

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MILES DAVID MOORE

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2017

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to officially recognize the outstanding public achievement of my constituent Miles David Moore. Mr. Moore is a reporter for Crain Communications Inc., the author of three books of poetry and the Film Critic for Scene4.

I take this time to recognize Mr. Moore for his outstanding leadership and commitment to the IOTA Poetry Series. Begun in March 1994, sadly, September 10 was the last poetry performance at IOTA. In total, 275 readings covering countless themes occurred in the IOTA Poetry Series. Missing only two readings in all that time—one because of an ice storm, and another because of a water-main break—the performances were a critical part of the Arlington fabric of humanities, and Mr. Moore was a critical tie that bound the series to the community.

Along with Mr. Moore, IOTA owners Stephen Negrey and Jane Negrey-Inge deserve tremendous credit for their commitment to the series which brought so much emotional and intellectual pleasure to so many in Arlington.

COMMEMORATING THE RETIREMENT OF MR. RAY SHOOK

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2017

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the retirement of Mr. Ray Shook. Mr. Shook is an outstanding individual who has served as the Executive Director of the American Welding Society since 2002.

Mr. Shook's retirement closes the chapter of a forty-four year association with the welding industry. Prior to his tenure with the American Welding Society, Mr. Shook served on the Board of Directors and as Vice President of the International Institute of Welding for five years. He spent twenty five years working his way up at Hobart Brothers Company and reached the position of President at the Hobart Institute of Welding Technology, which is the world's largest welding training organization.

Under his leadership, the American Welding Society experienced significant changes. With membership reaching over 73,000, revenues steadily increased from \$15 million to more than \$40 million annually. He was instrumental in establishing North America's largest annual metalwork exhibition by forging an alliance with FABTECH. The Society also expanded globally, achieving its first acquisition in its ninety-five year history through its purchase of Weldmex in 2007. Throughout his tenure, the American Welding Society continued to grow and acquire additional global holdings.

Having known Mr. Shook for a number of years, I know that he has consistently demonstrated the highest degree of integrity. He has been dedicated to his profession and has worked tirelessly to advance the Society's mission of globally advancing the science and technology of welding. His work ethic, loyalty, and service to the welding industry cannot be understated.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to my friend, Mr. Ray Shook, for his impressive career in the welding industry, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL OF TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2017

Ms. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Trinity Baptist Church. Founded on November 11, 1917 as a Sunday school group of three adults and fifteen children, Trinity Baptist has grown into an abundant congregation, housed on a church campus that includes a lovely sanctuary, built in 1962 and designed by renowned African American architect Paul Williams.

Rev. Alvin Tunstall, Jr. is the ninth pastor to lead the congregation and only the fourth senior pastor in the last 80 years. Under his leadership, ten clergy members and a cadre of deacons, deaconesses and other lay leaders serve the congregation.

Clergy, staff and volunteers oversee a wealth of ministries, including those that focus on women; fitness, health, and wellness; a hot lunch program; homelessness outreach; summer youth employment; and education, including college scholarships. Church programs aim to build lasting bonds of service between members of the church, and they play an important role in making resources available to the mainly African-American congregation and to the surrounding Jefferson Park neighborhood of South Los Angeles.

Today, Trinity has partnerships with national organizations like the American Cancer Society, and it has sponsored sister organizations, including the Trinity Community Development Corporation, in order to tackle issues ranging from obesity to computer illiteracy and to pursue solutions like affordable housing to gang prevention.

Commitment to its faith has helped to guide the Trinity Baptist community in its mission of service for a century now. I applaud the strong bonds that knit this community together, and I wish the congregation, both leaders and flock, the very best as it embarks on the church's second century.

HONORING RON DOMINGUEZ

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2017

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding community member and upstanding citizen, Mr. Ron Dominguez of Rockport, Texas.

A proud U.S. Army veteran, Mr. Dominguez has continued to honorably serve his community as a Ride Captain with the Patriot Guard Riders; a Little League Volunteer; a Volunteer Rescue Worker at Ground Zero and post-Hurricane Katrina New Orleans; and as a Mentor at the Robert Barnes Regional Juvenile Facility Boot Camp. Mr. Dominguez was also a member of the Aransas County Class Leadership Class XVIII. He achieved all of this while being a loving husband and father.

As you can see, Mr. Dominguez has accomplished many amazing feats, and I have no doubt that he will go on to accomplish more. And even after countless successes, he has remained humble, owing his achievements to Tellisah, his wife, who has always offered her unwavering and steadfast support.

Mr. Speaker, I again offer my congratulations to Mr. Dominguez, his wife, Tellisah, and their 6 beloved daughters. His empathy, goodwill, and perseverance have not gone unnoticed. Mr. Dominguez and his family have made the state of Texas and the United States a better place, and it is my honor to acknowledge him today.

HONORING NEW CITIZENS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2017

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate thirty individuals who will take their oaths of citizenship on Friday, November 17, 2017. This memorable occasion will be held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On November 17, 2017, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, will take their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Suzanna Krivulskaya, Krysta Carmella Ma Abuyo Mapoy, John

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Mutua Imanene, Saroja Valluru, Slavko Veljanoski, Marija Veljanoska, Maher Awwad, Haya Daoud, Maria Diaz, Adriana Garcia, Eva Tanghal Hernandez, Fedra Ahmad Mattour, Slavica Todoroski, Anna Sijie Xiong, Shuhui Grace Yang, Gail Patrich Mendoza de Chavez, Chao Ye, Norma Alicia Bautista, Suyapa Rodriguez Handres, Vicar Serrano Valencia, Ivan Didier Ros, Soammy Silvia Aguilar, Mira Deven Patel, Maria Guadalupe Coria Espino, Connie Withers, Hebah Allan Musleh, Titilayo Folasade Aloba, Maureen Wanjiru Papai, Oscar Barajas, and Rosa Nelly Chavez.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country "...of the people, by the people, and for the people." They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who will become citizens of the United States of America on November 17, 2017. They, too, will be American citizens, guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

HONORING ALICIA JAYNE
ENDICOTT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2017

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize a special member of my staff. After almost seventeen years of service, Alicia Jayne Endicott will be leaving her post in my Kansas City District Office.

Alicia was one of the first members of my staff, joining the team soon after I took office in 2001. She has been an integral member of my constituent services team that entire time. Alicia was tireless in making sure the people of the Sixth Congressional District were treated fairly by federal agencies and that their concerns were heard and justly resolved. Whether helping families with last-minute passport needs, protecting my constituents from overbearing agencies or making sure our veterans received the care and recognitions they earned, her outstanding work and immense knowledge of the issues was incomparable and I am honored to have had her on my staff and my constituents were incredibly served by her efforts.

I have received many kind words from constituents praising the outstanding service Alicia has provided. Her professionalism and dedication to this office and my constituents was a great example of how government should work. She would often work nights and weekends, all without complaint. While I am losing a valuable member of my team, I am excited for Alicia to begin the next chapter of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in thanking Alicia Jayne Endicott for her many years of service to the people of the Sixth Congressional District. I know Alicia's colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking her for her commitment to others and wishing her the best of luck in all her endeavors and many years of success to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF COLONEL
GEORGE C. CRESSMAN, JR.

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2017

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Colonel George C. Cressman, Jr., of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Colonel Cressman served the United States honorably for 33 years as an Army Reservist. In that time, the Colonel deployed to Haiti, Iraq, and Kuwait. Though he recently retired from the Army Reserves, Colonel Cressman remains an active former president of the Society of American Military Engineers, and continues to serve his community of North Wales, Pennsylvania.

The Colonel devotes much of his free time to helping others. Often, his efforts focus on the community's youth. He's organized scholarship fundraisers for students in the Reserve Officer Training Corps, mentors military college cadets, and even lectures at local universities. This guidance and philanthropy has helped open the door to opportunities for many.

But Colonel Cressman devotion to his community goes beyond helping students. He regularly participates in fundraisers to raise money in the fight against Multiple Sclerosis and to help his fellow Pennsylvania veterans.

Colonel Cressman's actions speak louder than any letter. He is a proven servant to his community and country. Both are much better off having Colonel George C. Cressman, Jr. be a part of them. I thank him for all his service.

VETERANS E-HEALTH AND TELE-
MEDICINE SUPPORT ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support H.R. 2123, the Veterans E-Health and Telemedicine Support Act of 2017. This legislation would allow the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health professionals to practice telemedicine across state borders if they are qualified and practice within the scope of their authorized federal duties. Under current law, VA doctors can only provide telehealth treatment across state lines if the veteran and the doctor are located in federal facilities. The VETS Act of 2017 removes these barriers and allows VA physicians to provide treatment without a location restriction. Veterans will no longer be required to travel to a VA facility, but rather can receive telemedicine treatment from anywhere, including their home or a community center.

In this technologically advanced age, there is no excuse for us to withhold support from veterans. Telemedicine allows qualified practitioners to reach veterans even in the most remote areas. Currently, location requirements make it difficult for veterans—especially those struggling with mental health issues—to get the help they need and deserve. H.R. 2123 will ensure that our veterans can obtain the best care possible regardless of where they are in the United States. I fully support H.R. 2123 to make lifesaving resources easily accessible for the veterans who have dutifully served our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM J.
GAUL

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2017

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Mr. William J. Gaul, Jr. of Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Mr. Gaul served his country during the Vietnam War and continued his selfless work upon arriving home to Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.

While in Vietnam, Mr. Gaul went above and beyond his duties through his volunteer work. In his free time he taught English in a local school and brought food, clothing, and medical supplies to an orphanage. Mr. Gaul exemplified the true mission of America in Vietnam by working to improve the lives of the local community.

Upon returning to Upper Darby, Mr. Gaul remained active in his own community. He has served as Emergency Management Coordinator since 1980, is a member of the Upper Darby School Board, and also serves on the Upper Darby Township Square Club. Mr. Gaul even led a fundraiser to provide bullet-proof vests for his local police department.

As seen during his time in Vietnam, Mr. Gaul's good works go further than his local community. In 2005, he spent 8 weeks in New Orleans, providing help in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Mr. William J. Gaul has shown throughout his life that he is willing to go above and beyond the call of duty to provide for others. I thank him for honorably serving our country and the public with passion and commitment.

HONORING JARED KINATE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2017

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jared Kinate. Jared is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 247, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jared has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jared has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jared