

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT C. HARRISON

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Robert C. Harrison of Huntsville, Alabama in my district. He passed this life on October 25, 2017 at age 74 and leaves behind a wife, two children, their spouses, and four grandchildren.

Throughout his life, Mr. Harrison exemplified hard work, commitment, and service. He established and owned multiple local business efforts, including the Bob Harrison Ford & Lincoln Mercury Dealership and USA Land Development & Consulting. Mr. Harrison was also a steadfast community volunteer, civil rights activist, and member of many civic and charitable organizations. He served as Vice President of the National Association of Black County Officials, Subcommittee Vice Chair of the National Association of County Officials Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee, and a lifelong member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

To North Alabama's lasting benefit, Mr. Harrison was also elected to three terms as County Commissioner of Madison County, Alabama between 2004 and 2012. From that position, Mr. Harrison worked to bring economic improvement to the northwest area of Huntsville. A few examples of his legacy there include the Northwest Huntsville Community Service Organization, the Northwest Community Learning Center, and the Robert "Bob" Harrison Senior Wellness and Advocacy Center.

I am confident that the 5th Congressional District of Alabama is better today for Commissioner Harrison's dedicated service. Today, I join with all of those touched by his life in offering my condolences and prayers to his family.

2017 WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER-KATE MELLON-ANIBABA

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Kate Mellon-Anibaba of Davis, California, who has made it her mission to bring people together in the name of tolerance and spread support for marginalized groups within her community. Following this year's attacks on Muslim communities throughout California, Ms. Mellon-Anibaba organized an event she called a "Statement of Love." Her idea was to bring people together to show their support for Muslims in her community. In response to the hateful words and actions she saw directed at certain minorities, Ms. Mellon-Anibaba created her own demonstration of support, solidarity, and acceptance.

She was determined to make a positive impact in her community, and she succeeded.

Following a particularly disturbing attack on the Islamic Center right in her own community, she brought together over 1,000 people to show their support for their neighbors. She helped raise tens of thousands of dollars to help pay for repairs to businesses and places of worship targeted by hate-driven vandalism.

Ms. Mellon-Anibaba brought people together to show their support, tolerance, and acceptance of a marginalized community within their community. Her message of peace, tolerance, and support has spread to surrounding communities and inspired similar demonstrations of solidarity. Her determination to bring her community together in the face of hatred is inspirational.

TRIBUTE TO ROSE BASS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Rose Bass of Adel, Iowa on receiving the Volunteer of Excellence Award from the Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa.

The Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa strives to help give girls the courage, confidence and character necessary to make the world a better place, and they rely on countless volunteers to help instill these values. The Volunteer of Excellence Award recognizes those volunteers who have given outstanding service to help guide girls directly through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience or supporting the mission of the Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa. Rose leads Girl Scout Troops 468 and 505 in the Adel area.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent community leaders like Rose in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize her today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Rose for this outstanding recognition and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

REMEMBERING MR. GIDCUMB

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the passing of a very special individual and true patriot: Mr. Edward Earl Gidcumb. Mr. Gidcumb was 92 at the time of his passing on October 25, 2017. He was born in Harrisburg, KY, and raised by his maternal grandparents, Broughton Temple and Nancy Ann Cummins.

Mr. Gidcumb attended Harrisburg Township High School, graduating in 1943. And in 1965, he received his business degree from Paducah Junior College. During World War II, he served our nation honorably as a member of the U.S. Navy, holding rank of storekeeper second class. He was assigned to two different ships, the USS Indianapolis and USS Bottineau. He received an honorable discharge from the Navy in February 1946.

Mr. Gidcumb served in the Illinois National Guard for two years as a sergeant and squad Leader, was a member of the American Legion, and received several honors throughout his life, including being named Duke of Paducah, Honorary Patriot Guard Rider, and Honorary Mustang. In his military endeavors, he was also awarded six battle stars, an honor one should be immensely proud of. Mr. Gidcumb was truly an outstanding leader and contributor in both his military and civilian life.

After his time in the military, Mr. Gidcumb retired as a purchasing manager at Westvaco. He also served as president of the National Association of Purchasing Managers. A participant and supporter of the Kentucky Veteran and Patriot Museum, many people from across the country had the opportunity to learn about his service to the U.S. But beyond his military and career accomplishments, many will remember Mr. Gidcumb as an avid golfer and also a professional trumpeter. He directed his own Big Band dance band, "The Townsmen," for 30 years. The band played at numerous community events and regularly at First Baptist Church of Wickliffe. He enjoyed sharing his joy of golf with his friends, especially at Ballard County Country Club.

I am honored to recognize the memory of an individual whose life represented such patriotism, civic engagement, joy and compassion. Mr. Gidcumb will not soon be forgotten, as his remarkable life of accomplishments, skills and experiences will live on.

2017 WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER—JUDITH HOLZAPFEL

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Judith Holzapfel of Orland, California, whose leadership and civic spirit has no bounds. Her service to country and community began when she enlisted in the United States Air Force after having graduated from Marquette University with a degree in nursing. Following basic training, Judith was stationed at Beale Air Force Base where she met her husband. Following the birth of her son, she began her civilian career working in area hospitals.

After pursuing further education, Mrs. Holzapfel eventually became Glenn County's school nurse and continued in that role for the next 30 years. Her many years of work and

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dedication has made a difference in health education and quality of life for thousands of students and their families.

After retiring from her many years of service to Glenn County, Mrs. Holzapfel decided to continue her public services. She ran for a position on the Glenn County Board of Education, and won by an overwhelming majority.

Mrs. Holzapfel is an active member of many community service organizations throughout the county and devotes her time to helping youth, veterans, and the impoverished. Above all, as a mother, grandmother, community activist, and veteran; Mrs. Holzapfel is passionate and dedicated to upholding the values of her family, and of her country.

175TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOLEY & LARDNER LLP

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation in honor of the 175th Anniversary of Foley & Lardner LLP:

Whereas, Foley & Lardner LLP is celebrating its 175th anniversary and has made a distinct impact in the state of Wisconsin through economic investment and community engagement; and

Whereas, Foley & Lardner traces its roots in Wisconsin to 1842 when Asahel Finch and William Pitt Lynde opened the doors to their law firm in Milwaukee six years prior to Wisconsin gaining its statehood; and

Whereas, the firm, from its humble beginnings, has grown along with the state of Wisconsin, expanding to the city of Madison, and becoming the state's largest law firm; and

Whereas, Foley & Lardner opened an office in Washington, DC, in 1971, becoming the first Wisconsin law firm to open an office outside the state;

Whereas, the firm has since expanded to include 19 offices in the United States, Belgium, and Japan; and

Whereas, Foley & Lardner attorneys and staff have helped Wisconsin industries grow and thrive locally, nationally, and internationally; and

Whereas, the firm's attorneys have served the state and its communities by providing leadership in elected offices and helping shape public policy; and

Whereas, Foley & Lardner has played a significant role at critical times in our nation's history, including during the Civil War, the Great Depression, the New Deal; and

Whereas, Foley & Lardner attorneys and staff are a pillar in the community, providing many hours of pro bono and volunteer efforts; now, therefore, I, U.S. Representative MARK POCAN, do hereby proclaim Foley & Lardner on this special 175th anniversary, a leading Wisconsin business, as well as a keystone to the ongoing growth and development in our congressional district.

On behalf of the Second Congressional District of Wisconsin, I wish Foley & Lardner continued growth and success in the years ahead.

TRIBUTE TO MARK HILLENBRAND

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mark Hillenbrand of West Des Moines, Iowa for being named one of West Des Moines Chamber's Citizens of the Year for 2017.

The West Des Moines Chamber every year recognizes a Citizen of the Year, a community member who "demonstrates an unparalleled dedication to service and general betterment of the community." Mark is a Clinical Social Worker who owns a private practice in Des Moines. Over the past year, Mark, along with Valley High School Associate Principal David Maxwell, helped to organize several West Des Moines equity, diversity and multicultural discussions, bringing together the community and students to tackle educational inequality and ensure that all students have equal opportunities for a quality education.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent community leaders like Mark in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Mark for this outstanding recognition and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

2017 WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER—CHRISTINE IVORY

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Christine Ivory of Live Oak, California, who has dedicated herself to serving her community by advocating for its agricultural industry. After serving on the Board of Directors for the Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau for six years, she is to become its President. She has immersed herself in the issues of the agricultural community by serving on eleven of the farm bureau's committees. In her work at the Yuba Sutter Farm Bureau, Ms. Ivory takes particular pride in educating youth on the importance of agriculture. She has been instrumental in maintaining and growing her community's agriculture education programs, such as FFA and 4-H.

Ms. Ivory is also committed to the preservation of agricultural lands and serves in many organizations working towards this goal. She dedicates her time to many community organizations providing for economic development and community improvement. Through her extensive involvement in the agricultural industry and many service organizations, Ms. Ivory has demonstrated that she is invested in the Yuba and Sutter county communities.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded because I was absent. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 591.

CLIMATE SOLUTIONS CAUCUS

SPEECH OF

HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues in the Climate Solutions Caucus in recognition of a problem that concerns many of us—climate change.

It is hard to deny that our climate is changing. Whether caused by cyclical weather changes or impacted by man's role, it is clear we are seeing changes in the polar ice and a rise in temperatures. It is one of my goals in Congress to keep the momentum we have seen in previous decades of continuing improvement in our environment. We all want to leave our planet cleaner for our children and grandchildren.

It is my hope to advance the dialogue and advocate for more renewable and diverse energy sources. Top defense authorities, such as Secretary Mattis, have been vocal on how climate change has affected the DoD's threat assessments, resources, and operation readiness, but Congress must do more to combat this threat.

As an incoming freshman in the 115th Congress, I have made it my mission to get things accomplished. I have joined the Bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus, and have advocated for an incremental improvements approach to address climate change, while recognizing that the issue is a matter of national security. During the FY18 National Defense Authorization Act debate, I as well as some of my other House colleagues, led the charge to ensure adoption of Section 336, which recognizes climate change as a national security issue, and allows the DOD to assess its risks and determine next steps to mitigate such threats. This section ensures that the Armed Forces are prepared to handle the effects of a changing climate as it relates to military operations. By conducting studies within the Services and Combat Commands, DoD will be able to better understand the problem. Congress has a duty to ensure that the DoD is resilient and prepared for anything that may threaten its mission and operations and I hope to see the text of Section 336 in the final NDAA bill.

It is in America's best interest to improve clean energy technology and expand production of renewable energies. Environmental practices do not need to come at the expense of economic growth though. We must encourage greater environmental stewardship amongst the private sector and foster economic success. Omaha now has 30 percent of energy from wind and it's growing. I support continued use of solar, ethanol, and sources of hydrothermal.

As members of the Bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus, we proactively seek pragmatic