

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MIKE SUGRUE

**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Mike Sugrue for his service to our country. Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Mike Sugrue served at Bethesda National Medical Center in the early to mid 1960s.

As a Hospital Corpsman, Mike Sugrue was an enlisted medical specialist in the United States Navy/Marine Corps who also trained for battlefield conditions. During Corpsman Sugrue's tenure he became an instructor in the Cardio Pulmonary Lab where he trained numerous other corpsmen and doctors in arterial blood gas studies, bronchograms, bronchoscopers, as well as pulmonary blood gas studies. Corpsman Sugrue's service no doubt saved countless lives and prepared others to do the same.

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 Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Mike Sugrue for his service and dedication that allow us the freedoms we enjoy today.

RECOGNIZING WARREN KRECH ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 40 YEARS IN THE RADIO INDUSTRY

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Mr. Warren Krech. "Mr. Jefferson City", has retired after 30 years in Jefferson City radio and over 40 years in the radio industry. Warren most recently spent his time entertaining listeners as the morning news and talk host on KWOS News Radio 950.

A native of South Dakota and graduate from the University of Minnesota, Mr. Krech found his love of radio while serving in the United States Army—specifically with the American Forces Radio & TV in East Africa. Warren and his family moved from Wisconsin to Jefferson City, Missouri in 1984. When Mr. Krech moved to Missouri, he worked for Frank Newell at KJMO. While some consider broadcasting to be a nomadic business, Warren wanted to settle his then young family in the Jefferson City community.

Throughout his radio years, Mr. Krech sat in the DJ chair, but found his niche when he was able to enter talk radio format. For 23 years, Warren has worked with John Marsh at KJMO and KWOS. During Operation Desert Storm, Mr. Krech and John Marsh, hosted a "Tape

from Home" at the local mall where people could come record their comments for friends and family who were serving in the military.

Mr. Krech is the current and three time winner of the News Tribune's "Readers' Choice" award for favorite local radio personality. Additionally, Warren is an active local emcee and speaker for charities including: Samaritan Center, Special Olympics, and Heart Association. Mr. Krech has been host of the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon for 13 years on KOMU-TV.

With this retirement, Mr. Krech will now be able to spend more time with his wife, Marcia, who is a retired Jefferson City teacher. He has a daughter, Sarah, who lives in St. Louis and a son, Ben, who lives in Washington, DC. Warren also enjoys the St. Louis Cardinals, running, cycling, gardening, and his two cats.

I ask you in joining me in recognizing Mr. Warren Krech on his retirement. His commitment to the radio industry and his local community makes this a commendable accomplishment.

HONORING THE LIFE OF REAR ADMIRAL KEVIN FRANCIS DELANEY, USN (RET.)

**HON. ANDER CRENSHAW**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and life of Rear Admiral Kevin Francis Delaney, USN (Ret.), who defended our nation with distinction for 34 years as a member of the United States Navy. He died on April 7, 2015, but on June 10, 2016 we have yet another occasion to honor his service to our country and community. On that day, Hangar 1122 at Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jacksonville) will be named in Kevin's honor for his outstanding airmanship and courage, his exceptional stewardship of natural resources, and his leadership and concern for the sailors of the United States Navy.

I'd like to take a moment to share some of Kevin's accomplishments through the course of his career both in and out of uniform. His commitment to our country did not end with retirement: He used his quality leadership skills, infectious charismatic spirit, and deep-seated care for his fellow citizens and worked hard in our Jacksonville, Florida community to make it a better place.

Kevin was a proud Vietnam Veteran. He flew helicopter gunships on 686 combat missions in support of the Navy riverine forces and SEAL units in the Mekong Delta. For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action on one of those missions, Kevin was awarded the Silver Star. In all, Kevin received 98 awards and decorations of which 64 were for combat action and also included the Distinguished Flying Cross, 11 Single Action Air Medals, 26 Strike/Fight Air Medals, and six Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses.

Kevin served in six operational aircraft squadrons, had multiple major staff assignments, and was air boss on the USS *Guadalcanal* off the coast of Beirut. His naval career included six command tours including two aviation squadrons, an aircraft wing, and NAS Jacksonville. Under his command, the base was selected as the Navy's top shore installation in 1991. Kevin was awarded the Legion of Merit as Commanding Officer of NAS Jacksonville for, among other things, enhancing the quality of life for all personnel and improving the profitability of morale, welfare, and recreation programs by 107 percent by utilizing a unique Treat Everyone As Myself (TEAM) approach.

Kevin's final command, headquartered at NAS Jacksonville, was as the Navy's Regional Commander for the Southeastern United States and the Caribbean. Rear Admiral Delaney was responsible for over 40 commands, including 17 major naval installations. He received the Navy Distinguished Service Medal for his work as the Commander. The accompanying citation says: A brilliant visionary, he built solid and ambitious professional partnerships with local community agencies.

Kevin came to our town in the military, but he remained as a veteran and became a great civic leader. He was recognized as one of Jacksonville's 10 Most Influential Business Leaders of the Decade in 2000. The list of volunteer activities of Kevin Delaney is both long and varied. He served on the boards of 19 area non-profit organizations and was past chairman or president of the following organizations: the Ronald McDonald House Advisory Board, Florida State College of Jacksonville Foundation, Rotary Club of Jacksonville, Northeast Florida Safety Council, United Way of Northeast Florida, and Jacksonville Beaches Chamber of Commerce. Kevin was appointed by the Governor of Florida to serve on the Florida Defense Support Task Force and also served on the U.S. Small Business Administration's National Advisory council, and on the National Board of Directors of The Wounded Warrior Project.

In 2014, Kevin was honored by the SBA as the Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year for Florida, by the Jacksonville Business Journal as a Veteran of Influence, and by the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce as the first member of its Military Hall of Fame. It was later named in his honor. Mr. Speaker, I ask you and Members of the House to join me in saluting the life and service of Rear Admiral Kevin F. Delaney, USN (Ret.).

RECOGNIZING THE GARY CRUSADER ON ITS 55TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and admiration that I recognize

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The Gary Crusader, as the company celebrates its 55th anniversary, 55 Years Highlighting our Past and Crusading for our Future. In honor of this special occasion, an anniversary gala will be held in the Hangar at B. Coleman Aviation, located at the Gary/Chicago International Airport, on June 3, 2016. The keynote speaker for the event is critically acclaimed author and renowned scholar, Michael Eric Dyson.

The Gary Crusader is a weekly publication serving the City of Gary and the community of Northwest Indiana. Since its founding in 1961, by the late Balm L. Leavell Jr. and Joseph H. Jefferson, at the invitation of Kelly and Samuel Polk, the Crusader successfully upheld its mission, using its news pages to reflect on justice and equality for all people. In 1968, Mrs. Dorothy Leavell took over as editor and publisher of The Gary Crusader, after the passing of her husband, Balm Leavell. Throughout the years, Dorothy has been a strong, accomplished, and innovative business leader. The Gary Crusader is an active member of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), a federation of the more than 200 African American-owned community newspapers throughout the United States. In 1995, Dorothy became the second female in history to become president of the NNPA for a two-year term and served at its president from 1995 to 1999. She also served as chairperson of the NNPA Foundation from 2006 to 2011. In August 2016, Mrs. Leavell will be inducted into the Hall of Fame of the National Association of Black Journalists. For her dedication to the City of Gary and the community of Northwest Indiana, Dorothy is worthy of the highest praise.

I would like to take the time to mention some of the inspiring leaders in Northwest Indiana who have worked with The Gary Crusader to bring about positive change and to inspire the community. They include former mayor of Gary Richard Hatcher, the late Lake County Commissioner Roosevelt Allen, The Gary Crusader's first female editor, the late Dolly Millender, State Senator Earline Rogers, and Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson, who is the honorary chairperson of the 55th anniversary gala. I would also be remiss if I do not mention the respect my father John Visclosky had for Balm Leavell and the importance he attached to their wonderful friendship.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating The Gary Crusader on its 55th anniversary. For the past 55 years, the staff and leadership have touched the lives of countless individuals through their unwavering commitment to the community of Gary and throughout Northwest Indiana.

JACK KNIGHT

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jack Knight for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Jack Knight is a 9th grader at Stanley Lake High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jack Knight is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jack Knight for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH (LISA) JOYCE FREEMAN ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS DIRECTOR OF THE VETERANS AFFAIRS PALO ALTO HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the hard work and dedication of Lisa Freeman who retires today after many years of service to our nation's veterans.

For the last five years Lisa Freeman served as the Director of the Veterans Health Care System in Palo Alto, one of the largest, busiest veterans health centers in our country. She did the job with enthusiasm, efficiency and compassion. As director she was responsible for overseeing the complex needs of thousands of veterans, administering an annual budget of more than \$1 billion, a capital budget of \$2.67 billion, and organizing upwards of 7,000 staff and volunteers. She was so expert in doing her job that when the sad news of mismanagement at the veterans system in Arizona became public, it was Lisa Freeman that the Secretary of the VA tapped to make corrections in reforming the Arizona shortfalls. In the end, the entire VA health care system learned from her competence and management prowess.

But I best know Lisa Freeman from the yeoman's work she did to help create the first from-the-ground-up joint DOD-VA health clinic in my district.

For years the military community—veterans, active and retired military and their families—all knew options for health care were limited on the Central Coast in general and on the Monterey Peninsula, where there are numerous military installations, in particular. Under the leadership of the late Maj. Gen. William "Bill" Gourley, slowly a plan took shape to create a clinic that would serve the dual purposes of our active and retired military servicemen as well as our veterans. Lisa Freeman became an integral part of this effort and took over leadership of the effort as time went along, helping to coordinate the many federal sub-agencies necessary to make the dream of this clinic a reality.

I am happy to say the ribbon cutting for that clinic will be this October, in no short measure due to the perseverance of Lisa Freeman.

Mr. Speaker, Lisa Freeman will be missed by all of us who interact with the Palo Alto Veterans Health Care System. I am especially grateful to her for all she's done for the veterans in my district and across all of Cali-

fornia. I commend her to you and to our colleagues in the House and hope you will all wish her well as she leaves government service for a well-deserved retirement.

HONORING ERIN HURLEY

### HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Erin Hurley of Marin County, California, for her selection as the Classified Employee of the Year at the 2016 Golden Bell Awards Ceremony, presented by the Marin County Office of Education in collaboration with the Marin County School Board Association and other local civic organizations. An occupational therapist, Ms. Hurley has dedicated more than two decades to improving the health and welfare of students in Marin County.

For the past 15 years, Ms. Hurley has worked at Marindale Early Intervention, where she serves more than 100 students facing a critical time in their development. A student-centered professional, she advocates for appropriate placements and the implementation of strategies specific for each child. She also works to educate staff and parents on body mechanics and ergonomics for themselves and for their students and children.

Ms. Hurley works hard to develop relationships with each of the young people she works with. Along with understanding students' specific motor abilities and behavioral and communication goals, she makes an effort to create a comfortable and safe environment where students feel comfortable challenging themselves.

The Golden Bell Awards celebrate public education in Marin County by recognizing outstanding teachers and supportive community partners. Each year, they select an exemplary educator, classified employee, teacher, and trustee for recognition.

Mr. Speaker, it is therefore fitting that we honor and thank Erin Hurley for her contributions to students and public education in Marin County and California.

VALERIE GRASSO

### HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary career of Valerie Bailey Grasso. Ms. Grasso retired earlier this year, concluding a remarkable 32 years of federal civil service with the Department of the Navy, the Library of Congress, and the Congressional Research Service (CRS). For the last 18 years, she has served as a defense acquisition policy analyst in the Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division of the CRS, rising to Specialist, the highest grade attainable. While at the CRS, she supplied Members of Congress, their personal staffs, and the staffs of congressional committees with consistently high quality insights, policy analysis, and historical context. I personally relied on reports she authored on topics