

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE CITY OF RIO VISTA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 130th anniversary of the City of Rio Vista.

In 1877, the first consideration of Rio Vista's incorporation began. At that time, concerns that expensive improvements would be brought against the wishes of the citizens led to the postponement of further consideration of the matter. By 1892, the citizens reached a consensus regarding the necessity of incorporation. Incorporation allowed Rio Vista to establish a Board of Trustees with the power to pass ordinances, purchase and lease property for municipal purposes, contract for the supply of water, improve streets and sidewalks, provide fire apparatus, impose and collect dog license fees and property taxes, and perform other similar duties.

A petition was drafted describing the boundaries of the proposed incorporation. However, just before the petition was scheduled to go before the Solano County Board of Supervisors in May of 1892, it was discovered that the voter registry did not meet legal qualifications and would need to be updated.

Following this, a second petition circulated in November of 1893, with an election scheduled for December 30, 1893. The population at the time was approximately 650. Of those 650, 129 were eligible voters. That day, 121 were polled, with a majority supporting incorporation.

On January 3, 1894, the Board of Supervisors canvassed the votes. As there was a majority, the Board declared the Town of Rio Vista a municipal corporation, and named the first Board of Trustees, Treasurer, Clerk, and Marshal.

In the time since the vote, the population in Rio Vista has grown substantially. Today, there are over 10,000 residents. Since incorporation, numerous notable events have occurred. In 1968, Rio Vista became the City of Rio Vista rather than the Town of Rio Vista. In 1985, Rio Vista gained national attention when Humphrey the Whale deviated from his migratory route, ending up in Rio Vista. In 1989, the Rio Vista Municipal Airport was built, providing residents with more convenient access to flights.

Today, the City of Rio Vista is a sanctuary for those seeking a slower paced atmosphere. A popular location for many wildlife enthusiasts, bird watchers, fisherman, and wind surfers, Rio Vista is surrounded by beautiful rivers. Rio Vista is also the largest producer of Belgian Endive in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, as our community now commemorates this momentous anniversary, we celebrate the history of the City of Rio Vista. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor the City of Rio Vista here today.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF TURKISH INTERVENTION IN CYPRUS

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to reflect on a pivotal moment in history—the intervention in Cyprus by Turkish troops in 1974. This event remains a point of contention and deep emotion for many, yet it is essential to approach it with a balanced perspective.

The intervention in Cyprus was not merely a response to a singular incident but the culmination of longstanding tensions between the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities marked by decades of inter-communal strife.

The intervention by Turkish troops was a strategic effort to avert further bloodshed and to protect lives on both sides. It sought to stabilize the situation, create a buffer zone, and prevent the escalation of violence.

It is crucial to acknowledge that the intervention's intention was not conquest or aggression but rather a desperate attempt to restore order and ensure the safety of civilians caught in the crossfire.

Since then, Cyprus has remained a divided island, with ongoing efforts at reconciliation and peacebuilding. The scars of the past continue to influence political discourse and societal relations. However, it is also a reminder of the importance of dialogue, understanding, and a commitment to finding peaceful solutions to deeply rooted conflicts.

As we reflect on the intervention in Cyprus, let us strive for empathy and a more nuanced understanding of history. May we honor the memory of those affected by these events. Going forward, may we continue to embrace an impartial arbiter approach to this frozen conflict by working towards a future where both Greek and Turkish Cypriots can live in peace and harmony side by side.

WISHING WORLD WAR II VETERAN AND COMMUNITY BENEFACTOR OAKLEY FARRIS A HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. THOMAS MASSIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

Mr. MASSIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate and wish a very happy and special 100th birthday to my constituent, Mr. Oakley Farris.

Mr. Farris grew up near Lexington, Kentucky. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the United States Army and fought heroically in World War II. After returning from his tour of duty in Europe, Mr. Farris settled in Covington, Kentucky, and began working as a

salesman, traveling up and down the East Coast.

It was on a sales trip to Miami that Mr. Farris met his future wife, Eva. An immigrant from Havana, Cuba, Eva went on to study at Columbia University. She motivated her husband to capitalize on his hard-working and entrepreneurial spirit. Together, the Farris family built a successful real estate business, and at one point, owned over 40 residential buildings.

Mr. Farris and his late wife made countless investments in our community. Many schools, medical establishments, and organizations in Northern Kentucky have benefited from Mr. Farris' generosity. Mr. Farris has said he came into this world with nothing and plans to leave it the same way—a true testament to his charitable nature. I am grateful for all that Mr. Farris has done for my constituents, and I am honored to represent him in Washington.

Happy Birthday to Oakley. May he have many more years of good health and happiness.

HONORING THE STUDENTS AT BEVERLY HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the Beverly Hills High School student television station, KBEV. The student-led television station team secured the second place National Silver Medal in the Video News Production category of the 2024 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference. The team consisted of Beverly Hills High School students Aaron Gabayan, Colby Gilardian, Nora Nikfariam, Jason Maybaum, and their dedicated teacher, Professor Romeo Carey of Santa Monica College.

The SkillsUSA Championships showcase the best Career and Technical education students throughout the nation. The KBEV station secured second place nationally for the first time in ten years of competition history. This is an impressive accomplishment for these young media innovators who stood out among over 300,000 participants nationwide.

The KBEV station was founded in 1969 and is now broadcast to thousands of homes in Beverly Hills, California. The station has grown to be the longest-running high school television station in the country. KBEV affords high school students with the opportunity to learn the profession of Broadcast Journalism through practical experience and mentorship, a profession that is vital in a democratic society.

I would like to sincerely congratulate the KBEV station, the students, and Professor Carey, for bringing great pride to the 36th Congressional District. This recognition honors their hard work and dedication and inspires other students to pursue excellence in their fields of interest.

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HONORING SCOTT DE LEON

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Scott De Leon, an esteemed member of our community. Mr. De Leon is being honored for his over twenty-three years of dedicated service with the County of Lake and his four decades of contributions to our community.

Born in Lakeport, California, Mr. De Leon graduated from Clear Lake High School as a member of the Class of 1982. Mr. De Leon completed his graduate studies at California State University, Chico in 1987 and in 1991, he earned his Civil Engineering License.

Following a decade of work for the private sector, including managing his own engineering firm, Mr. De Leon returned to the Lake County service as Water Resources Director in May of 2010. He held many roles in serving Lake County, including Water Resources Director, County Roads Commissioner, Community Development Director, and Public Works Director. His positive and team-focused leadership aided in the development of numerous staff that have become valued leaders of Lake County.

In 2015, Lake County commended his efforts when Mr. De Leon was honored for Outstanding Leadership in protecting America's Environment and Economy. Mr. De Leon played a pivotal role in reducing invasive-species related risk through Lake County's innovative Quagga and Zebra Mussel program, which earned him the "Outstanding Achievement by a Local Government" Award. In 2022, Mr. De Leon was recognized as the County Engineer Association of California's Engineer of the Year, culminating years of his dedicated contributions to this organization.

Mr. De Leon has made impactful contributions to our community, providing a great example for all Lake County youth of what can be achieved by leveraging experiences gained through opportunities and training for public service. Mr. De Leon is a supportive teacher and coach to Lake County youth. He founded Westshore Youth Basketball in 2007, and as coach led the basketball team at his alma mater, Clear Lake High School to great success.

Mr. De Leon is a proud husband of nearly thirty years to his wife, Melody, and is father to their two sons' Joseph and Max.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Mr. De Leon for his dedicated service to our community. His passion, leadership, and unwavering commitment to service have left an indelible mark on us all. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor his retirement here today.

HONORING SUPERINTENDENT JAY GOODING, SR.

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the remarkable Superintendent Jay Gooding, Sr. for being a pillar of

our community for decades. Pastor Gooding was raised in the Bronx and continues to give back to his home in so many ways.

Superintendent Gooding began his pastoral journey when he preached his first sermon in 1993 at Miracle Revival Temple. Only three years later Pastor Gooding established the Fellowship Tabernacle Ministries Church of God in Christ. After 13 years of ministry, he was appointed by his father to serve as Pastor at Miracle Revival Temple. As Superintendent in the Church of God in Christ Pastor Gooding oversees 5 churches and serves as their Vice Chairman to the Urban and Civic Affairs Department.

Aside from the positive impact of his ministry, Superintendent Gooding assisted a host of community organizations. He sat on the Board of Directors of the Bronx Business Alliance, served on community board 11, and currently works as the Director of Community Outreach for Jacobi Hospital's SUV (Stand Up to Violence) program. Pastor Gooding's work has touched so many different community members and I am forever grateful.

I thank Superintendent Gooding for all of his wonderful work for the Bronx and the people who make up the community. I look forward to hearing about the Pastor's continued successes and positive impacts on the Bronx.

RECOGNIZING THE HIGH PLAINS HONOR FLIGHT

HON. GREG LOPEZ

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

Mr. LOPEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of America's heroic veterans and to recognize the Honor Flight Network, which conducts annual trips for veterans to Washington, D.C., to tour the memorials built in celebration of their bravery. On April 28, 2024, High Plains Honor Flight gave many of our courageous veterans this extraordinary opportunity, flying them to our nation's capital. I am pleased to congratulate the April 28, 2024, High Plains Honor Flight and to acknowledge the Korean and Vietnam War veterans of Colorado who took part in it.

Mr. Speaker, those who participated in this flight are as follows:

Korean War Veterans: Pasquale DeMarco, Patricia Gilmore, Kenneth Harvey, Howard Hoxie, Jerry Motooka, Wilbur Noffsinger, Richard Peterson, James Roppo, Terry Udell, Charles Wilson, Jesse Wilson, John Wolf, Wilbur Zeller

Korean and Vietnam War Veteran: Robert J Rea

Vietnam War Veterans: Dale Agesen, Gene Acklie, Gene Anderson, Richard Barrett, Larry Bauer, Mark Bolin, Patrick Branigan, James Brompton, Patrick Calavan, Christopher Cameron, Terrance Carney, Clyde Chess, Timothy Clark, Theodore Coffelt, David Cole, James Cowman, James Curwood, Donald Darnell, Darrel DeGrofftt, Dennis Dooley, John Dubler, Ronald East, Burton Eaton, Richard Ellin, Larry Erickson, Gilbert Espinoza, Donald Foster, David Franson, Jose Gonzales, Donald Greer, Louis Grill, John Grosvenor, Jr., Robert Hanzel, Randall Hayes, Thomas Herret, Jon Howdeshell, Lloyd Jacox, William Kaufman, Laurie King, Randall King,

Thomas Kitzmiller, David Kling, David Krapes, Roger Krumbach, Bernard Larson, Robert LeDoux, Charles Livermont, Alan Lovely, Alonzo Martinez, David Martinez, James McBride, Lyle McBride, Arthur McKown, Edward Melko, Michael Melo, Dean Millard, Gary Mitchell, Quentin Moeller, Juan Mohr, Richmond Morse, Francisco Muniz, Louis Nagel, Fred Neal, Gilbert Pagat, Richard Panter, Dennis Patriquin, Richard Payne, Thomas Pearson, Kenneth Perkins, Joseph Perry, Robert S. Pickett, Robert H. Pickett, Jon Piper, Ronald Pretty, James Prince, Clarence Rarden, Norman Reichardt, William Rideout, Delbert Ritchhart, Feladelfio Romero, Steven Roon, Fred Ruppel, Donald Sammons, Jimmy Sanchez, Daniel Schell, Kenneth Schneider, Richard Searles, Robert Smith, Herbert Teter, Fred Thomas, III, Steven Thompson, Raymond Twiss, Donald Waldburger, Richard Walker, Duane Wallon, Robert Wardell, Robert Warner, Dan Watt, Clifford Wigfield, Steven Witmer, Gary Wright, Michael Wulfack, Michael Yoder, Ernest Young and James Zack, Jr.

It is my distinct privilege as the United States Representative of the 4th District of Colorado to recognize the honor, courage, and sacrifice of these heroes, along with that of all other members of America's Armed Forces. I thank them for their dedication and service to this Nation.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2025

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of my amendments to H.R. 8997, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2025.

These two amendments support essential funding for our National Labs and specifically for the Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility, or CEBAF, at the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility, commonly known as JLab, in Newport News, Virginia. CEBAF is a world-leading facility studying the inner properties of nuclei, such as the quark and gluon structure of protons and neutrons. The research conducted at this facility has vastly improved our understanding of the fundamental make-up of matter and is actively supporting collaborative research globally in medium energy physics.

The first amendment highlights the need for funding critically needed infrastructure improvements at CEBAF. The workforce at JLab is rapidly growing with the increased use of CEBAF and the installation of the Department of Energy's High Performance Data Facility. For JLab to effectively support its employees and researchers, the lab needs increased funding to build a modern workspace to match the research conducted at this facility. The final appropriations bill should include \$32 million for JLab to update its CEBAF infrastructure.

The second amendment highlights the importance of an optimal runtime for CEBAF.