

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## CELEBRATING AMERICA'S NEWEST CITIZENS

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 12, 2020*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate fifty individuals who will take their oaths of citizenship on March 13, 2020. This memorable occasion will be held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On March 13, 2020, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, will take their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Esmeralda Vega, Ghada Ramadan, Paulette Doreen Shaw, Sara Padilla, Javier Garcia, Markus Jaewon Lee, Antonia Martinez, Consuelo Murguia de Hernandez, Rocelle Clavero Grabarek, Abier Abdulhak, Ana Gligorov, Jovelyn Socobos Manilag, Noemy Alejandra Cotrez Pavon, Maggie L. Dobrodt, Ayad Shakir Mahmood Al Mahdawi, Natasha Lynn Rizzotti, Zurizadai Luna Williams, Milan Zubic, Rosa Elvira Chacon Guerrero, Araceli Flores Santillan, Maha F. Abdulqader, Zainab Usman Sheikh, Alexandru Colta, Maria R. Palacios, Chandan Sevanti Sharma, Marlen del Rosario Carmona Villodas, Maria Guadalupe Hernandez, Wissel Joseph, Martin Diaz, Maria Gonzalez Herrejon, Mauricio Hinojosa, Liliana Patricia Ruiz Tenorio, Naila Tauseef Khan, Reyna Canlas Roldan, Oyata Monono Mwanza, Kayode S. Shittu, Lorenzo Aleman Escobedo, Hongping Ren, Panteleimon Maillis, Martin Miranda, Susana Maria Fernandez, Chante Sarah Latrice Rizzotti, Rosa Fernandez, Edgar Maciel, Harry Vasilopoulos, Imran Khan, Elsa Patricia Mota, Mika Francine Estacio, Nika Markos, and Morella Rivas.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country “. . . of the people, by the people, and for the people.” They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear

of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who will become citizens of the United States of America on March 13, 2020. They, too, will be American citizens, guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

## BIMBO BAKERIES USA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 12, 2020*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Bimbo Bakeries USA for receiving Commerce City's Business Appreciation 2020 Business of the Year Award.

The Business of the Year Award is given to a Commerce City company with a pioneering spirit that has shown a history of leadership within its industry and the community. A staple of Commerce City since 1958, Bimbo Bakeries USA has demonstrated longevity and sustained growth within the community. They are the corporate arm of the Mexican multinational baked goods manufacturer, Grupo Bimbo. This facility now employs 132 employees, ten of which were hired in 2019. The company recently made a \$3,500,000 capital investment to its facility, upgrading critical equipment such as the hamburger bun line.

In addition to their growing business, Bimbo Bakeries also gives back to the Commerce City community, donating to local organizations and projects such as a greenhouse at Lester Arnold High School and Thanksgiving dinner at Adams High School.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Bimbo Bakeries USA for this well-deserved recognition from Commerce City.

## HONORING DILLON J. CARR

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 12, 2020*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dillon J. Carr. Dillon is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Dillon has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Dillon has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Dillon

is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and holds the rank of Firebuilder in the tribe of Mic-O-Say. Dillon has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Dillon constructed a butterfly garden, bird feeder, and bird bath outside of Life Unlimited in Liberty, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Dillon J. Carr for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

## ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH OF SHAIKH MUJIBUR RAHMAN

**HON. ANDY LEVIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 12, 2020*

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the anniversary of the birth of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, recognized as the “Founding Father” of the nation of Bangladesh.

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, called “Mujib,” is also known as “Bangha Bandu,” a title that means “Friend of the Bengal.” In recognition of the 100th year since the birth of Sheikh Mujib, the government of Bangladesh is celebrating March 17, 2020 through March 17, 2021 as “Mujib Borsho,” or the “Mujib Year.”

Sheikh Mujib was born on March 17, 1920, in the province of Bengal, in what was then British India. Just over half a century later, on March 7, 1971, he would call for East Pakistan to become the independent nation of Bangladesh. He was subsequently arrested, but his vision for Bengalis would soon become a reality. Following a brutal war for independence, during which an estimated 300,000 to 3,000,000 people lost their lives, the nation of Bangladesh was born on December 16, 1971. Sheikh Mujib was released from prison and became the first President of Bangladesh, serving in that office from April 17, 1971 to January 12, 1972. In January of 1972, he was elected Prime Minister of the first Parliament of Bangladesh.

In 1975, Sheikh Mujib and most of his family were assassinated. Just two of his daughters, current Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Sheikh Rehana, were spared, as they were living in what was West Germany at the time.

The centennial of the birth of the “Founding Father” of Bangladesh, Sheikh Mujib, is deeply meaningful to the people of Bangladesh and to those throughout the world with personal connections to the country. Events are being organized in the United States and around the world to commemorate this historical event. I encourage my colleagues to join me in recognizing those working to honor Bangladesh's history and commemorate this event, including Dr. MD. Rabbi Alam, Convener of Bangabandhu Parishad USA and a resident of my home state of Michigan.

I urge my colleagues to join me in standing with the people of Bangladesh, and those in

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the Bangladeshi American community, as they celebrate the centennial of the birth of Sheikh Mujib.

RECOGNIZING DAN OHL OF MALTA

**HON. GREG GIANFORTE**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 12, 2020*

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dan Ohl of Malta for going above and beyond to answer the call of duty and personally fly blood platelets to his local hospital in a time of need.

Dan loves to fly. He says there's nothing like seeing Montana's stunning landscape from a different perspective.

As a Montana Highway Patrolman, Dan spends a lot of time on the ground, lending a hand to fellow Montanans. It wasn't until this past December that his love of flying and helping others came together.

In December 2019, Phillips County Hospital contacted Montana Highway Patrol for assistance delivering blood from Great Falls to their clinic in Malta. The troopers came up with a plan to use a series of relays to transport the blood to Malta but ran into a problem when there wasn't enough staff to execute it. That's when Dan stepped up.

Dan jumped into action and using his own Beach Craft Bonanza 6-seater, started the over 200-mile flight to Great Falls to meet the Red Cross at the local airport. He says it was the most precious cargo, aside from his family, he has had on his plane. When he touched down in Malta, he met with hospital staff who transferred the blood to the hospital. His quick delivery of blood saved a life.

For Dan, this is why he went into serving in the Montana Highway Patrol: he wanted to help Montanans. Whether he's on or off duty, as a patrolman, he's called to step up in times of need and that's exactly what he did.

Madam Speaker, for selflessly helping his fellow Montanans, from the air and on the ground, I recognize Dan Ohl for his Spirit of Montana.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

**HON. DARIN LAHOOD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 12, 2020*

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Southern Illinois University (SIU) School of Medicine for celebrating their 50th anniversary.

SIU School of Medicine was established in 1970 after the Illinois General Assembly passed a bill calling for a second state medical school to be established in downstate Illinois and achieved full accreditation in 1972. Today, SIU School of Medicine admits 72 of the best medical students from around the world each year.

The medical education curriculum offered at SIU School of Medicine has brought the school national attention. The school's con-

tinuing medical education program provides an extensive schedule of accredited conferences and symposia for physicians and other healthcare professionals in central and southern Illinois.

I applaud the efforts of SIU School of Medicine, its faculty, and students. They continue to provide quality medical education committed to improving local healthcare. I extend my sincere congratulations to SIU School of Medicine for a successful 50 years, and I wish them continued success going forward providing quality healthcare services to the residents of Central Illinois.

CERTOL INTERNATIONAL LLC

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 12, 2020*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Certol International LLC for receiving Commerce City's Business Appreciation 2020 Business on the Move Award.

The Business on the Move Award recognizes businesses bringing new employment, growth in sales or new capital investment to the city in the last year. Founded in 1979, and located in Commerce City since 2003, Certol International was an early pioneer in the manufacturing of infection prevention products for the medical and dental markets. Creating innovative products in these markets remains a core competency today. The company works with distribution partners to ship to customers in national and international destinations.

Certol International operates out of a 46,000 square-foot building in Commerce City with a staff of 38. In 2019, they hired two more employees and contributed over a million dollars in capital investment.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Certol International LLC for this well-deserved recognition from Commerce City.

IN RECOGNITION OF ART OWENS, RECIPIENT OF THE GREATER PITTSSTON FRIENDLY SONS' SWINGLE AWARD

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 12, 2020*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Art Owens, who will receive the Francis Swingle Award from the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. He will be honored at the group's 106th annual gathering on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

Art was born January 12, 1959 to Sheldon and Eleanor Owens in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He attended grade school in Wilkes-Barre and graduated from E.L. Meyers High School in 1979. He earned an associate degree in social science from Luzerne County Community College and a bachelor's degree in liberal studies in social services, along with a certificate in gerontology from College Misericordia.

Art's career serving others began in 1975 in the dietary department at Mercy Hospital in

Wilkes-Barre. As the volunteer director, Art was integral to the management of the volunteer department, developing therapies and projects like the Angel/Golden Tree Project. During his 20-year career at the hospital, he successfully built professional relationships with area social service organizations, and served on the Policy and Procedure Committee. Art was also vice president of the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary. For his efforts, he received the Mercy Leadership Award and the Mercy Community/Professional Involvement Award.

In 1996, Art accepted a position with the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Northeastern Pennsylvania as a wish granting director/volunteer supervisor. He continued to make wishes come true for critically ill children, advancing to the position of program services director and then vice president of program services. He worked to secure over \$100,000 in donations by building relationships with local businesses and organizations across Northeastern Pennsylvania. He recruited, hired, trained, and coordinated volunteers in wish granting and development during his time with the foundation.

In 2006, Art transitioned to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit No. 18, assisting children in the Behavioral Health and Rehabilitative Services Department. He currently provides services to children who attend the Greater Nanticoke Area School District.

In addition to the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick, Art is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie 353, and currently serves on the Scholarship Committee to help raise funds for local students to assist with college expenses.

It is an honor to join the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick as they recognize Art Owens as the recipient of the Francis Swingle Award. He has had a successful career in service to his community, and I wish him all the best on this St. Patrick's Day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 12, 2020*

Ms. JAYAPAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD how I would have voted for the following votes had I not been necessarily absent. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 87; YEA on Roll Call No. 88; NAY on Roll Call No. 89; and YEA on Roll Call No. 90.

HONORING ZACHARY DAVID GRADINGER

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 12, 2020*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Zachary David Gradinger. Zachary is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 495, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.