

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MS. SANDY COLVIN ROY

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2013

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ms. Sandy Colvin Roy for her many years of public service to the citizens of the Twelfth Ward of Minneapolis and to congratulate her on her receipt of an award of Lifetime Achievement from the National Organization to Insure a Sound-controlled Environment (NOISE).

Ms. Colvin Roy has represented the Twelfth Ward of Minneapolis on the Minneapolis City Council for the last 16 years. As a member of the council, Ms. Colvin Roy has been a vocal advocate for the health and well-being of communities located near airports and other noise-polluted transportation centers. While Ms. Colvin Roy has spearheaded efforts at the federal level to reduce the impact of aviation noise, she has also led local efforts to protect funds that support the abatement of aviation noise pollution.

The National Organization to Insure a Sound-controlled Environment seeks to honor elected officials who have firmly supported their constituents' concerns regarding noise impacts. They have chosen Ms. Colvin Roy to receive their Award of Lifetime Achievement for her steadfast commitment to the reduction of aviation noise in the Twelfth Ward of Minneapolis.

I congratulate Ms. Sandy Colvin Roy on her Lifetime Achievement Award and thank her for her dedication and service to the citizens of the Twelfth Ward, the City of Minneapolis and the great state of Minnesota.

HONORING MIKE SUTFIN'S LEADERSHIP IN FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mike Sutfin for his impressive leadership in floodplain management and his exemplary service to the City of Ottawa, Illinois and the State of Illinois.

The City of Ottawa sits at the confluence of the Illinois and Fox Rivers which makes it one of the most flood prone communities in the State of Illinois. In 2008, the City of Ottawa was impacted by a devastating flood as part of the Hurricane Ike storm system. The flood damaged homes beyond repair, and also caused an Ottawa Elementary school to close for nearly two years.

In an effort to reduce or avoid future disastrous floods, Mike Sutfin and the City of Ottawa developed a floodplain management plan

that has since received state and national recognition. Mr. Sutfin has worked tirelessly to raise public awareness of the river valley floodplain through public meetings, maps, and an informative website. At his recommendation, the Ottawa City Council has incorporated better floodplain management regulatory standards into the City's ordinances. Additionally, he has helped reduce reoccurring flood loss through a major City of Ottawa buyout program and other mitigation initiatives.

In recognition of his diligent work, Mr. Sutfin has received the 2011 Floodplain Manager of the Year Award from the Illinois Association of Floodplain and Stormwater Managers (IAFSM). Additionally, he recently received the 2013 Community Rating System (CRS) Award for Excellence from the National Flood Insurance Program. Currently, the City of Ottawa is rated at Class 5 under the CRS, but with Mr. Sutfin's leadership the community will likely be upgraded to Class 2. This would make it one of the best rated communities in the State of Illinois and across the United States.

Mr. Sutfin has accomplished a great deal as Ottawa's Floodplain Manager and the resulting benefits, such as increased public safety, peace of mind, and reduced damage to property, are priceless to his community. His expertise is clearly put to good use in the City of Ottawa as well as at the IAFSM where he serves on the Board of Directors and chairs the Floodplain Management Committee.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 16th District of Illinois, I wish to express our deepest thanks to Mike Sutfin for his leadership in floodplain management and his diligent work for the City of Ottawa.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE ANNUAL GATHERING OF THE MACON-THOMAS CHAPTER OF THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN INC.

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Macon-Thomas Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen as its members and the Greater Detroit community gather to honor its founders and celebrate another successful year.

As the end of the 1930s approached, America faced unprecedented challenges in our nation's history—recovery from the Great Depression and the looming specter World War II—which threatened the values that all of us hold dear. The greatest generation responded to these threats with selfless sacrifice and unwavering determination to protect our country. The Tuskegee Airmen are a shining example of our greatest generation, rising above the divisions of that time to answer the call to serve their fellow citizens. The Tuskegee Airmen fought with the honor and valor becoming of any soldier in the United States Armed Forces

and demonstrated that our differences pale in comparison to our shared ideals of equality and democracy. The record of the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II is exemplary and they were often on the front lines protecting American bombers to ensure they would be able to complete their missions.

The Tuskegee Airmen were at the forefront of so many important events in our history—as fighter escorts for American bombers, as trailblazers in the efforts to integrate the United States Armed Forces, and as leaders in the Civil Rights movement that followed their return from World War II. Their determination and hard work paved the way for great steps forward in the endeavor to ensure that all Americans are treated and protected equally under the law.

In the Greater Detroit region, our local chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. is named after Captain Richard D. Macon and Lieutenant Colonel Donald C. Thomas, Jr.—two men who embodied the courage and tenacity of the American spirit. Their bravery not only secured our nation from harm and precipitated an incredible expansion of rights in our nation, but their determination to ensure continuing progress has led to a strong local chapter that has preserved the history of their achievements and inspired future generations of Americans from every community and ethnicity across our land to pursue a future in aviation and aerospace industries. Furthermore, the Macon-Thomas Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen undertakes many programs that also help youth develop and hone their leadership skills to empower as a force for positive change in our society.

Mr. Speaker, the bravery, courage and sacrifice of the Tuskegee Airmen are an inspiration to all of us who heed the call to serve our country. Their actions paved the way for great steps forward in our country's history and I am proud to honor the local Macon-Thomas Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen in West Bloomfield, Michigan. I congratulate its members and supporters on another year of great accomplishments and wish them continuing success in their future endeavors.

HONORING 100 YEARS OF THE DEERFIELD BANNOCKBURN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND RECOGNIZING COMPLETION OF THE DEERFIELD BANNOCKBURN FIRE-FIGHTER MEMORIAL

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2013

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Deerfield Bannockburn Fire Protection District on its 100th anniversary and on the completion of its Firefighter Memorial.

We can never fully express our gratitude for our nation's first responders and emergency personnel for the work they do and the dangers they willingly face. Our communities rely

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