

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF ROY "SWEDE"
BOREEN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Roy "Swede" Boreen and wish him a very happy 100th birthday.

The attack on Pearl Harbor was an event that not only shaped the course of our country but the lives of many Americans, including Mr. Boreen. When Pearl Harbor was attacked on December 7, 1941, he was one of the many heroes who reported for duty on the USS *Oklahoma* (BB-37). A shopkeeper with the United States Navy, Mr. Boreen was the only survivor from the battleship's pay office. For over two decades, he showed endless bravery and courage in his pursuit of peace across the globe.

After completing active duty, Mr. Boreen moved to Virginia with his wife, Cora Evans, and began a successful career in the electronics industry. They both enjoyed a round of golf and in 1982, settled in Pinehurst, North Carolina. As a couple they were seen regularly on the courses in and around our community and volunteered at the Sandhills Food Bank, Sandhills Little Theatre, and numerous golf tournaments.

Mr. Boreen was born on July 30, 1920 and represents the best our nation has to offer. I am proud to join our community today in honoring all that he has accomplished over the last 100 years.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in thanking Roy "Swede" Boreen for his service and wishing him a happy 100th birthday.

JOSEPH W. DEVINE

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Washington Township, New Jersey resident Joseph W. Devine on his outstanding leadership.

Joseph Devine and his wife, Dina Devine, live in Washington Township, New Jersey and are proud parents to their two married daughters. Joseph attended La Salle University where he first obtained his Bachelor of Science and went on to earn his MBA from St. Joseph's University. From 2013–2020, Joe served as President and Chief Experience Officer for Jefferson Health of New Jersey. He also diligently served as Chair of the Board of the Chamber of Commerce of South Jersey, Executive Club Chairman of the Gloucester County Chamber of Commerce and as a Commissioner of the South Jersey Transportation Authority where his responsibilities included ensuring safe public transportation and

transportation projects to support the economy of Southern New Jersey.

Formerly known as Kennedy Health Alliance, Jefferson Health New Jersey's Primary and Specialty Care network of medical practices grew significantly under Joe's leadership to more than 200 care providers based at over 40 South Jersey locations since 2013. As a former "Heart of Gold" recipient from the Wigs and Wishes Foundation in 2017, Joe strives to promote safe, high-quality patient care and a strong, caring, working community. During his time as President, Jefferson Health New Jersey was named "Top Workplace" by Philly.com five times between 2013 and 2018.

Jefferson Health has achieved countless systemwide achievements under Joe's leadership. In 2015, Jefferson received a \$1.4 million grant from the New Jersey Department of Health to facilitate a more veteran and military friendly network of integrated care within the state. Under his presidency in 2016, Jefferson Health was the only hospital nationwide to receive the Sepsis Hero National Award from the Sepsis Alliance. To grow and create opportunities for employees and community members, Jefferson Health in New Jersey became the first hospital system in the state to establish an internship-to-employment program, Project SEARCH, for young adults with disabilities.

Joe's outstanding leadership was also individually recognized for a wide variety of achievements throughout his career. Some of his many awards include Joe's "Corporate Diversity Award" from the Gloucester County NAACP in 2013, the Garden State Council Boy Scouts of America's "Distinguished Citizens Award" in 2014, and the "Signum Fidei Medal" in 2016 from Joe's alma mater, La Salle University. Joe's character and dedication to his community is well recognized and respected.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Joseph Devine for his unrelenting commitment to bettering his community and using his outstanding influence and leadership skills to make meaningful and lasting change for our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARKWAYNE MULLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Mr. MULLIN. Madam Speaker, I was not present the week of July 20–24, 2020 on account of supporting my son's continuing recovery.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 139; NAY on Roll Call No. 140; NAY on Roll Call No. 141; NAY on Roll Call No. 142; YEA on Roll Call No. 143; NAY on Roll Call No. 144; NAY on Roll Call No. 145; NAY on Roll Call No. 146; NAY on Roll Call No. 147; NAY on Roll Call No. 148; NAY on Roll Call No. 149; NAY on Roll Call

No. 150; YEA on Roll Call No. 151; NAY on Roll Call No. 152; NAY on Roll Call No. 153; NAY on Roll Call No. 154; NAY on Roll Call No. 155; NAY on Roll Call No. 156; NAY on Roll Call No. 157; NAY on Roll Call No. 158; YEA on Roll Call No. 159; NAY on Roll Call No. 160; YEA on Roll Call No. 161; YEA on Roll Call No. 162; NAY on Roll Call No. 163; YEA on Roll Call No. 164; YEA on Roll Call No. 165; and NAY on Roll Call No. 166.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN
LEWIS

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay homage to John Robert Lewis and his remarkable life as we mourn his passing on July 17th.

John Lewis was my trusted friend and colleague and his passing leaves me, my colleagues, and our entire nation with an aching sadness. He was an icon, the tireless champion for justice, equality, civil rights, and human rights. He fought for the most vulnerable in our society and never stopped working to perfect our union.

John Lewis shaped the course of history in America. Profoundly moved by the Montgomery bus boycott as a young man which he said "changed my life more than any other event before or since," he threw his mind and body into the civil rights movement to advocate for equal access to jobs, housing, education, health care, public accommodations, and voting rights.

John recognized at a young age the transformative power of knowledge and education to build a better life and a better world for himself and others. He loved school and vividly remembered the hope he felt after the Supreme Court's decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* requiring public schools to desegregate. He dreamed of attending Troy State University and first met Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1958 when he attempted to desegregate the university. He would remain a fearless advocate of Dr. King's Beloved Community for the rest of his life.

John was a man of extraordinary faith . . . faith in God, faith in the country he loved and served with passion, and faith in the inherent goodness in all of us. He began preaching at a young age and after graduating high school he enrolled in the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville and was ordained a Baptist minister. While in Nashville, he was introduced to the concept of civil disobedience and "redemptive suffering" and helped organize sit-ins to desegregate public accommodations. His efforts served as a catalyst for Nashville to become the first southern city to integrate its lunch counters.

John went on to become a founding member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating

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Committee and once again demonstrated his courage by becoming one of the 13 original Freedom Riders, allowing himself to be beaten and jailed in pursuit of justice while remaining true to nonviolence. He was one of the 'Big Six' who helped organize the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963 and pushed the Kennedy Administration to take up the cause of civil rights.

John Lewis revered the sanctity of the right to vote and he was willing to die for it. He was at the vanguard of the struggle for equal voting rights and made history during the Selma to Montgomery marches when he led activists across the Edmund Pettus Bridge and was savagely beaten during 'Bloody Sunday.' Eight days later, President Lyndon Johnson addressed a Joint Session of Congress to call for the passage of the Voting Rights Act which would be signed into law within five months.

John Lewis continued his fight for justice during his entire service of over 30 years in the House of Representatives where he championed equal education, affordable health care, gun control, economic opportunity and equal rights. I'm enormously proud and deeply grateful to have served with him and I will always treasure our time together as colleagues.

As a Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on the Deadliest Cancers, I will offer an amendment next week to increase funding for Pancreatic Cancer research, the disease that claimed John, in loving memory of him. John Lewis was the living embodiment of courage and conviction, and a hero to tens of millions of Americans. He was a humble and kind man who served the public with honesty and integrity. He was a holy man who worked every day to perfect our union and now he is perfecting heaven where he was welcomed by Dr. King. Future generations will be inspired by his faith, his courage, and his vision of equality for all God's children which has strengthened and bettered the nation he so loved.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB GIBBS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Mr. GIBBS. Madam Speaker, due to a medical appointment, I was unable to vote on July 24, 2020. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 162; NAY on Roll Call No. 163; YEA on Roll Call No. 164; YEA on Roll Call No. 165; and NAY on Roll Call No. 166.

FY 2021 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, today I rise in support of the Fiscal Year 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

This year's NDAA provides our nation's service members with the resources they need to succeed and upholds the values and pro-

pects the interests of our nation with important investments in people, equipment and infrastructure.

In addition to paying our troops, getting them the gear they need, and "providing for the common defense," this year's NDAA goes above and beyond. It makes sure that we are preparing for future pandemics, it creates a more inclusive military by establishing a new Chief Diversity Officer, and it takes on climate change.

Two other important areas of investment are supporting veterans transitioning to civilian life and fighting domestic terror.

Importantly, I want to highlight two provisions that I appreciate are included in this bill.

The first is formally codifying the proven Boots to Business training program. Now more than ever, Boots to Business is invaluable for servicemembers transitioning into civilian life and a struggling economy. It's already trained more than 100,000 servicemembers on the essentials of entrepreneurship and business management. This Obama-era program would be codified into law through this amendment.

Now turning to my second amendment. For some time now, I have been working to enhance the federal government's efforts to combat domestic terrorism, specifically through my bill, the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act of 2020.

Domestic terrorism, and in particular far-right extremism, is a growing threat to our nation. Concerningly, and our military is not exempt from this problem.

The military has grappled with extremists, including White supremacist and neo-Nazi, infiltration of their ranks for some time.

We saw both active duty and former service members playing a prominent role in the disturbing violence at the White Supremacist Charlottesville rally.

And despite statements from military leaders at the time condemning these actions, recent events highlight the need to address this issue urgently.

Recent arrests of individuals with ties to the Boogaloo Movement—an extremist organization seeking a second Civil War—include Staff Sergeant Steven Carrillo.

Private First Class Shandon Simpson participated in neo-Nazi forums.

And Private Ethan Melzer is charged with sharing classified information to a neo-Nazi group in order to plan an attack on his own unit.

We cannot let this insidious contamination continue. This year's NDAA will include my amendment to strengthen reporting on extremist activity in the military. We need to fully understand the problem to effectively combat it and root out extremism in the military.

While I will continue to seek passage of my Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act of 2020, I am pleased we are taking steps forward with this NDAA with respect to combating extremism in the military and ensuring the safety of all Americans.

I have been working hard on these priorities to take care of our service members returning home and to root out extremism and hate. So I'm pleased that these initiatives have been included in this essential piece of legislation.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF TERRY SLOAN

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Terry Sloan for thirty-two years of federal service, including five years as the National Records Center Director within the Department of Homeland Security's United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Prior to joining USCIS in 2008, Ms. Sloan held various legal and leadership positions within the Department of Defense and the Department of Commerce. Recognized as an outstanding public servant throughout her illustrious career, Ms. Sloan's long list of accomplishments have been celebrated with several prestigious awards, including the Department of the Army Civilian Service Achievement Medal. Once named the USCIS Manager of the Year, Ms. Sloan was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in 2015, making her a civil-service equivalent to a general officer within the United States military. Having served the US, federal government for over three decades, including a half-decade at the helm of the USCIS National Records Center, Ms. Sloan's example of leadership and public service is well-worth reflecting upon.

Lee's Summit, Missouri became home to the USCIS National Records Center in 1999, when the country's most extensive collection of immigrant records was moved to a limestone cave sixty feet below ground. Currently holding nearly sixty-million immigrant files, another one-and-a-half million records are added each year to the countless shelves within this four-hundred-and-fifty-thousand square foot repository. Among these, the National Records Center houses the immigration files belonging to highly acclaimed cultural icons who immigrated to the United States, including John Lennon, Salvador Dali, and Elizabeth Taylor. Receiving over six hundred FOIA requests each day, the USCIS National Records Center documents contain our country's immigration history through the eyes of individual immigrants who journeyed across the globe before stepping foot on American shores. As new files arrive at the National Records Center by the truckload, the eight hundred employees and contractors employed within the vast facility work around the clock to retrieve documents needed to determine immigrant status for granting government benefits.

As the Director of the USCIS National Records Center, Ms. Sloan had the profound responsibility of managing this immense, ever-growing repository to ensure that the history of immigration to the United States is properly archived, made accessible to the public, and preserved for future generations. In 2016, while serving as the National Records Center's Director, Ms. Sloan oversaw efforts to locate photographs of five immigrants who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. For fifteen years, it had proved impossible to find images of these five individuals. However, when Ms. Sloan and the team she oversaw was put to the task, portraits of all five victims were quickly discovered and then shipped to the National September 11 Memorial and Museum for public display—a