

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH
ANNIVERSARY OF COTERIE

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Coterie organization as they celebrate their 100th anniversary. I have the privilege of representing this outstanding organization and many of its members, who are truly a great asset to our community.

Established in 1915 by a small group of African American women in Denver who had a great thirst for knowledge, the group has persevered for a century. Since their founding at a time when the Ku Klux Klan predominated and then through two world wars, the Great Depression, economic recessions and segregation, their tradition has endured. Each year, Coterie has investigated a new research topic, choosing subjects as diverse as the ages and interests of their members. Through the years, topics have included Milton and English Drama, Contemporary Women Meeting Today's Challenge of the Space Age, The World's Great Opera, and Spotlighting Colorado Afro-American Achievers.

Since Coterie members understand the value that education brings to a community, they have shared it with countless others over their 100 year history. Members have been mentors to others and have inspired young people to continue their education. The findings from their research will be stored at the Blair Caldwell African American Research Library, an appropriate depository of their work given, its mission of "sharing resources and services about African-American History." The preservation of their work will enable future generations to benefit from their efforts for many decades to come.

Coterie has been an important part of African-American culture in Denver, and many of their members have also served as community leaders. Some of their notable living members include Marie Greenwood, who is now 102 years old, joined Coterie in 1937, and is the first African American woman to receive a contract to teach with Denver Public Schools. Erma Ford, now 89 years old and a member since 1958, served as past president of the Colorado Association of Early Childhood Education.

Life, present and past, has been their teacher. Please join me in celebrating 100 years of Coterie in their dedicated pursuit of knowledge.

HONORING ANITA GERSON FOR
RECEIVING THE 2015 DELORES
BARR WEAVER ELDER ADVOCATE
AWARD

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Macclenny, Florida resident Anita Gerson, recipient of the 2015 Delores Barr Weaver Elder Advocate Award from ElderSource, an organization devoted to helping seniors across North Florida live independent lives.

A dedicated volunteer, Mrs. Gerson, 87, has served the elderly since her youth with ElderSource as her latest focus. For the last 15 years, she has put the needs of Baker County, Florida elderly at the top of her list, serving on the ElderSource board of directors and ensuring organization services are efficient, effective, and meet client needs. Additionally, she brought her devotion to the Baker County Council on Aging, where she served on the board of directors for seven years and president for one year.

Mrs. Gerson has been described as a "woman of great passion, wisdom and humor"—qualities she embodies day-in and day-out as she cares for her community and those in need. She is a leader, a doer, does not shy away from hard work, and will stop at nothing to serve the elderly in her community. "Bloom where you are planted," her mother once told her, and make a positive difference in the lives of those around you. She has met that goal and then some throughout her entire life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to please join me in a very special Congressional salute to volunteer leader Northeast Florida resident Anita Gerson—an example for us all.

HONORING CHRISTIE RAMPONE
AND CARLI LLOYD

HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two remarkably talented women, Christie Rampone and Carli Lloyd of New Jersey's Third Congressional District, for their participation on the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team.

I am proud to have Ms. Rampone and Ms. Lloyd represent not only the United States and New Jersey, but the people of Ocean County and Burlington County, on an international scale. As 2 of the 23 elite players offered membership onto the team, Ms. Rampone and Ms. Lloyd are not only exceptional athletes, but extraordinary testaments to determination, commitment, and sportsmanship.

Ms. Rampone, of Point Pleasant, New Jersey, is a 1999 FIFA Women's World Cup champion and a three-time Olympic gold medalist, having won championship titles at the last 4 Summer Olympics. She has finished no lower than third place in each of the World Cup or Olympic tournaments in which she has competed while also being the mother of two young children.

Ms. Lloyd, of Delran, New Jersey, is a two-time Olympic gold medalist, scoring the gold medal-winning goals in the finals of both the 2008 and the 2012 Summer Olympics. She has also represented the United States at two FIFA Women's World Cup tournaments, winning bronze and silver respectively, and has scored over 50 goals in 190 games throughout her career on the U.S. Women's National Team.

Mr. Speaker, South Jersey applauds Christie Rampone and Carli Lloyd with tremendous pride and admiration for their achievements in soccer. It is my honor to recognize them before the United States House of Representatives.

CONGRATULATING THE AMERICAN
ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY
WOMEN FLINT BRANCH ON ITS
95TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the American Association of University Women Flint Branch on the occasion of their 95th anniversary.

The AAUW Flint Branch was established in 1919 when 28 college-educated women formed a branch of the Western Association of Collegiate Alumnae. Throughout its history, the Flint Branch has actively supported regional, cultural, civic and educational programs and events.

The group gathers several times per year through membership meetings and book club gatherings. The meetings have consisted of guest speakers who educate members and initiate conversation around important issues affecting women and the greater community. Funds are raised through various initiatives allowing the branch to build awareness and advocate for worthy causes not just with its voice but also through financial support.

In 1922, an annual college scholarship of \$200 was established for worthy women students. This fund was continued for four years. In 1972, the Flint branch reinstated the annual merit scholarship bestowed to a female student attending a college or university in Genesee County. The award is now \$1,000 and is renewable one additional year to each recipient along with a new yearly recipient. The branch also provides financial support to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, the Legal Advocacy

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