

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING PETER SOLENDER  
AND SUZIE RIVO SOLENDER

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 2013*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two outstanding community leaders as they are honored by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce as the 2013 Stewardship Award Winners, Peter Solender and Suzie Rivo Solender. Few have been so generous with their time and talents as Peter and Suzie.

Peter and Suzie Solender's community involvement begins with their children. As parents, Suzie spent time as a Girl Scout leader, while Peter was active with his son in Cub Scouts.

When their children began attending school, Peter and Suzie became heavily involved in the Williamsville Parent-Teacher Association, Parent-Teacher-Student Association, and Parent-Teacher Association Council. At one point, Suzie held the PTA presidency at both Heim Middle School and Williamsville East High School simultaneously. As a member of the Town of Amherst Youth Board, Suzie currently is serving her second three-year term.

The Solenders devote much of their time to the American Cancer Society, as both Peter and Suzie are cancer survivors. Suzie has sat on many boards for the ACS, including the Advisory Board, and as one of five members of the leadership committee. Suzie's talents as a grant writer allowed her to become a stakeholder with the National ACS. For three years, she reviewed grant applications for areas of cancer research as a stakeholder with the National ACS. Suzie is trained as a Legislative Ambassador on the Congressional level.

Together, Peter and Suzie work at Hope Lodge in Buffalo, where cancer patients and family members can stay if they require outpatient treatment but live too far to commute. They take great pride in directly helping those who face the battle against cancer.

The American Heart Association is close to Peter and Suzie. The Solenders helped with the American Heart Association's yearly walk, and Suzie served on the Gala Board for Heart for three years.

As people of faith, the Solenders are active locally, regionally, and nationally in their house of worship. Both Suzie and Peter have sat on many fundraising committees. Suzie served two terms as Sisterhood President and two terms on the Board of Directors, and together they were involved in B'nai B'rith and B'nai B'rith Woman—a Jewish organization.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me a few moments to recognize Peter and Suzie Solender, two pillars of our community. I am inspired by their selflessness, grateful for their service, and wish their family the absolute best in all their future endeavors. Their good works have touched innumerable lives in Western New York.

HONORING ALICIA TURNER

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 2013*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service; and

Whereas, Ms. Alicia Turner has answered that call by giving of herself as an educator at Midway Elementary School, and as a daughter, mother and friend; and

Whereas, Ms. Turner has been chosen as the 2013 Teacher of the Year, representing Midway Elementary School; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents for the betterment of our community and our nation through her tireless works, motivational speeches and words of wisdom; and

Whereas, Ms. Turner is a virtuous woman, a courageous woman and a fearless leader who has shared her vision, talents and passion to help ensure that our children receive an education that is relevant not only for today, but well into the future, as she truly understands that our children are the future; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Alicia Turner for her leadership and service for our District and in recognition of this singular honor as 2013 Teacher of the Year at Midway Elementary School; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim May 8, 2013 as Ms. Alicia Turner Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 8th day of May, 2013.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND  
ACHIEVEMENTS OF GEORGE  
WEYERHAEUSER JR.

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 2013*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and achievements of George Weyerhaeuser Jr. He was an extraordinary civic leader and businessman in Tacoma, Washington and will be remembered for his contributions to the community and the forestry business.

George began his business career in 1978 by joining his family-owned pulp and paper company, the Weyerhaeuser Company, in Dierks, Arkansas. He served in various capacities, including time as a forester, contract logger administrator, and sawmill supervisor. His dedication to his family's business continued for thirty years in several executive posi-

tions including vice president for containerboard and vice president for the company's pulp and paper business.

George's role quickly expanded as he helped steer the success of Weyerhaeuser Company. He was president and chief executive officer of Weyerhaeuser Canada from 1993 to 1998. In 1998, he became senior vice president of technology, procurement, and transportation. George represented the company and the timber industry on many boards and through all of his business endeavors. Throughout his career, he never failed to recognize his hardworking employees and loyal customers.

Although George was a dedicated and successful businessman, his true passion was for civic betterment. He served as board chairman for the Tacoma Museum of Glass from 2004 to 2008 and, more recently, served as president of the Thea Foss Waterway Development Authority. Community members agree that without George's relentless support and enthusiasm, the museum and waterway would not have become the successes that they are today.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I offer my condolences to the family and friends of George Weyerhaeuser Jr. His reputation as a community leader, mentor, and forward-thinker all highlight the profound impression he has left on the Pacific Northwest.

RECOGNIZING ANSAR KHAN AND  
JAMES O'LEARY FOR AMBUR  
POINT OF SALE

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 2013*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ansar Khan and James O'Leary, inventors of the revolutionary Ambur Point of Sale app, as they are honored by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce as recipients of the 2013 Trailblazer Award.

Ansar Khan immigrated from Pakistan to Buffalo, New York in 2001 with his family. Inspired to share their culinary traditions with their new community, the Khan family opened Kabab & Curry, an Indian and Pakistani restaurant on Transit Road in East Amherst, New York. Ansar worked in the restaurant from the time he was 11 years old, providing him with an intimate understanding of all facets of the restaurant industry.

James O'Leary met Ansar at Williamsville North High School. James worked server at Kabab & Curry, but his true passions were Apple products and computer programming.

Together, Ansar and James developed the Ambur Point of Sale mobile application to empower independent restaurant owners to regain control of their business.

Previously, aspiring entrepreneurs had only two options for managing the moment at which a transaction occurs. The difficult point

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