

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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was awarded the Dinkelspiel Award for Outstanding Service to Undergraduate Education, one of Stanford's highest honors, and served as a trustee of the David and Lucile Packard Foundation. During the Carter Administration he served as Commissioner of the FDA, where he dealt with many controversies, earning the praise of consumers and industry alike for his leadership. He returned to Stanford in 1979 and became its eighth president in 1980. During his distinguished tenure he grew the University's endowment to \$2 billion, inaugurated overseas campuses in Japan and England, established the Haas Center for Public Service and the Stanford-in-Washington campus. In 1992 he resigned from the presidency, and remained at Stanford. In 2000 he became Editor-in-Chief of *Science*, a post he held until 2008. He received the Carl Sagan Prize for Science Popularization, and was a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Academy of Sciences. He was the author of several books including his memoir, *A Place in the Sun*.

No list of Donald Kennedy's extraordinary accomplishments can describe the man he was. Proud yet humble, erudite and playful, and beloved by his students. I was privileged to call him my friend, and I'm exceedingly grateful to have benefitted from his wise counsel.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in extending our condolences to Donald Kennedy's wife Robin, and his children Page Kennedy Rochon (Mark); Julia Kennedy Tussing (Ted); Cameron Kennedy (Rick Desimone); and Jamie Hamill (Rosario), and nine grandchildren. Donald Kennedy made our country stronger and made our world a better place. He will always be missed by all those who had the good fortune to know him, and he will be a lasting source of inspiration to the generations he helped shape.

AMERICA'S GLOBAL LEADERSHIP DURING COVID-19

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 8, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise with deep concern regarding the state of U.S. leadership during the global COVID-19 pandemic. Tragically, over 200,000 people have died worldwide, with more than 3 million confirmed cases. This likely represents just the tip of the viral iceberg.

The Coronavirus pandemic has caused the worst global health crisis since the 1918 Spanish flu epidemic.

Real leadership could have contained this devastation. Instead of leading the global response though, the Administration ignored repeated warnings from his intelligence experts and undermined the seriousness of the threat. Those at the very top called it a hoax, squabbled over the name of the virus, undermined G-7 unity, closed the U.S. border with Europe without consulting our closest allies, and significantly delayed the opportunity to slow the spread of the disease both globally and domestically.

Worse yet, despite warnings during the administration transition of the possible security

threats of a viral pandemic, they hollowed out and eliminated the National Security Council's Directorate for Global Health Security and Bio-defense at Home. Now, we face the highest number of reported infections in the world, with more than 970,000 cases, and an alarming risk of spread rates because we still lack adequate testing capabilities.

In the absence of American leadership, malign actors including China, Russia and Cuba have filled the void. They provided and pledged humanitarian assistance to Italy, the Philippines, and other nations in desperate need of assistance. Authoritarian governments have used the ensuing chaos to consolidate their rule. Take Russian President Putin's constitutional referendum to extend presidential term limits or Hungarian Prime Minister Orbán's recent parliamentary moves to rule by decree. But worse yet, also to spread misinformation about the disease and democratic response. Threatening further the domestic political divisions already ripe with tension.

What makes our nation great is not only the American people's ingenuity to solve problems at home, but also our generosity and creativity to lead with our values when the world faces crisis. Six years ago, the U.S. led the fight against the Ebola crisis from the beginning. We developed, coordinated, and led a worldwide response to the Ebola outbreak, as well as strengthened our preparedness at home. As a result, we stopped the outbreak and kept the homeland safe.

It is long past time for the Administration to play a leading role in the global pandemic coordination response. As the richest nation on earth with leading global health experts, real leadership would coordinate and contain the virus domestically then turn to aid the international community. Real leadership would not cast blame and withhold international aid to organizations leading the global fight. Real leadership would be fully supporting critical, independent news outlets like Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty and Voice of America who are providing credible news services and countering Russian and Chinese disinformation.

Americans are at risk of further waves of infection back in the homeland. The most vulnerable around the world are suffering. Global coordination and collaboration is vital, not only to keep Americans safe, but also to maintain the U.S.'s position as the leader of the free world and to maintain democratic values in countries across the globe.

RECOGNIZING THE SACOMANI FAMILY

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 8, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael and Tonya Sacomani and their kids for turning the difficulties of social distancing and confinement into a positive.

The Sacomani's had to quickly adapt after their family trip, a cruise for the kids' spring break, was canceled due to COVID-19.

During these long days of social distancing and isolation, the Sacomani's turned to a camping staycation in their own backyard, which backs up to the Saline River.

The Sacomani's made it their family mission to clean up as much of the Saline River as they can during the quarantine.

Their list of cleaned up trash is incredible, so far including refrigerators, stoves, ski boats lodged in trees, a hot tub lodged in a tree, and hundreds of tires.

I would like to extend a hand of gratitude to the Sacomani's for their worthwhile commitment to hard work, our environment and natural resources.

HONORING OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 8, 2020

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor our law enforcement officers from across our nation. This year National Police Week kicks off on May 10, which we dedicate time on the calendar to honor, remember, and celebrate American Law Enforcement.

Since 1962, National Police Week continues to pay special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

Each year, hundreds of American law enforcement officers are killed in the line of duty. In respect, honor, and remembrance their names are added to the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. This year, 307 names are being engraved on those walls, adding to the nearly 22,000 killed in the line of duty already memorialized there.

Our law enforcement officers protect our communities by keeping us safe from harm, and even putting their own lives in jeopardy to save ours. Throughout my district, I've seen firsthand how committed our local officers are in keeping our communities safe and striving to protect our families by acting courageously when they come across harm.

Given the unprecedented health threat of COVID-19, our law enforcement officers remain committed to serving our people. I would like to take this time to thank our brave men and women for risking their lives every single day.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring our brave men and women who serve in our front lines and for all our fallen heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF ISAAC ROBINSON

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 8, 2020

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Isaac Robinson, a public servant from the State of Michigan, who tragically lost his life to illness, suspected COVID-19.

Born and raised in Michigan, Isaac Robinson grew up with a strong interest in politics. His mother, former Michigan State Representative Rose Mary Robinson, was among the