

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### CELEBRATING THE LIFE, LEGACY, AND MEMORY OF PATRICIA "TRISH" BERRY-BELL

#### HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 13, 2020*

Ms. DELBENE. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Patricia "Trish" Berry-Bell, a treasured friend and constituent, who passed away peacefully on January 19, 2020 after a courageous battle with glioblastoma. Trish was a retired registered nurse. She began her career at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago in the Neuro-Intensive Care Unit. After moving to Washington in 1983, she became a staple of our health care community. She first worked as an ICU nurse, then later in Recovery and Research, at the University of Washington Medical Center. Though she retired in 2016, she certainly did not remove herself from the health care world. Trish was a strong advocate for both nurses and patients during her career and after her retirement.

Trish was a jack-of-all-trades, receiving a degree in fashion design in addition to her degree in nursing. She exemplified the strong sense of community Washington is known for in so many aspects of her life, and any of us could count on her to be the first to step up if we needed help. Trish was loyal (a member of the same book club for twenty-seven years), loving, caring (my daughter's godmother), and was known for her quick wit and sense of humor. Her favorite holiday was St. Patrick's Day when we would gather at her house for a corned beef dinner. She was easily recognizable from her flaming red hair and her clear zest for life. I know her husband John, daughters Caitlin and Maeve, son-in-law John and all of us whose lives were better because we knew her will keep her memory alive. My family and I will miss her dearly.

RICK ENGLER

#### HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 13, 2020*

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Washington, District of Columbia resident, Mr. Rick Engler, for his retirement from the Chemical Safety Board.

In February of 2020, Mr. Rick Engler retired from his position on the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, a position he held since President Barack Obama nominated him in January of 2014 and was confirmed by the United States Senate in December 2014.

Prior to his appointment to the United States Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, Mr. Engler spent more than four decades helping to prevent chemical hazards. Mr. Engler advocated for New Jersey Worker and

Community Right to Know and Toxic Catastrophe laws that increased government transparency and the public's "right to know" about potential chemical dangers they may have been exposed to on the job and in the community.

Moreover, he advocated for national 1990 Clean Air Act amendments which enabled workers and management representatives to fully participate during Environmental Protection Agency and Chemical Safety Board investigations of facilities that use highly hazardous chemicals. He also advocated for several state and federal public policies that promote hazard communication, workforce development, chemical incident prevention, inherently safer processes, and whistleblower protection.

Mr. Engler has consistently been a leader in collaborative labor-management-community initiatives to help investigate and prevent chemical incidents. Among Rick's accomplishments and contributions during his tenure include his role as the Director of the New Jersey Work Environment Council, his founding of the Philadelphia Area Project on Occupational Safety and Health, his service as an elected Vice President of the New Jersey Industrial Union Council, AFL-CIO, as well as his service on the New Jersey Department of Health Occupational Health Surveillance Advisory Committee.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Mr. Rick Engler, a dedicated public servant who has fought tirelessly for the safety of our communities and of all workers.

### HONORING WRESTLING CHAMPION HEAVEN FITCH

#### HON. MARK WALKER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 13, 2020*

Mr. WALKER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Heaven Fitch on winning the wrestling state championship for North Carolina's 106-pound weight class. Competing against all boys, Heaven's win makes her the first female athlete in North Carolina to win a wrestling state championship.

She and her three brothers first became interested with wrestling at an early age after watching the sport on television. When Heaven and her brothers joined the local wrestling club, she was the only girl. Heaven wrestled wherever she could, often practicing up to five days a week. Despite being smaller than almost all her high school opponents, Heaven's agility and speed has led her to dominate on the mat finishing the season with a 54-4 record. Heaven currently goes to Uwharrie Charter Academy in Asheboro, North Carolina, where she has gotten support from her classmates, teammates, coaches and parents Ryan and Stacey.

Each March, we come together to celebrate women who have broken barriers, defied stereotypes, and contributed to our country's

history. While we recognize trailblazing women over the course of history, it is our great honor to recognize women making history today in our backyards.

Congratulations to Heaven for all her accomplishments and serving as an inspiration to girls across the country.

### IN HONOR OF THE SAN CARLOS CHICKEN'S BALL

#### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 13, 2020*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 80th anniversary of a San Carlos school fundraiser known as the Chicken's Ball. The name is taken from a tradition of San Francisco's Barbary Coast when local music halls would hold an annual charity fundraiser. Chorus performers wore costumes with a lot of feathers, hence the name Chicken's Ball.

The first ball in San Carlos was held in 1940 and it was organized by Howard J. Demeke, a teacher at Central School. The money benefited the PTA milk fund. Its stated purpose was to build the "unification of a lasting community fellowship." Every two years since, shows have been produced, including this one in March of 2020.

Approximately 250 volunteers and business sponsors produce the ball every two years. It is an "all-consuming effort," to quote a local historian, Linda Garvey, and may be the longest running PTA fundraiser in the country. The show features three melodramas and three variety skits based on people and events of the Barbary Coast era of 1890 to 1918. Since the 1940's, more than 60 PTA and civic groups have contributed original skit ideas. Music is provided by the Poultry (Paltry) Philharmonic.

Humor and the unexpected are a big part of the charm of the Chicken's Ball. While skit writers often produce shows with great laughs, some of the best moments come when the lines are forgotten and actors ad lib to get over an awkward moment.

Watching community members in novel parts is also fun. Children in the audience love seeing siblings and friends on stage, particularly if the part calls for a child to boss around an adult. A lot of the fun comes from the imaginative sets, all locally produced by skilled residents.

Performers range in age from 14-94. Singers, dancers, choreographers, designers, writers and stage crew are all volunteers and accepted regardless of talent. The theme of the 2020 Chicken's Ball is "The Night They Invented Champagne." The year's show opens on March 13th and runs through March 22nd.

This is a chance for San Carlos, a small town with a great deal of talent and charm, to come together for several months of skit development, costume design, set construction,

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rehearsals, and finally theatrical production. I want to extend my congratulations to all who make this event possible. San Carlos is a special place where humor, a love of education, and copious amounts of talent combine to produce a beloved community tradition. Every two years San Carlos lights up the stage to support its schools. Learning to celebrate as a community of Americans is also a profound act of education. I wish this year's Chicken's Ball a spectacular season.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF  
HAMILTON COUNTY ENGINEER  
TED HUBBARD

**HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 13, 2020*

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Hamilton County Engineer Ted Hubbard for his 38 years of service at the county engineer's office and congratulate him on his recent retirement.

Ted is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati who has committed his career to enhancing Southwest Ohio. He holds deeply the belief that honest public service is key to bettering civil society. Mr. Hubbard is right; our republic is built on the hard work and service of devoted men and women. Ted Hubbard is one such public servant.

Ted's tenure at the Hamilton County engineer's office was marked by a keen ability to forge relationships with the people, groups, and governments around him. Throughout his time at the office, whether as a design engineer, in permitting and construction, or as a deputy engineer, Ted had a positive impact on Hamilton County. Ted's leadership on projects such as Colerain Ave, Montgomery Ave, Fields-Ertel Road, Winton Road, and the Cross County Highway will benefit our community for years to come.

I wish Ted the best as he moves on to a new chapter of his life and thank him for his service.

May God bless Ted and his family.

HONORING KERISA BAEDKE AS  
IOWAN OF THE WEEK

**HON. CYNTHIA AXNE**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 13, 2020*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Kerisa Baedke, teacher and educator at Prairieview School in Waukee, as this week's Iowan of the Week.

Kerisa is a foreign language teacher at Prairieview School in Waukee, Iowa. In her Spanish classes, she has built an immersive, vibrant environment in which her students feel comfortable and confident learning a new language. By combining a bright, colorful array of decorations with interactive lessons—taught almost entirely in Spanish—Kerisa brings a world of art, culture, and history to Prairieview School.

Kerisa has a passion for teaching foreign languages and promoting different cultural ex-

periences in her classes. Her whole family speaks three or four languages, she says, and it's where she first discovered love and passion for language. She also comes from a family of educators; her parents both dedicated themselves to teaching. Kerisa said she was born to be a teacher and couldn't imagine doing anything else.

Prairieview School students look forward to Mrs. Baedke's class each year, including her well-known projects like creative cultural dances or the "Día de los Muertos" shoebox. Kerisa has made a lasting impression on her students, cultivating a passion for language and for learning. In fact, it was one of her students that nominated her for the Iowa State Education Association's Excellence in Education Award—and Kerisa won.

The accolades don't stop there. I am proud to say that Kerisa was also awarded with the National Education Association's Horace Mann Award. This prestigious national honor is awarded to only five teachers each year for their outstanding contributions to their students and to the teaching profession. Kerisa is the first ever teacher from Iowa to receive the Horace Mann Award, and I know the entire Prairieview School community is delighted by her achievement.

As a mom, I know that education is the single most important investment we can make in our children. I am proud to know that our children have teachers like Kerisa helping them learn and grow. It is her commitment to creating an engaging, nurturing, and most importantly exciting environment for students to learn that makes her a pillar of our community. It is my honor to celebrate Kerisa Baedke and recognize her as the Iowan of the Week.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DANIEL  
(DAN) DILL

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 13, 2020*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Daniel Dill, who passed away on September 17, 2019 at the age of 48 after a lifetime of public service to his community.

Born on June 11, 1971, to Danny and Grace Dill, Dan attended Fortuna High School, then studied wildlife management at Humboldt State University. After graduating, Dan worked for the Pacific Lumber Co., where he became a senior wildlife biologist in 1995. In 2008, he went to work as a wildlife biologist at Six Rivers National Forest, and he was named deputy district ranger for the Orleans/Ukonom Ranger District in 2012. He then became district ranger for the Mad River Ranger District in 2015. Dan also was a member of the Scotia and Fortuna volunteer fire departments, and the Scotia School Board.

Dan's commitment to the U.S. Forest Service and the communities it serves was particularly apparent during the 2015 wildfires on Six Rivers National Forest where he displayed tremendous leadership. Recognized for being in tune with residents' needs during and following the fires, he worked diligently to address critical forest fuels management and restoration projects in the area. Dan knew how to bring diverse groups of people together to

bring these efforts to fruition. Even during trying times, Dan remained a cheerful and understanding individual focused on doing good work for the forest and the people who live in it.

Dan is survived by his wife Dawn, his daughters Emily and Ava, his parents Danny and Grace, and his brother Brett. His tremendous service to the country through his work in the U.S. Forest Service is a legacy that will improve the Six Rivers National Forest for generations to come. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Daniel Dill and his many important contributions to Northern California and the U.S. Forest Service.

RECOGNIZING THE REMARKS OF  
AMBASSADOR MARTHA BÁRCENA

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 13, 2020*

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I am honored to include in the RECORD remarks made by Her Excellency, Martha Bárcena Coqui after she was recognized for the prestigious Mr. South Texas Award for the 123rd Washington's Birthday Celebration on February 22nd, 2020 in Laredo, Texas. The Mr. South Texas designation is presented to a deserving individual who has made a significant and lasting contribution to the growth and development of Laredo and the South Texas region. Ambassador Bárcena is a distinguished career diplomat and noted for being the first woman appointed Ambassador of Mexico to the United States.

AMBASSADOR MARTHA BÁRCENA'S REMARKS AT  
MR. SOUTH TEXAS LUNCHEON

I am humbled and honored to receive this recognition that showcases the closeness of our ties at a very important time.

I want to thank the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association and the International Bank of Commerce for putting together this great event.

I also want to thank Mayor of Laredo, Pete Saenz, the officials that work at the City of Laredo and the rest of the business community leaders and special guests that join us here today.

American writer James Baldwin used to say that "the past is all that makes the present coherent". Today, I believe that the present of Laredo and the U.S. cannot be understood without its shared history with Mexico.

Texas is close to us because its history is closely intertwined with Mexico and with Mexican and Latino immigrants in this country.

As the first female Ambassador of Mexico to the U.S., I have proudly repeated that the Latino community, and among them, the Mexican community, are the past, the present and the future of this country.

In fact, my own personal story reflects the stories of millions that live on either side of the border but comprise one close-knit community. My grandmother's ancestors arrived from Europe in the Mayflower and finally settled in Texas. They were what Emma Lazarus brilliantly described as the "huddled masses yearning to breathe free".

My great great grandfather, Leonard Pierce Jr., from Maine, served as President Lincoln's Consul in Matamoros, where he cared for the Confederate territory refugees and enlisted Union sympathizers. His family

finally settled in Laredo, where my grandfather, a French immigrant, married Rachel Pierce Cushman. My grandmother, Claire Jannet Pierce was born here in 1904. The family migrated to Mexico later on, but other part of the family stayed here.

That is why, the last time I was here I got to visit a school that bears the name of my great aunt, Alma Allerton Pierce Elementary.

I can feel this sense of fellowship, supported by a binational, bilingual and bicultural community, that is so characteristic of Laredo.

Our border is one of the busiest and most frequently crossed international borders in the world, but it is way more than a customs and immigration checkpoint.

When we talk about the border, we are also talking about us. We are talking about people that move, that invest, that shop and that socialize across the boundary line.

When we talk about the border we talk about ranchers, railroad builders, miners, investors and immigrants. We talk about thousands of people who cross the border every single day in both directions to work, conduct business, attend school or get medical treatment.

When I come to the border, I see an environment of opportunity defined by social and commercial exchanges, and of common natural landscapes. I also see it as the symbol of our economic stature as a region. Together, the 10 Border States would constitute the world's 4th largest economy.

Dear friends:

We are neighbors by geography, but partners and allies by choice. In less than a century, we transformed mistrust into a strong, collaborative and mutually beneficial relationship.

Our special partnership has made us grow together and prosper together. Today, the great state of Texas has witnessed firsthand the benefits of the close trade with Mexico, twenty-eight years after NAFTA was signed here in San Antonio.

Under NAFTA, exports from Texas to Mexico increased 350%. In a striking comparison, Texas' exports to Mexico are greater than all U.S. exports to Japan and India combined.

Mexico is Texas main trading partner, its first export destination and its number one source of imports.

Our bilateral trade rose to more than 200 billion dollars in 2019 and there are almost half a million Texans whose jobs depend on trade with Mexico.

Moving forward, we are confident that NAFTA successor, the US-Mexico-Canada Agreement, USMCA or TMEC, will be a strategic component for economic growth in North America and the ongoing creation of opportunities in cities like Laredo.

With the passing of USMCA, we accomplished three additional objectives:

(1) To support North America's competitiveness, with rules of origin that strengthen regional value chains

(2) To increase trade and investments, and

(3) To restore certainty and stability

Now is the time for implementation and as Laredo is the main port for bilateral trade we have multiple challenges ahead, particularly in the area of infrastructure and personnel for the port, to be able to grasp the opportunities that we have ahead of us.

But when I talk about infrastructure is not only the ports of entry, it's water sanitation, and it is also realizing that we share a common environment and discussing how are we going to deal with the challenges that a border wall will bring to that environment.

We have shared this environment for centuries, and this construction can change it permanently. This is something that we have to reflect on, because, above all, the wall

will be a symbol that will separate us, while our rivers, our landscape and our bridges had united us.

Dear all,

Mexico is well aware that all of the opportunities that stand before us cannot be fully seized, and will not be fully seized, without a careful reconsideration of the difficulties that lie ahead.

There is no silver bullet that will resolve all of our challenges overnight, but we are confident that we are moving in the right direction.

Today, the U.S.-Mexico relationship is at a crossroads, and the decisions that we take from now on will impact the direction of both our countries and the lives of millions of people.

We have sensitive pending issues like migration, where reality requires that we see it, not as a national security problem, but as a phenomenon that can allow us to establish a link between demographic profiles and labor markets.

We are convinced of the necessity of a continuous dialogue, especially on divisive issues, because as long as we remain neighbors, American and Mexican futures will be intertwined.

The role of cities like the two Laredos, its community and its values are key in this shared future. Thank you very much.

HONORING JUSTIN MITCHELL

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 13, 2020

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Justin Mitchell of Franklin-Simpson Middle School, located in Franklin, Kentucky. As an 8th Grade Social Studies teacher, Justin received the American History Teacher of the Year Award from the Kentucky Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

This prestigious honor is a testament to the professionalism Justin demands of himself every day and a recognition of the great influence he has had and will continue to have within Franklin-Simpson Middle School.

Active at the state level, working to push education into the future, Justin serves as the Vice Chair of the Education Professional Standards Board and the Assessment and Accountability Council. He continues to organize enriching trips for students to Colonial Williamsburg, VA, and teach at Western Kentucky University's Center for Gifted Studies.

He has committed his career to working with community leaders to improve opportunities for the next generation and ushering in a brighter future for the Commonwealth.

His impact on Simpson County, and public education, cannot be overstated. I've seen the great work Justin Mitchell has done, and join with all of my constituents in the 1st Congressional District of Kentucky in congratulating him.

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO ROBERT E. HILL

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 13, 2020

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, I would like to wish Mr. Robert E. Hill a happy 100th birth-

day and recognize his service to our nation as a citizen and veteran. After graduating from Paulett High School in Cooksville, Mississippi in 1939, Mr. Hill joined the United States Army. After completing Basic Training, Mr. Hill served our nation for over four years and saw service during World War II. Mr. Hill served his country honorably on the Italian Peninsula and was a part of the Rome-Arno, Northern Appennines, and Po Valley campaigns. At the end of his service, Mr. Hill held the rank of sergeant. On behalf of our country and state, I would like to thank Mr. Hill for his service to our great nation and wish him a happy birthday.

HONORING AMORY "AMO" HOUGHTON JR.

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 13, 2020

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, Amo Houghton was a dear friend and for many of us, probably the most respected member of Congress from either party. He was thoughtful, positive and constructive. When Congress was bitterly divided during the Newt Gingrich era, it seems almost quaint now, Amo stepped up to bring us together. He was always the voice for civility, thoughtful policy and bipartisanship before that became merely a talking point.

Amo was a modest, quiet, unassuming gentleman. You would never know that he was the only fortune 500 CEO to ever serve in Congress, coming from a distinguished family long successful in business, politics and philanthropy. Yet, he was unpretentious. He cared about good policy and more important than the institution, he cared about the people . . . members and staff.

He was a thoughtful conservative who voted against gimmicks like a balanced-budget amendment despite its popularity with his Republican colleagues. He was against the Iraq war when it had overwhelming support from not just the Bush administration and fellow Republicans, but the majority of the American public.

Amo was ahead of his time in so many ways.

He was deeply concerned about the human dynamic. He didn't just care about "people." He cared about you. He was a strong supporter of the "Faith and Politics" program and efforts at racial reconciliation. His was a unique voice. His positions would be almost unimaginable in today's Congress, but anyone who knew Amo would respect him and more than a few would quietly agree with him.

When I was first elected, I luckily moved into an office next to Amo's. He helped this former freshman member in innumerable ways. His wife Priscilla was herself an amazing person: strong, thoughtful, understated, and civil. She was a dedicated bike rider and was cremated in her favorite dress, wearing a bike pin as did all the ushers at the funeral.

Amo was a consistent voice for people in Congress to do the right thing. He and Priscilla touched many of our lives and made us better people. His participation and example can, and should, live on in this Congress and beyond. His friends, family, neighbors, colleagues, and admirers share a profound sense

of loss in the wake of his passing. But we are all better people for having known him and the influence he had on our lives.

CELEBRATING THE 33RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE JAMES TATUM FOUNDATION

**HON. RASHIDA TLAIB**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 13, 2020*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to the James Tatum Foundation for the Arts on the occasion of its thirty third anniversary.

The James Tatum Foundation for The Arts was founded in 1987 by a coalition of concerned educators and civic leaders who recognized vast numbers of artistically talented young people in the Metropolitan Detroit area and the lack of opportunities to nurture that talent. Since then, the James Tatum Foundation, under the leadership of James Tatum, a world-renowned jazz musician and educator, has carried out its mission to provide opportunities to young artists to develop and display their talents. Furthermore, through its Youth Scholarship Program, the Foundation works to award young people with financial assistance to help attain performing art studies beyond high school.

Over the years, the James Tatum Foundation has blossomed into one of Detroit's most distinguished nonprofit organizations, nurturing students with diverse talents by providing scholarships, mentoring and exposure. The Foundation has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars in performing arts scholarships to graduating seniors who are advancing to some of the most prestigious colleges and universities, including Juilliard School of Music, New England Conservatory of Music, Curtis Music Institute, Yale University, Oberlin Music School, and the University of Michigan School of Music.

Please join me in celebrating the thirty third anniversary of the James Tatum Foundation for the Performing Arts and the countless young people who have been able to pursue their dreams in the performing arts.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF MRS. VERLIA HOGGARD

**HON. STEVEN HORSFORD**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 13, 2020*

Mr. HORSFORD. Madam Speaker, I ask that this body recognize the life of Mrs. Verlia Hoggard, who recently passed away.

Ms. Hoggard dedicated her life to serving Las Vegas, and her consistent work to better the lives of those around her made her a fixture in our community.

As the former Director of Clark County Social Services, she dedicated her career to social work, including spending 32 years as the Director of Welfare.

Whereas most people may become bogged down after such a long career in social work—a notoriously tiring profession that asks so much of those in it—Ms. Hoggard remained

focused on those she served, demonstrating her steadfast commitment and boundless dedication to her community.

Additionally, she was active in many local, county, and state governments, as well as organizations including the NAACP, Clark County Library Board, Women's Democratic Club, the Links, Incorporated, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Even after her official work ended with her retirement in 2003, her involvement did not. She continued her longtime participation in various organizations, served on the Steward Board and Hospitality Committee.

She also remained an active member of the First African Methodist Episcopal Church, serving her community through it as well.

Beyond her work as a public official, Ms. Hoggard was known for her kind spirit, her selflessness, and her fortitude. Put simply, it was a privilege to know her.

Las Vegas is lucky to have been the place that Ms. Hoggard called home and to have benefitted tremendously from her years of service.

I am proud of the work my dear friend accomplished and honored to continue her legacy of service—pushing forward with her contributions alongside my colleagues in the Nevada delegation here in the House of Representatives, as well as those serving in the state and local governments back home.

2020 GIRL SCOUTS BIRTHDAY

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 13, 2020*

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Girl Scouts of the USA and its 108 years of building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

On March 12, 1912, Juliette Gordon Low founded the first Girl Scout troop with just 18 girls. More than 100 years later, Girl Scouts is 2.5 million strong—more than 1.7 million girls and 750,000 adults who believe in the power of every girl to change the world.

By developing girls' leadership potential—helping girls identify their passions, take the lead, and pursue their dreams—Girl Scouts has shaped generations of girls and women. Today, more than 50 million women are Girl Scout alumni, including 57 percent of women currently serving in the U.S. House of Representatives and 69 percent in the U.S. Senate.

Girl Scouts is committed to ensuring all girls develop to their full potential. The inclusive, all-female environment of a Girl Scout troop gives girls the change to try new things, develop a range of skills, take on leadership roles, and just be themselves. Girl Scouts is proven to help girls thrive in five key ways, as they develop a strong sense of self; seek challenges and learn from setbacks; display positive values; form and maintain healthy relationships; and identify and solve problems in the community. As we celebrate Girl Scouts' 108th birthday, I applaud the Girl Scout councils that serve in my community for encouraging girls to dream big and do bigger to achieve their extraordinary goals.

FEDERALLY REQUIRING EARNED EDUCATION-DEBT DISCHARGES FOR VETS ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. SUSIE LEE**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 10, 2020*

Mrs. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I would like to correct the Record. Earlier in my remarks, I stated that the Department of Education's automated loan discharge for these loans had been stalled. While they were stalled for three months, the department has resumed forgiving hundreds of millions of dollars in student loans owed by veterans with severe disabilities. This bill will require the Secretary to continue matching borrowers with data from Veterans Affairs to identify and automatically discharge the debt of matched individuals, eliminating burden on our veterans.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

**HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 13, 2020*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Women's History Month—and specifically, this year's Women's History Month.

In 2020, we celebrate 100 years since the passage of the 19th Amendment and the beginning of women's suffrage.

This is also the year in which 38 states finally ratified the Equal Rights Amendment and we held a vote on the House floor to extend the deadline for passage.

These historic milestones remind us of how hard women have worked and fought in the streets, in the courts, and in political office for the rights we have today.

But even as we celebrate the role of courageous trailblazers, we remember, too, the hidden figures whose contributions are not in our history books.

I think about the knowledge we cannot pass down, and about the women we will never know because their history was not recorded.

We've made gains in the home, in the workplace, in military service, across civil and reproductive rights, and as global leaders.

Despite that, we know that there are many places where young girls do not see what they can be—shattering elusive glass ceilings will change that.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 13, 2020*

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday I was delayed on my way to votes and unfortunately I missed the first vote. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 95.