

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING SUBWAY FOUNDER
FRED DELUCA

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2015

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with the heaviest of hearts that I rise today to pay tribute to one of Connecticut's and this nation's most successful entrepreneurs and my dear friend, Fred DeLuca, who recently lost his battle with leukemia.

Born in Brooklyn in 1947 to Salvatore and Carmela Ombres DeLuca, Fred watched his father, a factory worker, work tirelessly to provide for his family. The family later moved to Bridgeport, Connecticut where Fred graduated from Central High School in 1965. Hoping to pursue a career in medicine, Fred enrolled at the University of Bridgeport. Though working at a local hardware store, his wages would not cover all of his college expenses. Fred knew he had to do something more and that's when he decided to open a sandwich shop and use his earnings to pay his college expenses.

So, with a loan from a family friend, he rented a small store for \$165 a month in downtown Bridgeport, built a takeout counter and opened his first sandwich shop on August 28, 1965. He called it Pete's Submarines in honor of his backer, but on their radio advertisements listeners misheard the name as Pizza Marines, so he changed it to Pete's Subway before settling on the simpler Subway in 1968. Though the first two shops were not a great success, the third, which opened in a better location, changed their fortunes forever.

As the growing operation gained traction, Fred received a degree in psychology but gave up plans for a medical career. The business was incorporated and in 1974, halfway to the goal of owning 32 stores in the company's first decade, the partners adopted franchises as the key to growth—and it worked. In 1978 Subway opened its 100th outlet and in 1987 its 1,000th. Since then, it has averaged 1,500 new restaurants a year, and in recent years it surpassed all competitors, establishing restaurants not only across America but throughout Europe, Asia, and Oceania.

Fred was a reflection of what we all define as the American Dream. What began as a small business to pay his way through college became one of our nation's most beloved fast food chains. Fred never forgot from where it was he started. Whether through scholarships to help young students realize their dreams, grants to local non-profit organizations, or sharing his experiences and inspiring a new generation of young entrepreneurs, Fred gave back to his community and fellow man in so many ways.

Fred DeLuca was many things—a brilliant entrepreneur, a savvy businessman, a generous philanthropist. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to know and work with him and I consider myself fortunate to call him my friend. I extend my deepest sympathies to

Fred's wife, Elisabeth and his son, Jonathan, as well as his many family and friends. He will be deeply missed and leaves a legacy that is certain to inspire many.

CELEBRATING 55 YEARS OF
NIGERIA'S INDEPENDENCE

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as founder and Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Nigeria, I rise in joyful celebration of 55 years of Nigeria's Independence.

I continue to have a deep appreciation of the patriotism, resilience, and commitment of the Nigerian people under the leadership of their newly elected President Muhammadu Buhari.

As an emerging democracy, Nigeria is a country that has faced its set of challenges, conflicts, and contradictions analogous to the human condition itself.

From the civil war from 1967 to 1970 that almost ripped the country apart to the current state of violent extremists' terror wreaked on the Nigerian people.

Setbacks and challenges seek to keep this bulwark of a country down.

But Nigeria has always proven itself a capable leader in the region, notwithstanding its challenges.

For example: Nigeria was instrumental in facilitating the peace process in Liberia.

Nigeria played a seminal role in reenergizing and repositioning the African Union.

Nigeria facilitated the establishment of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM), designed to promote democracy and good governance in Africa.

Nigeria was instrumental in empowering the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the Co-prosperity Alliance Zone incorporating Benin, Ghana, Nigeria and Togo.

Nigeria helped mediate conflict in the continent from Angola to Burundi to Namibia to Mozambique to South Africa and the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, to name a few.

In 2014, in the wake of the Ebola virus, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Nigeria was instrumental in containing the spread of the virus—preventing a serious public health epidemic which could have had catastrophic implications in the over 180 million person country.

Indeed, in Nigeria and in the Diaspora, we have seen Nigerians contribute enormously to the economy of the United States and across the globe.

The Nigerian economy is \$573 billion—the largest in Africa and ranked 21 in world according to 2014 GDP reports.

Nigeria is the ninth most populated country on the planet with arable land, water, forests,

oil and gas, coastline, and solid minerals, just to name a few resources.

As the most populous nation in Africa, according to archeologists, human habitation in Nigeria dates back to 9000 BC.

Nigerians have innovated in various disciplines, from the arts to the sciences and everything in between.

Nigerians are very hardworking people who through their hard work have been instrumental in helping to champion innovations, like Sulaiman Bolarinde Famro who found Farmking Mobile Multi-crop Processor to reduce both the time it takes to process tuber food such as cassava, sweet potatoes, soy, shea nuts, grains and cereals, and the amount of waste produced in processing—helping to promote food security while addressing environmental waste.

Then there is Okwui Enwezor, the first black and Nigerian curator of the 56th International Art Exhibition entitled All the World's Futures, at the Giardini della Biennale and at the Arsenale in Italy.

Resiliency flows through the veins and into the hearts of the Nigerian people.

That is why Nigeria has emerged from so many trials and tribulations stronger, more united, more focused, and committed to reestablishing the stability, peace, security, growth, and development of the country.

Indeed, October 1 is a day for joy and celebration for Nigerians.

In my view, Nigeria as the regional giant in Africa has the attributes of a great nation and with unity of purpose Nigeria's fullest potential will be achieved.

This is proven by the recent year's democratic development of free and fair elections—which is reflective of the Nigerian people's commitment to cohesion and unity of purpose.

Market women, college students, business men, teachers, doctors, and lawyers flocked to the polls to exercise their right to vote.

Notwithstanding the security issues that persisted, the citizens of Nigeria showed up to the polls because they understood what was at stake: the economic, social and political empowerment of the children, women and men of Nigeria.

With this, the country elected President Buhari who assumed power without incident—owing to his predecessor's graceful transfer of power.

Having inherited a country facing insecurity, I commend President Buhari's effort to double down on efforts to restore peace and security in Nigeria.

He hit the ground running visiting us here in the United States—an important ally of Nigeria.

He met with President Obama and Members of Congress who have been doing important work in Nigeria—myself included.

He also visited neighbors of Nigeria with the eye towards marshalling a coalition of armed forces of the five nations in the Lake Chad Basin to confront, degrade and defeat Boko Haram.

President Buhari also reached out to and met with the G-7 leaders and other friendly

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presidents with the eye towards building an international coalition against Boko Haram.

President Buhari has moved swiftly to combat Boko Haram, commenced efforts to recover the Chibok girls and address the issue of the growing number of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs).

To succeed at these objectives, Nigeria must have continued U.S. support in technical training, logistical and infrastructural capabilities and professionalizing its military force to battle Boko Haram.

And we can see substantial gains thus far, with the regional military task force and the Nigerian military closing in and killing members of Boko Haram and rescuing innocent Nigerians and other Africans who have been kidnapped and terrorized by Boko Haram.

I commend President Buhari's commitment to Nigerian security and his directive to local authorities to tighten vigilance in vulnerable places.

With oil being one of the greatest resource and cause of harm and corruption in the country, I commend President Buhari's directive to sanitize the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) in order to obliterate inefficiency and corruption in that industry and in Nigeria.

I also commend President Buhari's directive of a complete audit of the country's revenue generating agencies such as the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Customs, and the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC).

With all of President Buhari's initiatives to help get Nigeria's house in order, I implore the people of Nigeria to bear with the President even as he works to appoint his cabinet, implement the rule of law, facilitate security in the country, move the country's economy forward and empower the youth of Nigeria.

In the words of President Buhari, I encourage the people of Nigeria to "value order over speed" and precision over mediocrity, unity over division, inclusion over alienation and above all, I ask the Nigerian people to be their brother's and sister's keepers.

I urge the Nigerian people to support President Buhari in his careful strategic and deliberate decision making approach, which hopefully will have positive results on the future of Nigeria and the Nigerian people.

Mr. Speaker, looking ahead of the future of Nigeria, I encourage the Nigerian people to remain committed to visionary change, progress and empowerment of Nigeria at the backdrop of successful democratic elections, under the leadership of a President committed to transparency, peace, coalition building, addressing grievances, negotiations, clear communication, infrastructure building and political intellectual capital building.

Happy Independence Day Celebration to Nigeria and my congratulations to the people of Nigeria.

Long live the Federal Republic of Nigeria!

HAPPY DOUBLE TEN DAY

HON. DENNIS A. ROSS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2015

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note the upcoming Double Ten Day, the Republic

of China's (Taiwan's) national day, and to extend my very best wishes to the people of Taiwan.

With population of over 23 million, Taiwan has demonstrated its commitment to democracy and is one of Asia's economic engines. Last year, Taiwan went from being our 12th-largest trading partner to our 10th, a position it continues to hold in 2015. Taiwan transformed itself into a vibrant and lively democracy, contributing not only to the global economy, but also to global culture, the exchange of ideas, and the meeting of global challenges, from fighting Ebola to helping to combat ISIS.

I believe a strong Taiwan is an important factor in the peace and security of the region, and I am proud of the role our country has played, through the Taiwan Relations Act, in making it possible for the people of Taiwan to build their strong, prosperous, and democratic society. Our relationship is as strong as ever, as I believe it will continue to be in the years and decades ahead.

Taiwan will remain one of our most important partners in the Asia-Pacific. As a friend of Taiwan, I wish its people a Happy Double Ten Day.

RECOGNIZING THE FRANKLIN COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM ON THE OCCASION OF THE NATIONAL HEAD START ASSOCIATION'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2015

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Franklin County Head Start Program on the 50th Anniversary of the National Head Start Association.

Since it began as a summer program in 1965, the Head Start Program has grown and developed into an innovative early childhood experience offered to children in over 1,500 communities, including those in Franklin County. Thanks to the Franklin County Head Start, countless children and their families in our area have been empowered to reach their full potential.

As of 2013, more than 31 million preschool aged children have participated in Head Start. The continued success of the Head Start Program has been made possible by the dedicated staff and community members like those in Franklin County, who have put an inspiring amount of work into growing and improving its positive impact.

I am privileged to congratulate the National Head Start Association for achieving 50 years of service and to highlight the Franklin County Head Start Program for its commitment to improving the greater Chambersburg area.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PLYMOUTH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2015

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Plymouth Philharmonic Orches-

tra's contributions as a major cultural influence in Southeastern Massachusetts for over one hundred years.

Established in 1913 and pausing only for World War II, the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra is now playing its 100th season. This fully professional orchestra owes its humble beginnings to G. Herbert Clarke, a violin teacher from Kingston. Mr. Clarke served as both conductor and manager of the orchestra until his death in 1932. It was not until 1973 under the conductor and former Boston Symphony Orchestra violinist Victor Yampolsky that the orchestra was chartered as a non-profit corporation and began its transition from an amateur to a fully professional orchestra.

Affectionately known as the Phil, the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra has inspired America's Hometown and the greater Massachusetts community with its commitment to artistic excellence and music education. It is dedicated to serving the wider community and expanding its repertoire to range from classical to popular music and family-oriented concerts.

To celebrate this historic event, Christopher Theofanidis, a world-class American symphonic composer, wrote a piece specifically for this occasion. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra on its 100th anniversary. May this historic Massachusetts orchestra continue to flourish for another hundred years.

CONCERN FOR CRITICAL NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE PROGRAMS UNDER A CONTINUING RESOLUTION

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2015

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my concern that funding for critical national security space programs will be disrupted under a continuing resolution.

Disrupting funding for essential warfighting capabilities for space protection, assured access to space, satellite communications and missile warning will weaken our national security and risk significant delays in development of these important missions.

General John Hyten, commander of U.S. Air Force Space Command, recently stated that a continuing resolution would delay several new classified and unclassified programs aimed at U.S. space protection.

He also expressed concern that failure to pass a budget would delay the development of a new rocket propulsion system prototype intended to end our dependence on the Russian-made RD-180 rocket engine.

Additionally, due to the uncertainty created by the absence of a full-year appropriations bill for the Department of Defense, the Air Force is purportedly prepared to issue stop work orders on two essential satellite communications and missile warning programs under the Space Modernization Initiative (SMI).

The overall SMI strategy is to invest in creating trade space for future decisions through investments to sustain or improve existing capabilities by exploring technology alternatives and architectures. These efforts ensure affordability, capability and resiliency of our space systems.

For example, the Wide Field of View (WFOV) testbed initiative supports affordability and risk reduction efforts for the nation's critical overhead missile warning capability.

Cuts or delays to funding would risk the ability for the WFOV initiative to support current data exploitation efforts and could delay a commercial launch opportunity. A stop work order under a CR places the WFOV effort and other SMI efforts at significant risk despite full support from the Senate Appropriations Committee for the program.

Unfortunately, our inability to pass a budget has created uncertainty that endangers our national security space programs.

I urge the Department of Defense and the Air Force to leverage the funding levels authorized by law under a continuing resolution to sustain development of these critical national security space systems.

HONORING THE GESELL INSTITUTE OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 65TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2015

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the New Haven community in extending my heartfelt congratulations to the Gesell Institute of Child Development as they celebrate their 65th Anniversary—a remarkable milestone for this wonderful organization!

Dr. Arnold Gesell, a professor at Yale University at the turn of the 20th Century, was a pioneer in the study of early childhood development. Founder of what today is the nationally renowned Yale Child Study Center, he dedicated his life to studying the verbal, motor, social, emotional and cognitive growth of children. Perhaps best known for his use of the cinematographic technologies that were revolutionary for his time to document the developmental stages of 10,000 children, Dr. Gesell's legacy is the extensive archive he created throughout his life-long research that would later enable parents and teachers to better understand children's ages and stages of development.

Dr. Gesell was both a researcher and an educator, training physicians, nurses, and research scholars alike. In 1950 two of his former students and colleagues, Drs. Frances Ilg and Louise Bates Ames, along with Janet Learned, purchased two properties on Prospect Street in New Haven and opened a research institute and nursery school aimed at exploring child development through adolescence. Named in honor of their mentor and respected colleague, the Gesell Institute for Child Development was officially incorporated in March of 1950. In fact, Dr. Gesell served as a research consultant at the Institute until his death in 1961.

Over the course of its sixty-five year history, the Gesell Institute has made several invaluable contributions to the field of child development. The Nursery School served as both a training ground for early childhood educators and pediatricians, as well as a basis for some of the earliest research and investigation into school readiness. Perhaps the most enduring

of its contributions to the field is the development of Gesell Developmental Observation (GDO)—a comprehensive multidimensional assessment system that assists educators, and other professionals in understanding characteristics of child behavior in relation to typical growth patterns. One of Dr. Ilg's most important legacies was the formation of the National Lecture Staff, a nation-wide network of educators that, today, work together to provide a comprehensive program for staff professional development, in-service trainings, and workshops across the country on how to administer the newly updated Gesell Developmental Observation-Revised.

Sixty-five years later, the Gesell Institute continues to be one of the most respected institutions for child development in the nation. Serving as a resource for educators, parents and others as well as an advocate for our young people, it is an extraordinary organization whose work has touched countless lives and helped to shape how we look at childhood development. I am honored to have this opportunity to extend my sincere congratulations to everyone at the Gesell Institute as they mark this very special occasion.

CONGRATULATING LAURETTE KITTLER ON HER INDUCTION INTO ST. BENEDICT PREPARATORY SCHOOL ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2015

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Laurette Kittler, retired Drama Teacher, St. Benedict Preparatory School, on her induction into their Alumni Hall of Fame.

From the 1950's to the mid 1990's, Mrs. Laurette Kittler not only taught several generations of St. Benedict High School students, but inspired them to be better people. In teaching drama, Mrs. Kittler was able to marry her love of theater with her love of teaching, and because of this she was able to bring a strong dedication to the classroom. Mrs. Kittler was always willing to put in the extra effort, staying after hours to help her students flourish. Mrs. Kittler played a big part in her students' lives, instilling them with a dynamism and confidence that would help them succeed in their future undertakings.

Respected by her peers and students alike her classrooms were always full of passion and admiration. The hallmark of a great teacher is the lasting influence they leave on their students, and Mrs. Kittler's legacy is one of distinction. Mrs. Kittler was described by her former students as, a "Guiding light", "a strong positive force", and "the best [teacher] I ever had".

The importance of great teachers cannot be over stated, and so for her decades of service Mrs. Kittler will be inducted in to the St. Benedict's Alumni Hall of Fame on October 24th. She will also have a scholarship set up in her honor that will be given out to a St. Benedict high school drama student.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Mrs. Laurette Kittler for her invaluable and exemplary leadership to the many students she has taught. I ask that

my colleagues join me in congratulating Mrs. Kittler on an accomplished career and a well-deserved honor.

IN TRIBUTE TO JUSTICE SHIRLEY ABRAHAMSON

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2015

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Justice Shirley Abrahamson, former Chief Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court. After nearly four decades of service on the Wisconsin Supreme Court, Justice Abrahamson will be receiving the National Association of Women Judges' Joan Dempsey Klein Award next week. This prestigious award honors members of the association who have "assisted women judges to become more proficient in their profession, helped to solve the legal, social and ethical problems associated with the judiciary, and worked to increase the number of women serving as judges."

A trailblazer for Wisconsin women, Justice Abrahamson was first appointed to the Wisconsin Supreme Court by Governor Patrick Lucey in 1976. She served as the only woman on the Court until 1993, and in 1996 she became the first female Chief Justice in Wisconsin history. In her time on the Court, Justice Abrahamson has been a true powerhouse, serving longer than any other justice in Wisconsin history and authoring over 450 majority opinions. Those who know her best describe her not only as tough as nails, but also as a deeply kind and compassionate person.

In her long and distinguished career, Justice Abrahamson has received countless honors. She serves as an elected fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and was elected by her peers as both President of the Conference of Chief Justices and Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Center of State Courts, a testament to her judicial acumen. Justice Abrahamson is a past president of the National Conference of Chief Justices and past chair of the board of directors of the National Center for State Courts. She also has served as chair of the National Institute of Justice's National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence. She is a member of the Council of the American Law Institute and the New York University School of Law Institute of Judicial Administration.

The daughter of immigrants, Justice Abrahamson was born Shirley Schlanger in New York City. She grew up across the street from her family's grocery store, dreaming from the age of five of becoming a lawyer. After receiving her bachelor's degree from New York University, she achieved this dream when she earned her J.D. with high distinction from Indiana University Law School in 1956, one of just two women in her class. She then moved to Madison, Wisconsin where she practiced law for 14 years and taught law at both the University of Wisconsin Madison and my alma mater, Marquette University. Over the course of her career, she has received 15 honorary Doctor of Law degrees as well as the Distinguished Alumni Award from UW-Madison. Justice Abrahamson has been married to her husband Seymour for over fifty years, and they have one son, Daniel.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Justice Shirley Abrahamson and congratulate her for being this year's recipient of the Joan Dempsey Klein Award. The citizens of the state of Wisconsin are privileged to have someone of her intellect and commitment to public service working on their behalf for so many years. Justice Abrahamson, I thank you for all that you have done.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2015

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be present for a vote on September 10, 2015. Had I been present, I would have voted: On Roll Call No. 491, I would have voted AYE.

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL
HAROLD H. DUNWOODY

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2015

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Brigadier General Harold H. Dunwoody, who passed away last month at the age of 96.

General Dunwoody was a longtime resident of Randolph, New York. He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1943 and served in the U.S. Army for 31 years. During his distinguished career, he fought in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. In recognition of his exemplary service to our country, General Dunwoody was awarded numerous medals and commendations, including the Purple Heart, Silver Star, and Distinguished Service Cross.

General Dunwoody hails from a family that has proudly served our country for generations. From the Revolutionary War to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Dunwoody family has fought to preserve our freedom in virtually every armed conflict in our nation's history. This commitment to service was carried on by Mr. Dunwoody's children: his daughter Ann Dunwoody became the first woman to achieve the rank of four-star general in the United States military; his daughter Susan Schoeck became a helicopter pilot in the Army; his son Harold Dunwoody, Jr. graduated from West Point and achieved the rank of first lieutenant in the Army.

General Dunwoody dedicated his life to serving our country. He leaves behind a proud legacy of military service, which will have a positive impact for generations to come. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring and remembering the life of this great American.

HONORING ALBERTUS MAGNUS
COLLEGE ON THE OCCASION OF
ITS 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2015

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the New Haven community in extending my heartfelt congratulations to President Julia McNamara and the entire Albertus Magnus family as they mark the 90th Anniversary of Albertus Magnus College. What a remarkable milestone for this outstanding institution of learning!

In 1924, the Dominican Sisters of Saint Mary of the Springs, who are now known as the Dominican Sisters of Peace, purchased an estate in New Haven, Connecticut, in an effort to found a women's college. A charter was signed on July 13, 1925 and the first classes were held on September 24th of that year. Named for St. Albert the Great—Albertus Magnus—the 13th century bishop, theologian and scholar described by a contemporary as a man “so superior in every science that he can fittingly be called the wonder and miracle of our time,” it was the first Catholic, liberal arts, residential college for women in New England and remained such for its first 60 years.

Julia McNamara, the current President of Albertus, having served in that role since 1982, has guided the College through a myriad of transitions which have expanded the institution in countless ways. Albertus became coeducational in 1985 and today boasts an enrollment of 1,550 students. Albertus offers its students a wide-range of programs and services. They currently have 550 students enrolled in the traditional undergraduate program; 720 in accelerated undergraduate programs for working adults; and 280 in graduate degree programs, including the only Master of Arts in Art Therapy degree in the state of Connecticut. At this past spring's commencement ceremony Albertus Magnus College conferred 537 degrees.

Ahead of its time, in the 1970's Albertus Magnus recognized the need for continuing education for working adults. They created a program called “Begin Again” for women who had started college but never completed a degree. In 1985 “Begin Again” became the inspiration for a broader, accelerated evening program serving working adults; evening programs expanded again in 1994 with the addition of business-focused offerings. In 1992 Albertus offered its first graduate degree program: the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies; today there are 10 graduate programs, ranging from accounting to human services and criminal justice, from leadership to writing and education. The College has awarded 2,848 master's degrees. Albertus is also dedicated to assisting our community's veterans in their pursuit of higher education. A participant in the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill Yellow Ribbon Program, Albertus works closely with veterans to help them succeed in accelerated programs. There are Veterans Centers on the New Haven and East Hartford campuses and the Albertus Student Veterans Association is an approved chapter of Student Veterans of America.

Among its 14,255 alumni, Albertus Magnus can claim the first woman named to the Federal bench in Connecticut; the first woman ap-

pointed to the trial court in Connecticut; an eight-term member of the United States House of Representatives, a Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services and a United States Ambassador to Ireland; the first woman vice president at Merrill Lynch; and a pioneering pediatric cardiologist whose research has saved countless young lives. On a personal note, I have fond memories of the year I spent teaching International Politics at Albertus—it was a learning experience for me as well as the students!

Over the course of the last 90 years, Albertus Magnus College has helped thousands of students realize their dreams through higher education. By providing both traditional and non-traditional programs and services, Albertus has opened the doors of opportunity to their students and enabled them to pursue their career goals. I am honored to have this opportunity to stand to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Albertus Magnus College, President Julia McNamara, students, alumnae, faculty and staff as they mark this very special occasion. Happy 90th Anniversary and best wishes for many more years of success!

IN HONOR OF LONE STAR COLLEGE
MONTGOMERY'S 20 YEARS
OF SERVICE

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2015

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I stand to recognize Lone Star College-Montgomery for 20 years of turning today's students into tomorrow's leaders. From opening day in 1995, this Montgomery County college has been changing lives and enriching our community on its beautiful 210 acre campus amid the tall Texas pines.

LSC-Montgomery has come a long way from 1991 when Conroe Independent School District voters approved joining the Lone Star College System. Enrollment for the inaugural fall 1995 semester was approximately 3,200 students. Today, the college is educating four times that number and growing.

The rich history of this college starts before it even opened the doors of opportunity to students throughout Montgomery County. It began with the vision of community leaders like George Mitchell, Dan Hauser, Jon Weisner, Mary Matteson and a host of others who stood as champions, working to gain community support and ultimately the passage of the bond referendum to build the college.

As the Chamber of the Commerce President I had the privilege of working with local leaders to establish the Community College in Montgomery County and as a State Legislator secured \$6 million to fund the startup of the campus.

The commitment of higher education leaders such as former North Harris Community College Chancellor John Pickelman and Montgomery College founding President Dr. Bill Law saw the college through its construction at its current location—a crossroads of east and west, of north and south.

Montgomery College presidents would continue to build upon the early legacy of the school. Dr. Tom Butler oversaw the addition of

a new 72,000 square foot library and classroom building. New programs were added along with expansion of the school's nursing program including a registered nurse program.

In 2008, Montgomery College became Lone Star College-Montgomery. The name had changed but the dedication to students continues.

Dr. Austin Lane's leadership saw the campus through continued rapid growth and its most significant expansion including three new campus buildings and construction of the Conroe Center.

Today, under Dr. Rebecca Riley's leadership, the college offers over 13,000 students the opportunity to pursue 40 different career

programs as well as academic transfer classes in a variety of disciplines. On the Lone Star College-Montgomery campus, students can pursue bachelors, masters and specialized degrees that give them a start on a bright future.

The past has been exciting, but the future is even more so.

The construction of a new Student Services building and a state-of-the-art lab building, expansion of the workforce programs space at LSC-Conroe Center, and a new satellite center in the rapid-growth area of Magnolia point toward a bright future for LSC-Montgomery.

And I look forward to LSC-Montgomery adding to its multiple honors including being named a "Showcase College" by the Consor-

tium for Community College Development, a "Best Practice" college by the MetLife Foundation, a "Hometown Hero" by The Woodlands Development Company and the prestigious "Drum Major Award" sponsored by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration. And finally, being named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning, and civic engagement.

These achievements and more will be celebrated Saturday, October 3, 2015 as a new campus space is dedicated in Maverick Square.