

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM O'HALLERAN

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on March 17, 2021, I was unable to vote for H.R. 1651, the COVID-19 Bankruptcy Relief Extension Act of 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 1651.

CELEBRATING THE HERITAGE OF ROMANI AMERICANS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, this body has long recognized the accomplishments, unique heritage, and rich diversity of cultures that make up the United States.

Roma have been part of every wave of European migration to the United States from the colonial period to the present day, coming from every part of Europe. There may be as many as a million Americans with some Romani ancestry, whether distant or more recent. Roma enrich the fabric of our nation, tie our country to Europe, and build the transatlantic bond.

Few cultures are as geographically diverse as the Romani people. Romani people trace their ancestry to the Indian subcontinent and settled throughout Europe roughly a thousand years ago. In some places, Roma were subject to expulsion or arrest solely because of their ethnicity. In the Wallachian and Moldovan principalities, Roma were enslaved by the crown, nobility, and monasteries until the founding of modern Romania. Sometimes Roma were subjected to forced assimilation.

Roma were among the many groups of people that suffered at the hands of the Nazis and their allies during World War II. At least 23,000 Roma were brought to Auschwitz; almost all of them perished in the gas chambers or from starvation, exhaustion, or disease. Some Roma also died at the hands of sadistic SS doctors, like Joseph Mengele, who performed inhumane medical experiments on Roma. Approximately 25,000 Roma were deported en masse from Romania to Transnistria by the Antonescu regime in 1942; at least 11,000 of them perished. The Romani collective farms in German-occupied Soviet territory became Romani mass grave sites. It is estimated that between 200,000 to 500,000 Romani people were killed in death camps and elsewhere throughout Europe.

As chairman of the Helsinki Commission, I have supported efforts to acknowledge this tragic past, including by ensuring that survivors and historians have access to relevant archives like those from Bad Arolsen and Lety.

I've also ensured that Romani voices have been heard in the Commission's work to advance safe, equitable, and inclusive societies. I welcome the groundbreaking collaboration by the FXB Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard and the Voice of Roma to collect qualitative and quantitative data about the lived realities and challenges faced by American Roma.

Today I am re-introducing a resolution recognizing and celebrating the heritage of Romani Americans.

This resolution does four things. First, it celebrates Romani American Heritage. Second, it supports International Roma Day and the Department of State's robust engagement in related activities. April 8 marks "International Roma Day" around the world and is a day to celebrate Romani culture and raise awareness of the issues facing Romani people. Third, it commemorates the destruction of the "Gypsy Family Camp" at Auschwitz. Fourth, it commends the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum for its critically important role in promoting remembrance of the Holocaust and educating about the genocide of Roma.

Through this resolution, we celebrate our shared history and applaud the efforts to promote transnational cooperation among Roma at the historic First World Romani Congress on April 8, 1971.

I ask that you join me and cosponsor Chairman GREGORY MEEKS in supporting the resolution.

CONGRATULATING THE FALCONS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. SCOTT FITZGERALD

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FITZGERALD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Hustisford Falcons High School boys' basketball team for their record breaking and historic win at the Division 5 state championship earlier this month.

The Falcons convincingly delivered the program's first-ever state championship title. They kicked it off with a 26-5 run over the game's opening 13 minutes and cruised to a 69-35 victory at the final buzzer. When all was said and done, the Falcons finished the game with 11 blocks against the Macks, setting a new record, and finished the entire tournament with 15 blocked shots, breaking yet another state tournament record. This is a game that is sure to go down in the program's history books, each player should be very proud of themselves.

Hustisford is my very own alma mater and I'm proud of these young men on their victory. I applaud Coach Hopfinger and the entire team for bringing home the first-ever gold ball to add to the school's trophy case. This team has overcome many obstacles in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, but they persevered and brought home impressive hardware to

show for it. Congratulations to the Falcons for their hard work all season. This achievement is well deserved.

RECOGNIZING THE FRONTLINE HEALTHCARE WORKERS OF SOUTH DAKOTA

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize, celebrate, and honor the frontline healthcare workers of the great state of South Dakota.

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Kerri Wilson, Georgia Wilson, Clarissa Wilson, Heather Wilson, David Winchell, Jessica Wingen, Sarah Winter, Donna Winters, Haley Winters, Julia Wipf, Michaela Wipf, Hunter Wirkus, Abby Wiskur, Patti Witkop, Judy Witkowski, Nancy Wittmeier, Mindy Wixon, Yvonne Wohlhueter, Sherry Woitzel, Tiffany Wojahn, Kathryn Wolf, Rick Wolf, Theresa Wolf, Muriah Wolf, Jeffrey Wolfe, Erin Wolfe, Sheila Wolff, Robert Wollman, Janet Wollman, Krista Wollman, MaClay Wollschlager, Whitney Wollschlager, Cynthia Wolter, Saynora Woltjer, Teresann Wong, Allen Wong, Debra Wood, Dawnita Wood, Alyssa Wood, Dalice Woodard, Makayla Woolledge, Barbara Worrall, Hannah Wozniak, Roselyn Wright, Kayla Wulf, Sarah Wulff, Lenaya Wurtz, Jessica Yada, Alecia Yaggie, Patricia Yanzick, Tracy Yeargan, Melissa Yecha, Crystal Yonker, Madison Young, Charlene Young-Cunningham, Grace Yount, Shannon Ysker, Danielle Yuhas, Karen Zacharias, Susan Zam, Jessica Zavala, Treva Zellers, Linda Zemlicka, Heather Zens, Tessa Zens, Amber Ziebart, Tamera Zimbelmann, Shannon Zimiga, Makayla Zirbel, Melissa Zirpel, Rhonda Zomer, Marilyn Zomer, Colleen Zweep, Alison Aadahl, Briana Aadland, Juliana Aadland, Mackenzie Aalbu, Debra Aalderks, Rachel Aamold, Danielle Aanenson, Amber Aanenson, Emily Aanenson, Kierstin Aanenson, Colleen Aaron, Kelli Aarstad, Josey Aasby, Amanda Aasheim, Paula Abbas, Caitlin Abbink, and Karla Abbott.

Over the past year they have faced challenges most of us cannot even imagine. They have shown incredible resolve in the face of adversity. They have shown us all how to seek positivity and hope in each day as we weather the storms that come our way.

I couldn't be more thankful to represent the incredible people across South Dakota and all over the nation who work hard each day, not for fame, not for recognition or for money, but for the betterment of their communities. This is what makes America strong. I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize these hard-working individuals.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF TOLEDO BEING NAMED THE TOP METROPOLITAN AREA

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Toledo, Ohio, for being selected by

Site Selection Magazine as a Top Metropolitan Area in the United States. Toledo has shown what a strong community with the ambition to bring new investment to the area can do to create opportunities for the metropolitan area.

In order to be considered a metropolitan city for this particular award, the area must have a population ranging from 200,000 to 1 million. Toledo was selected for this award by Site Selection because of the new business investments brought to the metropolitan area. In 2020, Toledo had an estimated \$2.2 billion worth of projects that are expected to create 3,500 jobs.

Fostering a cooperative environment between businesses and local government has resulted in continued economic growth in the area. Toledo has brought millions in investments from businesses including Amazon, Stellantis, General Motors, Libbey Glass, and many more. The great work that Toledo has done despite the COVID-19 challenge is inspirational and shows the incredible work that is occurring in Northwest Ohio.

Congratulations to Toledo, on being named a Top Metropolitan Area.

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE-
SAVING ACTIONS OF PAUL, PHILLIP,
PATRICK AND BENJAMIN
MOTYLINSKI

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Paul, Phillip, Patrick, and Benjamin Motylinski of Dundee, Michigan. Their heroic efforts are worthy of commendation.

On Sunday, February 29th Paul Motylinski was driving down Custer Road in Monroe County, Michigan when he noticed someone had fallen through the ice of a nearby pond. He responded quickly by calling 911 and phoning his brothers who were at his mother's house nearby.

Together, the brothers got a hold of a small boat to help get the victim out of the water. As two of them used the boat to reach the victim, the other two brothers used a rope to pull them all back to shore.

The eighty-one year old man was taken to ProMedica Hospital in Monroe and is expected to recover fully thanks to the life-saving efforts of the Motylinski brothers.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in thanking the Motylinski brothers for their efforts that saved a life. We are grateful for Benjamin and Paul Motylinskis continued service to the Michigan community in their role as firefighters with the Dundee Township Fire Department and also to Phillip and Patrick Motylunski for rising to the occasion when lives were at stake. I am proud to commemorate their efforts here today.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. LOTTIE MAE SMITH

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mrs. Lottie Mae Smith, a lover of children, an outstanding resident, and a true Christian spirit. Mrs. Smith was born in Lake Village, Arkansas, a few miles from where I was born, raised and grew up. Mrs. Smith like many others who grew up in rural Southeast, Arkansas migrated to Chicago, Illinois seeking a better life. Mrs. Smith confessed Christ at an early age in Lake Village where she was a member of the Woodson Temple Church. Once in Chicago she united with True Vine Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend C.L. Cavers where she served on the Mother's Board and the Pastor's Aide Ministry. She initially worked as a Cashier at Market Basket Super Market but because of her love for children she switched careers and worked as a Nanny for the rest of her career until retirement. Lottie was a loving wife, mother, and friend. She married the love of her life Chuck Smith in 1972 and they were inseparable. She leaves to mourn her daughters Loretta K. Brady, Jovanda Schafrik and Charlene Markham and Godson Larry Young, a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends.

HONORING LEONEL G. LOPEZ

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Leonel G. Lopez for earning the prestigious Eagle Scout rank from the Boy Scouts of America. Only four percent of Boy Scouts achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, which requires dedication, service, leadership, and integrity.

A Brownsville native, Leo is the son of Leonel Lopez and Elia Cornejo Lopez. He is a proud member of Boy Scouts Troop 6 in Brownsville, TX and attends Veterans Memorial High School.

Leo has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities including camping, fishing, and hunting. Over the 12 years that Leo has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, church, and community. Most notably, Leo has contributed to his church community through his Eagle Scout project.

I applaud Leo's diligence to complete the lengthy review process that accompanies becoming an Eagle Scout. An important part of that process is completing a community service project. As a man of faith, Leo chose his community service project with guidance from his church leaders at Holy Family Catholic Church, where he has been an altar server since he was eight years old. Leo's project included cleaning and repainting every guideline, arrow, and handicap marker in his church's parking lot. Leo's initiative to remedy this problem demonstrates his leadership and his desire to contribute to his community.