

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO
MARK PETTITT FOR HIS SERVICE
TO AMERICA

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, after ably and honorably serving as my chief of staff for more than 9 years, Mark Pettitt will retire in June. Mark has provided exceptional leadership, and I've greatly benefited from having him as my chief advisor. I will miss his sound and candid guidance.

When asked how he came to be my chief of staff, Mark will often reply, "I complained about politics too many times to an old friend." That is only partly true. Really, it was Mark's deeply ingrained sense of patriotism that led him to Capitol Hill.

Mark's tenure as chief of staff caps an already exemplary career as a successful private sector engineer. For Mark, there are few more patriotic acts than simply working hard and contributing each day to America's economic and industrial prowess.

Mark worked hard throughout his career. He earned both his masters and undergraduate degrees in engineering from Brigham Young University. He served as an R&D Engineer and Project Manager at Wylie Laboratories in Huntsville, Alabama from 1978 to 1989. While at Wylie, Mark earned his Professional Engineer license. He went on to work as an Executive Consultant and Product Manager for Intergraph Corporation from 1989 to 2010. As an aside, Mark is a 10th degree Jiu Jitsu black belt.

Given his private sector background, Mark offers a unique perspective on federal policy issues. Always one to put America first, Mark has been particularly active in addressing America's trade imbalances and has long advocated for trade policies that benefit American workers.

As Mark's career concludes, I cannot thank him enough for the value he provided me, the Tennessee Valley, and America. I wish Mark joy and contentment as he embarks on this next phase of life. He is looking forward to enjoying well-deserved time with his wife, Diane, five children—John, Jared, Ben, Nichole, and Joseph—and 12 grandchildren. Mark has earned every bit of that family time.

America is a stronger, more prosperous nation thanks to Mark's exemplary career.

HONORING SWEET MAGNOLIAS
DELI AND GRILLE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, in the midst of the Wuhan Virus pan-

demia it is so inspiring to learn of citizens volunteering to assist persons in need. A classic example is Aimee Crosby of Pelion, South Carolina, who was highlighted in the article, "How sweet it is" by Kay Collins on April 23rd in *The Lexington Chronicle*:

A special recognition to Sweet Magnolias Deli Grille for partnering with the Pelion Senior Center to aid their Meals On Wheels. Owner Aimee Crosby advised WLTX that they have been able to keep all of their employees on the payroll. Because the community has been supportive, they wanted to pay it forward.

Sweet Magnolias joined Meals On Wheels to provide homebound seniors additional meals to have enough food to last all week. The meals include one meat and three sides, a roll and dessert. Each plate has enough food for 2 meals. The community has donated \$600 and aims to raise \$5,000 for 20 weeks of meals.

The restaurant has started a GoFundMe page to help raise money. To donate please visit Sweet Magnolia's Facebook page or GoFundMe.com "Bridging the Gap—Pelion." Call Aimee Crosby during normal business hours for details.

Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission, Council of Aging thanks Sweet Magnolias who generously donated their time and resources to make sure 25 homebound seniors are not forgotten. Their Eastern dinners were delivered by Laura Dowey, Pelion's Senior Center Director, and her daughter.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2020

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Police Week. Taking place during the week of May 10 through 16, 2020, National Police Week highlights our brave men and women in uniform for all their hard work keeping their communities safe. In the Fourth District of Colorado we are lucky to have many exemplary law enforcement officers serving the public every day. These dedicated individuals risk their lives to protect others and are deserving of our deepest gratitude, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. I am proud to celebrate the many law enforcement officers in Colorado.

I also rise to recognize the ultimate sacrifice made by several police officers while serving in Colorado's 4th district. Corporal Daniel H. Groves of the Colorado State Patrol was killed in a vehicle accident during a blizzard on March 13, 2019. He was assisting a motorist who had skidded off the road when another vehicle lost control and struck him. Master Trooper William James Moden, also of the Colorado State Patrol, was killed while assisting at the scene of a previous accident on June 14, 2019. He was also tragically struck by a passing vehicle. These brave men, both of whom had twelve years of dedicated serv-

ice to the Colorado State Patrol, died serving their communities and it is an honor to recognize them for their sacrifice.

HONORING CHING KA LAU AS A
DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL
FLORIDA FOR ASIAN
AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Ching Ka Lau, a native of Hong Kong, has been a resident of Orlando since 1999. In 2005, Mr. Lau and his wife, Shally Wong, first published *Asia Trend Magazine*, which has become a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with the mission of strengthening understanding and communication for the local Asian American community.

Over many years, Mr. Lau has worked tirelessly together with local volunteers and community leaders to organize enriching cultural events in Central Florida, including the very first annual Dragon Parade in Orlando's Mills 50 District during the Lunar New Year, the Asian Cultural Festival during May, and the Asian Cultural EXPO in October. These cultural events have helped bridge together thousands of members of the community in sharing the culture of Asia with local Central Florida residents, particularly the youth, and helping to foster pride, inclusion, and diversity. For his work with Asia Trend, Mr. Lau received the Ellison S. Onizuka Humanitarian Award at the 2010 Asian American Chamber of Commerce of Central Florida Golden Dragons Awards. Mr. Lau and Asia Trend work together with many groups of amazing and passionate volunteers who come together to educate, connect and engage the community in discussions about Asia's history, arts, and cultures.

Ching Ka Lau is also one of the founders of CHARGE Dragon Boat Team, the first Asian American team to promote the ancient Chinese sport of dragon boating in the community for team building, unity, and a healthy lifestyle.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 102ND
ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 102nd Anniversary of the Democratic Republic of Azerbaijan.

On May 28, 1918, Azerbaijan gained independence from the Russian Empire and became the first secular parliamentary democracy in the Muslim world. Unfortunately, Vladimir Lenin's Bolsheviks invaded Azerbaijan in

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