

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF SARA NOLAND

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Sara Noland. Mrs. Noland lives in Irvine, Kentucky and celebrates her 100th birthday on August 17th.

Mrs. Noland grew up in Woodford County, Kentucky. As a junior in high school she began working in her school's library. She went on to the University of Kentucky, where she earned a degree in library science. Her first job in 1941 was at Estill County High School, where she earned \$90 a month. She married during World War II and traveled across the country, working at several libraries along the way. In 1949, she was rehired as librarian of Estill County High School. While working there, she helped get the Estill County Public Library started and volunteered there for many years. Mrs. Noland retired in 1991 with 42 years of dedicated service.

Mrs. Noland has been an involved member of her community for many years in a variety of ways. She has taught Sunday School, led church youth groups, served as a 4-H leader, and was a Girl Scout leader. At the high school, she led a reading club, worked with the Academic Team, and helped with Project Graduation. She also volunteered with adult literacy. Mrs. Noland was commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel for her work in literacy. In 1996 she became the first recipient of the Governor's Lifetime Achievement Award for Volunteer Service.

It is my honor to recognize Mrs. Sara Noland, celebrate her 100th birthday, and thank her for her many contributions to her community, particularly in the important area of literacy.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN GAINING THE RIGHT TO VOTE

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which states that "the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex." The right to vote is the foundation of our democracy and the fight for women's suffrage was a generations long struggle.

The 19th Amendment did not guarantee the right to vote for all women. Although African American and other suffragists of color nationwide worked tirelessly for suffrage, they faced systematic racism in the movement and were

frequently denied their right to vote through harassment, intimidation, and laws that imposed severe restrictions. Native Americans and Asian Americans were denied citizenship and, therefore, were not eligible to vote until after 1924 and 1952, respectively. It was only in 1965 with the passage of the Voting Rights Act that barriers to voting based on race were removed.

Vermont women engaged in the suffrage movement for decades; notable among them: Clarina Howard Nichols of Townshend, who petitioned the legislature for voting rights in school district elections; Laura Moore, the longtime Secretary of the Vermont Woman's Suffrage Association; Lucy Daniels of Grafton, who protested disfranchisement by refusing to pay her taxes; Annette Parmelee of Enosburg Falls, who was a persistent legislative lobbyist; and Lillian Olzendam of Woodstock, who organized a massive campaign to convince legislators to ratify the 19th Amendment.

In 1919, the Vermont Legislature passed the Presidential suffrage bill but it was vetoed by Governor Percival Clement, an opponent of women's suffrage. He refused to call for a special legislative session which would have allowed Vermont to become the 36th and final state to ratify the amendment. In response, 400 suffragists marched through mud and snow to the Vermont State House in protest, demanding the governor allow a vote, which he did not. Consequently, Tennessee became the final ratifying state on August 18, 1920—100 years ago, today.

Following the ratification of the 19th Amendment, 28,159 Vermont women registered to vote. Edna Beard of Orange became the first woman to win a seat in the Vermont House of Representatives and was one of the Vermont legislators who finally ratified the 19th Amendment on February 8, 1921.

While today is a celebration of how far we have come and the accomplishments of the suffragist movement, we must also acknowledge the history of the movement that marginalized and ostracized women of color, especially Black American women who fought tirelessly for the right to vote. Today, many obstacles to voting still exist and they disproportionately affect people of color. The fight for voting rights, racial justice, and our democracy continue. As the late Congressman John Lewis said, "Democracy is not a state. It is an act."

HONORING PAFFORD MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE DURING COVID-19

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedicated work of Pafford Medical Services during COVID-19.

This family-owned and operated EMS service has long held the mission of serving both urban and rural communities, but during this unprecedented time, the Pafford Medical family has gone above and beyond expectation.

With more than 900 employees and 120 ambulances in a four-state region, Pafford Medical Services has served the people of rural areas like Arkansas' Fourth District for more than 50 years, and during that time, they have created a reputation for efficient and effective disaster response. In this time of national crisis, that reputation has been proven true.

As emergency medical personnel, these essential workers are those that battle on the frontline of the COVID-19 pandemic. While taking no thought of their own personal safety, Pafford Medical has taught us all what it means to be a hero and a true servant of a community. I take this time to honor them for their personal sacrifice and to thank them for their commitment to higher service.

HONORING COACH JESSE WILLIAM JOSEPH AMOS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant Coach Jesse William Joseph Amos was born February 21, 1941 in Jackson, Mississippi. He was the third born of nine children to the late Will Amos Sr. and Mary Walker Amos. Jesse William Amos transitioned unto the Lord on the afternoon of May 14, 2020, in Jackson, Mississippi.

Mr. Jesse William Joseph Amos attended Holy Ghost Catholic School the "Comforter". Grades 1st through 12th. He graduated in May 1959 with honors. Jesse enjoyed basketball and was a member of the Holy Ghost "Tigers" basketball team. He was well liked by his team and his classmates. He was an alter boy and a member of the CYO, "Catholic Youth Organization" under Father Vance Thorne SVD. This group of young men would take care of the grounds at Holy Ghost Catholic School and Church weekly. Jesse was the strong leader of the group. He loved to make things beautiful and clean. The group would cut, clean and support what was needed of and expected from young Catholics working together as a team. This is where his drive for "Team Work" began.

Mr. Amos attended Jackson State College, his older sister Rosie Mae Amos Washington was his role model. She majored in Health and Physical Education with a minor in Health. This influenced Jesse to major in the same field of education. He loved his sister Rosie and emulated her in many aspects during his life. Jesse went on to further his education and earned a Masters in Health and Physical Education from Jackson College, later under

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the college name Jackson State University he earned a Specialist Degree in Health and Physical Education. Jesse sacrificed a lot while working toward his degrees. He worked nights from High School until he graduated college. He was an orderly at St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson, MS and waited tables at Primos and the Country Club of Jackson.

He loved to work and be self-supported and took pride in helping his family.

After graduation, Jesse's 42 years of service began at Eupora High School followed by Rosa Scott High School, Velma Jackson High School, Hinds Agricultural High School and Upward Bound-Tougaloo College. He also taught Health, Physical Education and Driver Education at Jackson State University.

Mr. Amos not only coached basketball but he also coached baseball on the little league and high school level. His teams at Velma Jackson and Hinds AHS won State Championships along with local and regional awards, and many other honors in their divisions. His sisters, Rosie and Juanita would attend most of them, especially Rosie.

Mr. Amos was a serious coach. He taught fundamentals first, the definition of team second followed by unity. He believed in being united as one. No show boating, no individualism, only team work. His coworkers, his teams and even his rivals respected him. To all of them he was a man, father, coach and a friend. Jesse William Joseph Amos was a winner. The legacy goes on.

He leaves to cherish his memory a beautiful wife, his right hand of 56 years, Sara A. Brown Amos; three daughters: Jacqueline R. Amos of Jackson, MS; Jacinta R. Amos Inniss (Russell) of Chicago, IL; and Jocelyn R. Amos of Jackson, MS; six grand-children: Alessandro M. Norris of Atlanta, GA; Nicos J. Norris (Ceira) of Tulsa, Ok; Jasmina R. Norris of Russellville, AR; Deja I. Evans of Houston, TX; Jacob Greyson Inniss of Chicago, IL; one great-granddaughter, Aura Neco Norris of Tulsa OK; three sisters: Juanita Butler of Jackson, MS; Barbara Ann Caldwell of Holly Springs, MS; Mary Ann Studaway of Atlanta GA; one brother, Samuel M. Amos, Sr. of Oklahoma City, OK; God-sons: Isiah Rouser of Jackson, MS; and Bobby McMurtry of Madison, MS; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Coach Jesse William Joseph Amos.

IN MEMORY OF THE REMARKABLE
LIFE OF ROBERT LEE JONES, SR.

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the remarkable life of Robert "Bob" Lee Jones, Sr. On August 4, 2020, Bob returned to his creator after fulfilling a lifelong service as a visionary farmer and educator who helped shaped sustainable farming for Northern Ohio and America.

Born in Zanesville and raised in Huron, OH, Bob embraced farming as his birthright, passed down from his father, Melvin "Pete" Jones, a sheep farmer in Southern Ohio. He and his father shared a love for farming and

Lyman wooden boats, while he and his mother, Marjorie "Mimi", enjoyed spending time at the Huron Lakefront Park.

Having agriculture in his DNA, Bob attended The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences and Bowling Green State University. Academically gifted and scientifically curious, he proudly collected and read a library of old and new agricultural and business volumes over his lifetime.

One of Bob's proudest and dearest accomplishments was his six-decade long marriage to his beloved high school sweetheart and wife, Barbara. His beautiful wife Barbara built their Garden Enterprise at his side, a partnership of love and botanical genius. Her racks of thousands of cookbooks and recipes formed foundation stones for the evolving Chefs' Garden that attracts the finest chefs in the world for advanced training. Together, they raised three remarkable children, Melvin "Lee", Terri Lynn, and Bob Jr., who will proudly continue their father's work.

The most prolific and enduring part of Bob's legacy was born out of persistence and the strength he and his family summoned to rise above. After suffering a setback in the 1980s, Bob and his family created the Chefs' Garden. The Chefs' Garden is a mixture of traditional farming, innovative food safety programs, and education that provides fresh vegetables, microgreens, herbs, edible flowers to chefs with an "Earth-to-Table" philosophy. For the past three decades, Bob lead his family to catapult their operation into a force, which provides chefs in 50 states and 14 countries with flavorful, sustainable, and high class produce.

Ever evolving, Bob's business became a botanical science campus, with plants and students from nearby and around the world coming to partake in his Culinary Vegetable Institute. The Institute is a world class educational, research, and event facility where chefs and their teams come to immerse themselves in revitalizing education or team building missions. Bob's dedication to his craft knew no bounds, and he wanted to share that with the chief benefactors of his mission, chefs.

Bob and Barbara's passion for education yielded their nationwide nonprofit-Veggie U. Nothing could equal "Farmer Jones" in his denim jeans trekking to schools everywhere with Grow Kits to educate children and teachers for the next generation about the magical power of the productive earth. Veggie U educates children on the processes of planting, growing, harvesting crops, as well as healthy eating strategies, in their classroom. They also offer a dedicated program for special needs students. The program has sprouted 8,300 classroom gardens and graduated 207,500 students in 36 states. Veggie U ensures Bob and his family's mission will remain steadfast for many generations to follow.

One of Bob's last gifts to his country came during the Coronavirus pandemic. He and his family were devising plans to get fresh produce to the needy well before federal assistance was implemented. They are patriots, participating in USDA's Farmers to Families Food Box program, providing their world-class produce to help feed those devastated by the pandemic. His desire to ensure people were properly nourished persisted until his last breath, and with the help of his beautiful family, will continue.

Robert Lee Jones, Sr. was a giant among men. His focus and dedication to agriculture

never wavered and furthered the progress of American farming. I send my deepest condolences to his family, especially his beloved wife, children, grandchildren, and the many people who were touched by his life. May they find solace in the faith Bob held so dear, and may the angels raise him to a place of peace and comfort which he so richly deserves.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF JIMMY E. MILLER

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jimmy E. Miller, a lifelong native of Jasper, Texas and faithful servant to his community.

Jimmy was born on November 3, 1964, to Will and Dianne Miller in Jasper, Texas. Growing up, Jimmy worked at his father's family owned store, "Miller's Grocery Bait and Tackle." It was at his father's bait and tackle shop that he learned the value of community as well as his desire to help others and exhibit the compassionate love of God. Later in his adult life, Jimmy served the residents of Jasper's precinct 2 for 20 years as a member of the Road and Bridge crew. He worked for three different commissioners during his tenure and went about his job with dignity and kindness, just as he lived his life. He worked on dump trucks, front end loaders, and on maintainers fixing roads—always building relationships with those he encountered.

On April 3, 1993, Jimmy married the love of his life, Druscilla Rogers. For the last 27 years, they shared a wonderful life together, packed full of cherished memories and more love than one could imagine. The couple had and raised one child, Will Miller of Jasper. Druscilla and Jimmy both possessed a compassionate love for helping others, and that was felt by all whom they encountered.

In 2018, Jimmy was elected Justice of the Peace (JP) for precinct 2 of Jasper County. While serving as JP, Jimmy found his greatest and final podium to do the Lord's work. From praying with bereaved family members at an inquest to having long talks with community members sitting across the desk from him, Jimmy was so proud to serve and assist his community. On many occasions he could be heard to say, "I have the best job ever. I get to help people and tell them about Jesus."

Jimmy was also committed to serving the young people of his community. He and his wife, Druscilla, founded the Jasper County 4-H shooting sports program and used the roping pen behind their house as the county's own practice arena. The pair devoted countless hours to the growth and development of multiple Jasper County 4-H programs, where Jimmy served as the chairman of the goat-show and on the buyers committee for the Jasper County Junior Livestock Association. He also faithfully organized and oversaw the mutton bustin portion of the Jasper Lions Club Rodeo for the last 10 years.

As a compassionate follower of Christ, Jimmy was one of the founding members of the Jasper County Cowboy Church and served as trustee, team leader, and arena director for the worship center. Jimmy felt that it