

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 24, 2020*

Mr. McHENRY. Madam Speaker, due to a family situation, I was unable to attend yesterday's vote. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 103, and YEA on Roll Call No. 104.

HONORING THE LIFE OF THOMAS EDGAR MORGAN

**HON. BRIAN BABIN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 24, 2020*

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a long-time Lone Star lawman and Marine Corps veteran, Lieutenant Thomas Edgar "Tom" Morgan of the Harris County Sheriffs Office Reserves who passed away Monday, April 20, 2020 at the age of ninety-nine. At age ninety-eight, Lt. Morgan was Texas' oldest licensed peace officer at the time of his retirement in 2018.

Tom Morgan was born on September 20, 1920 to Claude Jefferson Morgan and Connie Kenington Morgan in Bossier City, Louisiana. Growing up poor during the Great Depression and having to work hard in order to survive developed a tremendous work ethic and sense of patriotism in young Tom Morgan.

In 1942, Tom enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at the age of twenty-one. During World War II, Tom saw action in the South Pacific during the invasions of Saipan, Guadalcanal, and Okinawa. In addition to surviving these invasions, Tom also survived the sinking of his transport ship and malaria during war-time. Tom remained on active duty in the Marine Corps until 1946 and later served for three months during the Korean War as a Reservist.

Following his military service, while in college in Louisiana, Tom met his wife Pat during a visit to Houston. He transferred to the University of Houston to complete a degree in Mechanical Engineering and to be near Pat. They married in 1947 and raised their family of three children in Pasadena, Texas. Tom had a distinguished career as a pipeline engineer for Gulf State Engineering for many years and retired in 1982 at the age of 62.

In 1992, five decades after joining the Marines and a decade after retirement, Tom decided to continue his service as a reserve deputy with the Harris County Sheriff's Office (HCSO). At age 72, Tom was the oldest rookie in the Academy. Deputy Morgan served in the HSCO Marine Division where he patrolled the waters of Lake Houston, the San Jacinto River, and the Houston Ship Channel. In 2013, our mutual friend, Representative Ted Poe, honored Lt. Morgan when he reached

20,000 hours of service with the Sheriff's Office. After serving as a Reserve Deputy for twenty-six years, Tom Morgan retired as a Lieutenant at the age of ninety-eight, earning the title of the Lone Star State's oldest lawman.

Tom reflected God's love daily in his service to others and leaves quite a legacy. A committed Christian, he spent much of his life as an active member of First Baptist Church or United City Church in Humble. He also enjoyed playing dominoes, dancing, and spending time with friends at the Humble Senior Activity Center.

Tom is preceded in death by his loving wife of sixty-one years, Nana Lou "Pat" Morgan who passed away December 26, 2008. He is survived by his three children: Carol Green and husband Larry of Deer Park, Kathy Denton of Kingwood, and Tommy Morgan Jr. and wife Betty of Baytown, Texas. Tom had seven grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I would like to thank the family of Lieutenant Morgan for Tom's faithful service and devotion to his country and community. My thoughts and prayers remain with his family and friends.

BAILEE SMITH

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 24, 2020*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Bailee Smith for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Bailee Smith is a 10th grader at Vantage Point High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Bailee Smith 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 Bailee Smith for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

COMMEMORATING THE 105TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

**HON. TJ COX**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 24, 2020*

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, today marks the 105th anniversary of the Ar-

menian Genocide—an atrocity perpetrated by the Ottoman Empire that killed over 1.5 million Armenians, as well as Assyrians, Greeks, and other Christian peoples. Over a century later, we memorialize this tragedy alongside the vibrant Armenian-American community in the Central Valley and across our great nation. We must never forget the families torn apart, the lives lost, and the immense impact the Armenian Genocide had from 1915 until now.

While we remember the past, we must also recognize the progress we've made. This Congress, both the House and the Senate officially recognized the Armenian Genocide for the first time in history. I am so proud to have been a part of that important milestone for the Armenian community, while reiterating our nation's commitment to acknowledging human rights violations.

It is difficult to find an Armenian today without a family story of genocide. These stories show us just how long-lasting and detrimental the effects of brutality can be. They also highlight the importance of promoting peaceful and constructive relationships between nations, while condemning perpetrators who deny their history of violence.

Whether it be in the past, present, or future, we must take a stand against genocide and genocide denial across the world. The Armenian people do not stand for it, and neither should America. We must reassess our relationships with nations that continue to deny the Armenian Genocide and continue forward with policies of justice and morality.

DAVID PINALES

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 24, 2020*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud David Pinales for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

David Pinales is a 10th grader at Bollman Technical Education Center/Legacy High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by David Pinales 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 David Pinales for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

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