

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING BOBBY WITHROW

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the work and service of Bobby Withrow. His efforts on behalf of veterans and those in need reflect the very best of Texas values.

Since 2015, Bobby has coordinated and managed over 50 benefits and fundraisers for a host of community needs, ranging from supporting veterans and cancer patients to assisting those in their hour of need. For Bobby, there's no task too big or too small. Whether it's supporting those who've served, feeding thousands that are hungry, assisting non-profits with fundraising, or rolling up his sleeves to help families with home maintenance, Bobby's not afraid to take on the challenges of helping others.

Public servants like Bobby Withrow make Central Texas a place that residents are proud to call home. I salute his efforts and am forever grateful for his contributions to veterans and those in need.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FRANCIS G. NEWLANDS MEMORIAL REMOVAL ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to introduce the Francis G. Newlands Memorial Removal Act, which would remove the plaque and inscriptions bearing Francis G. Newlands' name from Chevy Chase Circle, a federal park located both in the District of Columbia and Maryland. I am pleased Representative JAMIE RASKIN of Maryland joins me in introducing this bill. This bill is part of a series of statue and memorial removal bills I am introducing during Black History Month.

Newlands was a U.S. senator from Nevada, a conservationist and the founder of the Chevy Chase Land Company, which developed the Chevy Chase neighborhood that touches D.C. and Maryland. Newlands was also a segregationist. He built Connecticut Avenue and ran a streetcar up the road to the newly built Chevy Chase Lake. However, homes on Connecticut Avenue were purposely priced to keep working families out, and covenants were later added to many of the property deeds in Chevy Chase explicitly prohibiting the land from ever being owned by African Americans or Jews. These covenants have since been declared void.

Newlands went further to keep Black and white Americans separate. In the late 1800s, he and Senator William Stewart secured 2,000 acres of land for Rock Creek Park. Estab-

lishing this park not only increased property values for landowners like Newlands and Stewart, but also kept white communities distinct from emerging Black communities on what they called the "wrong side of the park." Newlands' racist views went even further. In 1912, he called for the repeal the 15th amendment, which gave African American men the right to vote.

The fountain was established in 1932 by Congress. In 1990, the Chevy Chase Land Company also added the plaque next to the fountain. A resolution to remove Newlands' name from the fountain was first introduced by the D.C. Chevy Chase Advisory Neighborhood Commission in 2014. On July 27, 2020, the commission voted unanimously to ask the National Park Service to remove the bronze plaque bearing Newlands' name and to begin discussion on a new name for the fountain. This bill would remove Newlands' name from the fountain and remove the plaque entirely.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ENDING CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN SCHOOLS ACT OF 2021

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Ending Corporal Punishment in Schools Act of 2021. Corporal punishment is a form of physical discipline where adults deliberately inflict pain on children in order to punish them. In schools, it typically involves the spanking or paddling of children by school officials.

Corporal punishment is harmful to long term child development. These practices are associated with physical abuse and ineffective. We as leaders should encourage our schools to adopt effective discipline strategies that will be supportive in reducing corporal punishment.

Schools must be a safe place where students are protected from harm, so that our children are able to thrive, grow, and learn. To date, corporal punishment in school is banned in 128 countries around the world. Sadly, 19 U.S. states still allow corporal punishments in their schools. Over 160,000 children in these states are subjected to corporal punishment in schools each year. This is abhorrent and unacceptable.

To end this cruel practice, the Ending Corporal Punishment in Schools Act of 2021 would prohibit any educational institution from receiving federal funding that allows school personnel to inflict corporal punishment on students and creates a new grant program to encourage improvements in school climate by promoting positive behaviors.

Madam Speaker, our schools must be a safe space for American children to learn. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting

this critically important bill, and hope to see its swift passage in the near future.

RECOGNIZING LINDA DAVIS

HON. YVETTE HERRELL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Ms. HERRELL. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge this year's winner of the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association's Green from the Ground Up award, Linda Davis. The Cattle Growers Association awards this to individuals who display a lifetime of service to an in-sync ecosystem of land, water, wildlife, and livestock.

Linda and her husband Les have spent a lifetime tending to cattle on the Tequesquite and CS Ranch in New Mexico. Ranching has always been in her blood. Her great-grandfather established the Tequesquite Ranch in Albert, New Mexico in 1878, and she continues that legacy for future generations. Linda also remains active in her community, where she serves with the Cimarron Volunteer Ambulance Service as an Emergency Medical Technician.

This is not the first time Linda has been honored for her service. In 2000, she and her husband were inducted into the Hall of Great Westerners at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Additionally, she has received recognition from the Cattleman's Beef Board, the Beef Promotion Operating Committee, the American National Cattle Women organization, The New Mexico Cattle Growers Association, and the New Mexico Beef Council. These recognitions are a testament to her hard work and leadership, and I congratulate her on this most recent award.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. RICHARD FRANKLIN SHEPPARD

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Richard Franklin Sheppard, affectionately known as "Dick," who passed away on February 12, 2021.

Mr. Richard "Dick" Franklin Sheppard, born June 24, 1936, moved with his family from Oklahoma to California's Central Valley in the early 1930s. Living near Farmersville, Dick began working in the fields around the age of seven. He later began a career in broadcasting at KRDU Radio Station while attending high school in Dinuba.

Dick managed several radio stations throughout California during his career, returning to the Central Valley as the general sales manager of KJOY FM/KRDU AM in the 1990s

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