

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING ANN SWANSON

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2022

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with Congressman BOBBY SCOTT and Congressman ROB WITTMAN, to recognize Ann Swanson as she retires as Executive Director of the Chesapeake Bay Commission.

As Executive Director of the Chesapeake Bay Commission for more than 34 years, Ms. Swanson has played a definitive role in the progress that the Bay has made, helping to ensure the renewal and restoration of the nation's largest estuary and the economic engine of the region.

The Chesapeake Bay is a unique natural resource and national treasure, and because its watershed spans six states and the District of Columbia, protecting the Bay poses a distinct challenge and requires commitment and resources across state and party boundaries. In leading the Chesapeake Bay Commission, a tri-state legislative authority which serves Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania, Ms. Swanson has fostered bipartisan and multi-state coordination that has been integral to improving the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

Through her tireless work with countless advocates, legislators and regulatory agencies on both the state and federal levels, Ms. Swanson has brokered deals and encouraged legislative action, funding allocations and regulation implementation that give due consideration to each region's unique cultural, financial and economic conditions. Under Ms. Swanson's leadership, the Chesapeake Bay Commission has addressed issues including agricultural runoff, fisheries management, water cleanliness, habitat restoration and public access.

Ms. Swanson's dedication to and effectiveness in conserving the Chesapeake Bay has made her a well-respected figure in the environmental restoration community and beyond. Trained as a wildlife biologist and forest ecologist, she has been awarded honors such as Admiral of the Chesapeake by the State of Maryland, the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Leadership Award from the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Chesapeake Conservancy and an Honorary Doctor of Laws from her alma mater, the University of Vermont.

As we approach the deadline for the 2025 Chesapeake Bay Goals, though work unquestionably remains to be done, Ann Swanson's legacy has laid a strong foundation upon which further restoration of the Chesapeake will be built. I commend Ann Swanson for her four decades of public service at the Chesapeake Bay Commission and wish her the best in the next chapter of her life. All of us in its watershed owe her a debt of gratitude for her tireless efforts to improve the Bay, recognizing that when the environment thrives, so do our communities.

HONORING THE CAREER OF JUDGE STEVEN NATION

HON. VICTORIA SPARTZ

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. SPARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the service of Judge Steven Nation of Hamilton County, Indiana.

After graduating from Cathedral High School, Judge Nation received his bachelor's degree in political science from Indiana University and went on to graduate from the IU School of Law—Indianapolis.

In 2019, Nation retired as a Hamilton County Judge after serving 24 years on the bench and 16 years as a prosecutor. After his retirement, Nation was elected to the Hamilton County Council as an At-Large member.

Steve also founded the Youth Assistance Program, providing preventative wrap-around services to at-risk youth and families, as well as Prevail, a Hamilton County-based non-profit advocating for victims of crime and abuse.

Judge Nation has received numerous awards for his lifelong service to our community: the Noblesville Elementary Football League's "Hall of Fame Award"; the International Association of Truancy and Dropout Prevention's "Person of the Year Award"; the Hamilton County Community Foundation's "Community Pillar Award for Family Success"; the Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County "Healey Advocates for Aging Award"; a pedestrian trail through Noblesville has been named the "Steven R. Nation Nature Trail"; the highest honor of Hamilton County, the "Hamilton County Continental Award"; and also the "Sagamore of the Wabash," the most prestigious award from the Governor of Indiana, among others.

Judge Nation and his wife Peggy call Noblesville, Indiana, home. They have two grown children and one grandson.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to formally recognize Steven Nation for his decades of service to Hamilton County, Indiana.

CELEBRATING DORAN CART'S RETIREMENT FROM THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR I MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2022

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it is with profound gratitude that I rise today to celebrate the decades-long career of Doran Cart, who has served as the Senior Curator at the National World War I Museum and Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri for the last eleven years. As the nation's leading expert on the material culture of the First World War, Doran's role in preserving and interpreting the

history of this transformational conflict cannot be overstated. With his well-earned retirement fast approaching at the end of the year, let us take a moment to reflect on Doran's invaluable contributions not only to Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, but to the field of history at large.

Having long understood the significance of studying the past, Doran earned his Bachelor of Arts in History from Indiana University in 1974, at which point he entered the museum field. Going on to earn a master's degree in Museum Administration/History from the University of California, Riverside in 1981, Doran became Curator at the Liberty Memorial nine years later, leading a professional staff of only two individuals. When the Memorial was closed in November of 1994 due to structural failure of its courtyards and stairways, a chain of events was set in motion that would soon make Doran Cart a household name in Kansas City and eventually a figure of national, and even international, prominence. Serving as the Memorial's point of contact for publicity related to the unfortunate closure, Doran worked tirelessly with various entities on restoration designs, implementation, and documentation. Spearheading efforts to pass a sales tax designed to generate funds for the Memorial's restoration, Doran led over 150 public programs extolling the importance of the Memorial and the need for public support. When Kansas City voters overwhelmingly approved the sales tax in 1998, it was made clear that Doran's message had resonated deeply with the surrounding community. At the time, I was serving my second term as the Mayor of Kansas City, and it is difficult to adequately express the sense of admiration I felt for Doran after his successful appeal to the public. With millions of visitors from around the world having made their way to Kansas City over the last twenty-four years to visit the hallowed grounds that Doran helped save, that sense of admiration has only grown.

Looking beyond the restoration of the Memorial, Doran also played a pivotal role in the passage of a \$20 million bond initiative to fund the construction of a new museum that would display the thousands of WWI-related objects and documents that the Liberty Memorial Association had collected since 1920, one year before the site's dedication. Approved by voters in 2004, the same year that the 108th Congress designated the Liberty Memorial as the National WWI Museum, the bond initiative was part of a \$102 million project that turned the space underneath the original Memorial Courtyard into the Museum's main gallery. Throughout this massive undertaking, Doran worked closely with the architectural, construction, and design teams. From there, he worked on the design, creation, label writing, and installation of the Museum's primary exhibition, *The World War, 1914–1919*.

Opened to the public on December 2, 2006 as the National World War I Museum and Memorial, the site has been home to countless special exhibitions over the last sixteen years, including *Man and Machine: The German Soldier in World War I*, *Road to War: 1904–1914*,

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Over by Christmas, August–December, 1914, and Empires at War: Austria and Germany, all of which Doran helped piece together. Possessing a wide general knowledge of the First World War, along with an unmatched sense of expertise on the Museum's ever-expanding collection of objects and documents, Doran has been responsible for updating exhibits, acquiring new relics, and curating collections from around the globe. On top of exhibition production, his duties have included basic conservation, research, writing, and public outreach. Moreover, Doran has served as a consultant for World War I material culture for museums, television documentaries, books, films, and other projects originating from around the world. Through on-screen media presentations and interviews, including appearances on Fox News, the History Channel, and PBS, Doran has served as a faithful ambassador for the immense collections he has curated and made accessible to scholars and lay-people alike. By leading battlefield tours, speaking on radio programs, and writing for social and print media—including contributions to publications such as BBC History and the Kansas Magazine of History—Doran has represented the Museum nationally and internationally on all fronts. With the Museum being designated as a U.S. National Historic Landmark in 2006, and with the Liberty Memorial being recognized as our country's official World War I memorial in 2014, Doran performed exceptionally well in this role.

President Harry S. Truman, whose hometown I have had the distinct honor of representing in Congress, once explained that "the only thing new in the world is the history you don't know." The lessons that history offers, however, can only be learned if the objects, documents, and stories that provide windows into the past are properly preserved. Since 1990, Doran Cart has done his part to ensure that the history of the First World War will not be lost, and much like the history he has preserved, Doran's work will never be forgotten. Let this statement in the Congressional Record, preserved for perpetuity by the Library of Congress, along with the sacred grounds of the National World War I Museum and Memorial, stand as lasting testaments to Doran's work. Madam Speaker, please join me in wishing Doran Cart a joyous retirement.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BILL HOLLAND ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE HESPERIA CITY COUNCIL

HON. JAY OBERNOLTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2022

Mr. OBERNOLTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Bill Holland, who is completing his final term with the Hesperia City Council. Bill has dedicated a lifetime of public service to Hesperia, serving twelve years on the Hesperia City Council, including as Mayor, 22 years with the San Bernardino County Sheriff Department, and 5 years with the Hesperia Unified School District Police Department.

As Mayor Pro Tem of Hesperia, Bill served on the Board of Commissioners for the Victory Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority,

where he advocated for the protection of public health and the environment for the residents and businesses of the Mojave River Valley. He has also served on the Governing Board at the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District and the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority Board of Directors, where he fought for policies that would support this growing rural city.

In addition to his extensive years of public service, Bill has a strong commitment to his family. He is married to his high school sweetheart, Lynnette and together they have raised their 3 children in Hesperia. They are the proud grandparents of 8. I would like to thank Bill for his remarkable career of public service and wish him all the best in this new chapter of his life.

HONORING RANCHO SANTIAGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEE LARRY LABRADO

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2022

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the retirement of Rancho Santiago Community College Trustee, Larry Labrado.

Larry has served on the Board of Trustees since 1994, and he's now retiring after 28 outstanding years. Prior to Larry's service on the Board, he was an educator with more than 26 years of experience in enrollment management. He also served as an outreach director at California State University, Fullerton.

Larry has devoted much of his career in advancing the education of local youth and Latino children and adults. He has earned numerous awards and held countless leadership roles over the past four decades.

He was named as one of 50 successful Latino Alumni from California State University, Fullerton and was also inducted onto the University's Education Opportunity Programs Hall of Fame.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Larry Labrado and the years of service he has given to Orange County and generations of students.

HONORING IOWA SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETES AS IOWANS OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2022

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the nearly 30 athletes from Iowa's Third Congressional District who are proudly representing our state as they compete at the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games in Orlando this week. I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring these individuals as our Iowans of the Week.

This year's USA Games will bring together more than 5,500 athletes and coaches from across all 50 states and the Caribbean. Iowa's Special Olympics athletes are competing in 11 of the 19 Olympic-type sports offered, including track & field, bocce, bowling, cheerleading,

equestrian, flag football, golf, intercollegiate unified basketball, power lifting, swimming, and tennis. Some have been competing for a few years and others have been competing for decades.

Their skills are many, their accomplishments commendable, and they've worked hard to get to this level of competition. These Iowans have many reasons to shine. In alphabetical order by last name, they are:

Brandon Baier of Atlantic—Athletics
Isaac Baldus of Indianola—Powerlifting
Dustin Burke of Des Moines—Cheerleading
Kaitlin Colwell of Waukee—Swimming
Patrick Cunningham of West Des Moines—Swimming
Daniel Custis of Des Moines—Cheerleading
Tomi DeGrado of West Des Moines—Athletics
John Flannery of West Des Moines—Athletics
Alexandria Fountain of Des Moines—Athletics
Patrick Gulbranson of Stuart—Bowling
Keen Harvey of Waukee—Swimming
Matthew Johnson of Clive—Bocce
Ian Kastner of Des Moines—Cheerleading
Abbie Kliegl of Prole—Equestrian
Tyler Leech of Des Moines—Bowling
Emily Mulder of Des Moines—Cheerleading
Leon Nguyen of Des Moines—Cheerleading
Brian Rolek of West Des Moines—Unified Golf
Jody Sheriff of Greenfield—Bowling
Jill Southworth of West Des Moines—Golf
Teddy Velman of Des Moines—Cheerleading
Jacob Whack of Des Moines—Youth Leadership Experience
Emily White of Johnston—Swimming

The athletes cited many reasons they were looking forward to the annual event. Some said they were excited to test their skills, have fun, be part of a team, go for gold, and explore Disney World. Over and over again, the athletes said they were looking forward to meeting new people and making new friends.

Since 1968, Special Olympics Iowa (SOIA) has provided quality games and competitions for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Today SOIA serves more than 16,500 athletes and Unified partners from across the state and provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in 23 Olympic-type sports.

Participation in Special Olympics programs and competitions offers people with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to improve their physical fitness, learn new skills, experience greater self-confidence, and a more positive self-image, foster lifelong friendships, and connect with the community. The skills they learn through these experiences help them find greater success and fulfillment in their daily lives at home, at work, at school, and beyond.

Special Olympics Iowa lifts up our neighbors through the joy of play, the transformative power of sports, the richness of connection, and the fulfillment that comes from personal growth and accomplishment. It's an important organization in our state and one deserving of recognition for the positive impact it has on so many individuals and families.

The World Health Organization states that up to three percent of the world's population have intellectual disabilities. At roughly 200 million people, that is the largest disability population in the world. Special Olympics also

reminds us, "Intellectual disabilities know no boundaries. It cuts across the lines of racial, ethnic, education, social, and economic backgrounds, and it can occur in any family."

As we celebrate the dedication and achievements of these Special Olympics athletes, let us continue in our shared efforts to build a more inclusive Iowa today and for future generations. I applaud our delegation of athletes and am proud they are representing our great state in this year's Special Olympics USA Games. I am happy to name them as Iowans of the Week.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOJAVE AIR AND SPACE PORT

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2022

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Mojave Air and Space Port, which was established with the formation of its airport district in 1972. Located in the western Mojave Desert of Kern County, California, the Mojave Air and Space Port is home to innovative research and testing that maintains cutting-edge

aeronautical and commercial space flight advancements.

The incredible groundbreaking accomplishments that the Mojave Air and Space Port is known for would have seemed impossible in its earliest days, especially when the airfield stood as two dirt runways without any fueling options. Back then the facility was known as the Mojave Airport before it was expanded and used by the U.S. Marine Corps. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, it then became the Marine Corps Auxiliary Air Station (MCAAS) Mojave. During World War II, the airfield served as the training grounds for fighter pilots.

Following the military's departure, the airport transitioned back to Kern County. In 1972, an airport district was formed under the leadership of Dan Sabovich, who envisioned a civilian counterpart to Edwards Air Force Base, where our nation's most technologically advanced aircraft are tested and proven. The Mojave Air and Space Port would become home to the National Test Pilot School, the sole civilian test-pilot school in the United States, which was founded in 1981. During this formational era, Burt and Dick Rutan helped produce novel aircraft that broke barriers and created a culture of innovation, laying the foundation for the Mojave Air and Space Port's modern achievements.

One of these accomplishments was reached on October 4, 2004 by SpaceShipOne, which

was the first privately-operated piloted spaceship to surpass an altitude of 328,000 feet twice in the course of a 14-day period, achieving the necessary altitude to win the X Prize. Brian Binnie reached a height of 367,442 feet (69.6 miles) above the Earth's surface during his SpaceShipOne journey. This record and feat helped propel the Mojave Air and Space Port into the aerospace industry and has since experienced significant growth since the X Prize was won.

Today, the Mojave Air and Space Port continues to serve as a pioneer in both commercial space flight and aerospace research, setting new standards and surpassing previously unthinkable limits. From Stratolaunch, one of the world's largest aircraft, to Virgin Galactic, whose spaceships have been developed at the Mojave Air and Space Port, the legacy continues. These achievements have attracted some of the most renowned people in the country, including then-Vice President Mike Pence, who visited in 2017.

On behalf of the 23rd District of California, it is my honor to recognize the Mojave Air and Space Port on its historic 50th anniversary. I eagerly look forward to the next 50 years of technological innovation by the men and women who work at the Mojave Air and Space Port that will continue to pave the way in advancing America's edge in space and aeronautics.