

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THE HONORABLE MARK TAKAI

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, as Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, I rise today to honor our colleague and friend, the Honorable Kyle Mark Takai of Hawaii, who passed away on July 20, 2016 at the age of 49 after a hard fought battle with pancreatic cancer.

Mark was a true patriot, public servant, and friend who truly had the "aloha spirit." From a young age, Mark's parents instilled in him a love of service and giving back to his community. This strong commitment to improving the lives of the people of Hawaii and all Americans was integrally woven into the fabric of his distinguished military and public service career.

A graduate of the University of Hawaii, Mark was elected to the Hawaii State House of Representatives in 1994 at the age of 27 to represent his home district of Pearl City, Hawaii. He served for two decades before being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2014. Throughout his tenure in the Hawaii State legislature, he was a strong champion for the military and our veterans, a cause he continued to champion in the U.S. Congress as a member of the House Armed Services Committee. As a proud member of the Hawaii Army National Guard who was deployed to the Middle East in 2009 as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Mark understood firsthand the sacrifice that our military men and women make every day to protect our freedoms and never stopped fighting for them.

As a member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) in Congress, his vision and contributions helped to improve the lives of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders all across this country. This included notable efforts to reunite Filipino World War II veterans with their loved ones, secure treatment for atomic veterans suffering from service-related radiation exposure, and to commemorate the patriotism of Japanese Americans during World War II.

Mark was also a strong proponent for cancer research. In fact, I will never forget the tears in his eyes when he first learned about Vice President JOE BIDEN's Cancer Moonshot initiative and the warm embrace they shared at the House Democratic Retreat. It gave Mark and millions of Americans hope that we will finally find a cure for cancer. In his memory, we will continue hoping and fighting until this becomes a reality.

We in CAPAC value the privilege we had to work with Mark in Congress, and will never forget his warmth, kindness, and strong dedication to bettering our community and our country. On behalf of the 50 Members of CAPAC, I thank Mark for his lifetime of leadership and service. I also thank his wife, Sami,

their children, Matthew and Kaila, and his parents, Erik and Naomi, for sharing Mark with us and the people of Hawaii.

The Asian American and Pacific Islander community has lost one of its great leaders, but his legacy will continue to live on through the lives he touched and the individuals he will continue to inspire for generations to come.

HONORING WILLIAM M. HALKE OF PENNSYLVANIA

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor my constituent, Major William M. Halke, on his retirement upon more than 40 years of military and civilian service with the United States Army.

Major Halke was a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) scholarship recipient and attended the University of Maine. He completed his M.S. degree in Logistics Systems Management from the University of Southern California's Viterbi School of Engineering via the GI Bill. He served more than 9 years in active military service, deployed to South Korea and Fort Lewis, Washington. Major Halke now retires after many years of civilian service with the United States Army Test and Evaluation Command.

Major Halke's tireless dedication, professionalism and sacrifice touched the lives of countless people and challenged all with whom he served to be the best. His legacy of service to our Nation is admirable and sets the standard for all to follow.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, with great pride I commend and congratulate Major William M. Halke upon his retirement after 40 years of selfless service to the United States of America.

UNITED STATES FINANCIAL SYSTEM PROTECTION ACT OF 2016

SPEECH OF

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I strongly oppose the Financial Services Protection Act of 2016 (H.R. 4992). Unfortunately, I could not be in DC to vote against the bill as I was home in Minneapolis for the funeral of Philando Castile.

This bill undercuts the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), also known as the Iran nuclear deal, by disrupting permissible financial transactions between Iran and the rest of the international community that occur completely outside the U.S. financial system. The Financial Services Protection Act of 2016 ac-

complishes this by reapplying secondary sanctions barring Iranian access to U.S. dollars in all situations, even in exchanges that do not involve a U.S. bank or pass through the U.S. financial system. This provision effectively subjects non-U.S. banks to the restrictions imposed on U.S. banks regarding dollar-denominated transactions with Iran.

This particular sanction barring all Iranian access to the U.S. dollar was lifted on the JCPOA's Implementation Day in return for Iran taking significant steps to meet its nuclear-related commitments, as verified by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). If this sanction were to be re-imposed, it would make Iran's reintegration into the global financial system incredibly difficult and likely negate much of the relief promised by the JCPOA.

In the Financial Services Protection Act of 2016 becomes law, our partners and Iran would both have reason to question our commitment to the nuclear deal, and Iran would likely seriously question the continued benefits of compliance with the nuclear deal. Therefore, the provisions contained within this bill could open a path for Iran to restart its nuclear program. This would put the nuclear deal at risk, undermine our national security interests, and significantly damage U.S. credibility and leadership abroad.

The JCPOA is a historic diplomatic achievement. It has not only constrained Iran's nuclear program and led to the dismantlement of key components of the program, but also subjected the program to unprecedented verification and monitoring requirements.

Simply put, the JCPOA ensures that Iran's nuclear program is and continues to be peaceful. As long as Iran continues to meet its commitments, we too must keep our commitments. Thus I oppose this bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. SEBASTIAN SILVEIRA

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Mr. Sebastian Silveira for his service to my office and California's Central Valley.

Mr. Silveira was born on September 23, 1990 in Hanford, California to David and Mary Lou Silveira. After attending St. Rose McCarthy Catholic School in Hanford, California, Mr. Silveira went on to receive his Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture Business with a minor in Water Law and Policy from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, California.

As a young adult, Mr. Silveira first showed an interest in public service as an intern for Congressman DEVIN NUNES where he worked diligently and earned the respect of many of his peers. After working for Congressman NUNES, Mr. Silveira was hired in January of 2014 as a Field Representative in my Hanford,

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California Congressional Office. His hard work was apparent early on and he was soon promoted to Senior Field Representative, a position in which he has excelled. Mr. Silveira's strong work ethic has grown during his tenure, which is evident by his commitment to constituent events and his passion for water policy. As one of the most important issues in the Twenty-First Congressional District, Mr. Silveira has worked to become a trusted advisor on water related issues.

Outside of work, Mr. Silveira is a pillar in our local community. He volunteers his time at the local food bank and helps to serve meals to those in need at a local soup kitchen once a week. Mr. Silveira is an active member in both the Kings County Young Republicans and the Kings County Republican Party Central Committee. In addition, Mr. Silveira enjoys spending time and helping his family on their vineyard, which has contributed immensely to his knowledge and interest in wine making.

Mr. Silveira's time with my office came to a close on July 29, 2016 when he left to attend the McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, California. Knowing Mr. Silveira, his character, and his work ethic, I have no doubt that he will achieve many great things in his future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Sebastian Silveira for his public service to the people of the Central Valley and wishing him well as he embarks on the next chapter of his life.

TRIBUTE TO ALAN SCHENCK

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Alan Schenck of Clarinda, Iowa for being inducted into the 2016 Iowa Senior Olympics Hall of Fame Class.

As a Clarinda native, Alan has always excelled in athletic competition. He got his start in 1973 at the University of Iowa where he was part of not only the swimming and diving team for three years, but also the Iowa Hawkeyes football team for two years. During his time at the University of Iowa his love for athletics and competition grew and his enthusiasm continues still, today. Alan has taken his passion for athletics and successfully made himself one of the most accomplished athletes to ever take part in the Iowa Senior Olympics. All across the Midwest Alan has won numerous medals in swimming, diving and track & field. He has participated in the games for 14 years and accumulated an impressive medal count, reaching almost 200 overall medals.

Alan's impressive resume doesn't stop with his lifelong athletic achievements. He served his country during the Vietnam War as a member of the Air Force and now continues his involvement in a number of veteran organizations. He is a member of the American Legion, the Sons of American Legions and the Sons of the Confederate Veterans Organization. Earlier this year, Alan was also appointed to serve on my Service Academy and Review Board to help select four young people from Iowa's Third Congressional District to attend each of the four United States Service Academies.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Alan for his induction into the 2016 Iowa Senior Olympics Hall of Fame Class. I am proud to represent Alan in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Alan Schenck and wishing him nothing but continued success.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF JOHN "PETE" KIRBY

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge my constituent, Chief John "Pete" Kirby, from Centreville, Virginia. Chief Kirby will be hanging up his gear for the final time after 40 years of combined service with the Vienna and Centreville Volunteer Fire Departments.

From a young age, Pete was infatuated with the heroic service demonstrated by his local volunteer fire department. Following the footsteps of his uncle and idol, Austin Kirby, Pete began his public service 40 years ago when he joined the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department at age 16.

Over the years, his hard work and positive outlook led him on a path to becoming Chief of the Centreville Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD). His time with the CVFD has been marked by efficiently leading his firefighters, as well as guiding the department's operations in emergency situations. In 2015, Pete was elected to serve as the Third Vice President of the Virginia State Firefighter's Association. Chief Kirby leaves office with a legacy of hands-on leadership and deep community ties.

Known to help those in need, even when off duty, Pete will be missed by all those who knew him. Even though he is leaving his role as the Chief of the Centreville Volunteer Fire Department, I am certain he will continue his role as a local Good Samaritan.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Chief Kirby's public work. His desire to serve those in need is commendable, and I implore each of us to imitate his dedication to duty. I wish Chief John "Pete" Kirby the best in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF STAND OUT'S DEDICATION TOWARDS MILITARY DIVERSITY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Volunteers of America (VOA) Veterans Services, California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet), Los Rios College District, Mather VA Hospital, Women's Veterans Alliance, and Spiritual Warriors as they come together at the Stand Out celebration, recognizing the diversity of those who have served in the military. Additionally, this year marks the five year anniversary of the Don't Ask Don't Tell Repeal Act. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring these fine organizations participating in this celebration.

The Stand Out event reaches out to Northern California's military members and veterans who are underserved in a variety of areas including healthcare, housing, and employment. This year's event honors all women and LGBT veterans in the hopes that they will obtain the resources, education, and access to services that have been challenging to pursue, but nonetheless rightfully deserved. California has the largest population of homeless women and LGBT veterans in the nation. Since the transition from military to the civilian sector is challenging and often met with barriers, especially for women and the LGBT community, organizations participating in the Stand Out event are working together to ensure that these communities have the information and support to receive their rightful benefits.

In participating in the Stand Out celebration, it is important to recognize that all of this progress has not come easily, especially with the fear and hatred that exists for these populations. We thank those who are dedicated to helping these underserved communities of women and LGBT veterans despite the many challenges they have faced along the way.

Mr. Speaker, as the members of the Stand Out event celebrate military diversity and the five year anniversary of the Don't Ask Don't Tell Repeal Act, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring them for their commitment to women and LGBT veterans.

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF YORK LODGE NO. 213, BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the 125th Anniversary of York Lodge No. 213, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Since its founding on July 10, 1891, the Lodge has made immeasurable contributions to the welfare of our community through countless civic and charitable endeavors.

Whether providing college scholarships to local students, back-to-school programs for the children of homeless Veterans and students living in impoverished areas, drug awareness efforts and many other activities, Elks Lodge No. 213 has served/continues to serve the people of York and the surrounding region. York Lodge No. 213 steadfastly embodies its mission to inculcate the principles of charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, I'm proud to have this organization in our District and congratulate its Members on the 125th Anniversary of the York Lodge No. 213, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

HONORING TYLER WILLIAMS

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tyler Williams of Hillsboro, Missouri. Tyler is a member of Troop 547 in the