

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING TOMIO MORIGUCHI

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Tomio Moriguchi, a native of Tacoma and longtime Seattle resident and community icon, for his latest honor: the Dr. Samuel E. Kelly Award from the University of Washington's Multicultural Alumni Partnership (MAP). This is a fitting recognition for Tomio's extensive leadership and service in the community over the course of decades.

Tomio's father, Fujimatsu Moriguchi, made a living selling rice to workers at logging and fishing camps in the Seattle area. The business—named Uwajimaya after the fishing village where Fujimatsu learned his trade—grew steadily until World War II, when Tomio and his family were placed in internment camps along with many Japanese-Americans.

After the war, the Moriguchi family went back to work. Uwajimaya reopened and Tomio attended Garfield High School and the University of Washington. Following his time in college, Tomio enjoyed a brief stint at the Boeing Company as an engineer before joining the family business. Under his careful leadership for 30 years as CEO and in partnership with the many family members involved in the business, Uwajimaya experienced meteoric growth. Tomio guided the company through its massive expansion in the International District while adding locations in the Greater Seattle Area. Today, thanks to the careful guidance of Tomio and other family members, the company now employs 500 people and is engrained in the social fabric of life in the Pacific Northwest.

Outside of his business endeavors, Tomio has also made a life-long commitment to the betterment of his community. Tomio led the way for the development of the Keiro Nursing Home, a culturally-sensitive facility to serve the Japanese community in Seattle. He has served as President of the Hokebui Hochi Foundation, which organizes educational and cultural activities to preserve Japanese culture. He also serves as publisher of the region's largest Japanese newspaper, the North American Post. Other highlights include his service on many non-profit boards and the creation of the International District Improvement Association. Throughout his life, Tomio has demonstrated a unique ability to serve as a unifying force and advocate for Asian American communities in the region.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize Mr. Tomio Moriguchi for his years of service and the impact he has made within the Asian American community and countless others in the greater Seattle area.

HONORING MS. MAKANI THEMBA

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Makani Themba for her extraordinary life work empowering historically marginalized communities.

Ms. Themba's activism spans numerous roles and she has a strong history of advocating and organizing in grassroots engagement alongside underserved people of color.

For the past 14 years, Ms. Themba has served as the Executive Director for The Praxis Project, a nonprofit organization based in Washington D.C., which helps communities use media and policy advocacy to advance health justice. Under her leadership, The Praxis Project has raised more than \$24 million dollars for advocacy organizations nationwide. These initiatives include Communities Creating Healthy Environments (CCHE), a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), which sets out to prevent childhood obesity by increasing access to healthy foods and safe places to play in communities of color. The program will advance RWJF's efforts to reverse the childhood obesity epidemic by supporting diverse, community-based organizations and federally chartered tribal nations in the development and implementation of effective, culturally responsive policy initiatives to address the root causes of childhood obesity.

Prior to her tenure at The Praxis Project, Ms. Themba directed the Grass Roots Innovative Policy Program (GRIPP) a national project where she effectively engaged in media and policy advocacy to address institutional racism in welfare and public education.

Ms. Themba has published numerous articles and case studies on race, class, media, policy advocacy and public health. She is the author of Making Policy, Making Change, and co-author of Media Advocacy and Public Health: Power for Prevention, a contributor to the volumes Community Based Participatory Research for Health, Prevention Is Primary: Strategies for Community Well Being, We the Media along with many other editorial projects. Her publications have helped set the standard for policy advocacy work and contributed significantly to the field's current emphasis on media and policy advocacy to address health problems. Her latest book is a collaboration with The Praxis Project and includes contributions from Malkia Cyril and others. It is titled, Fair Game: A Strategy Guide for Racial Justice Communications in the Obama Era.

Additionally, Ms. Themba has worked on international projects that build capacity among advocates to more effectively address structural racism. At Transnational Racial Justice Initiative (TRJI), she leveraged tools and best practices from around the world and co-authored and edited a shadow report on institutional racism and white privilege—the first of its kind.

Ms. Themba has also helped initiate numerous programs which have positively impacted communities facing national disasters. Through the Katrina Information Network, she connected more than 200,000 people displaced by the Katrina Hurricane to their families and friends through the use of informational technology.

On behalf of the residents of California's 13th Congressional District, I salute Ms. Makani Themba, and thank her for a lifetime of service.

RECOGNIZING THE FRIENDS OF
INDIA MISSION 2015

HON. ALBIO SIRES

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2015

Mr. SIRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the upcoming Friends of India 2015 Mission. The Friends of India Mission focuses on fostering women's business exchanges, economic empowerment, and gender parity while promoting meaningful, long-term dialogue among business and professional women in both India and the United States. For a decade, these missions have spurred the sharing of knowledge, ideas, and best practices and continue to lay the foundation for women's economic and political empowerment initiatives in both societies.

Mr. Speaker, this year's delegation is quite unique. Twenty-two women, representing nine business sectors are committing themselves to expanding initiatives that promote gender impact investing, economic exchanges, and empowerment opportunities; all while spurring trade between India and the United States.

Since 2005, Daryl Rand, the Friends of India Mission Chair, has been leading these missions, providing unique opportunities for women to expand their professional relationships and represent American businesses abroad. To date, approximately 90 women have traveled as part of this group of Friends of India.

I am proud that businesswomen from New Jersey's 8th District continue to lead important missions from the United States to India. I am confident that this year's mission will continue to promote strong business and personal relationships between influential women in the Garden State and our friends in Mumbai.

HONORING HEROES DAY

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Southern Arizona's annual Heroes Day celebration, an occasion where we pause to reflect on the brave law enforcement and

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