EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING OFFICER DEREK DIETER

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 21, 2014

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Officer Derek Dieter who retired from the South Bend Police Department after 39 years of service. Officer Dieter served the SBPD in multiple roles, including uniform patrol, narcotics, and twenty years in S.W.A.T.—where he spent ten years as a team leader. Officer Dieter, in addition to his law enforcement duties, also serves his community as a Councilman and Vice President of the South Bend City Council. On February 24th, he will be honored by his fellow councilmembers with a resolution for his extensive service to the South Bend Community.

Officer Dieter's work has also been recognized over 200 times by multiple interests, including the St. Joseph County Prosecutor, the Mayor, the City Council, and his fellow citizens of South Bend. In the community, Officer Dieter worked tirelessly to keep our children safe, advocating for increased security in our schools and working to keep drugs off the streets.

I am honored to recognize Officer Dieter's accomplishments and exemplary commitment to community during his service in the police department. On behalf of Indiana's Second District, I am proud to recognize Officer Derek Dieter for his 39 years of protecting the people of South Bend, and I wish him a very happy retirement.

IN HONOR OF DOMINIC JARVIS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 21, 2014

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary work of Dominic Jarvis, an Australian student who has done excellent work in my office through the well established Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Programme. Dominic came to us as an Environmental Studies student from Griffith University in Queensland, Australia. A self proclaimed ''pragmatic advocate in social equity and justice, environmental conservation, peace and democracy'' he has been a fantastic attribute to our office here and has worked hard on the issues most important to the constituents of the Central Coast. Dominic's undeniable passion for green policy and environmentally friendly politics has been a pleasure to witness in the workplace.

We have had the opportunity to host students through this program for many years and Dominic has done well to uphold the high caliber of work that we have come to expect from these international students. The Uni-Capitol Internship Program has done an outstanding job in providing an opportunity for political and cultural immersion for over 140 students in its 15 years of garnering cross-cultural connections and I am very proud to have been a participant in this fantastic exchange both this year and in the past. I would like to recognize the importance of these programs in creating stronger multi-cultural ties and better relationships between nations at all levels.

Mr. Speaker, Dominic has been an outstanding ambassador of Australian culture and academic prowess. He is a pleasure to have in the office and executes his duties in such a cheerful and effective manner that I am sure his absence will be stark when he returns to Australia to complete his academic pursuits. I thank him once again for the time he has spent working in our office and the mark he has left on my staff, my district, and myself.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FALMOUTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 21, 2014

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Falmouth Chamber of Commerce upon its one-hundredth anniversary.

The Chamber of Commerce plays an essential role in the Falmouth community, connecting local businesses and offering visitors an important perspective on much of what this beautiful Cape Cod town has to offer. Founded in 1914, the Chamber of Commerce has grown to represent many small businesses that form the backbone of Falmouth's thriving local economy. From museums and banks to churches, charities, and seaside attractions, the Chamber represents a diverse array of the organizations that help to give this community its unique character. Every day, these businesses provide vital services to the area's year-round residents and to its countless visitors. The one hundred years of hard work by the Chamber of Commerce have been essential in developing the town's vitality, a characteristic that draws so many to Falmouth every year.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking the Falmouth Chamber of Commerce, its leaders, and the businesses and organizations it represents for their years of service to the town of Falmouth. I am certain that we will see many more great things from the Chamber in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF COLONEL FRANK W. ''BILL'' MANN, JR.

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 21, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and dedicated service of Colonel Frank W. ''Bill'' Mann, Jr., who passed away on Wednesday, February 19, 2014. Colonel Mann was a true American patriot, who served our Nation in three wars, and a committed community leader. All of Northwest Florida mourns his loss.

Colonel Mann was born in Bayonne, New Jersey, on May 2, 1920, and was raised in Wyoming. After graduating from Cheyenne High School, Colonel Mann joined the Wyoming National Guard, where he served in the state's cavalry before attending the University of Wyoming. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in geology and then joined the Army Air Corps.

Colonel Mann began his long and decorated career as a military aviator. During World War II, he flew numerous aircraft, including the B–24, T–13, and AT–9. He flew missions in support of the Crossroads Project nuclear tests conducted on Bikini Atoll. Colonel Mann continued his distinguished military service in the Korean War, flying numerous B–29 bombing missions and serving as the Chief of Combat Operations for the 19th Bombardment Group based at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa. Over the course of the war, the 19th Bombardment Group had flown 645 missions, 5,950 sorties, and dropped more than 52,000 tons of bombs on enemy targets, and they were awarded a Presidential Unit Citation. He continued his aviation career during Vietnam, when he flew for the inspector general.

In addition to his excellence as an aviator, Colonel Mann served in a number of important command and leadership positions during his Air Force career, including Commander of the 705th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, Director of Flight Operations at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and Commander of an Air Defense Command Radar Station at Mt. Laguna, California. During his distinguished 37-year career, Colonel Mann also earned many awards including the Bronze Star, Air Medal, and the Air Force and Army Commendation Medals.

After retiring from the Air Force in 1973, Colonel Mann and his family settled in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. As a member of the Northwest Florida community, Colonel Mann brought his experience and leadership to bear as a leader in civic society. Colonel Mann was a co-founder of the local Lions Club and a volunteer at the Chamber of Commerce. He also worked to help advocate for the military as a member of the Board of Directors and President of the Fort Walton Beach Military Officers Association of America. In addition, Colonel