

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ACKNOWLEDGING DENNIS COCKING'S SERVICE TO THE SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 19, 2013

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Dennis Cocking, who will be retiring May 1, 2013, from the South Tahoe Public Utility District in California after 25 years of service.

Beginning his career part-time in the field, Dennis worked his way up to his current role as the public information officer handling both public relations and legislative affairs. In this capacity, Dennis has become the face of the Utility District and has been described as the bridge between the community and the board.

Dennis's service to the community of South Lake Tahoe has been indispensable over the past decades, ensuring that the public always had access to information about their water resources and providing clear communication on events in the district. His retirement will be spent traveling with his wife Kathy, enjoying their first grandchild and continuing their involvement in the community.

Dennis is a fine example of the culture of service that ought to be reflected in public officials and it is my privilege to rise today in recognition of his service.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT AND SERVICE OF MAYOR ARLENE J. MULDER

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dedicated public servant from the Ninth Congressional District of Illinois, Mayor Arlene Mulder of Arlington Heights, a Chicago suburb with a population of approximately 77,000 residents. In May, she will conclude her successful service as Mayor after two decades in office.

A longtime Arlington Heights resident, Ms. Mulder has exemplified the ethic of public service throughout her illustrious 35-year career. After establishing herself as a secondary educator and high school basketball coach, she entered public office in 1979 as a member of the Arlington Heights Park District. After twelve years with the Park District, during which time she served as commissioner and then as president, Mayor Mulder served two years as a village trustee. She was elected mayor in 1993.

Ms. Mulder's mayoral leadership has been nothing short of exemplary. Her administration was instrumental in the revitalization of downtown Arlington Heights, which now boasts a

thriving arts and cultural scene. In addition, she has provided vital leadership in her capacity as the chair of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission, an organization that advocates for the reduction of aircraft noise in the communities around O'Hare International Airport.

In addition to serving as ONCC chair, Mayor Mulder is the vice president of the Illinois Municipal League, an executive board member of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and secretary of Metra, the Chicago area commuter rail service. She is also active in a host of other community organizations, including the Arlington Heights Women's Club, the AAUW, the BPW, Allied Arts, NWCH Auxiliary, Historical Society, the United Way, and the Boy Scouts Council. She is an established and highly respected presence in Arlington Heights, where she is known to make daily public appearances around town.

Mayor Mulder has represented her community with distinction and has been a strong voice for the Village of Arlington Heights throughout her time in office. Her distinguished service to the people of Cook County is truly commendable. Although retiring as Mayor, Arlington Heights will continue to benefit from her abundant community involvement.

I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating Mayor Mulder on 35 years of public service and in wishing her all the best for the days ahead.

HONORING RIO HONDO COLLEGE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 19, 2013

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rio Hondo College 50th Anniversary. Located in Whittier, California, Rio Hondo College is a collaborative center of lifelong learning which provides innovative, challenging, and quality educational offerings for its diverse students and community.

Since Rio Hondo first opened its doors in 1963, over one million students have come to the hillside campus to pursue their educational goals. Today Rio Hondo College serves more than 20,000 students each semester on a beautiful campus and new satellite facilities equipped with essentials for 21st Century teaching and learning.

Rio Hondo College strives to be an exemplary California community college, meeting the learning needs of its changing and growing population. In 2011, The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education Magazine ranked Rio Hondo College one of the "Top 50 Community Colleges" by Hispanic Full-Time Enrollment, by Hispanic Faculty, and for Hispanics Awarding Associate Degrees. Rio Hondo was also ranked nationally in the annual "Top 100" producers of Associate Degrees awarded to mi-

nority students in all disciplines by Community College Week, and in the "Top 50" for degrees awarded in homeland security, law enforcement, and firefighting. For the fourth consecutive year G.I. Jobs Magazine designated Rio Hondo College as a "Military Friendly School." The 2013 Military Friendly Schools list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members, veterans, and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

Our community is especially grateful for the strong and vibrant Mathematics, Engineering, Science, Achievement (MESA) program and outstanding Veterans Service Center. In 2010, Rio Hondo College launched the award-winning South Whittier Educational Center (SWEC) partnership that provides a seamless pipeline to college for students from underserved areas with a historically low college attendance.

Throughout its history, Rio Hondo College has assembled strong leadership teams in support of the work done by outstanding faculty in the classroom and caring and able classified staff who provide essential services in all phases of college operation. As a teaching/learning institution, Rio Hondo College comes together and strives to meet the needs, aspirations, and goals of our changing student population and communities.

The contributions and achievements of Rio Hondo are far too many to count, but the enrichment and sense of community they have created is something to be acknowledged. For that reason, I would like to recognize Rio Hondo Community College for 50 years of lifelong learning and quality education.

SAN JACINTO DAY

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 19, 2013

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate one of the most important events in Texas history, and the history of our United States, San Jacinto Day.

On April 21, 1836, Texas forces, led by General Sam Houston, dealt a decisive blow to General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna and his oppressive Mexican Government. Approximately 900 Texan and Tejano volunteers overpowered a larger, professionally trained Mexican army of conscript soldiers, after suffering defeats at Goliad and the Alamo.

These outnumbered volunteers were fighting against tyranny and for their homeland, and they triumphed because of their determination to be free from oppression.

In the words of the Texas Declaration of Independence, the people's government had been "forcibly changed, without their consent, from a restricted federative republic, composed of sovereign states, to a consolidated central military despotism."

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The Texas Revolution proved the bonds of freedom are stronger than ethnicity, as many Tejanos sacrificed their lives for Texas' freedom at the battles of Gonzalez, Bexar, Goliad, the Alamo, and San Jacinto. The war was not between Anglos and Hispanics, it was a struggle between all Texans and the military dictatorship in Mexico City.

Texans and Tejanos knew then what we know now—freedom requires sacrifice. Texas culture places high honors on heroes willing to sacrifice their lives for a better life for their fellow man, and Texans are known around the world as an honorable people who respond to the call of duty.

In that spirit, I want to highlight the work by the San Jacinto Chapter of the Daughters of the Texas Republic, who made the preservation of the San Jacinto Battleground possible by petitioning the Legislature to purchase the acreage and by donating their treasury to complete the sale in 1900.

The San Jacinto Chapter of Daughters and the Texans Veterans Association did extraordinary work to ensure that the legacy lived on, and the importance of the park has only expanded since then.

I am very proud to have formerly represented the site of the Battle of San Jacinto commemorated by the San Jacinto Monument.

This park not only has the San Jacinto Monument to recognize the brave men that defeated the military dictator General Santa Anna, it also home to the Battleship *Texas*, which is a symbol of sacrifices in World War I and World War II.

With the understanding of where they came from, Texans and Americans will continue to respond to calls of service, thereby continuing their legacy of respect and admiration throughout the world.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF JOSEPH L. WYATT

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 19, 2013

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great statesman, a great Democrat and a great American, Joseph L. Wyatt, Jr. who passed away on April 15, 2013, in Pasadena, California.

California Democratic Party Chairman John Burton put it best in describing Joe's essence and contribution, his commitment to our state and his work as the California Democratic Party Parliamentarian, our gratitude for his service and our fond memories of his extraordinary life, saying in a statement:

California Democrats lost one of the closest members of our Democratic family in California. Joe Wyatt, Jr. who served as our Party's parliamentarian since 1970 passed at the age of eighty-nine.

To know Joe was to know first and foremost a kind and wonderful human being. He was also a committed husband, father, grandfather, and Democratic activist.

Joe was a founder of the California Democratic Council (CDC), a federation of local volunteer Democratic clubs that helped reinvigorate statewide Democratic politics in California and was instrumental in the election of Pat Brown as California governor in the election of 1958. He was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention on numerous occasions.

He was a committed activist in the truest sense of the word, tirelessly serving our state party and always offering sage and fair counsel on the rules and procedures needed to advance party business. For over 50 years he practiced trust and estate law for three law firms, most recently as Senior of Counsel to Morrison/Foerster LLP, since 1995.

It was a privilege to know and work with such a deeply principled, humble, accomplished, and exemplary human being. All of us will always remember his signature bow-tie, his wonderful wit, his kind heart and unwavering spirit. His life has been a gift to all who knew him; his memory will be a blessing for all who remember him.

I only hope it is a comfort to his wife Marjorie, his sons Jonathan, Daniel and Lawrence, his daughter Linn, his daughter-in-law Tamara, and his grandchildren Jack and Taryn, that so many share in their grief at this sad time.

HONORING SEMIFINALISTS IN THE INTEL SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 19, 2013

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a number of talented and dedicated high school students from my Congressional District who were chosen to be Semifinalists in the Intel Science Talent Search (STS) as well as one who was named as a Finalist. These students are the future of our nation's research and I am so proud to recognize them today.

Mayuri Sridhar attends Kings Park High School in Kings Park, NY in my district and Intel has recognized her as a finalist in this year's competition. Mayuri is being recognized for her research project entitled "Computational Analysis of the DNA-Binding Mechanism of the p53 Tumor Suppressor and its Inactivation through the R249S Mutation." In March, Mayuri traveled to Washington D.C. to participate in the final round of the competition and compete for the top award of \$100,000. While in the nation's capital, she was one of only forty finalists to display her work to the public as well as meet with notable American scientists. This extraordinary honor reflects Mayuri's commitment and dedication to her academic work and I know Mayuri will be successful in her future endeavors.

Additionally, I want to recognize the Intel Semifinalists that I have the honor to represent here in Congress. Long Island and Queens are fortunate to have so many top notch schools with dedicated teachers guiding these talented young students to success. The Semifinalists were selected from among more than 1,700 entrants to receive a \$1,000 award for their outstanding research. In addition, their schools receive \$1,000 to support further excellence in science and technology education. I am impressed not just by their scientific knowledge but also by their profound commitment to the scientific process and making discoveries that will help our country. The following names of the Intel Semifinalists represent the young students with bright futures ahead of them and the next generation of American innovation, science, and research:

Amanda Elyssa Ruiz of Bronx High School of Science; Puja Bansal, Rohan Goyal,

Tammy Jin, Jonathon Kim, Abhinav Patil, Robert Tannenbaum of Half Hollow Hills High School East; Deriam Chirinos, Menglu Dong, Julia Zhuang of John L. Miller Great Neck North High School; Yonatan David of North Shore Hebrew Academy; David Kim, Cyrus Zhou of William A. Shine Great Neck South High School; Jacob Gary Wax of Harborfields High School; Sonia Joshi, Samuel Lam, Brendan Liu, Michael Shen, Raymond Wu of Jericho Senior High School; Wesley Cox, Kenan Mutlu of Kings Park High School; Nick Fiacco of Manhasset High School; Meenakshi Krishna, Benjamin Isaac Pleat of Herricks High School; Jongyoon Lee, Carolyn Yao of Stuyvesant High School; James Shamul, Sunny Zheng Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School; Drew Feldman, Minah Kim of Paul D. Schreiber High School; Arshia Aalami, Arvind Kumar, Ethan Levine, Alian Emil Sherman of Roslyn High School; Michelle Jiang Long, Jared Brandon Weiss of Syosset High School,

In closing, I again want to applaud the families, teachers and students that make all of these achievements possible. I commend you for all of your successes and I look forward to hearing more from all of you in the future. You will keep Americans globally competitive and at the forefront of innovation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 19, 2013

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I unexpectedly missed rollcall vote 110 on April 17, 2013. Had I been able to vote, I would have voted in favor of rollcall vote 110.

ACKNOWLEDGING COACH BOB SHAFFER'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TRUCKEE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PROGRAM

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 19, 2013

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize High School Football Coach and legend Bob Shaffer for his tremendous contributions to the community of Truckee, the Truckee Football Program and the many players he has influenced over the years.

Since taking over the head coaching position in 1995, Coach Shaffer has had an overall record of 170 to 32, becoming the 3rd most winning football coach in the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association history. Throughout his eighteen year career, Shaffer has led the Truckee High School Wolverines to win nine state titles, including back-to-back championships in the past four years.

Shaffer has set a standard for excellence on and off the field and has been a role model for his players, teaching them that hard work and perseverance are part of being a champion. A former player describes Shaffer's ability "to take many kids who didn't think they had what it takes to play football and make them believe they were champions."