

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JIMMY DALE WILLIAMS
FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE
WITH GENERAL DYNAMICS

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jimmy Dale Williams' life of work with General Dynamics. Since the beginning of his career, Williams has been a leader for some of the most influential of defense projects.

For nearly 54 years, Williams has been the lead worker on the Hydra 70 Rocket Motor line, starting his career in 1966 with Baldwin Electronics. He started by hand stenciling the lot numbers on each rocket motor, and by the mid-1970s, he was running the project developing the 267 and 261 warheads. After a transfer to Hitech in 1996, Williams began supervising and training workers for the production of the Hydra 70 rocket motor.

In addition to his years of service in the defense industry, Williams also serves as a justice of the peace for Calhoun County Quorum Court. A respected member of his community and a dedicated servant, he states that his determination comes from watching his own family. With brothers that served in the Air Force, Army and Marines during the Vietnam era, Williams says their service is what played the greatest part in his decision to dedicate his life to the work of supplying military ammunition.

It is in Mr. Williams' life that we find the shining example of service and patriotism. I take this time to thank him for his exemplary life and his love of country.

HONORING RANDY SCHEIDT

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Randy Scheidt for being named the 2020 Indiana Realtor of the Year from the Indiana Commercial Board of Realtors.

Randy is a chair on the MIBOR Realtor Association Economic Development Council and its foundation.

Forty years ago, Randy founded Don R. Scheidt & Co. and started the Scheidt Commercial Realty LLC in 2019.

Randy is from my hometown of Columbus, IN and is a member of the Rotary Club and serves as the Riley Children's South-Central Philanthropy Council senior advisor. He is a true pillar in our community.

It is an honor to call Randy a friend and I congratulate him and his family for this tremendous accomplishment.

THANKING THOMAS LEW FOR HIS
SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY DURING
WORLD WAR II

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize Thomas Lew for his courageous service to our country during World War II.

Thomas Lew is a Chinese-American veteran who bravely accepted the call to serve and protect our nation. Lew served valiantly as an expert sharpshooter in the U.S. Army's amphibious tank unit from 1943 to 1946. He achieved the rank of sergeant and completed his foreign service in Luzon, Philippines.

For far too long, our veterans of color, including Chinese-American veterans, did not receive the proper recognition they deserved. Although we will never be able to thank him enough for his service to our nation, we remain grateful to Thomas and the many veterans who have so selflessly answered the call to service.

Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration that I honor Thomas Lew and all Chinese-American veterans for their distinguished service to our country during World War II.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF
NATHAN E. RIBELIN

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of MAJ Nathan E. Ribelin, who passed away on September 12, 2020.

Nathan was born on January 20, 1979 to parents Kenneth and Beth Ribelin in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Nathan attended Petal High School in Petal, MS, and Belhaven College where he earned a baccalaureate degree in computer information systems. Nathan's patriotism began on November 23, 1996, when Nathan enlisted in the Mississippi Army National Guard. His commitment and dedication to our country never faltered, as he deployed overseas on three separate occasions. Nathan first deployed to Iraq as an enlisted Soldier. Following his return home, Nathan displayed his continued patriotism by attending Officer Candidate School and commissioning as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 185th Theater Aviation Brigade. Nathan's continued pride and patriotism for his country was evidenced by his second and third deployments to Afghanistan, as a Medical Evacuation Pilot, and to Kuwait, as an Aviation Brigade Intelligence Officer.

Throughout his military career, Nathan provided mentorship and leadership to soldiers at multiple levels of command while serving as a

platoon leader, section leader, and company commander. Nathan would later receive many awards, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, and Afghanistan Campaign Medal.

Left to cherish Nathan's memory is his wife, Kerry Beth; his four children, Calvin, Felicity, Horatio, and Jubilee; his father, Ken; his brother Timothy and his wife Lauren; his brother Scott and his wife Kimberly; and a host of cousins, family and friends. Nathan will be laid to rest amongst his brothers and sisters in arms at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

RECOGNIZING JAMES JOHNSON'S
RETIREMENT FROM FOREST
HEIGHTS POST OFFICE

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. I rise today to recognize Mr. James Johnson's retirement from the Forest Heights U.S. Postal Service office in Little Rock.

Mr. Johnson served our community for 23 years at this location and was always ready and willing to help customers with their various needs.

This past April, Mr. Johnson came up with an innovative solution to combat the spread of COVID-19 at the Forest Heights Post Office.

By erecting shower curtain barriers, Mr. Johnson limited the direct contact between workers and customers, decreasing the chances of disease transmission.

His dedication to the job was only matched by the warmth and grace with which he performed his duties. He welcomed all visitors to the office with a cheerful smile and wave.

Martha and I were fortunate to get to know Mr. Johnson over the years and will certainly miss his kind and helpful nature. He is as true an example of a public servant as I have met.

I would like to thank Mr. Johnson on behalf of the entire Little Rock community and wish him the best of luck with his retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE
PATRICIA DE STACY HARRISON
ON BEING KNIGHTED WITH
HONOR OF "CAVALIERE" OF THE
ORDER OF MERIT OF THE
ITALIAN REPUBLIC

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. PASCRELL. I rise to recognize The Honorable Patricia de Stacy Harrison, the

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Chair of the National Italian American Foundation (NIAF) and Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), on receiving the Italian honor of "Cavaliere" of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic, the highest-ranking honor of the Italian Republic. On October 7, Ambassador Armando Varricchio of Italy presented this high honor to Ms. Harrison, a testament to her lifetime of extraordinary accomplishment in service of the humanities, culture, philanthropy, and diplomacy.

The granddaughter of an Italian immigrant, Ms. Harrison is a native of Brooklyn, New York and a graduate of the American University School of International Service in Washington, D.C. Thereafter, she began an enormously successful career, starting a public relations firm focused on serving the public interest in the fields of environmental, labor, and agricultural policy. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush appointed Ms. Harrison to the President's Export Council in the United States Department of Commerce.

In recognition of her prowess and expertise in the humanities and the arts, in 2001 she was appointed Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs by then-Secretary of State Colin Powell. While serving in this critical role, Ms. Harrison also assumed the position of Acting Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs. Ms. Harrison then continued her public service, being appointed the Chief Executive Officer of CBP in 2005, where she continues to serve today.

Under Ms. Harrison's leadership, the CPB launched "American Graduate: Let's Make It Happen", a nationwide public media initiative to help combat the nationwide high school dropout crisis. To date, over 100 stations in 48 states are working with over 1,700 local partners and schools to help students graduate. For her work and commitment to helping young people stay on the path to a high school diploma, Ms. Harrison was honored in 2016 with a Promise of America Award from the America's Promise Alliance. Ms. Harrison's deep commitment to public media producing nonpartisan, commercial-free, educational content for the public good has ensured CPB's continued success and critical place in our society.

Ms. Harrison has drawn from her life of experience to help foster a new generation of woman leaders, authoring two books, "A Seat At The Table: An Insider's Guide for America's New Women Leaders and America's New Women Entrepreneurs." In 2019, Ms. Harrison was appointed to the voting council for the inaugural, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg Woman of Leadership Award, which recognizes the achievements of exceptional American women. Ms. Harrison is the recipient of many additional awards and honors, including the Ellis Island Medal of Honor Award and the U.S. Secretary of State's Distinguished Service Award.

Ms. Harrison is a role model for Italian Americans, for women, and for anyone aspiring to make a positive difference in the world. I am proud to rise today in recognition of her receiving the more than well-deserved honor of "Cavaliere" of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic.

THANKING LIP MAR FOR HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY DURING WORLD WAR II

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize Lip Mar for his courageous service to our country during World War II.

Lip Mar is a Chinese-American veteran who bravely accepted the call to protect and serve his nation. Soon after his eighteenth birthday, Mar joined the military and served as a hospital corpsman in the U.S. Navy at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, where he treated American soldiers fighting in the Pacific theater.

For far too long, our veterans of color, including Chinese-American veterans, did not receive the proper recognition they deserved for their service. Although we will never be able to thank him enough for his service to our nation, we remain grateful to Lip and the many veterans who have so selflessly answered the call to service.

Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration that I honor Lip Mar and all Chinese-American veterans for their distinguished service to our country during World War II.

CONGRATULATING MR. ERIC HALE FOR BEING THE 2021 TEXAS TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Eric Hale for becoming the first African American man bestowed with the honor of Texas Teacher of the Year in the 51 years of this award's existence.

Last month, the Texas Association of School Administrators announced that Mr. Hale had been named the 2021 Texas Teacher of the Year for his outstanding leadership and excellence in teaching kindergarten and first-grade students at David G. Burnet Elementary School.

Mr. Hale understands the challenges some of his students' face daily, from hunger, poverty, or domestic violence. He has experienced some of this in his own life growing up. He has successfully countered this negative energy thanks to his unique teaching style that is like no other. He uses music in an innovative way to engage with his students while flooding them with positivity and encouragement so that the students are able to step away from their worries for a moment and learn in a fun environment. This positivity and energy in the classroom is exactly what is needed for our students as they, just like the rest of us, navigate through this challenging time.

Mr. Hale has been recognized for his work previously as the winner of the 2019 Urban Teacher of the Year award among others. He has also had the opportunity to appear on multiple television shows including the Kelly Clarkson show and TODAY.

Madam Speaker, I am so thankful that the Dallas Independent School District is home to

one of the very best teachers in the country. I wish Mr. Hale the best of luck as he competes with other teachers around the country to receive the prestigious National Teacher of the Year award.

HONORING CITY OF LOUISVILLE
MAYOR LARRY MORGAN

HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. HICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mayor Larry Morgan, a man who faithfully serves the City of Louisville located in the Tenth Congressional District of Georgia, which I have the honor of representing.

In 2007, he was duly elected as a member of the Louisville City Council, and two years later, the residents of this small, unique town chose him to serve as their mayor. Throughout the years, Mayor Morgan has demonstrated his commitment to the community by serving in various roles with his church, the county board of health, the downtown development association, the Georgia Municipal Association, the Georgia Airport Association, and the local Rotary club.

In his own words, he values the "gentle way of life that still allows time to visit and listen to each other's stories, to enjoy a leisurely meal together," and "to help out neighbors who are struggling. It's a small-town life, but not just any small town." And he's a small-town mayor, but not just any mayor.

Madam Speaker, he is a diehard Georgia Tech fan, a loving husband, father, and grandfather, a devoted Christian who is an advocate for his community, and a dear friend to our office. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mayor Larry Morgan for his devoted public service and to extend to him wishes for good health, encouragement for the future, and gratitude for his continual leadership.

RECOGNIZING THE NORTHWEST INDIANA BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2020

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I commend several remarkable leaders who have been honored as the Northwest Indiana Business and Industry Hall of Fame Class of 2020. This year's inductees include Edward Garza, Nick Popovich, Dr. Edward Williams, and Janice Wilson. Additionally, Cimcor was presented with the Enterprise of the Year Award.

Edward Garza is the president and owner of El Popular, Inc., which holds the distinction of being the oldest Mexican-owned business in the state of Indiana. Edward is the third generation of the Garza family to carry on the Mexican food corporation, which was started by his grandfather, Vincente Garza, in 1925, in East Chicago, Indiana. In 2001, Edward purchased the company and downsized the product line to four items: chorizo, mole paste,