

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO LECIL NOLAN—RECIPIENT OF THE 29TH ANNUAL PALMER VETERANS APPRECIATION AWARD

HON. SCOTT DesJARLAIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2014

Mr. DESJARLAIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor Sergeant Lecil Nolan, USA (Ret.), who was recently awarded the 29th Palmer Veterans Appreciation Award, an honor presented annually on Veterans Day by the City of Palmer, Tennessee.

Following his graduation from Grundy County High School in 1969, Lecil enlisted in the United States Army as an infantryman with the 101st Airborne Division and was deployed to Vietnam from January to December of 1971.

After returning home, Sgt. Nolan went to work for the United States Postal Service, where he spent the next 29 years and 10 months serving his local community.

Sgt. Nolan's outstanding service is reflected in the numerous commendations and military decorations he has received, including: the Combat Infantryman Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, Republic of Vietnam Service Medal, Air Medal with Numeral 1, Bronze Star, Marksman (Rifle), and 1st Class Gunner (MGM-60).

Mr. Speaker, this recognition is certainly well-deserved and is a testament to our community's appreciation for Sgt. Nolan's service in the United States Army.

I, along with the grateful citizens of Tennessee's Fourth District, extend a heartfelt thanks to Sgt. Lecil Nolan, as well as to all of our veterans, for their sacrifices made and service rendered to our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF MIKE
WHALEN

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2014

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Police Chief Mike Whalen upon his retirement after ten years of dedicated service to the town of Dennis, Massachusetts.

Chief Whalen began his distinguished career as a patrolman in Farmington, Connecticut. Over the next thirty years, he tirelessly worked his way up the ranks of the greater Hartford police department, rising from patrolman to Chief of Police in the Connecticut State Capitol. In 2004, the Cape Cod community was particularly fortunate when Chief Whalen came to Dennis. During his ten years with the Dennis Police Department, Chief Whalen has been a remarkable leader and has built on his strong reputation for modern-

izing local police work. Every community that Chief Whalen has touched has benefited as a result of his work, and his guidance and leadership will surely be missed in the town of Dennis.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I commend Chief Mike Whalen. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing him a long and happy retirement and in thanking him for his service.

HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE
OF MARISOL CORRALES

HON. GLORIA NEGRETE McLEOD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2014

Mrs. NEGRETE McLEOD. Mr. Speaker, Ms. Marisol Corrales served as my District Representative for California's 35th Congressional District, which includes the communities of Bloomington, Chino, Fontana, Montclair, Ontario, Rialto in San Bernardino County, and the city of Pomona in Los Angeles County.

Ms. Marisol Corrales represented my office at 14 senior centers throughout my district. She presented birthday greetings, brought resources and helped seniors with any federal related issues on my behalf. She also assisted with and worked on special projects that met the needs of our district.

Ms. Marisol Corrales contributed greatly to the constituent services objective of my office and assisted constituents facing issues with federal agencies, such as the Department of Veteran Affairs, Internal Revenue Services, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, amongst other federal agencies; her work as a liaison between our office, other state agencies, and our constituents validated her commitment to public service.

Ms. Marisol Corrales managed my iConstituent account; she wrote constituent correspondence and responded to constituent inquiries, as well as constituents' positions on current issues on a daily basis.

As a result of her work in Congress, Ms. Marisol Corrales has had the unique opportunity of acquiring a deeper understanding of the legislative process, public policy formation while also providing assistance to the constituents in our district.

Ms. Marisol Corrales attended local grade schools, graduated from Eisenhower High School, and went on to earn two Bachelor of Arts degrees in Latin American and Iberian Studies (Emphasis in Politics and Economics) and Spanish Language and Literature from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

As a result of her outstanding service as District Representative for my district office, Ms. Marisol Corrales is better equipped to provide valuable leadership and contributions to educational institutions; local, regional, state and federal governments; and professional, business, and community endeavors in the State of California and the entire nation.

Let it be known Mr. Speaker, that Ms. Marisol Corrales be commended for her exemplary service on behalf of the Members of Congress of the United States, and extended sincere best wishes for every success in her future endeavors.

IN MEMORY OF WORLD WAR II
VETERAN BILL BASTIAN

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2014

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life, achievements, and service of World War II veteran Bill Bastian.

Bill joined the United States Army in 1942, serving during the height of the Second World War as an officer in the 203rd Engineer Combat Battalion. Throughout the course of the war, Bill served as company commander, assistant operations officer, and battalion motor and liaison officer.

He was among the brave soldiers who landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

After the invasion, Bill served as communication liaison officer. He risked his life to ensure that communications remained intact throughout the American advance in France.

He was redeployed to Belgium just before Christmas of 1944, where he faced the brunt of the German offensive in the Battle of the Bulge. During the invasion of Germany, Bill helped construct the bridge over the Fulda River between Frankfurt and Kassel.

As instrumental as this project was, Bill Bastian's contribution to protecting our country's ideals was far greater. He was a proven leader, who valued the resourcefulness of the Americans he commanded. Bill noted that most of the recruits did not even know how to drive a car when they joined the service, but by the end of the conflict, they could operate large machinery, build roads, and repair equipment.

Bill once remarked: "Americans are people that can look at a job, figure out how to get it done, and then get the job done." This is the same manner in which he led his life after the Army.

Bill was more than a soldier; he was a loving husband to his wife of 63 years, Melba. After her passing, Bill devoted his time to leading tours of the Normandy beachhead and the French cemeteries where many of his former comrades are buried. In recent years, Bill's moving radio commentaries have kept the stories of his generation's sacrifice alive.

This brave veteran's service and devotion to the United States and to liberty lives on in the freedom enjoyed by all Americans. It is my privilege to rise in honor of the life and service of Bill Bastian.

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