

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SECURITY POSTURE FOR JOINT SESSION

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 26, 2021*

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the authorities vested in the Speaker of the House by law and the Rules of the House of Representatives, commencing at 5:00 PM on April 28, 2021 and ending at 11:59 PM on April 28, 2021, the corridors and passages of the Capitol under control of the House shall be restricted to those Members and staff who have an office in the House wing of the Capitol, invited Members, and individuals who possess the appropriate credentials for presence in the Capitol as issued by the Office of the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives, and those who are issued a credential in support of the joint ceremonial session. The Office of the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives and the United States Capitol Police shall deny admittance to the Capitol except to those listed above.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF PASTOR JOHN DAVID NUGENT

**HON. BRIAN BABIN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 26, 2021*

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the faithful service of John David Nugent as he retires from his role of nearly 25 years as lead pastor at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Jasper, Texas. Under Pastor Nugent's leadership, the Hillcrest family has grown tremendously from 617 to 1,632 church members. Pastor Nugent's time at Hillcrest Baptist has also seen the construction and completion of a new campus for the church to call home.

Prior to his time at Hillcrest, Pastor Nugent became licensed in ministry in 1973 and was ordained on September 16, 1979, at Central Baptist Church in Monroe, Louisiana, where he served as associate pastor from 1977 until 1981. He would later go on to serve as pastor at First Baptist Church in Lone Pine, Louisiana; New Zion Baptist Church in Oak Grove, Louisiana; and First Baptist Church in Spurger, Texas, before making the move to Jasper.

Over the years, Pastor Nugent has held influential roles with the Sabine Valley Association, New Bethel Association, Bayou Macon Association, and Louisiana Association.

For nearly a half century, Pastor Nugent has been a steadfast servant of God and tirelessly devoted to furthering His kingdom. He has selflessly dedicated his time as pastor to improving the lives of his congregants, strengthening his community, and spreading the word of the Lord to all who would listen. It is no

wonder why he is held in high regard by all who know him. Madam Speaker, I honor and thank my friend, Pastor Nugent, for his years of dutiful service.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR BOB GOLDEN

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 26, 2021*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding contributions of Bob Golden to his community, state, and nation. As the outgoing Mayor of Haslet, Texas, he has served in his current position with distinction since May 2009. As he retires from public life, it is my privilege to recognize his noteworthy accomplishments.

Mayor Golden began a career in public service through his commissioning as a Navy Ensign following his graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1966. During his active duty service, he flew F-4 Phantoms off the USS *John F. Kennedy*. After additional service in the Naval Reserve, he retired at the rank of captain in June 1996, whereupon he and his wife, Kathleen, moved to Haslet.

Prior to his election mayor in May 2009, Mayor Golden served for several years on both the Haslet Planning and Zoning and Parks and Recreation boards. Under his mayoral leadership, the economic tax base of Haslet was significantly expanded through the attraction, building, and operation of a 1.1 million square-foot Amazon electronic order fulfillment center.

Mayor Golden has effectively also overseen the decade-long planning and development of critically necessary improvements to Haslet's infrastructure, including the Haslet Parkway Project, which broadens a busy thoroughfare in the city into a four-lane divided highway along with augmented water and sewer lines. The project, which broke ground in March 2021, is projected to drastically improve truck movements and future logistics operations at Alliance Airport. It is one of Mayor Golden's most valuable contributions to Haslet, and the city's citizens and businesses will positively benefit from the project's fruition.

As Bob Golden completes his final mayoral term, I am honored to recognize and thank him for his decades of selfless devotion as a dedicated public servant. Best wishes in all his future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOLITION AND ECONOMIC AND ENERGY CONVERSION ACT OF 2021

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 26, 2021*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Nuclear Weapons Abolition and Economic and Energy Conversion Act of 2021, a version of which I have introduced since 1994, after working with the District of Columbia residents who were responsible for the Nuclear Disarmament and Economic Conversion ballot initiative passed by D.C. voters in 1993. My bill still requires the United States to sign and ratify an international agreement to disable and dismantle America's nuclear weapons, to provide for strict control of fissile material and radioactive waste and to use nuclear-free energy. In lieu of joining such an agreement, this version of the bill also gives the United States the option to ratify the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (Treaty). Many nations have already signed the Treaty. The Treaty was drafted by the United Nations in conferences in March and July of 2017, which is why I did not include it in my previous bills. According to the United Nations, the Treaty is "a legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination." I am pleased by the international progress on this important issue.

The bill continues to provide that the funds used for nuclear weapons be redirected to human and infrastructure needs, such as housing, health care, Social Security, restoring the environment, and creating carbon-free, nuclear-free energy. The conversion to a peace economy would occur when the President certifies to Congress that all countries possessing nuclear weapons have begun elimination under an international treaty or other legal agreement.

Our country still has a long list of urgent domestic needs that have been put on the back burner. As the only nation that has used nuclear weapons in war, and that still possesses one of the largest nuclear weapons arsenals, my bill would help the United States reestablish its moral leadership in the world by redirecting funds that would otherwise go to nuclear weapons to urgent domestic needs.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING SPECIALIST ABIGAIL JENKS FOR HER SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 26, 2021*

Ms. STEFANK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of U.S.

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