

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF FARM CREDIT

SPEECH OF

**HON. BRAD ASHFORD**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 14, 2016*

Mr. ASHFORD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer my congratulations to the Farm Credit System as its cooperative owners and employees celebrate one hundred years of service. The Farm Credit System has provided a dependable source of financing for farmers, ranchers, and farm cooperatives throughout the years to ensure the agriculture industry can continue to feed America and serve as the backbone of our economy. I am also honored to serve as a cosponsor of House Resolution 591 to formally commend the Farm Credit System for their one hundred years of service to America's farmers and ranchers since the Federal Farm Loan Act of 1916 was signed into law by President Woodrow Wilson.

Today in the second district of Nebraska, Farm Credit Services of America has been actively supporting the next generation of the agriculture workforce through its ongoing financial support for organizations like 4-H and Future Farmers of America. In addition to these groups, they are a key player in an industry-wide partnership to support Omaha Bryan High School's Urban Agriculture Academy. This innovative and important program allows students to study leadership skills, explore agriculture related careers, and gain a sense of community in the agriculture industry. One in three jobs in Nebraska is agriculture-related, and there is a strong demand for skills suited to those industries. Omaha Bryan is filling this demand with students who would otherwise not be aware of what a job in the agriculture industry can look like. Investment in the Omaha Bryan program by Farm Credit and many other Omaha businesses has been instrumental in getting the program, now in its fourth year, through the crucial, early development stages.

Thank you, Farm Credit, for your leadership and support of Nebraska agriculture and rural communities.

REMEMBERING COL. WILLIAM  
BREEZE

**HON. DAVID E. PRICE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 16, 2016*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and memory of Col. William Breeze of Cedar Grove, North Carolina, a dear friend, dedicated patriot, and one of the most civic-minded individuals I have ever known. Col. Breeze died on June 7 at the age of 97 at the Croasdale Retirement Community in Durham. My wife Lisa and I remember Bill

fondly and want to extend our best wishes to his family.

Bill grew up in northern Orange County and studied agriculture at the North Carolina State University—the start of a lifetime of loyalty and support (Bill had a full supply of red NCSU blazers.). In 1943, he married Elizabeth McKnight, beginning a sixty-year partnership that ended with her death in 2003.

Bill joined the Army Air Corps during World War II, serving as a skilled bomber pilot, and completed his career in the Air Force thirty years later. He was awarded the Legion of Merit and Distinguished Flying Cross.

I first got to know Bill when he returned to North Carolina after his military retirement, becoming a highly successful farmer and taking on one civic, church, or political leadership role after another. For years, he was Governor Jim Hunt's main liaison in northern Orange County, and when I first ran for Congress in 1986, Bill helped me immensely in getting around that territory. He made politics personal and enjoyable. It was quite an experience going to a rural church supper with Bill Breeze: he knew everyone, and could engage people from all walks of life with wit and warmth. Beneath it all, he was a committed citizen who looked at personal engagement and community betterment as the heart of politics. My admiration for his generosity and dedication knows no bounds.

As Bill eased out of active farming, he donated a portion of his land to North Carolina State University to be used as an incubator for young farmers, encouraging them to pursue sustainable farming—the Breeze Farm project. He also established a scholarship program for agriculture students at NCSU.

As Bill Breeze's full, rich, and caring life comes to an end, many North Carolinians have reason to give thanks for his many contributions and the lives he has touched. I am pleased to join in this tribute, for Bill Breeze exemplified love of country, service to community, and politics at its best in ways that will inspire me and many others for the rest of our lives.

RECOGNIZING HAYNIE JOAQUIN  
JACKSON

**HON. WILL HURD**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 16, 2016*

Mr. HURD of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. H. Joaquin Jackson of Alpine, Texas.

It saddens me to share that Mr. Jackson passed away in the early morning of June 16th, 2016, leaving behind family, friends, and all those who had the fortune to cross paths with him. I extend my condolences to the loved ones who will mourn his passing, but also would like to take the time to recognize the life of this extraordinary Texan. Mr. Jackson was born in 1935 in the Panhandle on his

grandfather's farm, was married for nearly 50 years, and was a proud father to two sons. He led an extraordinary life, most notably serving as a Texas Ranger for 27 years, with postings across the West Texas desert, including 21 years at his first post in Uvalde, Texas.

Mr. Jackson personified the Texas spirit of rugged resilience. As a Texas Ranger, Mr. Jackson was tasked with protecting citizens from serial killers, drug smugglers, international gangs, prison revolts, and thieves. Mr. Jackson became a legend among law enforcement officials due to his exceptional investigative abilities, innovative approaches to law enforcement, and tremendous commitment to enforcing the law. Mr. Jackson served for 27 years as a Texas Ranger, served on the Board of Directors for the National Rifle Association, served his community as a private investigator, and even acted in several movies. Mr. Jackson leaves behind two sons, Don Joaquin and Lance, and grandchildren. While Mr. Jackson is no longer with us, his spirit will live on in West Texas.

IN HONOR OF COLONEL PAUL W.  
FELLINGER

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 16, 2016*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of an outstanding soldier and public servant, Colonel Paul W. Fellingner. On June 23, 2016, he will relinquish his command of the United States Army Garrison, Presidio of Monterey, and retire from the Army later this year.

I have had the great pleasure of working with Colonel Fellingner during his tenure as the Garrison Commander of the Presidio of Monterey beginning in 2013. The Presidio garrison plays host to several thousand students and faculty of the Defense Language Institute as well as several other Army missions. Paul effectively served as the city manager of these dynamic communities. And it is in that capacity that I and my staff came to understand and rely on Paul's deep professionalism and problem solving skills in many different instances. He was the driving force behind gaining approval of an Intergovernmental Service Agreement, which was the first of its kind and set the standard for the Department of Defense. He was always highly involved in developing and maintaining partnerships with local organizations and immersed himself in the community. He helped steer several significant new construction projects to completion and has deftly managed his facilities relationship with the surrounding communities. He never failed to combine an understanding of the issue at hand with a deft personal diplomacy. It is a testament to his superlative leadership skills that Colonel Fellingner could perform so well both on the battlefield and in the base operations world.

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