

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING ASIAN PACIFIC
AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Mr. CASE. Madam Speaker, our country has officially observed each May since 1992 as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, recognizing the extraordinary contributions of our Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) community to the rich fabric and history of our nation.

May is especially important to me as the proud Representative of Hawaii's First Congressional District with the largest population of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders of any district in our country. For over a century and continuing through the present and into tomorrow, Hawaii has produced repeated accomplished AANHPI "firsts" in government who have left a lasting impact on our state and country, including Territorial Delegate Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole, Senator Hiram Fong, Senator Daniel Inouye, Senator Daniel Akaka, Congresswoman Patsy Mink, Governors John Waihe'e, Ben Cayetano and George Ariyoshi, as well as my current colleagues Senator MAZIE HIRONO and Congresswoman TULSI GABBARD. I am also proud to have served as a young staffer on Capitol Hill for my own mentor, the late Senator Spark Matsunaga.

But the accomplishments of Hawaii's Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander community extend well beyond the realm of politics and government into all areas of our society including science, law, sports, business, music, arts and culture and more. We are so proud to remember individuals like astronaut Ellison Onizuka, Judge Herbert Choy, entrepreneur Robert Taira, singer Don Ho, Olympic swimmer Duke Kahanamoku, golfer Michelle Wie, Native Hawaiian navigator Nainoa Thompson, boxer Brian Viloria, actor Jason Momoa, singer and songwriter Bruno Mars and so many more.

The year 2020 also marks the 120th anniversary of Okinawan immigration to Hawaii. On January 8, 1900, twenty-six men from Okinawa arrived in Honolulu as part of the first group of contract laborers. Like so many other AANHPI communities, Okinawan immigrants initially faced discrimination but through their own hard work and sacrifice, our Okinawan community has contributed deeply to the economic achievements and cultural richness of our state. Today, persons of Okinawan descent are deeply integrated into Hawaii's political, economic and social life, and I am proud to serve as their Representative here in Congress.

In Hawaii and across America, AANHPI communities are as diverse as they are accomplished. But while our country has made significant progress in increasing visibility and expanding opportunities for all Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders,

there is much work still to be done. Disparities in economic opportunity, education, health care and more between AANHPI and other communities and within subgroups of our AANHPI community persist.

These disparities have become all the more apparent amidst this COVID-19 pandemic. Across our country, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities have been especially hard hit, reporting infection rates up to three times higher than the rest of the population. At the same time, across the country, Americans of Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander descent are working on the front lines to care for their fellow Americans and keep our country going. Their strength and resilience alongside our fellow Americans are truly inspiring. As a member of executive board of our Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, I will continue to work to protect the health and wellbeing of our entire AANHPI community both in Hawaii and across the country during this difficult time.

During this Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, while we celebrate the accomplishments of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities in my district, in Hawaii and across America, we must also rededicate ourselves to continuing to empower and uplift all Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities and individuals.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CHANGE
OF COMMAND OF COLONEL TERRENCE A. ADAMS

HON. JOE CUNNINGHAM

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Change of Command of Colonel Terrence A. Adams, whose presence will be greatly missed in the Lowcountry.

Before joining the Air Force, Colonel Adams began his military career in the U.S. Army, where he served for seven years. He entered the Air Force through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program after graduating from Auburn University with a degree in Computer Information Systems. In addition to his degree from Auburn, he holds a Master of Business Administration from Troy State University, a Master of Arts in Military Operational Art and Science from the Air Command and Staff College, and a Master of Arts in National Security Strategy from the National War College.

Since his first assignment in the Air Force as team for an ACC Computer System Squadron, he has built a remarkable record of leadership, holding squadron and group level command six times. His service includes deployments to Oman, Iraq, and Qatar in support of Operations Southern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, New Dawn, as well as the Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa.

Throughout this service, Colonel Adams earned numerous distinguished awards, including the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

Though his tour as Commander of the 628th Air Wing and Joint Base Charleston has ended, Colonel Adams will long be remembered for his lasting contributions to our community. He established the Lowcountry Defense Community Partnership Council, a civilian-military program intended to strengthen the relationship between the Lowcountry civilian community and the base. He oversaw the base's response to Hurricane Dorian, Hurricane Florence, and most recently, the COVID-19 pandemic. And he was also honored with the Military Service Award at the Black Engineer of the Year STEM Global Competitiveness Conference for his work to inspire students to work in cyber, STEM, or aviation and build pipelines for them to succeed.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Colonel Adams for his accomplishments as Commander of Joint Base Charleston. On behalf of my constituents in the Lowcountry, I thank him for his service to our community.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2020 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 19

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the quarterly CARES Act report to Congress.

WEBEX

3 p.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Beth Harwell, of Tennessee,

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