

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING COLONEL CHARLES E.
POWELL

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dear friend and constituent, Colonel Charles E. Powell. Charles is being honored this week by the Texas Southwest Council of the Boy Scouts as their Distinguished Citizen of the Year.

Charles was born in Nashville, Arkansas on May 7, 1931. After finishing high school, Charles was accepted into the United States Naval Academy in July of 1950 and graduated with distinction on June 4, 1954. That day, he commissioned into the United States Air Force.

Shortly after his commission, Charles became an Air Force pilot and logged over 7000 flying hours. During the Vietnam War, he logged over 700 combat flying hours as a Rescue C-130 commander and is credited with fourteen combat saves. After the war, Charles served in many different leadership roles throughout the Air Force. In 1980, he was tasked to be the base commander of Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, TX. At the time, Goodfellow was scheduled to be closed and it was Charles' job to prevent the base from being closed. He began working with local community leaders and assisted in shaping a new military mission for Goodfellow Air Force Base. Today, Charles' impacts can still be felt at Goodfellow Air Force Base, as it serves as a training school for thousands of service members from across all branches to train in cryptology, intelligence, and fire-fighting. Charles' dedication and leadership helped save a community that many veterans have come to love and adopt as their own home.

After his decorated military career, Charles continued to serve San Angelo as a leader. Charles went on to serve as vice president of the Southwest Bank, known today as First Financial Bank. In addition to serving as VP of the Southwest Bank, Charles created and directed the SWB Investment Center Inc. He served as the Chairman, President, and CEO of the Center until he retired in 1995. From there, Charles served on a variety of community service based boards such as the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce, the United Way of Tom Green County and Texas, the Fort Conch Historical Society, the San Angelo City Council, among many more.

Throughout the years, Charles has been supported by his loving wife Joanne. Joanne has assisted my constituents in my San Angelo office during my entire tenure. Joanne is also an instrumental figure in assisting with our annual military service academy nominations, which is a year round process for her. With Joanne's assistance, many of the young men and women in our district go on to serve our nation and attend one of our distinguished

service academies. Charles and Joanne's support and dedication to this effort have made them very special pieces to my team. I am truly grateful for all of their hard work and dedication to the San Angelo community and to Texas' 11th district.

By serving his country and his community, Charles has upheld the Scout Oath: 'To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.' His service has set an example for many generations of Boy Scouts. I am honored to have the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of Colonel Powell with the Texas Southwest Council of the Boy Scouts. Again, I offer my congratulations to Charles for being this year's Texas Southwest Council of the Boy Scouts' Distinguished Citizen.

HONORING BOB CARR AND THE
GIVE SOMETHING BACK FOUNDATION

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bob Carr, founder of the Give Something Back Foundation.

Bob Carr is a true American success story. Mr. Carr grew up in the countryside near Lockport, Illinois. The son of a waitress who worked nights to support the family, Mr. Carr graduated from the University of Illinois with a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a master's degree in computer science. He now is the President and CEO for Heartland Payment Systems, the fifth largest payment processor in the United States. Mr. Carr has received numerous industry accolades including being named Entrepreneur of the Year twice by Ernst and Young and receiving the first Lifetime Achievement Award from the bankcard industry.

In 2003, Bob Carr founded the Give Something Back Foundation to help financially disadvantaged, academically-oriented students at Lockport Township High School earn a college degree. In addition to awarding scholarships, the foundation also provides students with a mentor and offers guidance to prepare them for college. Since its founding, the Give Something Back Foundation has assisted 54 college graduates and has expanded to include 21 high schools throughout Will County.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the great service that Bob Carr and the Give Something Back Foundation have given to the students of Will County, Illinois.

HONORING DR. YOEL AND MRS.
EVA HALLER

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the life and accomplishments of Yoel and Eva Haller on the occasion of their combined "170th Birthday." Dr. and Mrs. Haller are truly remarkable constituents of California's 24th congressional district, and have touched the lives of countless others through their lifelong efforts in activism, medicine and philanthropy.

Eva was born in Budapest, Hungary in 1930. During World War II, she helped create anti-Hitler leaflets before going into hiding during the German occupation of Budapest. Later, after moving to the United States, Eva and her late husband Murray Roman co-founded the Campaign Communications Institute of America. More recently, Eva has passionately devoted her time, skills and resources to a number of causes. She has served on the boards of dozens of non-profit foundations and institutes, including Free the Children USA, the Women's Leadership Board at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and the Jane Goodall Institute. She has also been honored with various recognitions and awards from Glasgow Caledonian University, the Forbes Women's Summit and the United Nations Population Fund, among many others.

Yoel has dedicated his career to caring for others as a practicing Obstetrician/Gynecologist and later as a professor of OB-GYN medicine at the University of California, San Francisco Medical School. Dr. Haller also served as the Medical Director of Planned Parenthood San Francisco-Alameda Counties. In retirement, Yoel has joined his wife in advocating for numerous organizations and causes.

Dr. and Mrs. Haller were married in 1987 and have spent their lives together advocating for those less fortunate and the betterment of our community. The Hallers' generous philanthropy has benefitted not only the Santa Barbara community, but organizations and individuals around the world. We are grateful for their tireless dedication to improving the lives of others and making the world a better place. Today, as this exceptional couple celebrates their 85th birthdays, I wish them health and happiness in the years to come.

KENTUCKY RIVER COAL CORPORATION'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Kentucky River Coal Corporation,

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