

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THE OCCASION OF PAUL D. TERRY'S RETIREMENT FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor a long-time and trusted member of the Appropriations Committee staff, Paul D. Terry, who is retiring following nearly fifty years of service to his Nation. If one were to describe Paul, he would begin by saying that his qualities exemplify those found in a true American patriot. He is always at work early, stays late, always on task, and never ever complains about the challenges that face him. One might find this hard to believe—and assume that these words are simply tributary rhetoric—but if you know Paul, you know every word is true.

Paul comes from the heart of the plains—Norfolk, Nebraska, a farm boy attending a one room country school with one teacher, sixteen students in nine grades. He made good marks, and upon graduation from high school received an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. The day after graduation, he married the love of his life, Ann, and began to raise a family.

Paul was an Armor officer trained at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and successfully completed all of the major military education courses, including parachute and Ranger school. His military career took him across the globe. He was first assigned in Germany, then attended helicopter flight school, returned to assignments at Fort Knox and again to Germany. Paul commanded an Abrams tank battalion in Kansas and then served in a variety of important capacities at the Pentagon before his family moved to Korea for his final military tour.

Including his Academy years, Paul's retirement comprises over 34 years of service to the U.S. Army, retiring as a full Colonel. He served the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization upon retirement, and, most recently, for the past 15 years, the Committee on Appropriations has been fortunate to benefit from Paul's years of military experience, his expert knowledge of protocols and procedures, and his dedication to our country.

During his years in Congress, Paul has been a professional staff member for the Defense Subcommittee. His various portfolios have included operations and maintenance accounts, Working Capitol funds, Department of Defense Inspector General accounts, Civil Air Patrol funding, Army-wide procurement and research and development accounts, and the Joint IED Defeat Organization. Through these portfolios, Paul has helped the Committee provide thoughtful guidance to the Department, including its policies related to all Army ground and air combat resources.

It will be difficult to fill Paul Terry's shoes here in Congress. In fact, that task will be quite impossible. But Paul has served his na-

tion well, and the achievement of his retirement is fully deserved.

God's speed Paul. You will be missed by one and all here in the Nation's Capital.

HONORING HANNAH FREEDOM SCHOOL

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Hannah Freedom School's Resolution on Childhood Poverty, which seeks to end childhood poverty by 2030. Introduced by the Hannah Children's Defense Fund's Freedom School's 2015 Scholars—a group of 50 children ages 7–10 in Marin City, California—this resolution promotes equal access to opportunities for all children. In recognition of the scholars' commitment to combating poverty in our community and beyond, it is fitting that I submit the following resolution.

HANNAH FREEDOM SCHOOL RESOLUTION ON CHILDHOOD POVERTY

As part of the Children's Defense Fund's Freedom School Family, we are taught that we can make a difference in ourselves, our families, our communities, the nation and the world. In order to be all that we can be, we have learned that all children everywhere deserve a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start and the support of caring families and communities. But we also have learned that not all kids get what they deserve. Global poverty denies children these important opportunities. In as much as:

In America, 14.7 million children live in poverty. That means that about one out of every five kids is poor. If you are black or brown, the number is closer to one in three—even in families where parents are working.

If you are poor as a child, you have a lesser chance of graduating from high school or going to college, but a greater chance of going to jail or being in a low paying job, which means you have a greater chance of becoming a poor adult, suffering from poor health, and becoming involved in the criminal justice system.

Poverty has no face. It can be anybody. It can be anywhere. Not just homeless people. Not just kids in hoodies. Not just in urban areas. It is even in Marin. There are 21,000 poor families in Marin who live on less than \$24,000 a year, while most families in our county earn more than \$80,000 per year.

Children living in poverty, almost 2,000 in Marin, often struggle in school to keep up with their classmates in math, science and language arts.

Poverty is not safe. It is not healthy. It is not fair. It is wrong. It must be ended.

We, the students of Hannah Freedom School commit to work toward ending childhood poverty in our lifetime, joining the global initiative to end poverty by 2030. Therefore, Be It Resolved that:

Being poor is like being on punishment. It means that you have to go without. You have to go without good and nutritious food,

decent housing, healthy neighborhoods, or schools that address your needs or celebrate your culture. It amounts to 'cruel and unusual' punishment that must be abolished.

Childhood poverty can be ended globally by 2030.

We as children are using our voices, now it's time for the adults to use theirs.

We call on our lawmakers to imagine ending child poverty in our county, in our state, in our nation now.

Ending child poverty means that we will be able to stop the cradle to prison pipeline, we will be better educated, and we will be better prepared for a peaceful world.

As Bryan Stevenson, founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative, stated: "The opposite of poverty is not wealth . . . the opposite of poverty is justice . . . and opportunity."

RECOGNIZING THE CROATIAN SONS LODGE NUMBER 170

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate the Croatian Sons Lodge Number 170, of the Croatian Fraternal Union, on the festive occasion of its Golden Member banquet, held on Sunday, October 18, 2015.

The Croatian Fraternal Union celebrated their gala at the Croatian Center in Merrillville, Indiana. Traditionally, the celebration entails a formal recognition of the Union's Golden Members, those who have reached fifty years of membership. This year's honorees who have attained fifty years of membership include Carol Ann Ammon, Rosemarie Brackett, Janet Browning, Nicholas James Constantine, Michael Dujmovic, Thomas Michael Gillam, Florence A. Liss, Denise Ann Lukrafka, Patricia Anne Marince, Margaret J. Mrzljak, Ronald E. Ostrowski, Penelope A. Pappas, Marian Lucille Pozgay, Richard James Putz, Carolyn Rarey, Barbara Ann Rubesha, James Joseph Rubino, Richard Sturtridge, James William Svetich, and Mary Ann Tuskan.

This memorable day began with a mass at Saint Joseph the Worker Croatian Catholic Church in Gary, Indiana, with the Reverend Father Stephen Loncar officiating.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Lodge President John Miksich and all the members of the Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge Number 170 for their loyalty and radiant display of passion for their ethnicity. The Croatian community has played a key role in enriching the quality of life and culture of Northwest Indiana. It is my hope that this year will bring renewed prosperity for all members of the Croatian community and their families.

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