

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING TICHIUANA LASHA' FUNCHESS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a goal oriented student, Tichiuna Lasha' Funchess, from Crystal Springs High School.

Tichiuna Lasha' Funchess is the daughter of Mr. Rico and Mrs. Kimberly Funchess. She has one sibling, Danielle Floyd.

Tichiuna is an honor student at Crystal Springs High School (CSHS) with 3.88 Grade Point Average. As a natural born leader, Tichiuna demonstrates her leadership abilities in her school, community, and church. At CSHS, she is a member of Student Council, SADD Club, Mu Alpha Theta (National Society Math Organization), FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), NSHSS (National Society of High School Scholars), Ambassador of NSHSS, and Ronald Reagan Scholars Program.

Tichiuna serves in her community as a representative of the Crystal Springs Mayor's Youth Council. She is also a faithful choir member and praise dancer at Terry Missionary Baptist Church.

Tichiuna is inspired by her physics teacher Dr. Cecilia Newsome-McGowan. She says that she truly admires Dr. McGowan because with her credentials. She could work anywhere making much more money but, instead, she devotes her time to the students at Crystal Springs High School.

Tichiuna has recently received acceptance letters from University of Mississippi and Mississippi State University to pursue a degree in Political Science. She plans to become a divorce or corporate attorney.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Tichiuna Lasha' Funchess as a student who is making a difference in her community.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
RODNEY A. LINDSAY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Mr. Rodney A. Lindsay, who served the United States of America honorably during the Vietnam War. Rodney's commitment and service to our country deserves to be commended.

Rodney was born in Merced, California, in July 1948. He attended local schools and graduated from Chowchilla High School in 1966.

Rodney entered the U.S. Army in April 1968, at the height of the Vietnam War. He re-

ported to Fort Lewis, Washington, for basic training and upon completion he was sent across the country to Fort Dix, New Jersey, for advanced infantry training.

After completing infantry training, Rodney was selected to join an exclusive group of ten soldiers for specialized shoulder-fired, surface-to-air "Red Eye" missile training at Fort Bliss, Texas. Rodney then reported to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where he received further specialized training in the operation of convoys in combat. Following all of his specialized training, the Army assigned Rodney to a military police unit.

In April 1969, Rodney was stationed in Vietnam. During his time in Vietnam, Rodney was promoted to Specialist 4 and performed a number of duties including patrolling and securing the perimeter of the Cam Ranh Bay.

After his twelve month tour in Vietnam, Rodney returned to the United States. For his service as a Specialist 4, Rodney was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry Unit Citation with Frame, the Sharpshooter Badge (M16), the Expert Badge (M14), and two Overseas Bars.

Upon returning to civilian life, Rodney worked as a laborer and carpenter, building bridges throughout the western United States. He was later promoted to foreman and superintendent of bridge projects and highways where he served for more than thirty years until his retirement.

Rodney lives in Chowchilla, California. He is a member of the National Rifle Association, the Carpenters Union, and the Bridge Builder's Association. He is also a Life Member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Chowchilla BFW Post 9896. He and his wife, Joy, have two daughters and three grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mr. Rodney A. Lindsay for his honorable service to our nation. He truly is a shining example of a proud American. He is a source of pride for our Central Valley and entire nation.

CONGRATULATING HARRIS CORPORATION ON THE GRAND OPENING OF ITS NEW HERNDON OFFICES

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, this is a particularly exciting time in Northern Virginia's Dulles Corridor as major employers, such as Harris Corporation, look to capitalize on Metro's Silver Line extension to Dulles International Airport. As some of my colleagues are painfully aware, Washington, DC, is the only OECD capital not linked to its premier

international gateway by mass transit. The Dulles Corridor is the second most important employment and investment center in the National Capital Region, generating 25 percent of all economic activity, and that's before the arrival of Metro.

Phase 1 of the Dulles Rail project will open later this year with stops in Tysons and Reston, and Phase 2 is already under construction. I was pleased to attend the opening for Harris Corporation's new office campus, which will consolidate operations from several regional locations into a site near the future Herndon Metro Station. As my colleagues know, Harris is an international communications and information technology provider that partners with Federal, State, and local governments to support our nation's military, community first responders, and many other essential public services.

Harris employs more than 1,600 people in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and this new facility will house nearly 500 high-tech workers supporting the company's satellite, defense, intelligence, public safety, and health care operations. I was pleased to join Harris CEO Bill Brown, Virginia Senator MARK WARNER, and other regional leaders in welcoming the Harris team to its new location in the heart of the Dulles Corridor in Virginia's 11th Congressional District.

Fairfax County alone is home to 10 Fortune 500 companies. Harris and its corporate neighbors recognize Northern Virginia as one of the best places in the Nation in which to do business and raise a family. We benefit not only from the jobs they create, but also from the tremendous support they and their employees give back to our local schools and community organizations.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to welcome Harris Corporation to its new location, and I look forward to its continued collaboration with the federal government and our local community..

HONORING THE 2014 FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA, AREA HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR MILITARY ENLISTEES

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 177 Fredericksburg, Virginia area high school seniors who plan to enlist in the United States Armed Forces after graduation. These students have excelled in their academic and extracurricular activities, and I offer my sincere congratulations upon their high school graduation.

I commend these student leaders for their selfless and courageous decision to serve their country as members of the Armed Forces:

Adjare, Lester; Agnew, Chase; Ahmed-Alameldin, Mahmoud; Allen, Thomas; Allen,

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