

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. KATHY CASTOR**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 19, 2021*

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I missed the vote on Roll Call No. 94 on March 18, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 94.

IN RECOGNITION OF JESSICA PEDRO-PASCUAL

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 19, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jessica Pedro-Pascual on winning two Silver Keys and two Honorable Mention Awards at the 2021 Central PA Scholastic Art and Writing Competition.

Jessica is attends Bermudian Springs High School and is passionate about studying art. Her drawings and illustrations have garnered her the Silver Key and Honorable Mention Awards at the 2021 Central PA Scholastic Art and Writing Competition, which first was established in 1923 to support teenage artists and writers.

Congratulations to Jessica on this remarkable achievement, and I wish her continued success as she pursues her love of art.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF FELLOWSHIP FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. JASON SMITH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 19, 2021*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church of Park Hills, Missouri on the occasion of their 75th anniversary.

The church was founded in 1946 when a group of about 50 believers gathered to worship at the old Buckley Store building. Roughly three months later Fellowship Church voted to purchase the property at 601 Buckley Street, where the sanctuary stands today. The purchase was made on August 12, 1946, and ground was broken just 14 days later.

In the heart of the mining community, a group of lead miners on strike, volunteered their manpower and resources to build the sanctuary. Only eight months later, the first service was held in the new church on Easter Sunday, April 17, 1949.

It has been the mission of Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church to help people find their greatest joy in Jesus by helping them to "Know God, Grow in Truth, Connect in Community, and Serve Others."

It is my great pleasure to honor Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church of Park Hills, Missouri on their 75th anniversary today, before the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING THE GAY AND LESBIAN ACTIVISTS ALLIANCE OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 19, 2021*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, as the member representing the District of Columbia in Congress, I am proud and honored that the District has the oldest continuously active LGBTQ civil rights organization in the nation, the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance of Washington, D.C. (GLAA).

GLAA has worked tirelessly for LGBTQ people in D.C. since its founding in April 1971. April of this year marks GLAA's 50th anniversary. This is an incredible milestone in the history of D.C.'s premier LGBTQ organization. Over the past 50 years, GLAA has worked tirelessly for the passage of many important legislative and policy measures that affect LGBTQ Americans, especially in the District.

Equality for all Americans has always been a priority for me in Congress, but equal treatment for LGBTQ people has long held even greater significance to me. Congressional opponents of equality for LGBTQ people have used D.C.'s unique status as a weapon against LGBTQ people in D.C. For example, I had to defeat many bills and amendments that would have blocked D.C.'s marriage equality law.

I was pleased to celebrate GLAA's work to help pass the D.C. Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Equality Amendment Act in 2010, which removed any doubt in the District of the right of same-sex couples to marry. The act served to recognize same-sex marriages five years before the Supreme Court's decision in Obergefell v. Hodges. This remarkable effort exhibits the dedication and success that GLAA has displayed throughout its history. Its work extends well beyond this and includes a commitment to strengthen and enforce the D.C. Human Rights Act of 1977 to include protections for LGBTQ seniors and transgender Washingtonians.

GLAA has done extensive coalition-building and continues to defend the rights of LGBTQ youth and seniors, particularly when it comes to issues surrounding policing, healthcare, housing and consumer protection. What GLAA has done, and continues to accomplish, in these very personal and meaningful areas of life for LGBTQ residents should be applauded and uplifted. I have confidence that the future will bring even more success with GLAA's presence in our community, for which we should all be grateful.

I ask the House to join me in honoring GLAA and celebrating GLAA's 50 years of re-

markable, distinguished service to and advocacy for the LGBTQ community in the District of Columbia.

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

SPEECH OF

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 17, 2021*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, Women's History Month is a time to appreciate the achievements of women and the many strides we've made to create a more equal society and an inclusive world for our children.

Women's History Month began as a designated week in California in 1978. It soon became a week nationwide, and a decade later it was expanded to include the entire month of March.

Women have had to fight for voting rights, equal treatment, equal pay, and much more, often at great costs, but we have achieved so much. In the 1970s, women were not allowed to get credit or loans in their own name. Today, women make up the majority of the college-educated workforce.

Because of the actions and sacrifices of those who came before us, the new Congress has 144 women serving in it, the highest number in American history and we have the first female Vice President in our history.

While much has been accomplished, there's so much more to be done. We must reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act, secure equal pay, tackle maternal mortality rates, stop the relentless attacks on reproductive health, and guarantee paid family leave.

The pandemic has had a devastating and disproportionate impact on women. In September of 2020, more than a million Americans left the workforce, with 80 percent being women. Three months later, 140,000 jobs of women were lost.

To all the women who are struggling during this pandemic, I see them. I stand with them and I will fight for them always.

IN RECOGNITION OF EMMA OSBORNE

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 19, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Emma Osborne on winning the Gold Key award at the 2021 Central PA Scholastic Art and Writing Competition.

Emma currently attends Bermudian Springs High School near York Springs, Pennsylvania and is passionate about art. Her painting, Rage Quilt, garnered her the top award at the

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