

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CORRECTION

IN RECOGNITION OF CARL SWOPE,
2017 TIME DEALER OF THE YEAR

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2017

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine who was recently awarded one of the highest honors in his industry. Mr. Carl Swope, owner of Swope Toyota located in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, in my Congressional District, was named the 2017 TIME Dealer of the Year. The TIME Dealer of the Year award is one of the automobile industry's most prestigious and highly coveted honors.

After graduating from Indiana University, Mr. Swope began working at his father's car dealerships. In 1986, Mr. Swope purchased his first dealership, a single store with 50 employees. Today, Mr. Swope oversees six dealerships representing nine brands in Elizabethtown and Radcliff, Kentucky, and employing over 300 associates.

Mr. Swope is an active participant in the Elizabethtown community. He currently serves as a member of the Hardin County Chamber of Commerce, the Knox Regional Development Board, the Lincoln Heritage Council for the Boy Scouts of America, the Elizabethtown Tourism Commission, the Elizabethtown Airport Board, and the Hardin Memorial Health Foundation Board. He also established a local affiliate for Habitat for Humanity and remains an active part of the organization.

On behalf of all the constituents of Kentucky's 2nd Congressional District, I congratulate Mr. Carl Swope on being named the 2017 TIME Dealer of the Year. I wish him and the Swope family all the best.

BIRTHDAY PROCLAMATION FOR
ANIKA AND PRIAM ZELA

HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2017

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, Anika and Priam Zela, twin sister and brother, will be honored by their parents, nona, family and friends on the occasion of their 1st Birthday on March 18th, 2017; and

Whereas, Anika and Priam Zela were born in Phoenix, Arizona on March 16th, 2016, at 12:45 p.m. and 12:36 p.m., respectively, blessing their parents and their family, and have been residents of Scottsdale, Arizona since then; and

Whereas, March has been a blessed month for Anika and Priam, as their parents first met on March 3rd, 2007, the wedding of their parents was held on March 20th, 2011 and they came to this life on March 16th, 2016; whereas March marks the beginning of Spring,

where the grips of winter are just beginning to lose their hold as a new season of life begins too; whereas March was the beginning of a New Year and is still celebrated as such in many cultures and religions; whereas March marks the Vernal Equinox where northern and southern hemispheres are equally illuminated and day and night are of equal duration all over the earth symbolizing a twin approach; whereas March marks the International Day of Happiness exactly to the day their parents wedded and Equinox happens, as well as marks the World Mathematics Day; whereas March's birthstones are aquamarine and bloodstone that both symbolize courage; whereas March is named after Mars, the god of war, fertility and agriculture who oversaw the new growth of Spring, and encouraged the continuation of life; whereas the personality of March (and Mars) is charging, unrelinquishing and brutally assertive as, at this point in the year, there is no stopping the burgeoning birth of new life; whereas March (and Mars) is a high-speed locomotive on a single-focused monorail with only one objective: Explosive Expression; whereas March meaning embodies the reigniting of the hearts and consciousness of humankind, a time when we feel the initial kicks of Spring from the deepest womb of the Mother Earth; and, like our ancestors, we are quickened, our soul-palettes are whetted for new conquest and bold assertion and we set a course for forward-momentum; and

Whereas 2016 (MMXVI) was a leap year starting on Friday of the Gregorian calendar, the 2016th year of the Common Era; and

Whereas 2016 was a very eventful year, designated as the International Year of Global Understanding, where ESA and Roscosmos launched the joint ExoMars Trace Gas Orbiter on a mission to Mars; where Gotthard Base Tunnel, the world's longest and deepest railway tunnel, was opened; where NASA's Juno spacecraft entered orbit around Jupiter and NASA launched OSIRIS-REx, its first asteroid sample return mission; where the final video-cassette recorder was manufactured by the Japanese company Funai; where the Solar Impulse 2 became the first solar-powered aircraft to circumnavigate the Earth, and where Summer Olympics were held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and

Whereas, March 16 is the 75th day of the year (76th in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar and there are 290 days remaining until the end of the year; and

Whereas, March 16 is the birthday of James Madison, Jr., the Founding Father and fourth President of the United States and who is hailed as the Father of our Constitution and the Bill of Rights, as well as is the birthday of Georg Ohm, one the most famous physicists and mathematicians; and

Whereas, their parents, family and society expect them to live long and productive lives and be a force for good, justice and progress for those around them, the country and the world; and

Now, Therefore, it is hereby deemed a pleasure to extend this Certificate of Recogni-

tion to Anika & Priam Zela on the occasion of their 1st Birthday, with sincere congratulations and best wishes for a long, happy and successful life, wishing them that, with courage, knowledge, love and a spirit of discovery, there would be no limit to the heights they can reach, keeping their eyes on the stars, and their feet on the ground.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2017

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, on March 15, 2017, I was unable to be present for the recorded votes on roll call no. 159, 160, and 161. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

YEA on H.R. 132, the Ar buckle Project Maintenance Complex and District Office Conveyance Act of 2017, YEA on H.R. 648, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to amend the Definite Plan Report for the Seedska-dee Project to enable the use of the active capacity of the Fontenelle Reservoir, and, NAY on the Motion to Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair.

RECOGNIZING ENDOMETRIOSIS
AWARENESS MONTH

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2017

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, March is Endometriosis Awareness Month, where we recognize the impact this disease has on the quality of life for women throughout our country. The lack of awareness about endometriosis creates an environment that delays treatment and grows the cost of care.

This condition, in which the tissue that forms the lining of the uterus is found in areas outside the endometrium, causes severe pain in the body. Endometriosis occurs in about one in ten women of reproductive age, and is most often diagnosed in women in their 30s or 40s. This disease can be treated with medication, surgery, or sometimes both.

Roughly five million women in the United States suffer with endometriosis, costing an estimated \$119 billion annually. It can take more than nine years, from the onset of symptoms and visits to specialists, for women to receive a diagnosis of endometriosis; and women with endometriosis are 1.35 times more likely to need surgery or stenting to open blocked arteries.

The general lack of awareness about this disease can contribute to the unnecessary suffering of patients and the rising public costs of this disorder. We must help to bring awareness of endometriosis in order to foster the

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