

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING COACH DAVE BAILEY'S LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENTS

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2016

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Coach Dave Bailey on his recent induction to the Bedford County, Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame.

Coach Bailey took the struggling Tussey Mountain High School boys basketball program and turned it into a 42-year dominating force. With Bailey at the reigns, the Tussey Mountain Titans had an incredible winning record of 753–328. Over this period of time, his teams qualified for district playoffs 36 times, played in the district finals 21 times, and captured nine district titles. The Titans did not lose a game on their home court in Saxton for 55 consecutive games, stretching from 2006 through 2011, which rightfully resulted in their gymnasium being nicknamed “The Terror Dome.”

Coach Bailey was without a doubt a staple in the Saxton community, as over 600 high school athletes have played for Tussey Mountain under his direction, and 17 of these players achieved 1,000 point careers. When Bailey was not coaching basketball, he also coached track and field and golf for Tussey Mountain, further impacting the lives of more student athletes. Retired now, he has a little more time to spend time with his wife and children. He enjoys golfing, all sports, and naturally giving advice to the boys basketball program.

Today I am honored to recognize Dave Bailey for his exceptional coaching career and his many accomplishments. His impact on the community has been too great to put into words, and he has represented Central Pennsylvania and Bedford County with great distinction.

TRIBUTE TO THE VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2016

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the families across the country that have been touched by gun violence. I am heartbroken, angry, and dismayed over this week's shootings in Baton Rouge, Falcon Heights, and Dallas. Unfortunately, these events are all too common in communities across the country. Every day, 91 Americans lose their lives to gun violence.

The federal government can and must do more to make our communities safer. We should use California's gun safety laws as an example.

California just enacted legislation to ban the possession of magazines that hold more than 10 bullets.

California already bans most assault-style weapons.

California has stricter background checks than most states.

California mandates a cooling off period after a gun purchase.

And, California requires a background check to buy bullets.

Let's follow California's lead.

Congress should pass “No Fly, No Buy.”

Congress should vote on mandatory background checks.

Congress should ban assault weapons.

Let's have the courage to stand up to the powerful gun lobby.

Two weeks ago, I was proud to join the historic sit-in to demand congressional action on bipartisan gun safety laws.

The sit-in was widely supported by millions of law abiding Americans, including responsible gun owners, who want Congress to enact commonsense gun legislation.

Instead, Speaker RYAN has pushed forward a watered-down bill that already failed in the Republican-led Senate. This is not a real attempt at preventing future gun violence.

No more moments of silence. Instead I call for moments of action by this legislative body. For victims of gun violence and their families and for our children and grandchildren, let's do something that will make our communities safer.

400 YEARS OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY COMMISSION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 4539, the “400 Years of African-American History Commission Act,” which will develop and carry out activities that commemorate the arrival of Africans in English colonies in 1619 at Point Comfort, Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, today it is difficult to imagine there once was a time in our country when African-Americans were owned, disrespected, and treated as less than second-class citizens for hundreds of years.

However, since the 1960's we have witnessed social and economic revolutions that have transformed our country for the better and brought about the greatest reduction in economic and social inequality among Americans in history.

H.R. 4539 will create programs that highlight the undeniable impact that slavery, de jure segregation, Jim Crow Laws, and the Black Codes had in creating and mandating systemic racism and inequality.

The Commission will plan programs that acknowledge the impacts that marred the social, political, and economic progress of African-Americans in the United States.

The Commission encourages the collaboration of organizations that honor the great con-

tributions of African-American activists, leaders, writers, and artists.

H.R. 4539 encourages the collaboration and participation of civic, economic, historical, educational, patriotic, artistic, and religious organizations to come together to celebrate anniversary activities.

The contributions of African-Americans to our great nation is an essential part of our history and should be celebrated.

Tribute must be paid to the trailblazers, pioneers, heroes, and leaders, the countless number of well-known and unsung heroes whose contributions have helped our nation become a more perfect union

The African-American History Commission will help us honor those who have come before us, and pay forward to future generations by addressing what is the number one issue for all American families today: preserving the American promise of economic opportunity for all.

To accomplish this, the Commission will assist non-profit organizations, localities, and states to further the commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the arrival of Africans in English colonies by allowing grant funding for the development of programs

The Commission is also authorized to provide funding for research and academic and public policy organizations to publish and distribute information about the arrival of Africans in the United States and their contribution to this country.

It took hard work, courage, patience, determination, and most of all, an unwavering faith that America could live up to the true meaning of its creed.

Mr. Speaker, enacting H.R. 4539 and establishing the African-American History Commission will lay the foundation for the next generation of groundbreaking activists, leaders, scientists, writers and artists to continue contributing to the greatness of America.

Social progress and justice does not always come easy or overnight but with commitment, determination, and perseverance, progress can be made and barriers can be broken.

It is through our work in creating possibilities and programs for today and future generations that we best honor the accomplishments and legacy of our predecessors.

Through the establishment of the 400 Years of African-American History Commission, that is made possible.

I urge all Members to join me in supporting H.R. 4539.

TRIBUTE TO IRENE AND RICHARD SWANSON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Irene and Richard Swanson of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the

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