

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING ANN WHITLEY FOR HER SERVICE TO THE CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN PARTY

**HON. TOM McCLINTOCK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 26, 2015*

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Ann Whitley for her 25 years of service as the linchpin of the California Republican Party and thank her for working so tirelessly to make it possible for California Republicans to paint their principles in bold colors.

Ann has devoted her life to the advancement of these principles. She has been a precinct captain, led volunteer drives, and served as President of the California Republican Women Federated.

As Director of Membership for the California Republican Party, Ann has managed relationships with more than 2,000 members of the Republican State Central Committee. In this role, she has served as the liaison to 58 county chairmen, as well as to federal, state, and local Republican legislators. Ann has also been actively involved in recruiting new volunteers for the party and has organized numerous get-out-the vote drives across California and coordinated the twice-yearly party conventions.

Ann is a courageous cancer survivor, who even in trying times remained loyal to the cause of freedom that inspired her throughout her life and became an institution to the party that upon Ann's retirement must fill a major void.

Mr. Speaker, the California Republican Party will continue to reap Ann Whitley's contributions for years to come, and I rise to express my profound gratitude for her tremendous service.

HONORING PHYLLIS CURRIE ON HER DISTINGUISHED CAREER AS GENERAL MANAGER OF PASADENA WATER AND POWER

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 26, 2015*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer a tribute to Ms. Phyllis Currie. On April 30, 2015 Ms. Currie will retire from Pasadena Water and Power after a 30 year career with the City of Los Angeles.

Ms. Currie's commitment to the city of Pasadena, coupled with her business sense, people skills and personal integrity have added to Pasadena's Water and Power achievements during a transformative time in the energy industry. Many Californians have greatly benefited from her leadership and vision while at the helm of the utility.

Ms. Currie has served for 14 years as General Manager of a highly-regarded public

power utility providing reliable and affordable electricity and water to 81,500 consumers in southern California. Under Currie's leadership, Pasadena's Water and Power has been a leader in meeting its aggressive goal of 40% by 2020 of renewable energy and water conservation.

Prior to joining Pasadena Water and Power, Ms. Currie served as the Chief Financial Officer for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power; Assistant City Administrative Officer overseeing development of the city's annual operating and capital budgets. She was Chair of the Board of Directors of the American Public Power Association (2012–2013), President of the California Municipal Utilities Association (2014), and President to the Southern California Public Power Authority (2005–2006) where she was a trusted advisor, ally and decision maker on numerous capital projects and policies that come before the organization.

In her many leadership positions in the public power community, Ms. Currie testified often before Congress, and helped inform legislators of public power's positions on issues ranging from reallocation of power from Hoover Dam to electric reliability. Ms. Currie's credibility and vast knowledge helped guide federal policymakers on many important energy issues.

In the 111th and 112th Congresses, Ms. Currie testified in the House of Representatives and in the Senate in support of the "Hoover Power Allocation Act"—a bill to re-allocate hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, to Pasadena and numerous other cities, Indian Tribes, agencies, and others in California, Arizona and Nevada. The legislation was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama in December, 2011. Through this effort, Currie and her colleagues, assisted consumers in Pasadena and other southern California cities, in securing a low-cost and emissions-free hydropower supply for another 50 years.

My personal and professional respect and admiration for Ms. Currie run deep, and as her friend, colleague and a fellow Californian, I wish her happiness and good health in her future endeavors.

Thank you for your service, Phyllis.

A TRIBUTE TO THOMAS ALOMES AND THE UNI-CAPITOL WASHINGTON INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 26, 2015*

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, each year congressional offices host Australian college students as interns with the Uni-Capitol program. It gives them the opportunity to learn about the American democratic and legislative process as well as see how the Congress functions from a firsthand basis.

My office is taking part in it right now, along with others in Congress. Some of Australia's

brightest are here, pursuing knowledge and understanding. In so doing, we are forging bonds that will last even after they have returned to Australia.

The Uni-Capitol program was born of the efforts of Eric Federer. Eric worked for more than a decade in the House and the Senate as a senior adviser. While doing this job, he lectured across Australia on American government, politics, and news media. In an effort to forge ties across the Pacific and for the betterment of both societies, Eric put together this idea in Washington in 1999.

The selection process for the students is competitive and intellectually rigorous, ensuring the highest quality applicant. Thomas Alomes of Monash University, my office's 2015 intern, surely reflects this. All participating students are comprehensively matched with a congressional office and corresponding position. They come from a wide range of academic disciplines and bring as much knowledge and understanding to our offices as they take away.

Over the two months of their internship, Mr. Federer's students have approached this opportunity with enthusiasm. Thomas has been an excellent addition to my office, producing well-written and high-quality work including memos on Civil Asset Forfeiture, the Authorization for Use of Military Force, and national security law. He has become a valued member of the team and taught us about the many commonalities between our two countries. While in Washington, DC, he has had the opportunity to learn from a wide range of officials from the Australian embassy, the DC media, and the White House. Now at the end of his internship, he can navigate the historic hallways of the Capitol like a pro.

Australia continues to be one of America's strongest allies. Our greatest gift is the friendship born of shared values. I thank the Uni-Capitol Program and Thomas Alomes for their hard work, and I wish the program and Tom continued success in the future.

RECOGNIZING CALVIN GREENE

**HON. PATRICK MEEHAN**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 26, 2015*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 76 years of service that Calvin Greene has given to Bart Township in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Calvin has lived his entire life in Bart Township, having grown up on a farm that has belonged to his family since 1832. He spent his career doing what he loved: farming. He ran his farm as a dairy farm, milking cows until 1997 before crop farming. He retired in 2008. Calvin's farm won the 2014 Conservation Award from the Lancaster County Conservation District in recognition of his farm's commitment to preserving our environment.

Calvin has been a dedicated servant of his community, serving on the Bart Township

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Planning Commission and the township's Zoning Hearing Board. He has served as a Bart Township Supervisor since 1988.

Calvin has three children, six grandchildren and one great grandchild with his wife Valeria. He's a life-long member of the Middle Octorara Presbyterian Church, where he's taught Sunday School.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank Calvin Greene for his leadership for his community and nation.

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REMEMBERING DAVID BRAUN

**HON. BRIAN BABIN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 26, 2015*

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great man and a friend, David Braun. David passed away last Saturday, February 21, at the age of 59 following a courageous three-year battle with liver cancer.

David was a true public servant and a powerful voice in the Houston community. As a former Nassau Bay city councilman, mayor pro tem, and aerospace manager at the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, his devotion to helping others and advancing the causes of our community was unmatched.

David's passion for public service and community involvement was fueled by his devotion to God and his church. David actively served his church community by providing religious education to children of all grade levels as well as serving on various committees.

I'm proud to have known David and seen his passion firsthand. I am especially grateful for his unwavering support of NASA and the Johnson Space Center. David worked tirelessly to advance our nation's human space flight program. He also contributed directly to the creation of the "Preserving Aerospace Talent" program, which has enabled aerospace companies to find quality, experienced employees.

Each May, with Citizens for Space Exploration, David would organize as many as 150 volunteers to travel to Capitol Hill to stress the importance of supporting NASA's human space flight program and the Johnson Space Center. In 2014, David organized an effort that enabled the group to meet with 354 congressional offices in just over two days. This unprecedented demonstration of grassroots support for our nation's space program would not have been possible without David's leadership.

David Braun was a great man. He was well-respected and greatly admired by all of those he worked with. His ability to encourage and inspire others will have a positive, lasting impact on future generations to come. We should all strive to be more like David Braun. We should all also work to help fulfill his mission to see NASA be the unquestioned worldwide leader in space exploration.

My prayers and deepest condolences go out to David's wife, Angela, and his son, Michael. David will be sorely missed in our community, but his passion and legacy will certainly live on as he has laid a great foundation for his community.

COMMEMORATING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF WEST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP

**HON. RYAN A. COSTELLO**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 26, 2015*

Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding southeastern Pennsylvania municipality celebrating its 250th anniversary.

West Whiteland Township, Chester County, is a nearly 13 square-mile municipality that was incorporated in 1765 when the former Whiteland Township was divided into East and West Whiteland. Historians have noted that West Whiteland enjoyed an advantageous location in the Chester Valley, or Great Valley, and that the natural features were conducive to early settlement, agriculture, industry and developments in transportation. In 1855, it was described "with its smiling farms and restful homes as looking like one vast and magnificent garden."

Located near major transportation routes, such as the intersection of Routes 30 and 222 and the Downingtown Bypass, West Whiteland continues to attract new residents and businesses. The Township's population has more than doubled since 1973 to well over 18,000. Still, the Massey House—or Sleepy Hollow Hall—and the Zook House in Exton continue to stand as reminders of the Township's rural and agriculture heritage, as well as a tribute to the character of the Township's earliest residents.

Township officials and members of the community will commemorate the 250th anniversary at the Chester County Library in Exton on Thursday, February 26, 2015.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating West Whiteland Township on its momentous anniversary and offering best wishes for continued prosperity, harmony and exceptional quality of life.

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TRIBUTE TO EMMA JAKEMAN

**HON. RODNEY DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 26, 2015*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, for the past eight weeks, I have had the privilege of hosting Emma Jakeman as an intern in my office as part of the Uni-Capitol Washington Intern Programme, which brings students from ten of Australia's premier universities to Capitol Hill.

From the very beginning, Emma displayed dedication and good time management in the office. She is very bright with excellent people skills and a thirst for knowledge of the American legislative process. Many times, Emma was the first to volunteer to assist with memos or legislative research and was always delighted to help in any way.

She made the office a warm, welcoming place with her positive attitude and bright smile. Proud of her nationality, she was all too happy to enlighten me and my staff with knowledge of Australian food and traditions, even sharing with us a pavlova in celebration of Australia Day on January 26th.

Although I was only able to have her in my office for a short time, Emma will always be a valued member of Team Davis. I am thankful and proud to have had the opportunity to have hosted such a bright young student in my office. I hope she is able to return to Australia with fond memories of her time on the Hill and I wish her the best as she finishes her studies at Monash University.

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RECOGNIZING MS. CATHERINE  
BEAUDOIN AS THE 2016  
OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 26, 2015*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Ms. Catherine Beaudoin as the 2016 Okaloosa County, Florida Teacher of the Year. Throughout her time in Okaloosa County, Ms. Beaudoin has served her students, her colleagues, and her community as an outstanding educator, and I am proud to recognize her success and outstanding achievements.

Ms. Catherine Beaudoin received her Bachelor's Degree in English and K–12 Education from Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey, and was awarded the Excellent English Major Award for her creativity and strong work ethic. Upon graduation, Ms. Beaudoin moved to Okaloosa County, Florida, to pursue her career in teaching as a sixth and seventh grade Language Arts teacher at Pryor Middle School in Fort Walton Beach.

During her time as an educator, Ms. Beaudoin has consistently gone above and beyond the call of duty, leading her students and serving the Northwest Florida community in a myriad of roles. As the Sixth Grade SAILS Honor Program Coordinator for the 2013–2014 school year, she helped lead and facilitate the only advanced placement program for middle school students offered in Okaloosa County. Ms. Beaudoin has also served as a member of the Pryor Middle School leadership team, taking on the important responsibility of developing and presenting the school's Writing Plan to the Assistant Superintendent at the Principal's Quarterly Review. In addition, as a strong voice in the teaching community, Ms. Beaudoin is a member of several leadership groups within the Okaloosa County School district, including the OCSD Writing Implementation Group, ELA/Reading Best Practices, and ELA Textbook Adoption Committee.

Aside from her academic leadership, Ms. Beaudoin has helped students throughout Okaloosa County, leading numerous extracurricular activities as coach of the Fort Walton Beach High School Junior Varsity Girl's soccer team and of the Pryor Middle School Girl's soccer team. Building on her success coaching soccer, this upcoming spring, Ms. Beaudoin will take on a position as coach of both the Boy's and Girl's tennis teams at Pryor Middle School.

Mr. Speaker, teachers are amongst our most valuable public servants, and they play an integral role in shaping the future of our Nation. The Okaloosa County Teacher of the Year award is a true reflection of Ms. Beaudoin's tireless work ethic and steadfast