

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.
LANCE GERSHEN

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Lance Gershen, M.D.

Dr. Gershen was born in 1944 in New York City, where he spent his childhood. He attended Stuyvesant High School and then went on to study at Brooklyn College of The City University of New York. After graduating in 1965, Dr. Gershen received his M.D. from Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 1969.

Dr. Gershen's professional ambitions were delayed when he was drafted into the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War, during which time he served at the Naval Station Great Lakes in Chicago. Upon discharge from the military, Dr. Gershen moved to California where he completed his residency at The Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Dr. Gershen then made his way to Contra Costa County and began working as a pediatrician at Diablo Valley Pediatrics where he became a principal partner. Dr. Gershen was also the Pediatric Department Chairman at several local hospitals and President of the East Bay Pediatric Society. One of Dr. Gershen's many achievements came when he developed the first alternative birthing center in the East Bay. Dr. Gershen's professional legacy, which spanned over 40 years, is one of thoughtfulness and dedication to children and families.

In his personal life, Dr. Gershen was an active participant in his community. He was a member of Congregation B'nai Tikvah in Walnut Creek, the J Mensch men's group, and helped found JBL, a Jewish men's softball team. Above all else, Dr. Gershen loved spending time with his family. Dr. Gershen's faith in humanity was seen in his compassionate nature and his work to improve the lives of others.

Following Dr. Gershen's diagnosis with Parkinson's Disease, he learned about the Parkinson Network of Mt. Diablo. Serving as co-president, he worked to support and provide resources to others living with the disease. Dr. Gershen's own battle with Parkinson's never impacted his work to help others.

Sadly, Dr. Gershen passed away this year at the age of 75. He is survived by his eight children, fourteen grandchildren, and his wife Cindy. Please join me in honoring Dr. Lance Gershen for his many contributions to our community and this country. Dr. Gershen was a cherished member of Contra Costa County and he will be missed.

RECOGNIZING AMBER HARBIN

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the 2,977 victims who lost their lives in the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and four hijacked planes.

For all Americans, September 11th will be marked in our minds and hearts forever as a solemn day where innocent men and women were killed in what became the greatest attack on this nation since Pearl Harbor.

After the attacks, the Conway Fire Department sent firefighters to Ground Zero in New York to help. In October 2011, the Conway Fire Department requested and received a large piece of steel from the World Trade Center.

That piece sat inside Central Station until Conway resident Kevin Bass took it upon himself to create a memorial, launching the Citizens for Conway 9–11 Memorial page.

Thanks to the efforts of the Conway Fire Department, Conway city officials, and Mr. Bass, that piece of the World Trade Center is now a memorial to honor those who lost their lives.

The Searcy Fire Department also was selected by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to receive an I-beam of steel from the World Trade Center.

The Searcy Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary organized a fundraiser to cover the costs of that memorial. They had businesses and residents in Searcy to sponsor one of 343 American flags that were placed along the Beebe-Capps Expressway. The flags were placed on September 11, 2011, and each bore a ribbon with the name of a firefighter killed on 9/11.

Thanks to the community's help, the 9/11 Memorial is a focal point at the Searcy Fire Department today.

Both memorials stand as stark reminders of the constant bravery and heroism displayed by our nation's firefighters.

This year, on the 19th anniversary of September 11, I pray for the families who lost loved ones and friends who no longer have their companions.

May their cherished memories of good times, laughter, and happiness never fade.

HONORING HODARI P.T. BROWN

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the fine example of Hodari P.T. Brown, a resident of Redford Township, Michigan.

Mr. Brown is an active and engaged member of the community. Born and raised in De-

troit, Michigan, he graduated from Detroit Public Schools before going on to earn his Bachelor of Science, Master of Business Administration, and Doctorate of Management degrees. Further, Mr. Brown is a proud military veteran.

He currently serves as Public Affairs Specialist for the U.S. Small Business Administration Michigan District Office, where he helps entrepreneurs grow their businesses with valuable resources and exposure. His dynamic career spans more than 15 years of excellence in leadership, customer service, project management, program management, public affairs and talent acquisition. Throughout his career, he has managed projects throughout key milestones for critical strategic initiatives and has helped bridge lines of communication between diverse groups and organizations.

Mr. Brown has earned numerous accolades for his hard work and leadership. He currently sits and holds offices with various advisory boards, committees and organizations such as the United State Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP), First Independence Bank Millennial Advisory Board, President of Detroit Tennessee State University Alumni Association Foundation, Co-Campaign Chair of the National Business League Inc. Detroit Chapter, Board Member of BUF Connect of Michigan, and the co-founder/creator of the Young Millennium Power Hour, which is a forum for Young Entrepreneurs to get information about how to start, grow and expand a small business. Most recently, he has been recognized as a Junior Chamber International Michigan 2020 Outstanding Michigander of the Year.

Please join me in celebrating Mr. Hodari P.T. Brown's outstanding contributions.

HONORING COLE SAMPSON AS
IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring a dedicated and community-minded young man from Cass County for this week's Iowan of the Week. Cole Sampson, now a freshman at Iowa State University, was recently honored with the 2020 Silver Cord Scholarship in his hometown of Atlantic, Iowa. The Silver Cord Program promotes volunteerism with all civic organizations in the area. Atlantic High School seniors who volunteered a minimum of 200 hours throughout their high school career graduated this year with a silver cord and were eligible for a scholarship provided by the Atlantic Area Chamber of Commerce.

"The Silver Cord program was started to educate students about the importance of community service. It gives students the opportunity to see firsthand how investing their time can enhance and grow their community,"

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