

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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