

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CITIZEN COSPONSORS OF THE GEORGE FLOYD JUSTICE IN POLICING ACT

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, on June 25, the House passed the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act to address systemic racism and police misconduct, increase accountability and transparency, and change the culture of law enforcement. Since passage, thousands of Americans have visited the website JusticeinPolicing.us to learn about the bill, weigh in with their support, and sign on as citizen cosponsor in support. I include in the RECORD the following names of citizen cosponsors:

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IN HONOR OF RACHEL MEYER

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rachel Meyer, Executive Director Emeritus of CuriOdyssey, a science playground and zoo for children ages 1 to 100. Rachel was executive director for 13 years, 2007 to 2020. She recently departed to find new challenges, but she leaves a legacy of love and educational achievement.

CuriOdyssey is nestled under the eucalyptus trees at Coyote Point in San Mateo. It's a spectacular setting for a science facility because the natural splendor of Coyote Point is itself something to behold.

During her tenure, Rachel really put CuriOdyssey on the map. It went from being the Coyote Point Science Museum to being the place on the Peninsula to bring small children, and those a bit older, to learn about physics, math, animals and much, much more.

CuriOdyssey is all about experience.

Rachel Meyer brought exhibits to CuriOdyssey that challenged children to immerse themselves in science. Under Rachel, exhibits reflected how children learn—through touching, listening, drawing, reading, jumping, grabbing. Many museums are static with thick glass separating patrons and the exhibits. At CuriOdyssey, it was sometimes necessary to put a warning sign discretely on the exhibit so that smaller children wouldn't overwhelm the display by trying to physically engage with whatever was moving, popping, clanging, flashing, howling or flying.

Rachel was a great fundraiser and under her leadership both attendance and donations soared. She invited the community to donate to an expanded CuriOdyssey and they responded with gusto. Her team of co-workers were talented and dedicated. They raised enough money that a new facility will open this decade, dedicated to the belief that you can't shut down curiosity even during a pandemic.

Science education is embedded in the DNA of the San Francisco Peninsula, home to some of Silicon Valley's greatest companies and to the faculty of many great universities, such as Stanford, the University of California, Berkeley or the University of California, San Francisco. These parents know quality science when they see it, and they came by the tens of thousands to witness the displays, and to teach their children, because of Rachel Meyer's energy and imagination.

Rachel did not arise from a vacuum. She was the Executive Director of the Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo for 11 years before her 13 years at CuriOdyssey. She learned

about science education through studying under a master, Dr. Frank Oppenheimer of the Exploratorium in San Francisco.

CuriOdyssey is a zoo as well as museum. The facility is home to animals injured and unable to return safely to the wild as well as those born in captivity. Rachel was an outstanding mother to them all even though, if asked, the porcupine might not concede the point.

It takes a special kind of educator to lead an all-hands-on-deck institution like a children's experiential museum. Rachel was an outstanding choice. She never let a good deed by staff or board go unmentioned, never left a fundraising dime hidden beneath the cushions on the couch, and always used her love of learning through fun to guide CuriOdyssey.

She is now on a new path in life but it's really the same path: Education and science. She will consult and stay close to CuriOdyssey. Indeed, the burrowing owls might otherwise wonder where their mentor has gone. So good was she at burrowing into the fabric of our lives that we can scarcely believe she left her station at Coyote Point. Good news for us all: The bald eagle will keep us apprised of the sightings, and comings and goings, of Rachel. Undoubtedly this noble bird will report that Rachel is up to great good in the years ahead.

IN HONOR OF ROSA MITCHELL

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a resident of Detroit, Michigan, Ms. Rosa Mitchell, as she celebrates ninety years of life.

A long-time resident of Detroit, Ms. Mitchell raised her family in a loving home in the city's southwest 48217 neighborhood. I first met Ms. Mitchell when I served in Michigan's State House of Representatives. She is engaged on the issues that affect her community and will readily share her keen insights. Not only is Ms. Mitchell thoughtful and well-spoken, she is big-hearted and caring. My staff and I always welcome a call or visit from Ms. Mitchell.

Her strength of character and kind nature make her a natural matriarch in her community. Rosa Mitchell became a well-known fixture of the community as the former First Lady of New Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church and Springfield Missionary Baptist Church, where she often provided counsel to flock members in need of spiritual guidance. She is an integral part of her neighborhood and can be counted on for a warm smile and a friendly word. Her daughter Yvette best describes her affable personality in a quote: "Mama Rosa meets no strangers." Rosa Mitchell is simply a joy to everyone who knows her.

Please join me in recognizing this milestone and wishing Ms. Rosa Mitchell the happiest of birthdays.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MAYOR
MICHAEL COPELAND OF OLATHE

HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise to honor the life and service of Mayor Michael Copeland, who passed away on August 19, 2020. Mayor Copeland was a devoted father and husband, who is survived by his wife Maria, and children Olivia, Abigail and Joshua.

Mayor Copeland began his career in public service in 1993, when he was elected as Ward 4 Councilmember in Olathe. He went on to be elected mayor in 2001, an office he held until his passing. As Olathe's longest-serving mayor, he was a wonderful champion for his beloved community. During his tenure, he guided Olathe through a time of unprecedented growth and pioneered several programs to improve the city. One of these initiatives, a children's literacy program called "I Read with Mayor Mike," reached thousands of kids in Olathe and was recognized by First Lady Laura Bush, who visited Olathe in 2008 to celebrate the program.

Not only did Mayor Copeland dedicate his life to public service, he also devoted his time to charity work. He created the Olathe Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund, which raised more than \$1.5 million for children's charities since 2007. He received numerous accolades, including the Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Award given by the Olathe Branch of the NAACP, the Olathe Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year Award, and the Daily Points of Light Award.

Mayor Copeland leaves behind a legacy that has touched the lives of many in the Olathe community. During his 20 years of service, he added 18 parks and 29 miles of trails, opened the new Olathe Community Center and new Indian Creek Library, and completed the Santa Fe railroad grade separation—among many other notable accomplishments.

Personally, I will miss Mayor Copeland's wise counsel. I very much enjoyed each one of our many conversations since I took office. He was always generous with his time and knowledge, willing and eager to represent the people of Olathe.

Madam Speaker, I offer my deepest condolences to Mayor Copeland's family and friends, and all of those who will miss his kindness and leadership.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRIS JACOBS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Mr. JACOBS. Madam Speaker, during the Saturday evening vote series on H.R. 8015, the Delivering for America Act, I unintentionally voted NAY on final passage. Had I been able to correct my vote, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 182.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following roll call votes. Had I been present for them, I would have voted as follows: Roll Call 179: Ordering the previous question on H. Res. 1092—NAY; Roll Call 180: H. Res. 1092—NAY; Roll Call 181: REPUBLICAN MOTION TO RECOMMIT H.R. 8015 WITH INSTRUCTIONS—YEA; and Roll Call 182: H.R. 8015 “DELIVERING FOR AMERICA ACT”—NAY.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WILLIAM R. TIMMONS, IV

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Mr. TIMMONS. Madam Speaker, I missed votes during the weeks of July 20th and 27th and on August 22nd due to full-time military duties with South Carolina Air National Guard.

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; YEA on Roll Call No. 152; NAY on Roll Call No. 153; NAY on Roll Call No. 154; YEA on Roll Call No. 155; NAY on Roll Call No. 156; NAY on Roll Call No. 157; NAY on Roll Call No. 158; NAY 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; NAY on Roll Call No. 166; YEA on Roll Call No. 167; NAY on Roll Call No. 168; NAY on Roll Call No. 169; YEA on Roll Call No. 170; NAY on Roll Call No. 171; NAY on Roll Call No. 172; NAY on Roll Call No. 173; NAY on Roll Call No. 174; NAY on Roll Call No. 175; YEA on Roll Call No. 176; YEA on Roll Call No. 177; NAY on Roll Call No. 178; NAY on Roll Call No. 179; NAY on Roll Call No. 180; YEA on Roll Call No. 181; and NAY on Roll Call No. 182.

HONORING MARK MALCHOFF, FOUNDING MEMBER OF LAKE CHAMPLAIN SEA GRANT INSTITUTE, FOR HIS LONGTIME SERVICE TO THE NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mark Malchoff, a founding member of the Lake Champlain Sea Grant Institute, for his 21 years of service to the North Country community, protecting and preserving our lakes and native aquatic life.

Founded in 1999, the Lake Champlain Sea Grant Institute aims to raise awareness to improve the environmental health of Lake Champlain, Lake George, and their respective watersheds, and encourage sustainable economic development. Throughout the 21-year partnership between State University of New York—Plattsburgh and the University of Vermont, grantees, like Mr. Malchoff, have espoused research excellence, public service, and a strong dedication to preserving the natural environment and resources these Lakes offer.

Mr. Malchoff has been a vital part of the program's success from the very beginning. He has worked as an Aquatic Resource Specialist for 21 years based at SUNY—Plattsburgh and is one of two original staff members to still be with the Institute. He has authored or co-authored 26 research publications which are cataloged by the National Sea Grant Library and advanced our understanding of the natural eco-system in and around Lake Champlain. His expertise has shaped groundbreaking research on many pressing issues in the environment including the transport of crude oil and the prevention of aquatic invasive species spread. He has also spent some time as an adjunct professor at SUNY—Plattsburgh, passing on his knowledge to the next generation and inspiring students to follow in his footsteps.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank Mr. Malchoff for his contributions to the community and congratulate him on reaching this important milestone. I wish him well in this next chapter of his life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Mr. KELLY. Madam Speaker, on Saturday, August 22, 2020, I was unavoidably detained away from the House Chamber.

Had I been present, I would have voted: 'Nay' on Roll Call Number 179 for bill number H. RES. 1092 H.R. 8015 On Ordering the Previous Question; 'Nay' on Roll Call Number 180 for bill number H. RES. 1092 On Agreeing to the Resolution; 'Yay' on Roll Call Number 181 for bill number H.R. 8015 On Motion to Recommit with Instructions; and 'Nay' on Roll Call Number 182 for bill number H.R. 8015 “Delivering for America Act” On Passage.

For years, the U.S. Postal Service has faced serious financial problems that have been exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic. Significant reforms are needed at USPS to put it on a sustainable path. Already this year, Congress has given USPS additional access to \$10 billion worth of funding to cover operating expenses of which the Post Office has yet to use. Simply delivering another \$25 billion—at substantial taxpayer cost—without operational changes is bad policy. Congress must stem the Postal Service's recurrent losses, which have totaled \$83.1 billion since 2006, and reduce its unfunded pension and healthcare liabilities, which total more than \$120 billion. Another government bailout for an agency that has a long history of fiscal mismanagement is not the right answer. The systemic challenges of USPS pose no threat

to the November presidential election, however. The Postmaster General has assured Americans that “the Postal Service is ready today to handle whatever volume of election mail it receives this fall.” There is no obstacle to state Secretaries of State from sending ballots to voters who request them with enough time for them to be returned and counted. Rather than playing political games, we should work together to achieve what we all want, which is to count every vote and build a Postal Service that works for the 21st century.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CHIEF
JAMES “JEB” BEALER**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Chief James “Jeb” Bealer, who tragically passed away on March 22, 2020. A loving husband, proud father and grandfather, and a 50-year member of the Howlett Hill Fire Department, Chief Bealer will be dearly missed.

After graduating from Marcellus Central Schools and SUNY Cobleskill, Chief Bealer went on to serve with the Howlett Hill Fire Department. Starting as an Assistant Secretary, he worked his way up the ranks and was eventually named Chief of the Department. An active member of the Howlett Hill Fire Department for 50 years, Chief Bealer was only the second person in the Department's history to reach this milestone. In addition to his work with the Howlett Hill Fire Department, he also gave his time to the Onondaga County Fire Chiefs Association, Onondaga County Fireman's Association, New York State Association of Fire Chiefs, Firemen's Association of New York, and Western Section Line Officers Association. Outside of his career in firefighting, for 35 years Chief Bealer worked for the Town of Onondaga Highway Department and most recently worked as a bus driver for West Genesee Central Schools.

Personally, Chief Bealer was dedicated to his family and friends. He was married to his wife Denise for 48 years, and together, they have four children and ten grandchildren. A role model to his family, Chief Bealer inspired his granddaughter to join the Howlett Hill Fire Department. Before his passing, he was set to present her with an award, celebrating her successful completion of fire training.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring the life and career of Chief James “Jeb” Bealer. A cherished member of our Central New York community, Chief Bealer will truly be missed. I ask my colleagues to keep him and his family in mind as we celebrate his life.

IN HONOR OF LINDA LANIER

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Linda Lanier, a mother to children, bobcats, eagles and many other wild

creatures. After 39 years as the premiere volunteer at San Mateo County's science playground and zoo, CuriOdyssey, Linda is passing the reigns to a new generation of leaders. If you listen carefully, you may hear the Barn Owls screech as they learn that their most ardent friend and promoter will be leaving.

The homes of these creatures and dozens more were constructed in the 1980's because Linda, working with other members of the Board of Directors, led an exceptionally successful fundraising effort. This began the pattern: Linda would set a fundraising objective and relentlessly pursue it. Simply put, it wasn't easy to tell Linda "no."

Having raised funds, she then supervised construction of the animal habitats. Today, in a peaceful setting amidst the eucalyptus trees, children from throughout the region view falcons, hawks, frogs, snakes, guinea pigs, otters, tortoises, tarantulas, and dozens of other creatures which are at home at CuriOdyssey typically because they were saved after being injured or abandoned. All are attended to by a loving staff who communicate that love to the legions of young people wide-eyed at the chance to see Mother Nature up close.

CuriOdyssey exists in a community dedicated to science and the environment. Linda's credibility is so highly respected that she was able to rescue CuriOdyssey from a near-death experience. In 2006 the museum fell on hard times and was in danger of closing. Linda and

a small team secured \$600,000 in six weeks and a matching contribution that rescued the museum.

In more recent years, Linda and her co-chair raised \$27 million for an inspiring building that will be a landmark on the San Francisco Peninsula. All of this passion arises from her 20+ hours of volunteer work performed at CuriOdyssey since 1981. Linda has more roles than simply that of fundraiser, because CuriOdyssey also provides science education to hundreds of students, annually, and offers summer camps and special events to educate the public. Linda is an important influence on the offerings of this amazing facility.

Linda Lanier didn't start at CuriOdyssey. She was President of the Junior League of San Francisco in 1984/5 and did community volunteer work from 1974 to 1985. She is President of the Atkinson Foundation which invests \$1 million a year into thriving nonprofits in San Mateo County. As you can see, she has an eagle eye for philanthropic opportunities.

Linda has done all of this and also been a remarkable wife, mother and grandmother. Her husband is Sterling Sidney Lanier IV, and they have two married children, both of whom live in Menlo Park. They are Leslie Lanier Trigg, [Mike] and sons Cole and Chase, as well as Sterling Sidney Lanier V, [Jessica] and their son Dylan and daughter Bailey. I suspect

that all have donated a fair number of hours to CuriOdyssey as volunteers.

Madam Speaker and members, I regularly took my small children to CuriOdyssey and remember the wonder they experienced when they saw the beehive, ran along the hallways towards an exhibit or just listened to the sound of airplanes landing at the nearby airport. Sparking wonder in the mind of a child is sparking our nation's future. CuriOdyssey has had many staff, board members and other volunteers over the decades, but I think it's fair to say that it is also a house that Linda built. She would say otherwise, and you can't blame her for her modesty. After all, some may wonder, what about the role of the gray fox or the raccoon or the blue-tongued skink? Doesn't their charm also count in the success of this science center? Particularly that skink. After all, how much cuter does it get than a reptile with a blue tongue?

Indeed, it all counts, but the key point is that Linda Lanier counts as a visionary, a fundraiser, and a mother to all bright minds within her gaze. Linda's house is a house of joyful squeals, gasps of amazement, and the occasional squeak of a creature no doubt responding, "Thanks for coming little human. Be well, my friend."

So now from us all in the House of Representatives, let us rise and say, farewell Linda. I thank Linda for her leadership and vision. Be well, our friend.