

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 108TH
BIRTHDAY OF LUCILLE DOROTHY
GREWE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my heartfelt congratulations to Lucille Grewe as she celebrates her 108th birthday on Tuesday, June 2nd, 2020. This significant milestone is worthy of commendation.

Lucille Grewe was born in 1912 and grew up in the small town of Buckner, Illinois. As the third of five children born to Ernst and Bertha Grewe, Lucille fondly remembers playing outside with her family and walking with her siblings to deliver coffee and a lunch bucket to her father during his lunch break at the mines.

Throughout her life, Lucille has experienced a tremendous amount of change. She grew up in simpler times without telephones, few automobiles, and limited women's rights, and she has been a witness to some of America's most defining and challenging moments. At the young age of three, Lucille remembers watching her cousin from her back porch as he walked off to serve in World War I. Several years later, she lived through the ratification of the 19th Amendment, granting women the right to vote. By the 1930s, Lucille worked alongside her mother and siblings on a family farm, raising livestock and harvesting crops, to help her family endure the difficulties of the Great Depression.

When Lucille was in her 20s, she followed her older sister Alma to Detroit, Michigan. She found a job at Briggs Automotive working on car bodies at the Mack Avenue Plant, where she earned 40 cents an hour. After the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, Lucille stepped up to America's call. She was transferred to Brigg's Connor Avenue Plant to work as a riveter on Boeing B-17 wings for the duration of World War II until 1946. As a Rosie the Riveter, Lucille's hard work, grit, and patriotism not only sustained the American war effort, but paved a path for generations of working women to follow. After the war, Lucille returned to the Mack Avenue Plant to work on car bodies once more. She remained with the company through its transition to Chrysler, and finally retired in 1971 at the age of 59.

Since retirement, Lucille has taken up a number of hobbies including swimming, bowling, and traveling. Today, she enjoys playing cards, specifically pinochle, and spending time with her friends. Lucille is known for her great attitude, sense of humor, and enthusiasm. She has been both an inspiration and a mentor to many, and she continues to live a fruitful life.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Lucille Dorothy Grewe on her 108th birthday. I join with Lucille's family and friends in extending my best and warmest wishes to her on this special day. I am proud to honor her life, her accomplishments, and her invaluable contributions to our nation.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN SAM
JOHNSON

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2020

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former Congressman, War Hero, and Chairman of the Ways and Means Social Security Subcommittee Sam Johnson.

Sam Johnson was an iconic American war hero. He epitomized the stoic silence and toughness needed to persevere through his captivity by the Viet Cong. He was a decent, caring, and humble American whose nobility was measured by his actions, not his words. Engraved above the Speaker's rostrum in the House of Representatives it says, 'that we may in our day and generation perform something worthy to be remembered.' Sam Johnson lived up to that. He would look you in the eye and his word was his bond. He never sought the limelight; he always just sought to do what was right.

Johnson served 29 successful years in the Air Force and spent seven of those years as a prisoner of war. He shared many stories from the years he was held captive. Johnson was a staunch patriot, often expressing his deeply held patriotism as cause for his civil service. A result of his dedication, he was awarded two Silver Stars, two Legions of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, one Bronze Star with Valor, two Purple Hearts, four Air Medals, three Outstanding Unit Awards, and the Freedom of Flight award. As a sincere supporter of the military, Johnson worked to enact the Military Family Tax Relief Act of 2003, which increased benefits to members of the armed forces and their families.

Johnson represented Texas for almost 28 years, the oldest Member of Congress, when he retired in 2019. Serving as the Chair of the Ways and Means Social Security Subcommittee, Johnson was committed to Social Security solvency. He never wavered on the importance of our seniors retiring securely and often expressed concern for future beneficiaries. I was privileged to serve as the Ranking Democrat alongside Sam Johnson during his time as Chairman of the Social Security Subcommittee and will always cherish the friendship we formed.

In 2016, Johnson rightfully received the Congressional Patriot Award alongside JOHN LEWIS. They were the first recipients of the award. It was presented to them by two other American heroes, Ambassador Andrew Young Jr. and the late Senator John McCain. Johnson and LEWIS are two giants of American history and are reminders that patriotism knows no party. I was honored to have a part in celebrating them both that night.

America and the United States Congress lost a true hero with his passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. He will be dearly missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2020

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, due to a personal matter, I was unable to make the vote series. Had I been present, I would have voted "Nay" on Roll Call No. 115.

RECOGNIZING AMBER HARBIN

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Amber Harbin, a science teacher at Forest Heights Stem Academy.

Amber was recently named the Little Rock School District's 2020 Teacher of the Year.

This award recognizes a devotion to education, with high-quality teaching, community service, and leadership.

As a result of her hard work, Amber was also awarded the Marian G. Lacey Educator of the Year Award, a top award within the Little Rock School District.

Amber's dedication to her students has been evident throughout her 13-year career as a science teacher most recently at Forest Heights Stem Academy.

Amber Harbin's commitment to education is one all Americans and Arkansans can admire.

I'd like to thank Amber, and all of the dedicated educators throughout Arkansas, for service and leadership in these trying times for central Arkansas's communities.

RECOGNIZING HARDWORKING
AMERICANS DURING
CORONAVIRUS

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2020

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I am here today to point out how some people rise to the occasion during times of crisis, and by simply doing their jobs, they rise above the confusion and exceed the performance and expectations of those around them. Specifically, I am talking about the coronavirus pandemic, and not just its national impact, but its impact in our capital of Washington, D.C. The capital became a ghost town in March and April, and even in May, as restaurants everywhere were closed and everyone sheltered in place. There were very few options and very few restaurants that had the team spirit and determination to stay open.

But there was one restaurant, a McDonald's in Southwest, D.C., at 400 C St. S.W., that

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