

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE MEMBERS OF THE 529TH MILITARY POLICE COM- PANY USAEUR HONOR GUARD

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the prodigious service of the members of the 529th Military Police Company Honor Guard, first activated in July of 1945, which served at and protected the United States Army in Europe (USAEUR) Headquarters and handled internal security for the USAEUR Commander-in-Chief's command building and residence.

The 529th had the responsibility and privilege of honoring notable figures such as President John F. Kennedy, President Charles de Gaulle of France, General William C. Westmoreland, and Secretary of the Army Stanley Resor.

Beyond its important work to protect U.S. interests and dignitaries in Europe, this talented and dedicated MP company spent many long hours practicing the drill team manual, including perfecting the "click-tap-click" of the "Deuce Nine." In addition, the unit was assigned three 105mm Howitzers which formed their salute battery, and successfully fired 742 rounds without a misfire.

Across the nation and the world, U.S. military police provide an important duty to protect and serve not only our nation but also their colleagues. The tireless and selfless dedication of the 529th Military Police Company Honor Guard and all military police companies must not be overlooked.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing all the members of the 529th Military Police Company Honor Guard our sincerest thanks and appreciation for their valiant service.

HONORING CHAD HIGDON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize a special member of my staff. After more than 11 years of service, Chad Higdon has left his position in my Saint Joseph District Office to become the Executive Director of Second Harvest Community Food Bank.

Chad had been with my congressional office nearly from the start. He began as an intern in 2001, helping to set up our first office in the St. Joseph Post Office Building. A year later, he was hired as the office Staff Assistant. Chad has filled many roles in the office, eventually working his way to become the congressional "go-to-guy" for the Saint Joseph community.

As a field representative, Chad spent many hours behind the wheel representing me in the small towns across Northwest Missouri. He built strong relationships with local leaders and always had his finger on the pulse of a community. Whether it was listening to a veteran's retelling of war stories, helping a local community find funding for sewer upgrades, or providing a legislative update to farmers, Chad's work was always done whole-heartedly and with a smile.

In 2010, Chad temporarily left his post to serve as my campaign manager. He helped secure a solid vote-margin that November and represented our organization well across all 26 counties. Chad's willingness to serve and his dedication to constituent service was a great example of how government should work. While I am losing a valuable member of my team, I am proud of Chad and excited to watch the next chapter of his career.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in thanking Chad Higdon for his many years of service to the people of the Sixth Congressional District. I know Chad's colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking him for his commitment to others and wishing him many years of success to come.

HONORING RANDOLPH F. SNOWDEN OF NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Randy Snowden, who is retiring as the Director of the Napa County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA).

Mr. Snowden is a true public servant in the Napa Valley, and a leader in community public health programs and health care reform. As the director of the largest agency in Napa County, Mr. Snowden has consistently held himself to the highest levels of integrity, principle, and ethical business practice. In the recent recession, Mr. Snowden led efforts to stabilize Napa County HHSA's budget while maintaining critical services that other counties dramatically cut.

Mr. Snowden guided the agency and the county in integrating services and increasing accessibility. During his tenure, Napa County HHSA opened a satellite office in American Canyon, and an embedded Clinic Ole was established on HHSA's campus.

As the agency's leader, Mr. Snowden displayed a dedication to the pursuit of diversity, collaborative management, and program-based budgeting. He has overseen the transformation of HHSA's culture from one of compliance to one focused on quality management.

Above all, Mr. Snowden held fast to HHSA's mission to help those in need. For him, it is always all about the clients. He has remained

true to his and the agency's guiding principles and has served as a professional and personal role model for all who know him.

Mr. Speaker, Randy Snowden has a long and distinguished career of service to Napa County, most notably to the Napa Valley Health and Human Services Agency. It is therefore appropriate that we honor Mr. Snowden today and wish him well in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING REVEREND DR. JOHN F. WILLIAMS

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

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

Whereas, this year, Reverend Dr. John F. Williams is celebrating twenty-five (25) years preaching, twenty-three (23) years in pastoral leadership and seven (7) years as Pastor of Antioch East Baptist Church this year, he has provided stellar leadership to his church and community; and

Whereas, Reverend Dr. John F. Williams under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained Antioch East Baptist Church as an instrument in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has given hope to the hopeless and is a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Reverend Dr. Williams is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared not only with his Church, but with our state and the nation his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Reverend Dr. John F. Williams, as he celebrates this milestone in pastoral leadership; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim August 25, 2013 as Reverend Dr. John F. Williams Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 25th day of August, 2013.

HONORING ST. JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable historical church, St. John Missionary Baptist of Darling, Mississippi and the great leadership it is under.

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