EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING MAY AS PREECLAMPSIA AWARENESS MONTH

HON. KRISTI L. NOEM

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 26, 2015

Mrs. NOEM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize May as Preeclampsia Awareness Month.

Despite advances in treatment and technology across the medical field, the disease of preeclampsia continues to affect mothers and infants across the country. As one of the leading causes of premature birth, illness, and maternal death, preeclampsia afflicts one in 12 women, according to the Preeclampsia Foundation.

Preeclampsia is characterized by high blood pressure, and its symptoms mimic common difficulties associated with pregnancy, like abdominal pain, the cause of headaches, vomiting, and anxiety. Because they are so common, many women may simply ignore these symptoms. Worse, little is known about preeclampsia. While current research suggests it is related to the placenta, we do not know why it occurs, we do not know how to cure it, and we are still learning about its long-term effects on mothers and their children.

Our lack of understanding about preeclampsia is why I strongly support the work of groups like the Preeclampsia Foundation to educate women about the symptoms of preeclampsia and how they can find care. I also support the research being done at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. I am hopeful that research and support from NIH and the Preeclampsia Foundation will help us understand and address this disease.

HONORING PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM JOSEPH OAKLEY

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 26, 2015

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember Private First Class William Joseph Oakley, the first casualty of the Vietnam War from Waterbury, Connecticut.

At the age of 17, PFC Oakley enlisted in the United States Army. He was extremely proud to serve his country. On May 28, 1965, PFC Oakley was killed when two Army helicopters collided. He was only 18 years old and had served for less than a year.

As we commemorate Memorial Day and remember all those who lost their lives while in service to our country, let us pause to think of PFC Oakley on the 50th anniversary of his death.

This year also marks the 50th anniversary of the ground offensive in Vietnam. Over 58,000 names are written on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC. Thirty of these brave Americans, including PFC Oakley, called Waterbury home.

The City of Waterbury and the Waterbury Veterans Memorial Committee will never forget the service and sacrifice of the men and women who died while serving in our nation's military throughout our history. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Waterbury Veterans Memorial Committee for all they do to honor our veterans.

RECOGNIZING KEVIN AND SIMA ZLOCK

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 26, 2015

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join you today in recognition of Kevin and Sima Zlock for their efforts to advance and expand the mission at Bucks County Community College.

I am told, that Bucks County Community College will officially dedicate the new Kevin and Sima Zlock Performing Arts Center at the college's Newtown, Bucks County campus today.

This addition to an already amazing institution will enhance the educational experience of every Bucks student who walks through the door a valuable venue for the college and region's thriving arts community.

I consider myself so fortunate to be able to represent Bucks County, Pennsylvania here in the House, and to have grown up around the Community College.

The kindness of individuals, businesses and civic groups across my district continue to astound me, and the Zlock's commitment to Bucks County Community College is just the latest in a long line of residents investing in the success of our community.

So, I thank Kevin and Sima Zlock for their continued support of Bucks County Community College and wish the best for the dedication of the new Kevin and Sima Zlock Performing Arts Center. Have a great day, Bucks County.

THE INTERNATIONAL DAY TO END OBSTETRIC FISTULA

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 26, 2015

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of the International Day to End Obstetric Fistula.

Obstetric fistula, a debilitating condition, has left hundreds of thousands of women suffering in solitude and shame. It is perhaps one of the most telling examples of inequitable access to maternal health care and, until recently, one of the most hidden.

Addressing this issue is not only a moral imperative for the United States, but it is also in our best strategic interest. When women are pushed out of society, they cannot contribute. By treating and preventing this condition, we empower women to care for themselves and their families, and be active participants in society, reducing global poverty.

Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, recently said, "Let us decide, as a global community, that the world we want is one where fistula no longer exists. Let us, once and for all, put an end to this assault on women's and girls' health and human rights, which steals from them their very dignity and destroys the most fundamental of human qualities: hope. Much of the world has already virtually eliminated fistula. It is time to finish the job. Let us all work together to wipe fistula off the map."

The International Day to End Obstetric Fistula is an important opportunity to raise awareness of a condition that is not well-understood, even in societies where it is prevalent. I urge everyone to use the day of recognition to help raise awareness and intensify actions towards ending obstetric fistula.

HONORING JOSEPH STRZELCZYK, THE MAYOR OF SUMMIT, ILLINOIS

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 26, 2015

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joseph Strzelczyk, the Mayor of Summit, Illinois who passed away on May 17, 2015 at the age of 75. Commonly known as "Mayor Joe" to residents of Summit, Joe Strzelczyk was recognized for his tremendous dedication to his town and its residents.

Mayor Strzelczyk began his career in public service in 1978 when he worked as a special recreation instructor for the Chicago Park District. In 1990, he was elected as a Village Trustee in Summit, a position which he held until he was elected mayor.

Joe Strzelczyk was originally elected mayor in 1997 and won reelection four times. Over almost two decades as mayor, he focused on improving and revitalizing Summit through grassroots efforts along with attracting businesses and revenue to the city. Mayor Strzelczyk played a vital role in ensuring a revenue sharing agreement with the Rivers Casino in Des Plaines which brought in more than $604,000 to Summit in the first year alone. Mayor Strzelczyk was also active in organizing village cleanups.

Mayor Strzelczyk's love of his community stretched into all facets of his life. An avid softball player, he coached in the North American Pro Softball League and later hosted a local cable TV show in addition to being a sports commentator on radio. In 2012, he was