

GREAT AMERICAN OUTDOORS ACT

HON. DAVID B. MCKINLEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2020

Mr. MCKINLEY. Madam Speaker, Yesterday, I mistakenly voted against the Great American Outdoors Act As cosponsor of the House companion to this bill, I support permanent, full funding for the Land and Conservation Fund and funding for deferred maintenance in the National Parks System. This important piece of legislation would protect and ensure safe access to important locations in West Virginia like the Monongahela National Forest or the New River Gorge National River. The continued operation of locations like these would further generate \$9 billion annually in consumer spending and support 91,000 jobs across West Virginia.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BARBARA "B.J." DURHAM

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

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Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I would like to wish Ms. Barbara B.J. Durham a happy birthday and recognize her service to our nation as an educator and author.

Ms. Durham was born in Chicago and attended Beasley Elementary school where she would find her passion for education by the 4th grade, thanks to her teacher Mrs. Ollie MacLemore. Ms. Durham would use that passion later in life to train future educators like herself. Barbara Durham is also the author of the wonderful book "Willie Lee: A little slave boy who was determined to learn how to read and be free!" and is working on her next book in honor of her 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Ollie MacLemore.

On behalf of the great city of Chicago, I would like to thank Ms. Durham for her services to this great nation and wish her a very happy birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LUGÁN. Madam Speaker, during Roll Call Vote Number 148 on H.R. 6395, I recorded my vote as Yes when I intended to have voted No.

HONORING AMY REISCH

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Amy Reisch who is retiring from the First 5 Marin Children and Fam-

ilies Commission (First 5 Marin) after 20 years as its visionary executive director, culminating a career spanning almost 50 years of exemplary public service.

Born in 1949 in Omaha, Nebraska, to Harold and Celia Lewis, Ms. Reisch's passion for equity started at an early age when she and her sister Beth attended a progressive summer camp where many of the campers and staff were from different racial, religious, economic, and ethnic backgrounds. After graduating from high school in Philadelphia, Ms. Reisch obtained a degree in Sociology from the University of Pennsylvania, followed by a Master of Social Work from the City University of New York Hunter Graduate School of Social Work. She went on to apply her educational acumen through employment with several important organizations serving children and families including FOCUS on Women's Education and Advocacy at the University of Pennsylvania; Jewish Family and Children's Services of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties; YWCA of San Francisco, Marin, and San Mateo; Northern California Coalition of Civil Rights; and as a board member of the United Way of the Bay Area.

First 5 Marin was created by Proposition 10 in 1998 and authorized by the Mann County Board of Supervisors in 1999. The Act allows a levy on taxes from cigarettes and other tobacco products to be used for funding early childhood development programs. First 5 Marin used this revenue to enhance early learning programs and experiences for school age children, helping them to have more successful academic careers and equal opportunities in life. As Executive Director for First 5 Marin, Ms. Reisch was well known for her intelligent, passionate and innovative approach to delivering services to children and families in Marin. During her 20 years as Executive Director, her ability to seek out diverse board members with different expertise and backgrounds enabled her to build a Commission representing all children and families in Marin County, regardless of their background.

Under her leadership, First 5 Mann funded programs including the CARES program to provide stipends to educators in early childhood classrooms for continuing professional development and training; the Children's Health Initiative to provide outreach and enrollment assistance for health insurance for individuals who are not eligible for public programs; the School Readiness Program that offers free Kindergarten preparation for children who need it, and the Children's Oral Health Project to provide free oral health screenings and dental cleanings to Marin's preschools and child care facilities.

Among her many skills and talents, Ms. Reisch has a knack for bringing together community leaders from the nonprofit, public, and private sectors to build partnerships to improve services for children, youth and families. Her ability to create strong working partnerships including with the County of Mann and the Mann Community Foundation, and to bring together other influential thought leaders and funders most recently culminated with the formation of MarmKids, an advocacy group for children of all ages in Marin. This work started in 2009, with key leaders from around the county who developed an ambitious and comprehensive vision for all children in Marin. The organization's advocacy led to a community

funding measure to establish a dedicated funding stream for children and youth in Marin County to improve children's health and well-being. Although that measure was narrowly defeated in November 2016, the work lives on thanks to her enduring leadership. In establishing Marin Communications Forum, First 5 Marin furthers public education and coalition-building at no cost through monthly gatherings with experts who share information and inspiration on ways to best serve children and families in Marin County.

Ms. Reisch extended her reach and many skills and talents to First 5's Bay Area Regional Executive Director group and the First 5 Association of California's executive committee. Her work has been recognized by many groups and organizations over the years including by the Marin County Office of Education for her leadership in increasing access to high quality preschools in 2008, and by the Marin County Board of Supervisors who named Ms Reisch as their Children's Health Initiative Champion in 2009. Further, Ms. Reisch and First 5 Marin received a Certificate of Recognition from the California State Legislature for promoting programs that help children prepare to enter school with emotional and social development through inclusion and equity.

Ms. Reisch's enduring commitment to outreach and advocacy to promote the structural changes needed to advance equity and develop tomorrow's healthy and well-educated public leaders is a gift that will keep on giving after she retires. Madam Speaker, please join me in expressing deep appreciation for Ms. Reisch's career, and in wishing her much fun and love with her daughters and grandchildren and the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF STEVE MADDOX BEING NAMED THE 2019 WORLD DAIRY EXPO'S DAIRYMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. TJ COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Steve Maddox, Sr. of RuAnn and Maddox Dairies on being named the 2019 World Dairy Expo's Dairyman of the Year.

Steve Maddox, a third-generation dairyman from Riverdale in Fresno County, knows that dairy farming is not just a career—it's a way of life, and a life that proudly unites generations of his family. In 1957, Steve's father Doug Maddox started RuAnn Dairy. That's where Steve's love for dairy farming was kindled. When the family purchased a farm in 1980, he took on new responsibilities managing the new farm, Maddox Dairy.

The family's operations have grown tremendously since 1980. Currently, Steve manages the 3,200 milking cows at Maddox Dairy, while his brother Patrick Maddox manages another 1,100 head at the original RuAnn Dairy. Steve's commitment to the industry goes beyond his own dairy operation. He was one of the initial directors of the board for California Dairies, Inc., and served as board secretary for over 10 years. He also sat on the board