

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MR. JACK HEARN

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2015

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Jack Hearn, a veteran of World War II, for his exceptional service to our country.

Beginning his service just after graduating high school, Mr. Hearn enlisted in the Texas National Guard in 1940. Soon after, the Army incorporated all guardsmen for active duty. From November 1940 to November 1945, Mr. Hearn served in the U.S. Army, initially as an enlisted man in the field artillery division of the 36th battalion. He was promoted to Staff Sergeant shortly after and ultimately received a direct commission to Second Lieutenant. During the twenty-five months he spent in the European theater, Mr. Hearn fought in many battles and helped fight the Germans through France to the Rhine River. He was wounded in action in December of 1944 after running over a land mine. For his exceptional and brave service, Mr. Hearn was awarded the Purple Heart, FAME ribbon with four battle stars, the Invasion Arrowhead, American Defense Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and Distinguished Unit Citation.

Humbly, I echo the words of President Ronald Reagan, "We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared, so we will always be free." And humbly, I offer my sincere gratitude to Mr. Jack Hearn for his service and acts of bravery that allow us the freedoms we enjoy today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2015

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for the following votes on Thursday, June 4, 2015. I would like the record to show that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on roll call votes 301 and 308, and "nay" on roll call vote 307.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2015

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be present for a series of votes on June 2, 2015. Had I been present, I would have voted:

On Roll Call # 268, I would have voted AYE.

On Roll Call # 269, I would have voted AYE.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED
PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE HONOR-
ABLE MARY H. MELFI

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2015

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the public service of the Honorable Mary H. Melfi, County Clerk of Hunterdon County, New Jersey who is celebrating her sixtieth birthday. Mary is currently serving in her second five year term as County Clerk, where she has built a reputation as a trusted resource for information, manager of public affairs and public servant.

Mary oversees a tremendous operation, managing numerous departments and programs that deliver community services at the speed of the 21st century. Her style brings dependability to this important constitutional office and her management has instituted greater accessibility and transparency of critical governmental functions for constituents. To the benefit of residents, businesses and taxpayers, public information is readily available and put to good use for County projects.

The County Clerk is the chief election officer and master pollworker in charge of overseeing the essential process of administering free and fair elections. This major undertaking includes the oversight of dozens of election districts, numerous polling machines and poll workers and thousands of ballots cast in each election—both in-person and through the mail.

Mary has lived her life in Hunterdon County, growing up in Lebanon Borough and graduating from North Hunterdon Regional High School. Her public service started with membership on the Flemington Borough Planning Board and Board of Adjustment. She was elected to serve on the Borough Council for 12 years.

I thank and congratulate the Honorable Mary H. Melfi for her work for the residents of Hunterdon County and wish her continued professional success, good health and happiness.

RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF
TEXAS SYSTEM FOR THEIR OUT-
STANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, graduation season is once again upon us, and congratulations go to all who have accomplished the outstanding goal of attaining a high school diploma or college degree. I also want to recognize the hundreds of thousands of teachers in my home state, the great state of Texas—from pre-K to post-grad.

One of the great higher education systems in the nation is the University of Texas Sys-

tem, which just happens to be headquartered in my district. Each year, UT System institutions confer more than one-third of Texas' undergraduate degrees and educate two-thirds of the state's health care professionals. Overall, the UT System includes more than 210,000 students across the state, a group of young Texans that includes first generation Americans striving to improve their place in society, engineers, computer scientists, historians, educators, inventors, and future doctors.

The UT System is also one of the largest employers in Texas. Across its fourteen campuses, the System employs more than 90,000 faculty, staff, and administrators, all focused on three aligned objectives: educate the future leaders of our nation, innovate and create the discoveries and tools of tomorrow, and advance scholarly knowledge beyond current boundaries.

The UT System family includes three of the nation's 68 National Cancer Institute cancer centers—one of which, the UT Health Science Center in San Antonio, is located in my district. In addition, the UT Health Science Center in San Antonio is one of the four UT System medical centers to have received continuous Clinical and Translational Science Awards from the National Institutes of Health for their proven success in quickly delivering to patients the drugs and therapies they discover.

UT San Antonio was the first university in Texas, and twenty-third nationwide, to be recognized by the NSA as a national leader in the emerging field of cybersecurity research and training and designated a Center for Academic Excellence.

UT's MD Anderson Cancer Center, located at the Texas Medical Center in Houston, is often recognized as the top cancer center in the world. It conducts more cancer clinical trials than any institution across the globe, receives more National Cancer Institute funding than any other institution, and is responsible for more than one-third of all new FDA-approved cancer drugs.

UT Austin is home to more than 200 members of the National Academies and 12 recipients of the National Medal of Science. And it has 43 academic programs considered to be in the Top 10 nationally; 50 in the Top 25.

The UT Medical Branch is home to the Galveston National Laboratory, the only operational BioSafety Level 4 National Lab on a university campus in the United States. Scientists there are playing a leading role in researching and developing treatments and vaccines for global infectious diseases, and were recently included in the group of Ebola fighters Time Magazine chose to represent their Person of the Year.

Last year, UT El Paso was selected by Washington Monthly as one of the top 10 universities in the nation, grouped with Stanford, Harvard, UC Berkeley, UCLA and UC San Diego and ranked #1 for the third consecutive year among all U.S. universities in the social mobility category for its success in helping students achieve the American Dream.

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