

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise today in observation of Women's History Month and its 2015 theme: Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives. Each year, the National Women's History Project selects a unifying theme to recognize and promote Women's History Month. This year's theme recounts the individual and collective narratives that have been woven into the history of our nation and celebrates the important economic, cultural, political, and social contributions women have made to our history and their continued impact on our future. This year also marks the 35th anniversary of the National Women's History Project.

Women have played a crucial and unique role throughout America's history by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force in the country. American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have served as early leaders in every major progressive social change movement including the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and the peace movement. These remarkable women were leaders and organizers who not only secured their own rights and access to equal opportunity, but also served as a voice for many disenfranchised and undervalued populations.

Throughout our nation's history, there are many examples of women who have worked diligently to uncover these stories of leadership and have succeeded in writing women into the pages of our nation's history. Strong role models such as Delilah L. Beasley, the first African American woman to be regularly published in a major metropolitan newspaper, and Eleanor Flexner, whose groundbreaking 1959 book, *Century of Struggle: The Woman's Rights Movement in the United States*, brought to light the adversity women overcame in the workplace and the voting booth. These women pioneered the way for other great journalists, historians, educators, and anthropologists such as Lynn Sherr, a broadcast journalist and author who advocated for women's equal access to healthcare and social change both on screen and in print. Because of these courageous trailblazers women today are empowered to share their stories of achievement, leadership, courage, and strength, and to speak out against injustice, prejudice, and inequality.

These revolutionary women have retold their own personal tales of struggles and successes, as well as the tribulations and triumphs of other women. These accounts of the lives of individual women are pivotal because they not only acknowledge strong female role models who share an unlimited vision of what a woman can accomplish, but they also chal-

lenge stereotypes and social assumptions about who women are and what women can achieve today. Numerous female scholars, authors, and social activists, both past and present, serve as outstanding examples who reflect the 2015 theme, Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join in celebrating Women's History Month and to recognize that after decades of dedication, perseverance, contributions, and advances, the stories of American women from all cultures and classes are being printed, spoken, recognized, and celebrated. In an effort to illustrate the many courageous and dedicated women throughout America's history, we remember and recount the tales of our ancestors' talents, sacrifices, and commitments that serve as an inspiration to today's generation of both women and men. I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in celebrating the many ways that women's history has become woven into the fabric of our national story.

IN HONOR OF MAE CAROL JOHNSON

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a great American. I had the honor of knowing Mae Carol Johnson of Seaside, California, for many years. Mae was the Monterey Peninsula's super mom. She dedicated her life to service. No matter who you were, she wanted to help. She combined the world's biggest heart with its biggest smile. She lit up every room she entered and when she spoke everybody wanted to listen. She died on February 24, 2015 at the age of 82. Her passing has left a huge hole in the fabric of our community.

Mae lived a full life. She was born in Columbus, Georgia. She moved to the Monterey Peninsula in 1954 and after her divorce in 1962, she took on the responsibility of raising her daughter and 5 sons as a single parent. She worked as a domestic by day and took college courses at night to earn a teaching credential which launched her career as an educator.

During her impressive 35 year career, she served as a teacher, counselor, dean, vice principal and principal. Her reading and thinking programs, developed under her leadership at Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School received state recognition. In 1987, she was a recipient of the Milken Family Foundation Educator Award. She served on several boards including the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, the Community Foundation of Monterey County, and The Village Project. Mae was a founding member of the Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority, Inc. Monterey Peninsula Alumnae Chapter and a member of Friendship Baptist Church.

Mae earned her Masters Degree from the Monterey Institute of International Studies. She embraced her role as a leader and her campuses were training grounds for several top Monterey Peninsula Unified School District principals. She challenged others to always strive for excellence.

Mae enjoyed poetry, the performing arts and family gatherings. She is predeceased by her daughter, Roselyn Johnson. She is survived by her brother, Cleotis Webb, Coleman, GA, sister, Cheryl Lawrence, Chicago, IL, sons Andre and Ronald Johnson of Monterey, Edwin Johnson of Las Vegas, Kenneth Johnson of Tracy and Robert (Bobby) Johnson of Los Angeles, 9 grandchildren and her beloved friend and companion, Martin Taylor.

Mr. Speaker, I know that I speak for the whole House in sharing our condolences with Mae's children, grandchildren, extended family, and countless friends. We owe them a debt of gratitude for sharing such a remarkable woman with our nation. The world is a better place because of Mae's journey with it.

A TRIBUTE TO NOLAN HELLICKSON IN THE FIRST SES- SION OF THE 114TH CONGRESS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Nolan Hellickson of Southeast Polk High School for winning the Class 3A 126 pound bracket at the Iowa High School State Wrestling tournament on February 21, 2015.

Iowa has a long and proud history of strong wrestling programs in our state, producing college and Olympic champions for years. Winning a state championship is the culmination of years of hard work and commitment, not only on the part of Mr. Hellickson, but also his family, teammates, and coaches.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this student-athlete demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent him and his family in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Nolan on competing in this rigorous competition and wishing continued success in his education and wrestling career.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 104TH BIRTHDAY OF ANNE THEROUX

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Anne Theroux, a resident of Harwich, who today celebrates her 104th birthday.

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Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

Anne was born on March 4, 1911. Anne is a mother of seven successful children, many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Anne, a dedicated and caring mother of strong faith, also helped support her family by working as a school teacher for many years in Massachusetts.

Anne, a woman of many talents, is an avid reader, daily solver of crossword puzzles and finds time to pursue her artistic talents in painting, stained glasswork and woodcarving. She has an unflinching positive outlook and is a wonderful example to her family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Anne Theroux on this joyous occasion of her 104th birthday. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing her many more years of health and happiness.

TRIBUTE TO LEONARD NIMOY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Leonard Nimoy of Los Angeles, California, who passed away on the morning of February 27, 2015, at the age of 83.

Leonard Nimoy, best known for his iconic role as Mr. Spock in the popular science fiction television series and motion picture franchise *Star Trek*, was born on March 26, 1931 in Boston, Massachusetts, to Dora and Max Nimoy, Orthodox Jews and Ukrainian immigrants.

Leonard began his acting career at 8 years old performing in local plays and continued acting through his high school years. After coming to Hollywood, he landed small parts in the movies *Zombies of the Stratosphere*, *Queen for a Day* and *Rhubarb* and in 1952, had his first starring movie role with *Kid Monk Baroni*. During the early 1950's, Mr. Nimoy enlisted in the United States Army Reserves where he spent nearly two years, writing, narrating, and emceeing shows for the Army Special Services branch.

After leaving the military, he returned to California, and achieved wide visibility appearing on television shows such as *Rawhide*, *Perry Mason* and *Wagon Train*, until he landed the role in 1966 of the half-Vulcan Mr. Spock in *Star Trek*, for which he garnered three Emmy nominations. It was in this role that he became a folk hero, helping create Vulcan culture such as the Vulcan salute and Vulcan neck pinch. The incredibly popular original series spawned an animated television show, various new television series, movies and sparked a devoted following of *Star Trek* that exists to this day. After the original *Star Trek* series ended in 1969, Leonard continued acting in movies and television, performed voice-over work and acted in stage plays. In 1979, he returned as Mr. Spock in the movie *Star Trek: The Motion Picture* and in 1982's *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan*, directed the movies *Star Trek III: The Search for Spock* and *Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home* and appeared in the 2009 and 2013 *Star Trek* movies.

In addition to being an actor, producer and director, Mr. Nimoy was also a prolific poet, writer, photographer and singer, who often lent

his talents to charitable organizations. He and his wife, Susan Bay-Nimoy were generous supporters of the arts, educational programs and public astronomy. They provided substantial assistance to the Hammer Museum in Los Angeles through their Leonard and Susan Bay-Nimoy Family Foundation, the esteemed The Thalia Theater in New York was renamed the Leonard Nimoy Thalia Theater, and they were major supporters of the Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles' historic 2002–2006 expansion, where the Leonard Nimoy Event Horizon theater shows the Leonard Nimoy-narrated documentary film *The Once and Future Griffith Observatory* about the history, recent renovation, and future of the Observatory.

Leonard is survived by his wife, actress and director Susan Bay-Nimoy, his children, Adam and Julie Nimoy, stepson Aaron Bay Schuck, six grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and his brother Melvin.

I would like to convey my deepest sympathies to Leonard's family and friends, as well as extend my heartfelt thanks for his many contributions to the arts and science. The entire global community will greatly miss Mr. Spock, who indeed lived long and prospered.

RECOGNIZING THE 27TH ANNIVERSARY OF VIOLENCE AGAINST THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY IN SUMGAIT, AZERBAIJAN

HON. KATHERINE M. CLARK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, February 27 marked the 27th anniversary of harrowing violence against the Armenian community in Sumgait, Azerbaijan.

I am proud to stand today with the Armenian-American community, including many of my constituents in Massachusetts, in remembrance and mourning of this unspeakable tragedy.

In February of 1988, anti-Armenian rallies through Azerbaijan gave way to waves of ethnically-motivated violence, death and destruction. In the aftermath of these terrible events, Azerbaijan's Armenian community all but disappeared, with thousands displaced, culminating in a war against the people of Nagorno Karabakh.

That war resulted in almost 30,000 dead on both sides. Hundreds of thousands of refugees were forced to flee their homes. And to this day, those who lost their lives or were displaced by this violence still seek resolution and justice.

Many displaced Armenian families have sought refuge in America, and are now making vital contributions in the Fifth District of Massachusetts. Proudly, our diverse District is home to one of the largest Armenian communities in the nation. Together, our community is a thriving example of strength and perseverance in the face of extreme adversity.

Like the persecution of too many others before it, the lessons of the Sumgait Pogrom must not be forgotten.

We have a moral obligation to promote tolerance and justice, and we have a duty to recognize the atrocities that have kept us from our common goal.

A TRIBUTE TO FRANK W. BERLIN IN THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 114TH CONGRESS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Frank W. Berlin III on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

After graduating from Valley High School in West Des Moines, Class of 1963, Mr. Berlin enlisted in the United States Army, 173rd Airborne Brigade. From 1965 to 1967, Private First Class E3 Berlin served with undeniable valor while deployed to the Republic of Vietnam. In fact, while serving as gunner on a UH-1D PFC helicopter during an emergency extraction, PFC Berlin, with utter disregard for his own safety, stationed himself on the landing skid of the aircraft and counter-attacked the enemy below, saving his flight crew and the extraction team. For his actions, PFC Berlin was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism on December 7, 1966.

Following Vietnam, Mr. Berlin returned to Iowa to get married, start a family and with the entrepreneurial spirit of that generation, establish a successful insurance agency under his namesake. That legacy continues on today.

Mr. Berlin is an Iowan of whom we can all be proud. We must never forget those who have served this nation and fought for our freedoms. Mr. Berlin continues to proudly support our Department of Defense military service men and women. His efforts benefit military families through local, state and national charities.

It is with great honor that I, along with his five grandchildren—Isabelle, Emma, Gretta, Evan and Frank—recognize his patriotism on his 70th birthday. I know that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring his accomplishments. I thank him for his service and wish him and his family all the best moving forward.

SHEETZ—500 AND COUNTING: HONORING SHEETZ AND THE BEST SANDWICHES IN THE COUNTRY

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of the Sheetz family and their all-American story of business success. Once a small family operated dairy store in Altoona, Pennsylvania, the Sheetz brand has grown into one of the most well loved brands in the country, with 14,500 employees and 437 locations across six states. Their business has changed with the demands of the country, and they have brought us innovations like MTO sandwiches and touch screen ordering, which was first installed in Altoona back in 1993. Recently, the Sheetz family proudly opened their 500th store in Thomasville, North Carolina—over 400 miles away from where the business was first born 63 years ago in Central Pennsylvania.

Originally called Sheetz Kwik Shopper, the company's success is a wonderful example of what makes this nation great. It all started