

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF LOUIS BASS

#### **HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 4, 2025*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Louis Bass, CEO of Regional Medical Center Health System (RMC) in Anniston, Alabama.

Louis has dedicated 26 years of his career to RMC Health System, culminating in a decade of service as CEO. Prior to this leadership role, he served as the system's CFO.

During his tenure, Mr. Bass led RMC through the COVID pandemic and spearheaded several key accomplishments. He integrated Stringfellow Memorial Hospital into the RMC family, allowing the transformation of inpatient care. He helped transform RMC Foundation to better invest in needs of the hospital and expanded access to serve the community. Bass improved nurse education through the donation of Jacksonville Medical Center to Jacksonville State University and helped position RMC for a financially stable future and success by securing HUD funds to refinance and make needed capital improvements.

Louis is a dedicated community leader, serving on the boards of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama, Vizient Southeast, the JSU Foundation and the RMC Foundation. He is also an active member of the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club.

Louis and his wife, Debbie, are the proud parents of Jordan and Ashley Bass, Corey and Hazuki Bass, and Lauren and Trey Shaw. They are blessed with four grandchildren: Claire, Jonathan, Emma, and Owen Bass, and Baker and Brewer Shaw.

Mr. Bass is a devoted member of Hillcrest Baptist Church, where he serves as a Deacon.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Louis on his retirement and thanking him for his service to Northeast Alabama. I congratulate Louis.

### HONORING BETHANY BRAMAN FOSTER FOR 10 YEARS OF SOBRIETY

#### **HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 4, 2025*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bethany Braman Foster of Ludlow, Massachusetts on celebrating 10 years of sobriety, which she achieved on January 31, 2025. This milestone, which required a lot of faith, self-discipline, and healthy choices is an achievement that her new husband Micah Welintikonas (U.S. Army, Retired), her family, and friends came together to honor. Bethany is the epitome of a community-oriented individual, leading her life with care and kindness.

Bethany was always destined to lead a generous life. Since completing her education, Bethany has pursued an extremely successful career as a Physician Assistant (PA) in Springfield, Massachusetts. As a trusted medical professional, she has provided much-needed care and treatment to patients and families in times of need. Her exceptional work was recognized in 2024 when Bethany was named one of the top 5 medical providers from over 100 clinics nationwide.

In addition to her devoted work as a PA, Bethany has found time to give back to her community in other ways. She has been a long-time volunteer at animal rescues, caring for animals and helping them find forever homes. Bethany has also been a devout volunteer for AWANA, a worldwide nonprofit ministry for children and youth.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues please join me in congratulating Bethany on 10 years of sobriety and recognize her as the exceptional citizen she has distinguished herself as. Bethany has led a life full of giving, exemplified through her selfless work in the medical field, countless community engagements, and her role as a loving mother to three children. Bethany, we congratulate you on this momentous accomplishment.

### REMEMBERING THE REMARKABLE LIFE OF DANA CRAWFORD

#### **HON. DIANA DeGETTE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 4, 2025*

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Ms. Dana Crawford. She was a true Denver icon who transformed our city with her vision and determination to revitalize Colorado's most treasured places.

Born in Kansas, Dana brought her passion for preservation and community to Denver in 1953. Inspired by New England town squares, she saw the potential for our city to have vibrant gathering spaces.

Her work began with Larimer Square, a well-known landmark in downtown Denver, which she saved from destruction in the 1960s. Under challenging circumstances, she transformed a block of deteriorating buildings into a thriving hub that sparked a nationwide movement for historic preservation.

Dana's vision didn't stop at Larimer Square. From the Oxford Hotel to Union Station, her work preserved Denver's essence while building for its future. Eventually, her impact extended beyond Denver, revitalizing communities across Colorado, in places like Trinidad, Pueblo, and Idaho Springs.

Dana was a pioneer and beloved in Denver and beyond. Her work wasn't just about preserving buildings—it was about building community and creating places that brought Denverites together.

Our hearts go out to her four sons—Jack, Peter, Tom, and Duke—and all who knew and loved her.

May her memory continue to inspire us all and live in the heart of our city.

### RECOGNIZING THE FOOTHILLS YOUNG MARINES

#### **HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 4, 2025*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Foothills Young Marines for being the 2024 "Division 4 Young Marine Unit of the Year."

The Young Marines encourages young people to uphold the Marine Corps' core values of honor, courage, and commitment while serving their local communities. The Foothills unit, made up of about 50 students aged eight through eighteen, logged 2,440 community service hours and 880 hours towards drug demand reduction, earning them the division's highest distinction.

The group organized Children's Hospital fundraisers, food drives, Toys for Tots, and more—while also being at the forefront of drug reduction initiatives and veterans and military appreciation. The young people and staff of the Foothills Young Marines have made extraordinary contributions to our communities, and their work is greatly appreciated by all the people they serve.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate the Foothills Young Marines on winning "Division 4 Young Marine Unit of the Year" and thank them for their service to the Colorado community.

### HONORING CONGRESSMAN KEN CALVERT FOR LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION IN NATIONAL SECU- RITY

#### **HON. TOM COLE**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 4, 2025*

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend my colleague and long-time friend, Congressman KEN CALVERT, who is being honored by the Creative Defense Foundation with the Visionary Award for Leadership and Innovation in National Security. Throughout his distinguished tenure, Congressman CALVERT has been a steadfast advocate for strengthening our Nation's defense capabilities and fostering technological advancements critical to our security.

As Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, Congressman CALVERT has championed initiatives to bridge the gap between technological innovation and its adoption by the Department of Defense. His instrumental role in establishing the Accelerate the Procurement and Fielding of Innovative Technologies (APFIT) program has been

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