

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN AND COUNTY CLUB

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2015

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 90th anniversary of the Town and County Club in Hartford, Connecticut. This club was originally founded on May 21, 1925 as a private women's club and has continually flourished into an esteemed location for members to enjoy organized social, intellectual, and artistic gatherings.

The first President of the club was Miss Anne Eliot Trumbull, and on the day of the first meeting of her Board, the Club had been incorporated with the assistance of attorney Barclay Robinson, under the name of 'The Town and County Club, Incorporated'. The Articles of Association state the purposes for which the corporation was formed, and signed by the 16 subscribers present at the meeting. The Articles state: 'For creating an organized center for women's work, thought and action; advancing the interests of women; promoting science, literature, and art; providing an accessible place of meeting for its members; promoting social intercourse by such means as the members of the corporation shall deem expedient and proper for that purpose, and for acquiring and maintaining and club house and grounds.'

In a time when the most private club memberships were restricted to men, these women represented the voice and action for change by creating one of their own. In just five years after women's suffrage in 1920, women in the Hartford County area chose to congregate and soon created this popular club that would continue on and today, celebrate its 90th anniversary. It is my honor to congratulate the Town and County Club in Hartford, Connecticut.

IN HONOR OF THE 2015 GRADUATES OF LEADERSHIP ROWAN

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2015

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the graduates of the Leadership Rowan class of 2015. These graduates represent a cross-section of leaders in Rowan County, North Carolina, who are dedicated to making their county and local communities a better place.

Leadership Rowan is a nine month program designed to teach existing leaders and community volunteers about important local issues, introduce them to new means of involvement, and connect them with other leaders in the community. For 23 years under the sponsorship of the Rowan County Chamber of

Commerce, Leadership Rowan has graduated over 500 emerging leaders.

As a graduate of Leadership Cabarrus and Leadership Montgomery, which are similar programs in other North Carolina counties, I understand the level of commitment necessary to complete this program. I commend each graduate for taking the time to learn more about the political, cultural, social, economic, and educational issues in Rowan County in order to better understand and improve our community. These 25 graduates completed courses in History and Power; Business and the Economy; Public Education; Human Needs; Government; Criminal Justice; Communications; and Quality of Life.

Participants in this year's Leadership Rowan class include: Keri Allman, D.J. Barksdale, Gary Blabon, Keith Bowersox, Wendy Brindle, Mary Burrige, Thomas Cobb, Heather Crawford, Victoria Curran, Teresa Dakins, Addison Davis, Benjamin Davis, Michelle Fisher, Jon Folstad, Rori Godsey, Ashlee Hawkins, Deborah Johnson, Heather King, Glenwood Oats Jr., Ann Pressly, Laurie Ritchie, Janet Spriggs, Shane Valley, Curtis Walker, and Jeanette West.

It is an honor today to congratulate the graduates of Leadership Rowan for completing this program and for their dedication to serving our community and the State of North Carolina.

HONORING RABBI ANCHELLE PERL AND THE WINNERS OF THE GOOD DEED AWARDS FOR LONG ISLAND TEENAGERS

HON. KATHLEEN M. RICE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2015

Miss RICE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding work of Rabbi Anshelle Perl of Chabad of Mineola and the winners of the prestigious Good Deed Awards for Long Island Teenagers.

For over two decades, the National Committee for the Furtherance of Jewish Education (NCFJE) has worked tirelessly to showcase and celebrate the tremendous achievements and service of our youth and to help our greater community appreciate their work.

The Good Deed Awards have helped provide so many young men and women with the recognition, confidence and encouragement they need to continue on a path of public service and become the leaders of tomorrow. This organization instills in them a sense of purpose and pride and demonstrates the potential that our nation's youth have for creating positive change in their communities and improving the lives of others.

That is why I want to begin by congratulating this year's winners. These 31 incredible young men and women come from over a dozen different high schools, represent a diverse set of backgrounds and cultures, and

were nominated by a variety of distinguished community members, including educators, religious and community leaders, elected officials, and members of the local business community. Brought together by their commitment to public service and the desire to help others, this year's winners truly embody the very best that our community has to offer.

I also want to acknowledge Rabbi Anshelle Perl of Chabad of Mineola, who has graciously hosted the Good Deed Awards for the past 22 years. Having had the honor of attending this event in the past, I know the crucial role that Rabbi Perl plays in guiding and encouraging these incredible young men and women, and in promoting community support for their work. Rabbi Perl has devoted his life to serving this community and I am truly proud to be his representative in Congress.

HELEN GORDON DAVIS

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2015

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the outstanding work of a trailblazing public servant and one of the champions of the Florida equal rights and civil rights movements, the late Florida State Senator Helen Gordon Davis, who represented the Tampa Bay area in the Florida Legislature from 1974 until 1992.

Senator Davis devoted her public service career to confronting and changing the inequalities in economic, legal and social status for women and African Americans. She was a true pioneer for pay equity for women. In 1980, Mrs. Davis was presented with the Florida ACLU Bill of Rights Award as a testament to her dedication for civil liberties for all.

Senator Davis was elected to the Florida State House of Representatives in 1974 as the first woman from Hillsborough County to be elected to the Florida Legislature. She was subsequently re-elected six times. In 1988, Senator Davis successfully ran for the state Senate where she fought for economic equality for women, and sponsored the first legislation on sexual harassment. Among her many achievements, Mrs. Davis created the Marriage License Trust fund for Spouse Abuse Centers, Court Depositories for Child Support Payments, the Displaced Homemakers for Divorced Women Act, and doubled the penalties for hate crimes.

With passion and courage, Mrs. Davis paved the way for future generations of Hillsborough County women in politics.

Before her time as an influential legislator, Mrs. Davis was president of the League of Women Voters of Hillsborough County from 1966-1969. In 1971, Mrs. Davis founded Florida's first women's center which sought to help women succeed in the workplace and helped many gain tangible professional and life skills. Mrs. Davis was the first recipient of the

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