

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING ERIC HALE, TEXAS
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. COLIN Z. ALLRED

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Mr. ALLRED. Madam Speaker, I am honored to congratulate Eric Hale for becoming the first black man to be named Texas Teacher of the Year. On September 30, 2020, the Texas Association of School Administrators named Mr. Hale the Texas Teacher of the Year for 2021. He is now a finalist for the National Teacher of the Year. Mr. Hale is a kindergarten and first-grade teacher at David G. Burnet Elementary School in Dallas ISD. Throughout his career, he has gone above and beyond and has been recognized for excellence in teaching.

Earlier this year, he appeared on the Kelly Clarkson Show and shared how he uses encouragement and positivity to motivate his students. He takes them outside for math and science lessons in the real world. He uses music to keep his students engaged.

Everyone needs a teacher who goes the extra mile, and for many students at David G. Burnett, that teacher is Mr. Hale. Mr. Hale, an advocate for his students, and through his commitment and dedication, he also teaches them to become their own advocates.

I was raised by a single mom who was a public school teacher and I went to Dallas public schools all my life. I benefited from teachers like Mr. Hale growing up and I am proud that this generation of students has Mr. Hale as their teacher.

It is a privilege to recognize Mr. Hale for being the 2021 Texas Teacher of the Year and for becoming the first black man to receive this important and prestigious honor.

HONORING JIM MOCK

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Jim Mock on receiving Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital's Advocacy Award.

During the coronavirus pandemic, many Pennsylvanians faced uncertainties. To help ensure food security, the Center for Independent Living of South Central PA (CILSCPA) started Operation Five Loaves to deliver food directly to those in need.

Throughout this crisis, Jim and his wife, Sandy, have worked tirelessly to deliver food directly to members of the disabled community in the Altoona area. Twice a week, Jim delivers 60 boxes of produce to people with mobility challenges who otherwise would have difficulty accessing fresh and healthy food. He often goes above and beyond to accommo-

date clients, putting in long hours and delivering food without contact.

Jim's selfless service is a hallmark of our community. I thank Jim and Sandy for their commitment to the Altoona region, and for their dedication to those in need. On behalf of the 13th District of Pennsylvania, I am proud to recognize Jim Mock as he receives this well-earned award, and I wish him the best in the chapters to come.

HONORING OFFICER MICHAEL
TACKEMA AS A RECIPIENT OF
THE VALOR AWARD

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize City of Fayetteville Police Department Officer Michael Tackema as a recipient of the Public Safety Valor Award, presented annually by the Greater Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce.

The Valor Award is a prestigious honor presented to men and women of the Fayetteville region who perform acts of heroism under extreme risk. An outstanding member of Fayetteville Police Department, Officer Tackema went beyond his call of duty on July 5, 2019.

Upon arrival to a domestic disturbance call, the scene escalated quickly and became dangerous when the homeowner opened fire from within the residence. As other officers were forced to take cover, Officer Tackema placed himself in the line of fire to protect his team and engage the subject.

Officer Tackema is a hero and that day he not only saved the lives of his fellow officers, but the lives of countless civilians as well. His quick actions, bravery, and dedication to service is a credit to him, his family, and the entire Fayetteville Police Department. I know I speak for everyone in our community when I say we are truly grateful for his unwavering service and cannot thank him enough.

Officer Tackema is deserving of this honor, and I would like to extend my most sincere appreciation and wish him success as he continues to protect our communities.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in celebrating City of Fayetteville Police Department Officer Michael Tackema for receiving the Public Safety Valor Award.

CONGRATULATING PHILIP MILLER
UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate long-time Missouri resident, Philip Miller on his upcoming retirement from Bayer.

After 26 years of service, mainly in the crop science field, Philip is the inventor of over 20 patents, has authored 17 scientific papers and book chapters, and has spoken in numerous global and societal policy forums. Since 2012, he has served on the boards of the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) and CropLife International. He also found time to serve on the University of Missouri's Chancellors Advisory Board and the board of the Missouri Make-A-Wish foundation, all while working to raise corporate funds for the United Way of Greater St. Louis.

A scientist by training, Philip earned a Ph.D. in biochemistry, a Master of Science in biological sciences, and a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences. He has utilized his expertise and leadership skills in various roles throughout his career to ensure farmers have the technologies they need to ensure that our nation continues to have affordable supplies of food.

Philip began his career as a regional sales director for PepsiCo and as a teacher at the University of Florida and Appalachian State University prior to joining Monsanto. From 2002 until Bayer's acquisition of Monsanto in 2018, Philip served in a variety of roles, including as the site lead at Mystic, Connecticut, a former Monsanto research site. Philip next served as Vice President, U.S. Commercial Technology Development before serving as Vice President, U.S. Product Management and Business Strategy.

In 2010, Philip became Vice President, Global Regulatory Affairs and Science adding global government affairs to his responsibilities in 2015. The next year, his role expanded to include corporate affairs and communications and in 2018 he was also asked to lead Monsanto's merger with Bayer. At Bayer, Philip has led engagements with global governments and regulatory bodies as well as with other important stakeholders, critically shaping the industrial landscape for the better.

Having grown up farming and continuing to operate our family farm today, I cannot overstate the importance of Philip's contributions to the farming community and agriculture industry. Families across the U.S. and around the world can better feed their families thanks to his ingenuity and commitment to the availability of food.

Madam Speaker, please join me in thanking Philip Miller for his many years of service and congratulating him on a well-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING PAUL JOHNSON OF
GREAT FALLS

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Paul Johnson of Great Falls for caring for his community on the front line and for the sacrifices he made during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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