

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### INTRODUCTION OF THE RESTROOM ACCESS ACT OF 2023

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**  
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 10, 2023*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Restroom Access Act of 2023, which would require retail establishments to provide individuals with medical conditions requiring immediate use of a restroom, such as Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, access to employee-only restrooms when such establishments do not have public restrooms. Individuals would have to present a Department of Labor-issued identification card certifying such a medical condition.

Individuals with certain medical conditions need immediate access to a restroom. When public restrooms are not available, these individuals may experience uncomfortable or embarrassing situations. As long as there are no safety concerns, which this bill addresses, these individuals should be able to use employee-only restrooms.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

### RECOGNIZING THE 2022–2023 MID VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM'S STATE CHAM- PIONSHIP

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**  
OF PENNSYLVANIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 10, 2023*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the incredible achievements of the 2022–2023 Mid Valley High School softball team. During this year's season, the Spartanettes brought great pride to our community by winning the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) 3A State Championship for the first time in school history.

As the Member of the U.S. House representing the Mid Valley School District, I'm proud to celebrate the hard work, leadership, and comradery of the Spartanettes that led to their championship. They played with passion and a sense of faith in one another which was evident in every game. They demonstrated that when a group of individuals support each other with a common goal, anything is possible.

I want to acknowledge the coaching staff, led by Coach Mike Piercy, and Assistant Coach Joseph Bour, who have instilled a culture of commitment, integrity, and respect in these athletes. Under their guidance, Mid Valley truly played a season worthy of the first-ever softball state title in Mid Valley history.

The success of the 2022–2023 team is also a reflection of the support they received from their school and locality. From parents and families who cheered them on in every game,

including traveling to Penn State from Mid Valley for the championship. By teachers and staff who have provided guidance and encouragement, and by the businesses and organizations that also supported the team, the Mid Valley Spartanettes have been lifted up and given confidence by the entire community.

In Northeastern Pennsylvania we believe in the power of working together and showing civic spirit. The Mid Valley Spartanettes championship is a testament to the strength of that belief. These athletes demonstrated what can happen when we support our young people to the fullest.

So, I congratulate the 2022–2023 Mid Valley High School softball team on their historic season and thank them for inspiring us all. I'm proud to represent Mid Valley and look forward to celebrating many more successes in the future.

### HONORING CORPORAL RALPH M. SIMONI

**HON. KEVIN HERN**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 10, 2023*

Mr. HERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a very special veteran from Oklahoma's First Congressional District, U.S. Army Air Forces Corporal, Ralph M. Simoni.

Born in Jersey City, New Jersey, on July 6, 1923, Cpl. Simoni is celebrating his 100th birthday today. In 1943, Cpl. Simoni began serving our Nation during World War II at one of the most consequential moments in human history. He bravely served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of the war from 1943 to 1946 and received a Victory Medal for doing his part to secure Victory Over Japan Day, better known as "V-J Day", that marked the end of the war on September 2, 1945.

Cpl. Simoni served as an airplane propeller mechanic in the pioneering 4th Glider Section of the U.S. Army Air Forces. Cpl. Simoni's work helped U.S. glider aircraft drop paratroopers and light artillery into enemy territory. Glider missions were dangerous and designed for a single purpose that resulted in very few of the aircraft ever being recovered. Cpl. Simoni and the 4th Glider Section conducted several successful missions in New Guinea, Luzon, and the South Philippines liberation campaigns of World War II.

Cpl. Simoni now lives in my hometown of Tulsa and is deservedly being recognized today as the precious American hero that he is by his friends and family. Following the recent celebration of Independence Day, it is my honor to thank Cpl. Simoni on behalf of a grateful Nation for his remarkable military service and wish him a very happy birthday.

### HONORING THE LIFE OF SANDRA BLAUVELT

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 10, 2023*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Sandra Blauvelt, who passed away at the age of 81 on April 18, 2023. Sandra was a beloved member of the community and devoted public servant.

Born in 1941 in Cleveland, Ohio, Sandra, fondly known as Sandy, grew up the youngest of 7 children. An ambitious and intelligent young woman, she attended Hathaway Brown School in Shaker Heights, where she served as the president of her high school class, won junior skating championships, and was admitted to Wellesley College. Sandy married her high school sweetheart, Gerrit Blauvelt, and they traveled across the country with their growing family while he finished medical school. After 2 years in the Navy, the family moved from Virginia to Larkspur, California where Sandy quickly began her decades of service to the Larkspur community.

At the old Larkspur-Corte Madera school, Sandy organized parents and community members to volunteer at a new after-school enrichment program, sharing their personal passions and skills with students. Her community organizing skills assisted Joan Lundstrom in becoming the first woman elected to the Larkspur City Council in 1971. She also helps to raise funds for the acquisition of a section of Northridge as open space in 1977 and ran the successful campaign of Hal Brown for Marin County Supervisor in 1984. After his election, Sandy served as his aide for many years.

Sandy dedicated decades of service to Marin County, including as the founding President of the Larkspur Community Foundation, 42 years on the Larkspur Park and Recreation Commission, and as a longtime member of the Marin Conservation League. Her contributions earned recognitions and she was deservedly awarded Citizen of the Year in 2005 by the City of Larkspur.

Along with her political savvy, Sandy was known for her dedication to friends, family, and neighbors and for her active role as a grandmother. While she will be greatly missed, her legacy will live on through the positive impact she had on her community.

Sandy was predeceased by her husband Gerrit and is survived by her daughter Molly Blauvelt, son Andy Blauvelt, grandsons Jonny and Sam Rank, granddaughters Sophie and Alice Blauvelt, and dozens of nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in extending condolences to Sandy's family and friends and in expressing deep appreciation for her decades of public service in her community.

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