

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING MARIPOSA COUNTY DISTRICT THREE SUPERVISOR JANET BIBBY

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of The Honorable Janet Bibby, Mariposa County Supervisor.

Janet Bibby was born and raised in Mariposa County. She grew up in a ranching family with five generations of deep roots in the community.

Ms. Bibby's love of community forged the beginnings of her career as a public servant in Mariposa County in 1985. Janet served as the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, and worked in the District Attorney's office and the Farm Advisors office. As a clerk in the District Attorney's office, she devoted herself to making the community a better place to live, work, and recreate. She was elected to the Mariposa Board of Supervisors in 2003 to represent the third district—an honor she has held for the past eleven years.

Janet Bibby has taken her commitment to public service seriously, tirelessly working for the constituents of Mariposa County. Her contributions to the advancement of agriculture in Mariposa are notable, as she has promoted the industry throughout her career. Janet has been involved in a variety of county-improvement projects to benefit those she represents, including: the Yosemite Wastewater Treatment Project, the construction of the Don Pedro Wastewater Treatment Facility, a multitude of projects to improve the local airport, and innumerable efforts to improve funding and support for fire stations.

Janet has also made significant efforts to make the county family-focused, such as the creation of the Recreational Sports Complex, the Mariposa Park Amphitheatre, the Arts Park, and the Skate Park.

This is only a sampling of the work Ms. Bibby has done for the community. She constantly strives to make Mariposa safer, stronger, and more united. I am proud to honor and thank Mariposa County District Three Supervisor Janet Bibby for her many years of public and community service.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL EVAN C. EWACHIW FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND TO OUR NATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Evan C. Ewachiw for his exceptional dedication to duty and serv-

ice to the United States Army and to the United States of America. Lieutenant Colonel Evan Ewachiw will be transitioning from his present assignment as an Army Congressional Budget Liaison (SAFM-BUL) to serve as an operations research analyst for the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, United States Army.

A native of Fallston, Maryland, Lieutenant Colonel Ewachiw was accepted into the College of William and Mary's Reserve Officer Training Corps program in 1991 and, upon graduation in 1995, was commissioned a Regular Army Infantry Officer. LTC Ewachiw graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics. He has subsequently earned Master's degrees in Legislative Affairs and Operations Research from the George Washington University and Florida Institute of Technology, respectively.

Lieutenant Colonel Evan Ewachiw's assignments have been diverse and include service within the Active Duty Army, as well as the Army National Guard. His assignments include Infantry Platoon Leader in B Company 1-503 Infantry, Camp Casey, the Republic of Korea; Information Management Officer, 10th Special Forces Group, Fort Carson, Colorado; Signal Detachment Commander and Battalion Signal Officer, 19th Special Forces Group, Colorado Army National Guard; Operations Research Analyst, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Virginia; Army Congressional Fellow in the office of Representative JOHN CULBERSON (TX-17); and most recently as a Congressional Budget Liaison Officer. Additionally, Lieutenant Colonel Ewachiw deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, in 2002 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Lieutenant Colonel Ewachiw's leadership throughout his career has positively impacted his soldiers, peers, and superiors. As an Army Budget Liaison Officer for the past two years with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller, he worked directly with the House and Senate Appropriations Committees to educate and inform Representatives, Senators, and congressional staff about military and civilian personnel issues, force structure, operation and maintenance, and the Army Working Capital Fund. Additionally, he served as the Army's liaison to the Office of Management and Budget and the Congressional Budget Office.

Our country has been enriched by Lieutenant Colonel Ewachiw's extraordinary leadership, thoughtful judgment, and exemplary work. As a personal matter, I have benefited from his counsel and I deeply respect this officer for his dedication to serving others.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a pleasure to work with Lieutenant Colonel Evan C. Ewachiw during his time as an Army Congressional Budget Liaison. On behalf of a grateful nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending Lieutenant Colonel Evan Ewachiw for almost two decades of service to his country. We wish Evan, his wife Carrie, and his children Ana and Rhys all the best as they continue their journey in the United States Army.

HONORING SARAH KENNEDY

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a young lady from California's 25th district who is making a lasting difference in our community, one friendship at a time.

I've been blessed with the honor of serving in Congress for nearly 22 years, and I've had the pleasure of meeting many extraordinary people. However, today, it is a privilege to share a few words about the inspiring work of Sarah Kennedy.

Sarah is a 14-year old student from Santa Clarita, California. I had the joy of meeting Sarah and her family not too long ago. It was evident from our brief conversation that Sarah is a person who can transcend boundaries, and her honest and sincere personality lights up a room. Sarah is the type of person you want to know and befriend.

Actually, friendship is her secret weapon. Sarah is behind a growing anti-bullying movement that recognizes the good in everyone. Through the power of relationships, Sarah breaks down the boundaries that often divide students in our schools. Upon meeting someone, Sarah offers the individual a gumball, and soon they are fast friends. I wouldn't be surprised if every student in Santa Clarita has a gumball by now.

Too often in our busy lives, we forget about the power of the simple things in life. A simple "hello", a modest "how are you", these humble words make a difference. Through Sarah's inspiring and wise actions, she is bringing students together. Adults should stand ready to learn from her as well. We all have time in our busy days to make a friend.

As a father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, I am grateful for the noble pursuit Sarah has undertaken. Mr. Speaker, we know that Sarah is fighting the good fight. I know that her family is proud of her, and I stand here today to congratulate Sarah on her progress. I hope everyone has the chance to have a true friend like Sarah Kennedy.

Sarah is an inspiration to all of us, and she has a friend in me.

RECOGNIZING THE 103RD ANNIVERSARY OF DOUBLE TEN DAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the people of Taiwan on the upcoming celebration of the 103rd anniversary of "Double Ten Day." Double Ten Day traces its roots to the Wuchang Uprising that occurred on October 10, 1911. The Wuchang

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Uprising signaled the end of the Qing Dynasty and the start of a democratic movement that we continue to celebrate and recognize. Double Ten Day is a celebration of the birth of democracy and the Republic of China.

I want to especially recognize the people of Taiwan on this important occasion. The strength of the relationship between the people of Taiwan and the people of the United States is strong. I look forward to continue working to expand business opportunities as well as deepen our mutual appreciation for each other's unique cultures. Exchange of our cultures is clearly evidenced on Guam, which is home to many people of Chinese ancestry. Guam continues to benefit from their cultural contributions to our community and the promotion of trade and economic opportunities.

Again, I congratulate the people of Taiwan on the 103rd anniversary of Double Ten Day. We celebrate this historic occasion with them and we honor their friendship with the American people.

CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACT OF 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 1086, the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014. I would like to thank Chairman KLINE and Ranking Member MILLER for their work on this important legislation.

The Child Care and Development Block Grant program is an investment in our future. We know that quality care can set children up for academic success, and helping families cover the costs of child care enables parents to keep working or train for new careers.

S. 1086 sets new requirements to strengthen child care quality. These requirements, which include background checks for federally-funded providers and yearly safety inspections for non-licensed providers, represent common-sense measures to protect children.

The bill also takes several steps to improve access to child care services. It will give families certainty that their children can receive care for a full year, even if their income—and thus their eligibility—changes. And the bill will help providers budget for their businesses by making sure unpredictable child absences don't affect their funding.

Although I am pleased that the bill authorizes increased appropriations for the Child Care and Development Block Grant program, far too many eligible families will continue to go unserved. Supporting safe, high quality child care requires resources, and I hope my colleagues will join me in continuing to call for increased funding for the Child Care and Development Block Grant program.

COMFORT WOMEN

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, during World War II, the Japanese military forced

thousands of women mostly from Korea and China to serve as sex slaves for the Japanese Imperial Army. Estimates vary as to how many women were involved, but most agree the number is around 200,000.

These women were referred to as "comfort women." But there was nothing comfortable about their role. The first so-called "comfort station" opened in Shanghai in 1932. These stations were used to satisfy the sexual desires of Japanese troops.

When demand outstripped supply, the Japanese military responded by abducting more women in occupied countries. In other instances, women were lured with promises of work in factories or restaurants before being incarcerated in comfort stations abroad.

An estimated 75 percent of these enforced sex slaves died. Many survivors were left infertile due to sexual trauma or STDs. They also suffered from depression, impaired anger control, and PTSD. These symptoms exist even today, over 60 years later.

Since WWII, the Japanese government has been inconsistent in its message.

Some officials insisted no women were forced into sexual servitude. Other officials claimed their role was "necessary." Still others tried to discredit the few victims that are still alive. Japan would do well to accurately report the history regarding this tragedy.

In 1993, the Japanese released the Kono Statement. In it, they finally confessed to forcing women to work in military-run brothels.

Earlier this year, the Japanese announced that they would be reviewing the "background" of the Kono Statement.

It is time for Japan to own up to its actions. Covering these atrocities behind a smoke screen will not change the truth. The stories of these women have been well documented. Victims have a right to be acknowledged. After so many have died, the few remaining survivors deserve an apology. They deserve justice. This would help the diplomatic relationship between Japan and Korea.

And that's just the way it is.

CELEBRATING THE BIONEERS 25TH ANNIVERSARY SUMMIT CON- FERENCE

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Bioneers on the occasion of the organization's 25th Anniversary Summit Conference, which will take place in October of 2014.

Since Kenny Asubel and Nina Simons founded Bioneers, the organization has become an important resource for innovators seeking to solve the world's most pressing environmental and social challenges. Through the annual conference and various educational programs, Bioneers connects diverse groups of people to share new, creative ideas and generate positive change at local, regional and international levels. Bioneers has provided one of the planet's primary incubators to help lay the foundation for sustainable and restorative alternatives to the environmentally destructive aspects of the modern global economy.

Bioneers has been a vital tool for the people of California's Second Congressional District

and beyond, and I am confident that the organization will continue to serve as a leading-edge think tank for many years to come. Please join me in congratulating Bioneers on their 25th anniversary celebration and wish them many more successful years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent during September 17, 2014. If I were present, I would have voted on the following:

Rollcall No. 509: H.J. Res 124, "aye."

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION, 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I support the inclusion of additional funding for the United States Office of Special Counsel, "OSC" in section 124 of H.J. Res. 124. There is a critical need for ongoing oversight of the Department of Veterans Affairs, "VA." This section of the Continuing Resolution recognizes that need by providing an increase in funding for the OSC.

OSC protects whistleblowers government-wide who expose waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement. Since the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs discovered the use of unofficial, unlawful scheduling lists at the Phoenix VA Health Care System, VA employees across the country have stepped forward to report allegations of further misconduct and threats to Veterans' health care. Whistleblowers have been at the heart of exposing misconduct and promoting accountability at the VA. Many of them have faced retaliation and threats from VA management. This has a chilling and crippling effect on our efforts to restore confidence in the VA.

OSC has been inundated with claims of retaliation and disclosures from VA employees. OSC's numbers are at record-setting levels. In the aftermath of the initial exposure of the VA scandal, cases from VA employees comprise over 29 percent of all OSC's cases, which covers the entire Federal government. This year, OSC will receive over 300 more cases from VA whistleblowers than in the previous year. This is a massive increase for a tiny Federal agency like OSC. In testimony before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Special Counsel Carolyn Lerner told us that OSC had to establish a new priority intake system for VA cases. OSC also reallocated much of its small staff to deal with the VA increase.

Despite its small size, OSC's efforts are making a tremendous difference. Its work has already resulted in relief for courageous VA employees who were retaliated against for speaking out about wait lists and improper care. OSC's review of the VA Office of Medical Inspector led to an overhaul of the internal oversight structure at the VA.