Jordan, Dr. Ameri understands the daily trials and tribulations immigrants experience. As such, she has advocated for their voices and continues to fight to ensure their rights are upheld. Beyond her career in activism, she also has served as a mentor to young women. She has nurtured women to pursue their dreams, strive for excellence, and embrace their heritage. Dr. Ameri truly embodies the hopes and dreams of immigrants coming to America and has made a difference in our Michigan community. Her years of service have impacted the lives of many, and her continued dedication provides a lasting example for what we should all endeavor to accomplish—to effect change, be compassionate community members, and do all we can to make a difference in the world.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Anan Ameri. Her decades of selfless service make her a deserving recipient of the Arab American of the Year Award. I am grateful for her lasting impact and wish her continued success in the years ahead.

JUDGE MARVA CRENSHAW—BLACK
HISTORY MONTH

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate one of Florida's most distinguished jurists—and one of the highest integrity. Judge Marva L. Crenshaw was born in 1951 in DeFuniak Springs, Florida, one of seven children. A child of faith, naturally reflective in her calm demeanor, she would epitomize a commitment to justice and the judicial

temperament that would distinguish her service on the bench. She is married to Norman Campbell and together they raised their two daughters, Kalinda and Kamaria.

Growing up in the segregated south, Judge Crenshaw attended segregated schools during her formative years. She excelled in language arts and became inspired by the impact of the rule of law, an appreciation she acquired spending time with her grandfather as he attended his affairs in her small town's courthouse. She earned her bachelor's degree with honors in 1973 from Tuskegee Institute, where she pledged as a Delta Sigma Theta and also became active in voter rights. She then achieved her childhood dream by earning her law degree from the University of Florida in 1975.

Judge Crenshaw began her dedication to public service as a prosecutor with the State Attorney's Office under Richard Gerstein in Miami-Dade County, Florida. She was hired by Janet Reno, who would later become the U.S. Attorney General. She served in that capacity until arriving to the Tampa Bay community in 1978 to join Bay Area Legal Services. She put her skills and legal acumen to work for families who often faced financial barriers to the courthouse and the legal system. She provided important legal services to disadvantaged neighbors across Tampa Bay and was named the organization's Deputy Director a decade later.

In 1989, Governor Bob Martinez appointed her to the Hillsborough County Court. In 2000, Governor Jeb Bush appointed her as the first African American woman to serve on the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court. There she was assigned to civil, family, criminal and juvenile divisions—furthering her lifelong dream to serve the public and her community. In 2009, Governor Charlie Crist appointed her to the Second District Court of Appeal, where she presided until retirement in 2018.

Judge Crenshaw broke barriers and charted a course for others who are committed to equal justice to follow. She set the highest of standards in her courtroom and in service to our community to ensure fairness. While retirement marks the end of one chapter in her life, she continues to explore other opportunities to impact people's lives through service.

Judge Crenshaw has been extensively involved in bar activities and was recognized as recently as 2019 with both the Hillsborough County Bar Association's Robert W. Patton Outstanding Jurist Award and the Hillsborough Association of Women Lawyers' Trailblazer Award.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Tampa Bay community, I am humbled to honor Judge Marva L. Crenshaw during this Black History Month for her many years of selfless service and leadership, and for being a trailblazer and a shining light for justice for all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. COLIN Z. ALLRED

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mr. ALLRED. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House Chamber. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 81, and YEA on Roll Call No. 82.