

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND LOUIS P. SHELDON

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 15, 2020*

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an individual, Reverend Louis P. Sheldon, who passed away at the age of 85 on May 29, 2020 in Orange County, California.

Born in Washington, D.C. in 1934, Sheldon became a Christian in his teens and earned a B.S. in history from Michigan State University in 1957. Sheldon and his wife, Beverly, married on August 24, 1957 and had four children. In 1960, Sheldon was ordained a Presbyterian minister. He would go on to serve as a pastor for churches in North Dakota and California. After spending 52 years in the Presbyterian church, Sheldon left in 2012 and was ordained as an Anglican priest.

Throughout his life Sheldon was a grassroots religious organizer and active advocate on many social and religious liberty issues in Washington, D.C. On many issues, Sheldon built coalitions encompassing hundreds, if not thousands, of churches across the nation. He was also a vocal proponent of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas during his nomination process, organizing the support of many churches and religious leaders.

I had the pleasure of knowing Sheldon throughout my time serving in Congress. He was a tremendously patriotic man of faith. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the Sheldon family and to all those who knew Rev. Sheldon.

HONORING IZAAH KNOX AS THE IOWAN OF THE WEEK

**HON. CYNTHIA AXNE**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 15, 2020*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Izaah Knox, community leader and Executive Director of Des Moines' own Urban Dreams, as our Iowan of the Week.

Service for the betterment of others is more than a hallmark of Izaah's career: it's his life-style. He's the epitome of a "walk the walk" leader—involved in all manners of activities intended to educate, empower, and raise up individuals in his community.

In his role as Executive Director of Urban Dreams, he leads a team of similarly dedicated Iowans within the heart of urban Des Moines to provide human service programs to the underserved and underrepresented. The non-profit offers critical services like outpatient substance abuse treatment and OWI weekend diversion classes, employment and after-school IT programs, community-police relations initiatives, mental health treatment, and

nonpartisan voter education. They're currently working on a project to build a community park adjacent to the Urban Dreams building so neighbors can gather, celebrate, and engage with one another. Despite narrow operating margins and much to do, Izaah is consistently finding ways to strengthen and expand programming to serve more Iowans in need.

Outside of Urban Dreams, Izaah sits on many boards and commissions working to raise awareness and combat issues of poverty, substance abuse, racial injustice, and urban blight. He's a past chair and current commissioner on the Des Moines Human and Civil Rights Commission, a Social Capital Tri-Chair for the Capital Crossroads project to address diversity and inclusion within metro Des Moines, and a board member for The Guardian Project to strengthen ties between Des Moines Police officers and community members. While there are more formal roles to mention, I'd rather note how Izaah also spends mornings having breakfast with students at Des Moines North High School. His efforts to make meaningful connections and address tough issues head on are leadership in action.

This honor today is hardly the first to recognize the unique determination and impact of Izaah Knox. In 2012, he was awarded the United States of America President's Volunteer Service Award, and in 2013 he was named one of Iowa's most influential people by the Des Moines Register. In 2016 he became one of the Des Moines Business Record's Forty Under 40. Central Iowa is watching this leader grow and recognizing his accomplishments along the way, and for very good reason.

Our future as a nation depends on the strength of our neighborhoods and communities; that's never been more evident than during these past few months. As COVID-19 spread, Izaah and the Urban Dreams team kept serving those in need by giving away free, hot meals in Evelyn K. Davis Park, providing mental health and substance abuse services through telehealth, and meeting in smaller groups to continue workforce training. And as protesters took to the streets following George Floyd's murder, Izaah has been there night after night to protect and support the youth voices leading the movement. His steady presence and dedication are helping guide Des Moines through these uncertain times.

Advocates like Izaah—those who are passionate about lifelong learning, connecting with people, and doing the work—are our most valuable agents of change. They push all of us to reflect on where we can be giving more of ourselves to make things better for those around us. We need people like Izaah to keep us moving forward. We need organizations like Urban Dreams to thrive so the individuals they serve can meet their highest potential. When we lift up one another, the whole community does better. That's something Izaah Knox not only understands, but also embodies, and it is my distinct honor to recognize him as our Iowan of the Week.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PLASTIC WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING ACT

**HON. HALEY M. STEVENS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 15, 2020*

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I am proud to introduce the Plastic Waste Reduction and Recycling Act with my colleague Representative GONZALEZ, as well as Chairwoman EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON and Ranking Member FRANK LUCAS, who have joined us as leading cosponsors of this bipartisan bill.

Plastic is invaluable in many applications. It's used as a high-performance material for medical devices and in safety components for automobiles. Plastic is also convenient. It's a mainstay in American households from our toothbrushes to food storage to shampoo and detergent bottles. Global plastic production increased from 2 million tons per year in 1950 to 400 million tons annually in recent years. What happens to all of the discarded plastic is why I am introducing this legislation today.

We can no longer deny that we face a plastic waste crisis. In 2018, the U.S. woke up to the fragile predicament of our plastic waste management system. No longer able to ship our plastic waste to international markets, U.S. cities were forced to cut longstanding recycling programs. Instead, they had to resort to incinerating recyclables or tossing them in landfills. There are plenty of reasons for why and how we got here; however, a major factor is because we failed as a nation to invest in domestic recycling infrastructure and policies to account for the growing demand for plastic. As a result, today, the U.S. recycles just 9 percent of its plastic waste.

The Plastic Waste Reduction and Recycling Act directs the establishment of a plastic waste reduction and recycling research and development program to develop a world-leading U.S. industry in advanced plastics recycling technologies, and unleash the innovative potential of our nation to address our plastic waste crisis and generate greater value from the plastics we do produce.

This approach has the potential to create jobs, develop supply chains, and meet environmental needs.

Most notably, this legislation authorizes research and development across several agencies and a range of topics, including plastics that are recyclable by design, next generation recycling technologies, upcycling into high-value products, and environmental impacts of plastic waste. This bill also calls on the Federal government to develop a strategic plan for plastic waste reduction and recycling and plastic waste remediation and to develop partnerships with States, local governments, academia, industry, and international partners to achieve those goals.

Finally, this legislation would help ensure U.S. leadership in national and international research and standards development for plastics recycling technologies. Advanced sorting

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technologies and updated standards are urgently needed for characterizing the multi-layered plastic packaging materials used today. Most consumers are not even aware that many of these materials are not easily recycled by most local materials recovery facilities, which just exacerbates the challenges for the facilities, even as consumers are trying to do their part.

This bill alone will not solve the plastic waste crisis in this country, but it is an essential and important step. Supporting this bill is an investment in our recycling industry and a demonstration of our recommitment to American manufacturing jobs and the ingenuity so very much needed at this time in our nation's history. I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan bill and see it signed into law.

HONORING NANCY ROSSMAN, A  
CHAMPION FOR THE MINNESOTA  
RECOVERY COMMUNITY

**HON. TOM EMMER**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 15, 2020*

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Nancy Rossman of the Central Minnesota Mental Health Center (CMMHC). For over sixteen years, Nancy has served as the Program Director for the center's Detox Program and designated Registered Nurse for their Crisis Program.

Nancy joined CMMHC in 1972 after completing her nursing degree at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph. Since then, Nancy has dedicated what can only be described as a lifetime of service to CMMHC and the Detox Program, acting as a community-based case manager to patients in need.

Nancy's career spans the Detox Program's whole lifetime, and indeed, Nancy is the program's "unofficial historian." Her work has not only impacted countless patients, but also given them the greatest possible gift—a second chance at life.

I congratulate Nancy on her retirement. I have no doubt her commitment to CMMHC will be touching patients for years to come. I thank her and hope she enjoys her well-earned retirement.

IN HONOR OF ANTHONY PHILIP  
ANDREOTTI OF CANTON, MASSACHUSETTS

**HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 15, 2020*

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Anthony (Tony) Philip Andreotti, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to his hometown of Canton, Massachusetts, and to commend him for over 50 years of dedicated service to his community and our country.

The son of Angelina and Carmine Andreotti, immigrants from Naples, Italy, Tony was born on May 22, 1933, on Staten Island in New York. The family moved to Canton in 1935 where Tony attended St. John's Elementary School and graduated from Canton High

School in 1951. In 1953, Tony was drafted into the United States Army, serving in both Korea and Japan before he was honorably discharged in 1955. Upon completion of his military service, Tony attended Burdett College in Boston and earned an associate degree in accounting in 1957. Subsequently, he worked at Norfolk County Trust until 1960 and Crosby Valve from 1960 until 1983. In 1981, Tony was elected to the Board of Selectmen in Canton and also served as Town Treasurer. In addition to his elective service, Tony served on the Board of Directors at Norwood Hospital, serving as Chairman from 1996 until 1998.

Madam Speaker, Tony has made his biggest impact by advocating for veterans. He was appointed Veterans' Agent in Canton in 1999, a position he held for over 20 years. His relentless pursuit of benefits for veterans is legendary and his accomplishments are many. Tony created the Veterans' Memorial Park at Canton Corner Cemetery, consolidating veterans' monuments dispersed throughout Canton into one location. Tony also organized a Legion Walk of Honor in Canton, complete with bricks engraved with the names of the 77 Canton residents who died while serving our country during the Civil War, WWI, WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Iraq War. Tony also founded the Fallen Heroes Street Sign Program, a local initiative honoring the same 77 residents who made the ultimate sacrifice. Furthermore, Tony established a Funeral Honor Guard which presides at veterans' funerals throughout Massachusetts, and worked tirelessly to ensure that Canton residents who left high school early to serve in the armed forces, received their diplomas upon returning. Quite simply, Tony is perhaps the most effective and most dedicated Veterans' Agent in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, if not the entire United States of America.

Tony has had the good fortune to have been married to Patricia for 35 years. They are the proud parents of two sons, David and James. On October 26, 2019, the Town of Canton dedicated the roadway in front of Veterans' Memorial Park to Tony, naming it Andreotti Way. Generations to come will know of Tony's contributions to the Town of Canton.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to join with Tony Andreotti's family, friends and contemporaries to thank him for his remarkable service to his town of Canton and to the United States of America.

IN RECOGNITION OF BATTALION  
CHIEF DAVID LAMBRIX FOR A  
DISTINGUISHED CAREER WITH  
THE DEARBORN FIRE DEPARTMENT

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 15, 2020*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my heartfelt congratulations to Battalion Chief David Lambrich as he celebrates his retirement and recognize his many years of distinguished service with the Dearborn Fire Department. His contributions to the community are worthy of commendation.

Battalion Chief David Lambrich joined the Dearborn Fire Department as a firefighter on

September 6th, 1994. Throughout his twenty-five years with the force, Lambrich rose through the ranks of firefighter, fire lieutenant, and captain. In 2017, Lambrich was promoted to battalion chief, and has held the position ever since. Among his friends, colleagues, and peers, Lambrich is recognized as a humble leader who strives to make a difference without seeking praise or recognition for any of his significant accomplishments.

Prior to his career with the fire department, David Lambrich dutifully served his country. He served as an EM2 in the U.S. Navy from 1984 to 1988 in Alameda, California. Without a doubt, Lambrich understands what it means to be an active and loyal community member. He devotes himself to causes he believes in and has made a difference in all the lives he has touched. Lambrich has received numerous honors and accolades for his outstanding work including the Fire Chief Life Saving Award, the Perfect Attendance Award, and the Meritorious Service Award, among a host of others. Most recently, Lambrich was bestowed the John D. Dingell Medal of Freedom Memorial Commendation in 2019 for his dedicated career in public service and commitment to Dearborn.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the retirement of Battalion Chief David Lambrich from the Dearborn Fire Department. I am proud to honor his work, accomplishments, and significant community impact. We thank him for his outstanding service and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR MIKE  
WALSH'S 24 YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 15, 2020*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Mayor Mike Walsh of De Pere, Wisconsin.

Mr. Walsh has served his community faithfully as mayor since 1996, after 14 years on the city's Park Board. A De Pere native, Mike Walsh brought valuable experience and a community-based approach with him to the mayor's office that helped him better serve the people of his hometown.

Over the course of Mike Walsh's 24-year tenure as mayor, he revitalized De Pere's infrastructure and recreational sites, drawing on his experience from the city's Park Board. One of Mr. Walsh's most notable accomplishments was the creation of the scenic De Pere Riverwalk, which led to new housing developments and increased use of the Fox River Trail. Mr. Walsh also facilitated the development of both the city's east and west sides and championed the reconstruction of the historic Claude Allouez Memorial Bridge.

As the City of De Pere's economy grew under Mayor Walsh's leadership, so did the number of people eager to move to the area. He oversaw the city's population growth from 16,000 in 1990, to 25,000 by the time he left office this April.

Mayor Walsh's devoted leadership to the City of De Pere will be remembered by a grateful community. In his retirement, he is looking forward to spending more time with his grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to commemorate the career of Mayor Mike Walsh and thank him for his selfless leadership. His service and commitment to the development of De Pere serves as an example for every public servant. I wish him the best in his retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAJOR  
GENERAL CLINTON CROSIER

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 15, 2020*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Major General Clinton E. Crosier, United States Space Force.

On Friday, December 20, 2019, President Donald Trump signed into law the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020, creating the sixth branch of the United States Armed Forces, the United States Space Force. This was a historic moment; a watershed step to increasing our ability to protect and defend the American way of life. I can say, without a doubt, this would not have happened as swiftly and smoothly as it did without Clint's leadership as Director of the DOD Space Force Planning Task Force.

So how did a boy from Iowa grow up to help create the Space Force? Well, while he was traveling the world with his military family, he always had his eyes on the sky. When he began his collegiate education at Iowa State, he undertook a really easy major, aerospace engineering, and then sought out a commission in the United States Air Force in 1988 where he ultimately wound up flying satellites and launching rockets.

He quickly earned top honors in multiple space training schools and developed satellite-commanding processes that became the new Air Force standard. He then served in the United States Senate where he authored key Congressional language that improved the national space enterprise, and in the Office of the Secretary of Defense he was main interface to the National Security Council, charged with rebalancing America's space intelligence architecture. As the signature authority for dozens of international agreements with Allies, he improved United States space capabilities, and represented the United States at key meetings with North Atlantic Treaty Organization and United Nations.

With this breadth of experience, it's no wonder he was selected as the lead planner for the Presidentially-directed United States Space Force, coordinating efforts to shape the Congressional authorization of the first new military service in 72 years. Together with his team, he led the development of; the macro-organizational design, the stand-up of the initial force elements, the funding and manpower requirements, and the implementation of the policies and processes that governed the establishment of the United States Space Force.

His military awards include the Bronze Star combat medal for a yearlong deployment to the Middle East, the National Reconnaissance Office Director's Gold Medal, the Iowa State University Aerospace Engineering Department Distinguished Alumni Award, and the Lance P. Sijan Leadership award. This career of accolades is only possibly through the incredible

support of his family: his wife, Mrs. Shelle Crosier, and their three children: Clint, Stephanie and Kellie, along with six grandchildren.

Major General Crosier distinguished himself over 33 years of military service, representing the United States of America with the highest honor and distinction. Major General Crosier, as the "architect of the Space Force," is an inspiration for all of us who stand ready to serve our great country. We are grateful for his unique vision and commitment. I thank Major General Crosier. America will continue to defend the highest ground, and the Space Force will thrive, because of your noble efforts.

CONGRATULATING RICK KLEVEN  
ON A WELL-EARNED RETIREMENT

**HON. TOM EMMER**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 15, 2020*

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise together with my colleague from Minnesota Representative CRAIG to congratulate Richard "Rick" Kleven on his retirement at the end of June after more than 39 years with Thrivent. Throughout his nearly four decades of service with Thrivent, Rick has become a pillar of the Twin Cities community, leading Thrivent's government affairs efforts to educate federal and state policymakers about the important role that fraternal benefit societies play in society, helping people achieve financial security and live generous lives through important charitable and volunteer efforts that include disaster relief, partnering with organizations that address housing insecurity, and tens of thousands of individual service projects. These efforts have had a great impact not just in my district, but for the entire region and nation. Rick's dedication, commitment, and enthusiasm for Thrivent's unique mission—connecting insurance protection with community service—has been inspiring to watch and work with him on; for me, both during my time serving in the U.S. Congress and the Minnesota state House of Representatives.

A lifelong Minnesotan and proud "Iron-Ranger" who grew up in Grand Rapids, MN, Rick is a true Minnesota sports team fan, particularly a diehard for our Vikings. He received his J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School and his B.A. from the University of Minnesota—Duluth. Rick has led Thrivent's Government Affairs activities for more than 17 years, and served previously in a number of roles as legal counsel and manager of corporate legal functions within the organization through his long arc of service which began in 1981 when Thrivent was Lutheran Brotherhood.

Rick has been a great advocate on policy matters on Thrivent's behalf, but also walks the walk of Thrivent's mission of service—something he learned from both of his parents, including his Dad who was awarded Itasca County's Outstanding Senior Volunteer of the Year in 2018. Rick has volunteered as a Big Brother, served as a board member for multiple nonprofit organizations, and epitomizes the ubiquitous Thrivent T-shirt that says "Live Generously." Recently, he served as Chairman of the Board of Gilda's Club Twin Cities, and played a crucial role in helping to raise money to build the organization's club-

house that provides support for people with cancer as well as their families and friends. Rick also served for 8 years on the board of Person to Person, a charitable organization that operates Meals on Wheels and various other programs to help the needy in the Twin Cities area. He also was part of the original start-up board of FINNEGANS, the first beer company in the world to donate 100 percent of profits back to local food shelves. Rick currently sits on the board of the American Fraternal Alliance, the nationwide coalition of not-for-profit fraternal benefit societies.

I, along with many of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, including Representative CRAIG who represents Rick's hometown of Eagan, will miss seeing him here in Washington. I'm sure his friendly face and open heart will remain a pivotal part of the Twin Cities community for a long time to come. We wish him all the best and hope in retirement he can continue to indulge in his favorite hobbies: making the world better for his wife, two Aussies, and fellow Minnesotans as well as finding even more ways to support Rock n' Roll! Congratulations, Rick—Here Comes the Sun.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT "BOB" ALAN  
STOCKTON

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 15, 2020*

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an outstanding individual, Bob Stockton, who passed away at the age of 66 on May 13, 2020. Bob was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and one of Riverside County's most dedicated public servants. He will be deeply missed.

Bob was a southern California native, born in San Diego on December 20, 1953, the son of Robert and Beverly Stockton. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Construction Engineering from California Polytechnic University, Pomona in 1978. Bob married the love of his life, Kelli Tyson, 16 years ago and between the two of them they have five wonderful children and four grandchildren. Kelli and Bob loved to travel, and Hawaii was at the top of their list. Some of their greatest adventures while traveling include riding a portion of the Tour de France route in 2004 and being baptized in the Jordan River in Israel by friend and pastor, Matt Brown in 2015.

To merely say Bob was a tireless advocate for Riverside County would not do him justice. He served on more organizations that I can name here, but they include: the Monday Morning Group; the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce; Leadership Riverside; California Baptist University; Path of Life Ministries; the American Heart Association; the East Hills Chamber; and Western Municipal Water District. He also was a leader of his son's Boy Scout troop and "The Prop Guy" for his daughter's dance studio. He managed to do all of this while serving as the Vice President and Principal-in-Charge at Rick Engineering Company. He was, as Rusty Bailey, Bob's friend and the current Mayor of Riverside would say, a "true saint of Riverside."

Bob's service to the organizations in our community is matched only by his dedication

to the individuals within them. He lived his life motto of “Work Hard, Play Hard, Pray Hard” each and every day. Bob was passionate about training and coaching athletes and helping his friends and family achieve any of their goals. He coached the Woodcrest Christian Mountain Bike Team and helped train anyone who asked in preparation for Ironman challenges, triathlons, half-marathons, and Catalina SOK runs, to name only a few competitions he loved. When Bob wasn’t racing himself, he could be found cheering on the sidelines for anyone striving to reach their goals.

I had the pleasure of knowing Bob through his service to Riverside County and can personally attest to the countless lives he touched. He was a great American, an esteemed leader, a respected mentor and a dedicated husband, father, and friend. I extend my heartfelt condolences to Kelli, to their children, Nathan, Heather, Adam, Travis, and Emily, their grandchildren Rages, Winter, Harley, and Easton, and the rest of Bob’s family and friends. Although he may no longer be with us, he will continue to have a lasting impact on the lives of his family and community.

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HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY  
OF MR. THOMAS H. RHODES

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 15, 2020*

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Mr. Thomas H. Rhodes as he celebrates his 100th birthday on June 18th. Throughout his life, Mr. Rhodes has demonstrated exemplary patriotism through his service in World War II, and longstanding devotion to his family and community.

During World War II, Mr. Rhodes proudly served his country as a U.S. Marine and participated in several major conflicts including the battles of Pearl Harbor, Midway, Peleliu, New Britain, and New Guinea. After the war, he returned to Central New York to continue his service at Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome, New York. Following completion of his military service, Mr. Rhodes was honorably discharged as a Sergeant. Today, he remains an active member of the Marine Corps League, an organization that aims to serve communities nationwide, preserve the traditions of the U.S. Marine Corps, and strengthen bonds between former servicemembers and their families.

Outside of public service, Mr. Rhodes is known for his commitment to his family. He was devoted to his late wife, Bridget “Peggy” Rhodes, and remains a dedicated father to their four children, and proud grandfather to 12 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Active in his community, Mr. Rhodes regularly appears in Fayetteville and Manlius parades and is a life-long member of the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in recognizing Mr. Thomas H. Rhodes’s 100th birthday. Mr. Rhodes’s life has been one marked by admirable devotion to his family and country. I wish him health and happiness in the future.

INTRODUCTION OF THE  
RESTAURANTS ACT OF 2020

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 15, 2020*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, there is perhaps nothing more central to communities large and small than their local restaurants. Restaurants play host to everything from first dates to marriage proposals and many of life’s important memories. The focal restaurant industry supports Top Chef Masters, first jobs, and parents working double-shifts to give their children a brighter future. The COVID–19 pandemic has put all of this in jeopardy.

Since mid-March, the vast majority of independent restaurants have closed their doors, laid off most of their employees, and are unsure what their business model will be after the pandemic. While independent restaurants employ more than 11 million people, the food supply chain touches every corner of the country and every congressional district. From farm workers and fishermen to truck drivers and distributors, the restaurant industry provides a \$1 trillion annual boost to the United States; economy, to say nothing of supporting tens of millions of livelihoods.

The restaurant industry has been uniquely devastated by the COVID–19 pandemic. This is particularly true of independent establishments that account for more than three-quarters of all restaurants and bars in the United States. The restaurant sector is the top contributor to unemployment rolls across America. In April alone, 5.5 million restaurant workers lost their jobs, accounting for 27 percent of total job losses in the month. Some of these jobs are coming back but many will not return without assistance. The National Bureau of Economic Research predicts that only 15 percent of restaurants will be able to stay open if the COVID–19 pandemic lasts six months.

The RESTAURANTS Act would establish a \$120 billion restaurant revitalization fund at the Department of Treasury. Funding would be available to food service or drinking establishments that are not publicly traded or part of a chain with 20 or more locations doing business under the same name. The grant values would cover the difference between revenues from 2019 and projected revenues through 2020. The first 14 days of the grant’s availability is only available to restaurants with annual revenues of \$1.5 million or fewer, ensuring that the smallest restaurants are prioritized. Additionally, the legislation includes administrative funding toward outreach and engagement to restaurants owned and operated by women, Veterans, and people of color. A study on this proposal found that the fund would generate at least \$183 billion in primary benefits and \$65 billion in secondary benefits—more than double the amount of the fund.

In the past three months, Congress has demonstrated the political will to pass more than \$3 trillion of relief to most sectors of the economy—the House of Representatives just passed an additional \$3 trillion of relief. There were broad-based programs and there was targeted relief for specific industries. Yet restaurants have not been a recipient of any targeted relief. We can’t afford not to act. Millions

of livelihoods, hundreds of thousands of businesses, and the fabric of our communities is at stake.

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IN RECOGNITION OF STEVE  
DEBAKER AND TROUT SPRINGS  
WINERY

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 15, 2020*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Steve DeBaker and Trout Springs Winery for their work in creating the Wisconsin Ledge American Viticultural Area (AVA) in Northeast Wisconsin.

Steve DeBaker opened Trout Springs Winery in 2005, establishing it as Brown County’s first winery. Trout Springs Winery is Wisconsin’s only licensed fish hatchery, plant nursery, and winery all under one roof. After 9 successful years in the wine industry, Trout Springs Winery was honored by the Wisconsin Grape Growers Association as their Winery of the Year in 2014.

An AVA is a special region designated as having certain geographic and climatic features required for growing wine grapes, and the designation is often included on wine labels. Soon after opening Trout Springs Winery, Steve decided to establish the Wisconsin Ledge as an AVA. After 4,000 hours of dedicated research, numerous submissions to the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, and some assistance from the Niagara Escarpment Resource Network with the GIS mapping process, Steve and Trout Springs achieved their goal of establishing the Wisconsin Ledge as an AVA.

The Wisconsin Ledge AVA sits on the Niagara Escarpment, a land feature in Wisconsin that stretches for more than 650 miles, created millions of years ago. It touches 11 different counties in Northeast Wisconsin and contains soil and a climate ideal for growing grapes. With 22 bonded wineries within its scope and 3,800 square miles of land, the Wisconsin Ledge has become the 12th largest AVA in the world. It has grown into a tourist destination for visitors from around the world, leading to an annual agritourism increase of nearly two million tourists and over \$50 million in revenue. Steve’s commitment and work to developing the Wisconsin Ledge as an AVA has legitimized the Northeast Wisconsin as a grape growing region.

Madam Speaker, I am privileged to honor Steve DeBaker and Trout Springs Winery as the birthplace of the Wisconsin Ledge American Viticultural Area. His dedication and positive contributions to the Wisconsin agricultural industry make Northeast Wisconsin proud.

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HONORING KAMERON  
MIDDLEBROOKS AS THE IOWAN  
OF THE WEEK

**HON. CYNTHIA AXNE**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 15, 2020*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today as tens of thousands of peaceful protesters are

rising in cities across our country and around the world to say enough is enough. People from all walks of life are coming together to call for real change to address the inequities and failures of our systems, to shine a light on persistent and systemic racism, and to demand justice for the senseless deaths of African American men and women like George Floyd, Breanna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery.

Moments like these in history force us to confront the sobering truths of who and where we are as a nation. Many will have their eyes opened to realities and perspectives they did not see before, thus beginning or furthering their journeys to unlearn deeply engrained beliefs and better understand how racism continues to shape our daily lives. Others still will feel emboldened to turn their knowledge and empathy into action for the first time.

And then there are those leaders who have been in this fight for much longer. I rise today to honor as Iowan of the Week one such leader who has been on the front lines not only of recent peaceful protests, but also of the day-to-day work of lifting up a community from within: Kameron Middlebrooks.

Kam's history of activism and accomplishments belie his relative youth. Now in his early thirties, he's already spent half his life advocating for Des Moines' black community. If you mention Kam's name to someone in central Iowa, it's likely they've already heard of him. That could be because they went to school together at Roosevelt High, read about him as one of the Des Moines Register's 15 People to Watch in 2019, heard about the work he's done on the Des Moines Human and Civil Rights Commission, or for a host of other reasons. As busy as life in Congress keeps me, I wonder how Kameron fits everything into his day.

Kam currently serves as President of the Des Moines Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), an organization he joined in high school before becoming its youngest-ever Midwestern Regional Field Director and successfully leading a campaign to register more than 15,000 people of color to vote across the Midwest. He's owned his own small business, and now coaches African Americans interested in becoming small business owners through that process as minority business coordinator for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. He hosts annual trainings at Des Moines' Evelyn K. Davis Center for Working Families to equip participants with essential skills to successfully run their own shops. He coordinates multiple work groups to address disparities among black and white residents of Polk County in critical areas like employment, education, and housing. And his efforts to create a more equitable society without racial discrimination don't stop there.

Kam and I spoke on the phone last Monday. He'd spent each of the several nights prior to peaceful protests until the early hours of the morning to make sure the younger generation got home safely. When thanked for his work, he praised others. When asked what comes next, he already had plans for how we can empower youth voices and create a stronger community. His passion, selflessness, and drive were infectious. It's no surprise he's emerged as someone Iowans are eager to follow.

Across my state and the country, thousands continue to gather day after day to stand to-

gether against injustice. Young leaders like Kameron are among them. While it is imperative current elected officials heed their calls for action, it is also my hope that the young voices powering this movement are inspired to stay involved and ultimately become the officeholders called upon to enact more just and equitable policies.

For many reasons, the people of Iowa are fortunate to call Kameron Middlebrooks one of our own. I ask today that the House of Representatives join me in honoring his continued service and leadership by naming him our Iowan of the Week.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. SCOTT MENZEL FOR A DISTINGUISHED CAREER WITH THE WASHTENAW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 15, 2020*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Scott Menzel for his years of distinguished service to students in Michigan and offer my heartfelt congratulations as he begins a new chapter as superintendent for the Scottsdale Unified School District in Arizona. Although we are all sad to see him go, we are proud to celebrate his outstanding contributions to the Washtenaw Intermediate School District.

In 2011, Dr. Scott Menzel became the superintendent of the Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD) and started his tenure at a pivotal moment in the community's history. In 2012, Willow Run and Ypsilanti schools began the consolidation process to form a new district. The consolidation, which many thought to be impossible, came to fruition thanks to the support of the WISD and Menzel's tenacity, hard work, and commitment to education. Prior to his work in the WISD, Menzel served as superintendent for Whitmer Lake Public Schools from 2002 to 2007. Later, Menzel led similar operations at the Livingston Educational Service Agency from 2007 to 2011.

Throughout all capacities, Menzel has been recognized as a humble leader who strives to make a lasting and meaningful difference in students' lives. He dedicates himself to causes he believes in, and encourages others to demonstrate compassion, service, and excellence. Undoubtedly, Menzel's passion for education and academic opportunity have left a profound impact on the school district, evident in the recent passing of a bond proposal that will help construct a new \$53.2 million school for special-needs students outside of Ann Arbor. Moreover, Menzel's focus on addressing racial disparities and promoting racial equity throughout the district has set a clear example for other districts to emulate. He has been an avid proponent of My Brother's Keeper, an initiative created under the Obama Administration to address persistent opportunity gaps facing young boys and young men of color, and his involvement has helped the program flourish and grow throughout Michigan. He has received numerous honors and accolades for his work including the National African American Parent Involvement Day Spirit Award, the

MASA Regional Superintendent of the Year Award, and the White House YMCA Champion for Change Award, among a host of others.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Scott Menzel. Menzel has helped students develop skills and gain confidence not only needed to succeed academically, but in life beyond the classroom. He has impacted their futures in profound ways, and we are all grateful for his commitment to his students, his district, and his community. We thank him for his service to students in Michigan and wish him the best of luck in Arizona.

GREGORY THOMPSON  
CONDOLENCES

### HON. DAN CRENSHAW

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 15, 2020*

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I rise with deep sadness to mourn the loss of Gregory Thompson, who passed away on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 in Woodbridge, Virginia.

Gregory sadly joins countless Americans who fell victim to the COVID-19 pandemic. At just 56 years old, his full life was cut far too short.

Gregory served our country in the United States Air Force and was a Security Officer at the U.S. State Department in Washington, D.C. for more than 15 years.

A self-made man, Gregory was the owner of Made to Measure, a custom tailor clothing business that he owned with his partner Howard Wallace. That's how I knew Gregory.

Gregory was kind, warm, and I always enjoyed our time together. Gregory always took on the difficult task of making me look my best with a smile, and I am grateful that I had such a talented craftsman to take care of me during my first year in Washington.

But much more than a tailor, Gregory was a father to Giovanni and a brother to Elizabeth, Veneda, Michael, and Walter. He was a cherished friend and beloved family member to many, all of whom are grieving this profound loss.

I ask the whole House to join me as we mourn the loss of Gregory Thompson and offer our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and loved ones during this difficult time.

Never Forget.

HONORING THE CAREER OF PATRICIA RADER, A LIFELONG PUBLIC SERVANT

### HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 15, 2020*

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Patricia Rader, as she retires from serving as a Claims Specialist at the Social Security Administration in Minneapolis.

A Blaine native, Patricia has served the Social Security Administration and the many Minnesotans that benefit from their services for forty years. Over the course of her four decades of work, she has touched the lives of

Minnesotans every day, and helped secure the livelihoods of countless men and women in our community.

I congratulate Patricia on her retirement. I wish her nothing but the best of luck in her next chapter.

RECOGNIZING ALEXIS AYANO  
TERAI

**HON. DIANA DeGETTE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 15, 2020*

Ms. DEGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my great appreciation for Alexis Ayano Teraï, who over the past five years has served as Manager of the Congressional Study Group on Japan.

Through her hard work and dedication, Alexis has enriched our nation's relationship with this most critical and important ally.

The Congressional Study Groups are the premier international projects administered by the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress.

They are also one of the most active and substantive bipartisan exchanges involving the U.S. Congress and the legislative branches of allied countries.

Alexis has been an integral part of the Study Group's outstanding success and her kindness to others and commitment to her job have been exemplary.

She has worked tirelessly to help build and foster the Congressional Study Group on Japan and strengthen the U.S.-Japan alliance and partnership by creating opportunities for Members and Congressional staff to exchange views with their Japanese counterparts both in the U.S. and Japan.

Among her many accomplishments, Alexis helped to develop a myriad of programs focused on the bilateral relationship with Japan and the broader Asia region.

As Co-chair of the Congressional Study Group on Japan, I've had the pleasure of working with Alexis over the last five years. And I know I speak for all of my colleagues in the group when I say that Alexis will be missed.

As Alexis pursues her Master's Degree in Asian Studies at Georgetown University, we wish her much success and happiness on this new path.

HONORING THE CAREER OF  
UNITED STATES PROBATION OFFICER  
BEN BERRY

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 15, 2020*

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Officer Ben Berry, who retired in April after more than 20 years with the U.S. Probation Office. Throughout his career, Officer Berry demonstrated a profound commitment to public safety and the improvement of the U.S. Probation Office.

At the beginning of his career in law enforcement, Officer Berry served as a United States Army Officer, Probation Officer for the

State of Florida, and a Federal Probation Officer for the Northern District of Florida. In 1999, Officer Berry moved to Central New York where he took a job working as a U.S. Probation Officer in Northern District of New York, Syracuse office. Working his way up the ranks, he held the position of Senior U.S. Probation Officer Sentencing Guidelines Specialist and was later promoted to Supervising U.S. Probation Officer, where he oversaw the Investigations Unit. A proficient marksman, he also served as the Lead Firearms Instructor. In this role, he trained and certified officers in the use of firearms, and helped develop and improve the firearms training program.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing the career of Officer Ben Berry. As a dedicated public servant and a leader in the U.S. Probation Office, I wish Officer Berry the best in his retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR TIMOTHY HANNA'S 24 YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 15, 2020*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Timothy Hanna and his 24 years of service as the Mayor of Appleton, Wisconsin. After being elected mayor of his hometown in 1996, Mr. Hanna retired this year as the longest-serving mayor in the city's history, leaving behind a legacy that makes Appleton the beautiful city it is today.

During his time as mayor, Mr. Hanna spearheaded projects like the construction of the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center and the Fox Cities Exhibition Center, redeveloping Appleton's downtown area. While these projects invigorated the local economy, Mr. Hanna cites establishing programs of diversity and inclusion as his greatest accomplishment in office.

In one of his first initiatives as mayor, Mr. Hanna pursued intercultural relations reform in Appleton. In October 1997, Mayor Hanna created Appleton's Diversity and Intercultural Center, hiring the first-ever Intercultural Relations Coordinator. Since then, the Intercultural Relations Coordinator has bridged the racial and social divides between the various communities within Appleton to create a stronger, unified city.

Mr. Hanna led Appleton through the tragic September 11th terrorist attacks, the city's recovery from the Great Recession, and the initial response to the coronavirus pandemic. His strong leadership and commitment to the people of Appleton helped them persevere through these crises. Mr. Hanna instilled confidence, provided guidance, and inspired his citizens to thrive both in times of hardship and prosperity.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in recognizing Timothy Hanna for his service as mayor. His selfless leadership and commitment to the development of Appleton serves as an example for every public servant.

HONORING SPEAKER MIKE TURZAI

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 15, 2020*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Mike Turzai, who has devoted decades of service to our Commonwealth and our Nation. Since taking office in 2001, Speaker Turzai has championed our American values and defended our Constitutional rights.

During Speaker Turzai's tenure in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, he has worked hard to achieve important policy wins—such as creating jobs, supporting our small businesses, improving workforce development, expanding choice in education, reforming the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board system, and reducing burdensome regulations. Speaker Turzai was a consistent champion of fiscal conservatism; he opposed tax increases and the midnight pay increase. Additionally, he has led the Chamber's pro-life agenda to defend the dignity of life. Before becoming the Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, he served in a number of leadership roles in the chamber and propelled commonsense, conservative policy forward.

A lifelong Pennsylvanian, Speaker Turzai was raised in Moon Township and graduated from Our Lady of Sacred Heart High School. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame before earning his Juris Doctor from Duke University. In addition to his official work, Speaker Turzai has a long record of leadership in his community. He and his wife Lidia live in the North Hills of Pittsburgh with their three sons, Andrew, Stephen, and Matthew.

Upon Speaker Turzai's retirement from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, I thank him for his commitment and service to our Commonwealth. He represented the values of his constituents well. As the Turzai family begins a new chapter, I wish them every continued success.

HONORING BILL SITES, THIRTY-SEVEN DEDICATED YEARS WITH THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

**HON. TOM EMMER**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 15, 2020*

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Commander Bill Sites of Waconia, Minnesota on his retirement after 37 dedicated years of service. Bill served in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Corps for 23 years, and accepted a civil position with the National Weather Service that brought him and his family to Minnesota.

Bill graduated from NOAA Basic Officer Training Class in December 1982. From 1983 to 2005, Bill was stationed across the country with assignments ranging from Norfolk, Virginia to Seattle, Washington. Bill served NOAA's primary functions of monitoring oceanic and atmospheric conditions and supporting major waterways. One of Bill's most

impactful assignments was as Deputy Director for the National Weather Service (NWS) at the Remote Sensing Center in Chanhassen, Minnesota in 1999.

When retiring from the NOAA Corps in 2005, Bill and his wife Kellie thought of no better place to raise their daughters and headed back to Minnesota where Bill accepted a job with the National Weather Service. Bill transitioned into life as a civilian in Waconia, Minnesota where he enjoyed the snow, hockey, and other activities that Minnesota has to offer. In April, Bill retired as a hydrologic forecaster at the North Central Forecast Center and will be moving to the Pacific Northwest to enjoy retirement with his wife Kellie.

I thank Bill for 37 years of service to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Congratulations on his retirement. I wish him and Kellie a long and joyful retirement in his home state of Washington.

RECOGNIZING SPRINGBROOK HIGH SCHOOL'S ACHIEVEMENT IN THE 2020 CAPITOL HILL CHALLENGE

**HON. JAMIE RASKIN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 15, 2020*

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable accomplishment of my constituents, the excellent team from Springbrook High School that placed second in the 17th Annual Capitol Hill Challenge. I congratulate Nelson Alvarez and his teacher, Donald Wharton Jr., on their passionate commitment and impressive results in the Challenge during a time of economic uncertainty.

Every year, with the support and participation of Congress, SIFMA Foundation's Capitol Hill Challenge instills in young people a deeper understanding of personal finance, economics and civics. Student teams manage and invest a hypothetical \$100,000 portfolio of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, impact investments and cash. This national competition expands financial education, civics learning and math literacy for public school students in every US Congressional District.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the extraordinary achievement of Mr. Alvarez and Mr. Wharton and I hope my colleagues and constituents will join me in congratulating Nelson Alvarez from Springbrook High School on a job well done.

HONORING DAMON GUTZWILLER

**HON. JIMMY PANETTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 15, 2020*

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Sergeant Damon Gutzwiller, a Sergeant with the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office. Damon will be remembered as a dedicated police officer with a passion for serving his community, kind friend, and devoted husband and father.

Damon Gutzwiller was raised in Santa Cruz County on the central coast of California and graduated from Aptos High School. Shortly after his graduation, he began volunteering

with the Santa Cruz Sheriffs Office and was hired as a full-time Deputy Sheriff in 2006.

Sergeant Gutzwiller held many roles during his 14-year career at the Santa Cruz County Sheriffs Office and was promoted to Sergeant last year. Damon distinguished himself to his colleagues and those he served across the Central Coast for his aptitude at resolving tense situations with his calm demeanor, infectious smile, and sense of humor. Above all else in his role, Damon's first priority was to selflessly serve the community he called home.

Damon was especially proud of the life he shared with his loving partner, Favi, and their two-year-old son. Damon was eager to welcome another baby to their family later this month and looked forward to growing the family that he loved and had completely committed himself to.

Damon will be remembered as a beloved community member, partner, and father. We celebrate his service to the Central Coast and his life well-lived. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the life of Sergeant Damon Gutzwiller.

HONORING THE CAREER OF OFFICER JOHN M. PRASKEY

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 15, 2020*

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Officer John M. Praskey, who will celebrate 50 years of service in law enforcement on June 29, 2020. Throughout his career, Officer Praskey has demonstrated profound courage and a strong commitment to public safety.

Officer Praskey began his career in law enforcement when he graduated from the New York State Police Academy on October 30, 1970. Ascending the ranks in the New York State Police, he was promoted to Sergeant in September 1978 and again in October 1984 to Station Commander. As a State Trooper, he has served a leading role in several homicide, armed robbery, and attempted murder cases. Notably, during the tragic events of September 11th, 2001, Officer Praskey directed and coordinated New York State Police response efforts in New York City.

Following his retirement from the New York State Police after 34 years, Officer Praskey joined the Liverpool Police Department as a part-time police officer. With the Liverpool Police, he has received numerous awards and has taken many actions that have garnered him the respect of his colleagues and the community. In 2006, Officer Praskey was dispatched to a house fire on Wyker Circle where a man was trapped inside. Arriving ahead of the Fire Department, without hesitation, Officer Praskey entered the burning house and rescued the resident. More recently, in 2018, while handling an investigation into a stolen bicycle, he arranged for a bicycle to be donated to the victim after learning he depended on it for transportation. Similarly, when Officer Praskey came across a stranded motorist that had run out of fuel, he gave the individual \$10 of his own money for gas.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing the career

of Officer John M. Praskey. As a dedicated public servant, I wish Officer Praskey the best in his continued service.

HONORING KELLIE SITES,  
WACONIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT

**HON. TOM EMMER**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 15, 2020*

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Kellie Sites, Waconia Chamber of Commerce President. Kellie joined the Waconia Chamber of Commerce in February of 2008 and will be departing in June of 2020, after twelve years of dedicated service.

Since her arrival to Waconia, Kellie has been an advocate for promoting business, allowing Waconia's economy to continue to flourish. She has exemplified the founding principles of the Waconia Chamber of Commerce, to create economic development, promote tourism, provide member services to the people of Waconia and stay active in every level of politics.

Kellie has organized and run some of Waconia's most loved events, including Nickle Dickle Days, Fourth of July Fireworks and the Governor's fishing opener on Lake Waconia. Waconia's close-knit community would be incomplete without the multitude of phenomenal events that are made possible by Kellie and the Waconia Chamber of Commerce.

I congratulate Kellie and her husband, Bill, on her retirement. Although I am saddened by her departure from Waconia, I wish her the best of luck with her move to Washington state.

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 Tuesday, June 16, 2020 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 17

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the Federal Aviation Administration's oversight of aircraft certification.

SD-G50

Committee on Environment and Public Works	JUNE 18	2:30 p.m.
To hold hearings to examine responding to the challenges facing recycling in the United States.	9:30 a.m.	Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
SD-106	Committee on Armed Services	To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Export-Import Bank of the United States.
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions	To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lieutenant General Daniel R. Hokanson, ARNG, to be general and Chief of the National Guard Bureau, and General Gustave F. Perna, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief Operating Officer, Project Warp Speed, both of the Department of Defense.	SD-562
To hold hearings to examine telehealth, focusing on lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic.	SD-G50	JUNE 24
SD-430	Committee on Foreign Relations	2:30 p.m.
Committee on the Judiciary	To hold hearings to examine COVID-19 and international pandemic preparedness, prevention, and response.	Committee on Indian Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of John W. Holcomb, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Brett H. Ludwig, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, R. Shireen Matthews, and Todd Wallace Robinson, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, and Christy Criswell Wiegand, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.	SD-106	To hold hearings to examine S. 2165, to enhance protections of Native American tangible cultural heritage, S. 2716, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act, S. 2912, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land located in Pinal County, Arizona, into trust for the benefit of the Gila River Indian Community, S. 3019, to protect access to water for all Montanans, S. 3044, to amend the American's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 to expand the Indian reservation drinking water program, S. 3099, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska, and S. 3100, to convey land in Anchorage, Alaska, to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.
SD-226	JUNE 23	SD-562
1:45 p.m.	10 a.m.	JULY 1
Select Committee on Intelligence	Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions	2:30 p.m.
Business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters.	To hold hearings to examine COVID-19, focusing on lessons learned to prepare for the next pandemic.	Committee on Indian Affairs
S-216	SD-430	To hold an oversight hearing to examine the response and mitigation to the COVID-19 pandemic in Native communities, including S. 3650, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to deem employees of urban Indian organizations as part of the Public Health Service for certain purposes.
3 p.m.	Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs	SD-562
Committee on Finance	To hold an oversight hearing to examine Customs and Border Protection, focusing on evolving challenges facing the agency.	
To hold hearings to examine the President's 2020 trade policy agenda.	SD-562	
SD-G50		
4:30 p.m.		
Committee on Foreign Relations		
To receive a closed briefing on assessing arms control, focusing on new START and beyond.		
SVC-217		