

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF OVERLAND PARK POLICE OFFICER MIKE MOSHER

HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 8, 2020

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Officer Mike Mosher who was killed in the line of duty on May 3, 2020. Officer Mosher served with the Overland Park Police Department for 14 years and was the President of the Overland Park Fraternal Order of Police.

Officer Mosher was passionate about his job and served valiantly in our community. He is described by colleagues, friends, and family as a dedicated father and a true gentleman. In 2018, Officer Mosher was one of two officers to stop an active shooter. He earned the Gold Valor Award and was named Officer of the Year at the Metro Chiefs Awards for Valor. Officer Mosher also loved bringing the community together. He organized events like Shop with a Cop, served as a field training officer, and played a major role in starting the Shoot for the Gold fundraiser, which raised tens of thousands of dollars for the Special Olympics.

My thoughts are with Officer Mosher's wife and daughter during this difficult time. I join the Overland Park community in expressing my deep gratitude for Officer Mosher's service as we mourn his passing.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF EARL G. GRAVES, SR.

HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY III

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 8, 2020

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and legacy of Earl G. Graves, Sr., a business icon, civil rights legend, and close friend to my grandfather.

Born in Brooklyn in 1935, Mr. Graves was the child of hardworking immigrants from Barbados and Trinidad. After graduating with a business degree from Morgan State University and spending time in the United States Army, he moved back home to the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood and immediately began serving his community.

As part of his organizing work, Mr. Graves helped organize a rally for my grandfather, Robert F. Kennedy in the mid-1960s. My grandfather was so impressed that he offered Mr. Graves a job almost immediately as an administrative assistant in his Senate office. From there, he used his business acumen to launch a newsletter to support the Black business community, which eventually evolved into Black Enterprise.

More than just a conventional publication, Black Enterprise lifted up the successes of

Black businessmen and women. Within its pages, Mr. Graves empowered his community and gave voice to minority-owned businesses across the country. He led by example, and our nation is better for the course he set.

Beyond his professional career, Earl was a devoted husband to Barbara Kydd and a loving, proud father of three sons, Earl Jr., John, and Michael.

As they mourn his loss and as this Nation that he helped build celebrates his memory, our hearts are with every single person whose life he touched.

HONORING IOWA'S VOLUNTEERS AS IOWANS OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 8, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the Iowans making a difference during National Volunteer Week by helping local families keep food on the table during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. The efforts of each individual working to support our most vulnerable populations are commendable, and for that I am naming these volunteers Iowan of the Week.

National Volunteer Week, observed April 19–25 this year, provides an opportunity to reflect on the importance of giving back to our communities. Volunteerism, even in its simplest forms, has the power to be transformative; this is something Iowans know to be true. Our values of hard work, selflessness, and contributing to build a stronger community are reflected in the way Iowans lead their daily lives. While we may shine a light on volunteerism this week, Iowans engage in giving back year-round.

As communities across my district face the devastating impacts of COVID–19, we've seen a significant rise in the number of individuals turning to food banks for support. In the past few weeks, the pandemic has caused an historic leap in unemployment. Families' budgets have become more strained and those who were already food-insecure have been pushed to their limits. And while schools remain closed, we've faced growing concerns for children who rely on their school meals for their daily nutritional needs.

In the last two weeks of March alone, the DMARC Food Pantry Network saw more than 1,000 people make their first-ever visit to the pantry. That is quadruple the number of first-time users DMARC recorded during the first half of March.

Amidst those sobering statistics, we've also seen men and women step up in droves to lend their time, talent, and resources to keep others from going hungry. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the workers and volunteers at food banks and school meal distribution sites in central and southwest Iowa.

Time and again in recent weeks, I've seen Iowans take action to make sure their neighbors have safe access to essential nutrition. Volunteers are not only donating food at increased rates, but are also putting on masks and gloves and showing up at their local food banks to assemble thousands of meals for delivery to those who need support or can't risk leaving their homes. Food Bank of Iowa had 570 volunteers dedicate just shy of 3,000 hours last month even with the new restrictions on how many volunteers can be in the facilities at one time.

Volunteers have donated hundreds of masks to be used by drivers and others working in the pantries. One group of 15 volunteers turned 3,000 tee shirts into totes that Food Bank of Iowa now uses to distribute food. And the organization's Backpack sacks and bags that are distributed to children across its service area have been filled with inspirational cards made by families at home.

Our schools have also worked tirelessly to continue to provide meals for their students now learning at home. Des Moines Public Schools, the largest school district in Iowa, has successfully banded together district employees and dedicated volunteers to distribute 18,000 meals Monday through Thursday, plus 54,000 meals on Fridays, to ensure its students aren't trying to learn on an empty stomach.

I stand before you today humbled, yet again, at the perseverance of my constituents in Iowa's Third District in the face of this pandemic. Iowans have continued to rise to the occasion and support those in need, even at the risk of their own health. I started Iowan of the Week knowing we would never face a shortage of incredible people to highlight, and this pandemic has brought out even more everyday heroes who deserve recognition. It is my privilege to honor the workers and volunteers of Iowa's food banks and school meal distribution sites as Iowans of the Week.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF DONALD KENNEDY

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 8, 2020

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and work of an extraordinary American, Donald Kennedy.

Donald Kennedy was born in New York City to Barbara Bean and William Dorsey Kennedy, on August 18, 1931, and died in Redwood City, California on April 21, 2020.

Donald Kennedy's career was long, productive and illustrious. He received his BA, MS and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard University. He began as a biology teacher at Syracuse University, then became an Assistant Professor at Stanford University in 1960, earning tenure in 1962, and he was made Chair of the Department of Biology in the School of Humanities and Sciences in 1967. In 1976 he

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