

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

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Mann was a longtime member of the Order of Daedalians, where he worked to enroll high school youth in ROTC programs, and sponsored an annual scholarship for ROTC students. He was also served as past Flight Captain of Shangri-La Flight and was an avid and passionate member of this aviation group.

To some, Colonel Mann will be remembered as a patriot and decorated aviator; to others, he will be remembered as a civic leader and tireless advocate for members of our Armed Forces; to his family and friends he will always be remembered as a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to recognize the life and service of Colonel Bill Mann. My wife Vicki and I send our prayers and deepest condolences to his wife, Marge; daughters, Cindy and Karen; grandchildren, Shannon, John, and William; and the entire Mann family.

IN HONOR OF MARILYN HUMMEL

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 21, 2014

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Marilyn Hummel who passed away peacefully in accompaniment of her family on Dec. 31, 2013. Marilyn was an old friend and a champion for environmental and social justice issues.

Marilyn was strong and unwavering in her beliefs and worked tirelessly to generously give back to her community. Her services are almost too extensive to list. She served as President of the League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County; officer in the Rural Bonny Doon Association; office manager and Executive Committee member of the Santa Cruz Group of the Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club. She was a member of the Santa Cruz County Planning Commission; and member and Chair of the Board of Commissioners of the Santa Cruz County Housing Authority. She was a joyous presence wherever she worked and touched the lives of all those in her wake.

One of Marilyn's crowning achievements was saving an isolated and fragile outcropping of the Santa Cruz Hills along with their rare and endangered species of animals.

She is survived by her husband Don and their four children: Nancy, Bill, Tom, and Chris. My heartfelt condolences and prayers go out to this family.

Mr. Speaker, Marilyn's lifetime of community service stemmed from a place of love and compassion and her vibrant energy will truly be missed.

RECOGNIZING VICTORIA HURLEY AS THE 2014 OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 21, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Victoria Hurley as the 2014 Okaloosa County, Florida Teacher of the Year.

I am proud to recognize her accomplishments as an outstanding educator and the instrumental role she has played in the lives of her students.

Ms. Hurley earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Troy University. A product of the Okaloosa County, Florida school system, Ms. Hurley continues to give back to her community. Ms. Hurley has educated students at Northwood Elementary and Walker Elementary, both located in Crestview, Florida, and has served as a literacy coach. She currently teaches Intensive Reading at her alma mater, Baker School in Baker, Florida. Ms. Hurley is certified in Next Generation Content Area Reading—Professional Development (NGCAR-PD) and K-12 Reading Endorsement. She gives her colleagues and the teachers who encouraged, challenged and mentored her credit for her successful career, but it is mainly because of her passion and commitment to excellence that Ms. Hurley inspires her students to maintain a fervent interest in reading and succeed.

For over fifteen dedicated years, Ms. Hurley has taught a variety of classes with students ranging from the third to tenth grades and has participated in community and statewide projects. Among her accolades are Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year and the Disney Environmental Regional award. Famed Librarian John Cotton Dana once said, "Who dares to teach must never cease to learn." Ms. Hurley truly believes that to be an effective teacher is to be a lifelong learner, and in her spare time, she ensures that she never becomes complacent in her own professional development. Always seeking improvement, Ms. Hurley has instructed 216 hours of professional development and has earned a supplementary 438 hours of in-service credit. In addition to her teaching schedule and time spent on professional development, her service to Okaloosa County is demonstrated by her presence on many school committees and assistance in writing grants.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Ms. Hurley as the 2014 Okaloosa County Teacher of the Year. Teachers like Ms. Hurley strive to lead their students down a path of personal and academic success, and Okaloosa County is fortunate to have her as part of its community. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating Victoria Hurley, and we wish her all the best.

PATRICIA CLARK BOSTON AIR ROUTE TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak on the rule for the debt ceiling increase.

You may recall that two years ago the Nation's credit rating was downgraded for the first time ever because of politicized negotiations and the initial failure to reach an agreement—and now we risk that and more because an odd lot of members in this body and one, perhaps two in our bicameral twin, wish on the American people out of some misguided principle.

Refusing to raise the debt ceiling poses a cataclysmic danger to the stability of our markets and the economic security of our middle class and complete devastation for the poor.

I agree with President Obama that the full faith and credit of the United States is non-negotiable. The United States has been the worldwide standard bearer for many years and many other nations have been comfortable holding our paper but now our preeminent financial status is in jeopardy.

As former Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke stated last year: "A government shutdown, and perhaps even more so a failure to raise the debt limit, could have very serious consequences for the financial markets and for the economy . . ."

The Federal Government's statutory debt limit currently stands at a sum near \$16.699 trillion; and it needs to be increased.

I ask what we tell the people of China and Japan, who each own over one trillion in U.S. treasury securities. Or Singapore which owns \$80 billion.

We have enjoyed the status for many years now of hearing the phrase: "the flight to Treasuries," from financiers and investment analysts from around the world. This is something we should not and cannot take for granted.

And I ask what about the Seniors and Baby Boomers who literally count on the Social Security Trust Fund for their retirement—because while our international image and reputation are incredibly important, Mr. Speaker, the largest single holder of Treasury Securities is the Trust Fund.

The American people are not just owed government bonds—this Congress—and you—owe them peace of mind let us vote on the debt limit—post haste.

Here are some of those consequences if we do not raise the debt ceiling and pay our nation's bills:

A debt limit increase simply allows Treasury to pay the bills for spending Congress has already approved and does not add one cent to the debt.

House Democrats agree with President Obama that the full faith and credit of the United States is non-negotiable.

HIGHER MORTGAGE COSTS

If a default were to increase mortgage interest rate spreads by as much as they did when Republicans threatened default in 2011—0.7 percentage points—the average homebuyer will pay an extra \$100 a month. [Treasury Department]

This would cost 582,829 Texas residents took out a home mortgage or refinanced their existing mortgage last year \$36,000 over the life of a typical 30 year home loan.

LOST RETIREMENT SAVINGS

American workers retirement accounts—pension funds, 401(k) plans, and Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs)—are at risk with a government default as much of them are invested in the stock market.

Private pension balances were 26 percent lower than they would have been if House Republicans had not threatened to default in July 2011. [The American Society of Pension Professionals and Actuaries]

If a default caused retirement assets to shrink that much again, it will drop the average American's 401(k) by \$15,000 and the average IRA by almost \$23,000.

And the cost would be worse for workers' nearing retirement—dropping an average