

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

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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

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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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