

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE HISTORIC ROLE OF VICTORY GARDENS

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Earth Day by introducing a resolution recognizing the historic role Victory Gardens have served in strengthening our country's food security, health education; and community morale through the worst of times, including World War I, II and their current importance as we battle the current Coronavirus pandemic. I want to thank my dear colleague and proud son of Nebraska, Ranking Member JEFF FORTENBERRY, for partnering with me on this valiant endeavor.

America faced many challenges head-on during World War I and World War II, and even the youngest and oldest citizens across the country could participate. Millions came together to strengthen food security by planting Victory Gardens. Again today, we find ourselves facing a new enemy, an invisible enemy—COVID-19. Its devastation is broad and indiscriminate. Life as we have known it is forever changed. But as we seek comfort and higher purpose, the call to reignite the patriotism of Victory Gardens rings loud. Let us unite once more to strengthen community while we are apart and help supplement troubled food chains to defy and delay insecurity. The harvest of fresh fruits and vegetables in our own backyards would have an indelible impact for our families and neighbors.

This challenge presents a ripe opportunity to educate our children on the value of mother-Earth, as we implement home schooling lessons with schools shuttered. Investments, whether time, effort, or financial, in Victory Gardening will help teach our young citizens the fundamentals of healthy and nutritious food, and the sense of accomplishment that comes with cultivation. We must not let this opportunity or duty go to waste.

While we continue to combat the devastating effects of COVID-19, I urge citizens across our great nation to raise their spades and seeds, and join me in planting Victory Gardens. I urge my colleagues to support this important resolution.

RECOGNIZING MR. CALEB LYDICK

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I would like to offer my sincerest gratitude to my constituent, Mr. Caleb Lydick, for his heroic actions on April 7, 2020.

On the afternoon of April 7, Missouri State Highway Patrol and deputies with the Mont-

gomery County Sheriff's Office responded to the report of a shooting on eastbound Interstate 70, near the 175-mile marker, in Montgomery County, Missouri. The initial investigation indicated the driver of a passenger car had fired shots from a moving vehicle, striking and disabling another vehicle also traveling eastbound, causing that vehicle to come to a rest near the 175-mile marker. Thankfully, no injuries were reported.

Troopers subsequently learned that, after the victim's vehicle came to a stop, two tractor-trailer drivers parked their trucks around the van to shield it from additional gun fire. I later learned that Caleb Lydick, of Springerton, Illinois, was one of the courageous drivers who placed himself, and his truck, in harm's way to protect the disabled van. Caleb's actions that day were both courageous and selfless, and I am grateful for the men and women, like Caleb, who rise to the occasion in a moment of danger.

Madam Speaker, I thank Caleb for his bravery and wish him safe travels as he continues his essential work.

XAVIER BANKS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Xavier Banks for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Xavier Banks is a student at Arvada K-8 and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Xavier Banks is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Xavier Banks for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF HARMONY PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE CORONAVIRUS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Harmony Public School for their efforts to protect our hospital heroes on the front lines fighting the coronavirus.

As COVID-19 has rocked our communities and pushed our hospitals into overdrive, our healthcare professionals have faced a critical shortage of personal protective equipment, or PPE, such as face masks and rubber gloves. PPE provides critical protection for our doctors and nurses, shielding them from diseases like coronavirus and other biohazards.

Seeing our heroes needing help, Harmony Public School used their 3-D printer to create 2,000 plastic face shields over the course of six weeks, using modern technology to help medical professionals working to save lives.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, we send our sincerest thanks to the men and women at Harmony Public School for doing their part to help our community during these challenging times.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LAUREN OF MATHENY

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Lauren Matheny of Greensboro, North Carolina.

Lauren was born on March 30, 1971 in Gainesville, Florida and spent many of her early years in Ormond Beach.

Beyond being a devoted wife, loving mother, and friend to many, Lauren was a proud teacher at Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School in Greensboro. Words cannot do justice to the impact she had on so many students' lives.

In 2018, Lauren was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. From that time on, she courageously fought against her ailment with determination and dignity. Lauren set an example in her battle against cancer that will live on for years to come.

As an educator, she enriched the lives of her students, her children, and so many in the community. Evidence of this enrichment was demonstrated when over 300 members of her community came together to organize a fundraiser on behalf of the Matheny family.

On April 8, 2020, Lauren passed away with her family by her side. Her contributions will not soon be forgotten.

Please join me in gratitude for Lauren's life and in praying for her husband, Zack, her three children, and the entire Matheny family.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF JACK BRYANT

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember one life of far too many we have lost to the sickness spread across our nation,

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