

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING ARTHREX, INC.  
ON BEING NAMED A FORTUNE  
TOP 100 COMPANY TO WORK FOR

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2015*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Arthrex, Inc. on being named a Fortune Top 100 company to work for, and to commend its exemplary service to the Naples community.

Arthrex is a global medical device company in Naples, FL. Their mission is to help surgeons treat their patients as best as possible, and they have more than surpassed that goal. The company is a leader in new product development and medical education in orthopedics. More than that, Arthrex is a pioneer in the field of arthroscopy and has developed more than 8,500 innovative products and surgical procedures to advance minimally invasive orthopedics worldwide.

Fortune uses an expert firm that has developed a methodology to evaluate workplace cultures, and a 58-question employee survey to measure trust. Two-thirds of a company's score is based on the employee survey, while one-third is based on a culture audit. Hundreds of companies apply to be on the list, making Arthrex's accomplishment that much more special. However, by looking at their company, it is clear to see why they made the list.

Under the leadership of Mr. Reinhold Schmieding, Arthrex continues to grow and thrive in the community. Having visited their facility in Naples, I saw firsthand the important work they are doing and the impact the company has in the area. Not only does Arthrex provide countless jobs, it also fosters a culture of personal and professional growth, with excellent benefits and services. These services include tuition reimbursement, internships, apprenticeships, and a comprehensive benefits package.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate Arthrex, Inc. on their accomplishment, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing their outstanding achievement.

ANGELEE DAVIS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2015*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Angelee Davis on her honorable mention in the C-SPAN StudentCam competition.

This nationwide competition is an opportunity to encourage students to learn more about the three branches of government by telling a story or demonstrating a policy or law that affected them or their community.

Angelee and her project, 'Should Space Exploration and Travel be Publicly Funded?', was picked out of 2,280 entries nationwide and 5,000 participants.

Congratulations to Angelee on this tremendous accomplishment and well-deserved prize. Thank you for your interest and participation in our community, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2015*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, last week, on April 21–23, I missed Roll Call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA" on #162, 163, 164, 167, 170, 171, and 173. I would have voted "NAY" on #165, 166, 168, 169, and 172.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2015*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, April 21; Wednesday, April 22; and Thursday, April 23, 2015, I was out on medical leave while recovering from surgery and unable to be present for recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted:

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 162 (on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 25),

"No" on roll call vote No. 163 (on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 212),

"No" on roll call vote No. 164 (on agreeing to the resolution H. Res. 212),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 165 (on agreeing to the Kuster Amendment to H.R. 1195),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 166 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 1195, with instructions),

"No" on roll call vote No. 167 (on passage of H.R. 1195),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 168 (on agreeing to the Mulvaney Amendment to H.R. 1560),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 169 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 1560, with instructions),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 170 (on passage of H.R. 1560),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 171 (on agreeing to the Jackson Lee Amendment to H.R. 1731),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 172 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 1731, with instructions), and

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 173 (on passage of H.R. 1731).

KASANDRA PETERS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2015*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kasandra Peters for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kasandra Peters is a 10th grader at Pomona High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kasandra Peters is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kasandra Peters for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM A. NACK

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2015*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor William A. Nack for a life and career dedicated to hard work, justice and integrity. Bill Nack recently retired as the head of the Building and Construction Trades Council of San Mateo County, AFL-CIO after a long and successful career in union construction.

Bill left his mark all over the San Francisco Peninsula. Even people who don't know him see the results of his work every day. Some of the most prominent buildings in the county were developed during his tenure, including SFO, Mills Peninsula Hospital, Sequoia Hospital, Palo Alto Medical Center, Bay Meadows, San Mateo Public Library, San Mateo Union High School District, San Mateo Community College District, Millbrae BART Transit Village, Crossings in San Bruno, Redwood City Redevelopment, Brisbane Baylands Development, Genentech, Gilead and Facebook.

Even this breathtaking list is not complete. Bill negotiated a total of 45 Project Labor Agreements and Letters of Commitment representing more than \$16 billion of construction projects. For the last 16 years, he worked with developers, environmentalists, contractors and neighborhood groups advocating for environmentally responsible projects, good union wages and safe working conditions.

Bill was born in St. Louis, raised in San Francisco, and has lived on the Peninsula for the last 50 years. In 1966, he was hired by

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United Airlines as an Aircraft Jet Engine Mechanic in Journeyman status. The following year he started his service in the U.S. Naval Reserve which he continued for six years, ably serving his country. While working for United, he earned an Associate Degree in Aeronautics and began his remarkable union career with Machinist Local Lodge 1781. He was the Union Shop Steward for 15 years fighting for the rights of his coworkers. He was elected to the Local's Executive Board, IAM Legislative Committee, and the Building Corporation. Bill was one of the people who founded a highly effective coalition between the machinists, flight attendants and pilots.

In 1987, Bill became the Assistant Business Manager for the Santa Clara and San Benito counties Central Labor Council. He developed and implemented a public policy program for 100 affiliated unions.

In 1989, he became Deputy Executive Officer for the Santa Clara and San Benito Building and Construction Trades Council where he was responsible for public policy, corporate research, and the monitoring of construction contractors and projects. Within a year, he was tapped for the top position at the Building and Construction Trades Council of San Mateo County and became Business Manager/Executive Officer. He was ideally qualified to advocate for environmentally and socially responsible projects utilizing top-quality labor, materials and construction methods. He led a vibrant council of 26 unions and 14,000 justifiably proud, middle-class workers.

In addition to his impressive achievements at the council, Bill is a man of enormous compassion and empathy, a fact demonstrated by his extensive community engagement. He serves on a long list of boards, including the Boy Scouts of America, United Way, Rebuilding Together, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Advisory Council, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Advisory Council, and the San Mateo County Housing Leadership Council. Bill is passionate about housing people, recognizing that the dignity of a person is nurtured by housing. It is sometimes said of a generous person that he would give someone the shirt off his back. Bill Nack has likely done that many times, and in addition he's directly and indirectly helped to place a roof over the heads of tens of thousands of people.

Bill was also appointed by the Governor to the Bay Conservation and Development Commission and to the Board of Directors of the Cow Palace.

As you may surmise from the diversity of issues that Bill is engaged in, he cares deeply about helping others and improving the quality of life for everyone. I can say without hesitation that his heart is in the right place and he gives of himself generously and freely. He is a devoted husband to Rayna Lehman, another great labor leader in San Mateo County. They raised two wonderful sons, Patrick and Benjamin, their most important life achievements.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor my friend and colleague of over 30 years William A. Nack on the occasion of his retirement as the leader of the Building and Construction Trades Council of San Mateo County. He leaves behind an impressive legacy of construction projects, compassion, and a ready smile that welcomes every honest man or woman to work with him in pursuit of a better America.

FBISS SECONDARY TEACHER OF  
THE YEAR

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2015*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Stacy Vinson of Baines Middle School on being named Fort Bend Independent School District's 2015 Secondary Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Vinson has been a teacher for the past eight years. She is committed to helping her students find their passion and believes a keen interest in a subject leads to success in the classroom. Beyond the classroom, she takes interest in her students' lives and teaches them that no matter their circumstances, they have the power to create a fruitful future for themselves. I wish Ms. Vinson the best of luck in her teaching career and am thankful for teachers like her that truly have a passion for her students and profession. Great teachers help develop future leaders.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I congratulate Stacy Vinson for her commitment to teaching and for earning the Fort Bend ISD 2015 Secondary Teacher of the Year.

PAUL PROUTY

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2015*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Paul Prouty for his accomplishments and distinguished career with the General Services Administration (GSA).

Paul began his 42-year career with the GSA in 1971 as a real estate intern and has since risen through the organization to become one of the most respected leaders. Paul's accomplishments include providing key strategic direction regarding design, construction, management and maintenance of federal and leased properties, including 18 million square feet of office, laboratory and warehouse space.

A key property in his portfolio is the Denver Federal Center located in Lakewood, Colorado—one of the largest concentrations of federal real estate property outside Washington D.C. Paul's vision for a more inclusive federal community led to major changes at the Denver Federal Center. Through Paul's leadership, the Denver Federal Center evolved into one of the most exciting campuses in the Denver metro area. The campus hosts the new St. Anthony's hospital, intermodal transportation hub and a focus on the campus becoming a sustainable federal and community center.

I extend my deepest congratulations on your retirement from federal service. Thank you for your dedication to our community.

IN HONOR OF RONALD HERBERT  
PORTER

**HON. NORMA J. TORRES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2015*

Mrs. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ronald H. Porter of Pomona, California, who passed away peacefully on April 18, 2015, at the age of 82.

Ron served in the United States Army from 1955 to 1957. He graduated from Claremont Men's College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration, and was a successful businessman with real estate offices in Upland, Rancho Cucamonga, Ontario, and Pomona.

An active member of St. Joseph's Church in Pomona, he served as the President of the Legion of Mary. As a devout Catholic, Ron could always be depended upon to help those in need and assist the Church in its efforts to serve the community.

A former lifeguard, long distance cyclist, and golfer, Ron would regularly visit nursing homes to take residents out for lunch in Pomona. He could often be spotted at the deli spending time with those in need of companionship and a friend.

Ron had a great sense of humor, and was always positive. He will be deeply missed by his beloved wife Barbara, daughter Marie Royce and son-in-law Edward, son David Porter and daughter-in-law Samantha, daughter Sheila Taylor and son-in-law Daniel, and son Sean Porter. He will also be deeply missed by his grandchildren, Laurel, Charlie, and Sean.

HONORING MAKENNA SCHWAB

**HON. DAVID G. REICHERT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2015*

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a young girl, only 12 years old, who went above and beyond the call of duty for public service. Makenna Schwab, from East Wenatchee, Washington, set out to make a difference in her community by collecting toys and donations for kids at Seattle Children's Hospital. Last October, with the help of her friends at Wenatchee Pediatric Dentistry, she collected enough donations for 33 Radio Flyer wagons, 36 portable DVD players, and more than 1,300 toys and other goods for young boys and girls courageously battling disease at Seattle Children's.

Even more remarkable, Makenna was born with Larsen syndrome, a rare connective tissue disorder, and is a frequent patient herself at Seattle Children's Hospital. It was this experience that inspired her to want to give back to other kids going through similar experiences, and she did not let her disease stand in her way. This is Makenna's third Make a Difference Day campaign, and she is proving that one 12 year-old girl can make a lasting impact on the lives of her friends, family, and community members. On May 6th, Makenna will be recognized in Washington, D.C., as a National Make a Difference Day award recipient. She will receive a \$10,000 grant to further enable her passion for public service and