

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING JUDGE CHUNG K. PAK

**HON. DAVID J. TRONE**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 2, 2020*

Mr. TRONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Judge Chung K. Pak, who was recently appointed Chief Administrative Law Judge of the Maryland Office of Administrative Hearings.

On June 10, 2020, Judge Pak made Maryland State history by becoming the third Chief Administrative Law Judge of the Maryland Office of Administrative Hearings, and the first ever minority Chief Administrative Law Judge. As Chief Administrative Law Judge, he leads the Maryland Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) and its Administrative Law judges, who are responsible for conducting fair and impartial hearings to resolve a variety of disputes stemming from actions of Maryland's many executive agencies.

Prior to this appointment, Judge Pak served as an Administrative Patent Judge at the United States Patent Trial and Appeal Board for over 23 years, where he adjudicated over 6,000 patent cases involving emerging technologies and complex legal issues and wrote over 2000 opinions eligible for appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Judge Pak also served as a corporate intellectual property counsel at Union Carbide Corporation and Praxair, Inc. While there, he provided legal advice and counsel on a wide range of intellectual property issues, including domestic and foreign patent procurement, litigation, trade secrets, antitrust, licensing, and technology transfer issues.

Although Judge Pak is a proud and longtime Marylander, he grew up in Alabama after he and his family immigrated to the United States from South Korea over 49 years ago. Like many immigrants, Judge Pak and his family faced difficulties due to limited economic resources and language and cultural barriers. However, due to their resolve, hard work, faith, and neighbors' help and friendship, Judge Pak and his family were able to overcome these obstacles. In the years that followed, Judge Pak worked his way through school and graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering. He later graduated from the Columbus School of Law at The Catholic University of America with a Juris Doctor degree while working as a U.S. Patent Examiner at the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. Judge Pak then was admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, Maryland Bar, Virginia Bar, D.C. Bar and Patent Bar.

Judge Pak's dedication to public service and making a difference in our country and community is also evident in his activism. Justice Pak is a highly venerated civic activist and leader in Montgomery County and Maryland.

Over the years, he has served on the boards of and in leadership positions on a number of nonprofit community organizations. In particular, he has served as Commissioner of Maryland Higher Education Commission, the Maryland Governor's Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs, and Montgomery County License Commission; Co-Chairman of the Montgomery County NAACP Multicultural Partnership; Board Member of Progressive Maryland, Montgomery County Branch NAACP, Committee for Montgomery, Maryland Attorney General's Advisory Council, Montgomery County Executive's Asian American Advisory Board, Montgomery County State's Attorney's Asian American Advisory Board, and Montgomery Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board; Chairman and President of League of Korean Americans of Maryland; Montgomery County Asian American Police Advisory Committee, Taskforce to reduce racial tension in John F. Kennedy High School, Comptroller Peter Franchot's Transition Team, and County Executive Ike Leggett's Transition Team.

Known as a consensus and bridge builder, Judge Pak has worked closely with Latino, African American, Asian Pacific American, labor, women, religious, and civil rights groups on issues of common concern. His extraordinary life story and significant contributions to the community have been featured in the Gazette's "One of Forty Who Cared," and in other newspaper articles. For his outstanding service and contributions, he was inducted into Montgomery County Human Rights Hall of Fame. He also received International Leadership Award; The President's Volunteer Service Award; Maryland Governor's Volunteer Service Award; Progressive Maryland's Progressive Leader Award; Montgomery County Executive's Office of Community Partnership's Trailblazer Award, MCDCC's Kelsey Cook Volunteer of Year Award; Census Department's Census Outstanding Volunteer Service Award; Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Community Leader Award, Federal Asian Pacific American Council Outstanding Leader Award, Maryland Coalition of 100 Organizations for Recognition of Asian Lunar New Year's STAR of Maryland Asian Pacific American Community Award; League of Korean Americans of Maryland Outstanding Service and Presidential Awards; Korean American Senior Citizens' Advocate Award; Montgomery County Branch NAACP Certificate of Appreciation; USPTO Asian Pacific American Network Leadership Award; and many other awards. As Senator Barbara Mikulski once said, "Judge Pak has spent a lifetime fighting injustice and inequality. His story is truly an embodiment of the American dream and an example of leadership with compassion and commitment to public service."

HONORING RALPH ELLIOT BOWEN, THE LAST SURVIVING WORLD WAR II VETERAN FROM THE SENECA NATION'S ALLEGANY TERRITORY, FOR BEING INDUCTED INTO THE NEW YORK STATE SENATE'S VETERANS' HALL OF FAME

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 2, 2020*

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Sergeant Ralph Elliot Bowen, the last surviving World War II veteran from the Seneca Nation's Allegany Territory, for being inducted into the New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame. Ralph, who recently turned ninety-eight years old in August, should be celebrated and honored for his bravery and sacrifice.

Ralph fought in the European Campaign as a B-24 Liberator heavy bomber aerial gunner from 1941 to 1945. He helped in the efforts to liberate France and Europe during that time. He was also a member of the 15th Air Force's 450th Bombardment Group, in the 723rd Bombardment Squadron. The unit was involved in missions over France, Austria, Germany, the Balkans and Greece.

Ralph is currently the oldest living member of the Seneca Nation. He is a member of the Snipe Clan, and served five terms as Tribal Councilor, as well as tenures as Peacemaker and Seneca Nation Surrogate Judge. He also served as Seneca Nation Marshal and pastor for the Red House Baptist Church.

In 2019, Ralph was presented with the French Legion of Honor for his military service during World War II. He is the first Seneca and second Native American to receive the appointment of Knight in the Order of the Legion of Honor.

Ralph's service to our nation during a time of great need is something that should be revered and remembered. We cannot forget the great personal risk and dedication he showed during his service. Today, we stand and honor his service and sacrifice. Today, we recognize Ralph, for his courage, resolve and bravery—and I thank him for all that he has done.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to honor Sergeant Ralph Elliot Bowen, the fast surviving World War II veteran from the Seneca Nation's Allegany Territory.

RECOGNIZING BEVERLY MYERS FOR DECADES OF SERVICE TO FAIRFAX CITY AND THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA COMMUNITY

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 2, 2020*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Beverly Myers and to congratulate

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