

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VILLAGE OF LEMONT

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 9, 2023

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Village of Lemont's Incorporation. Since 1873, the Village of Lemont has built a culturally diverse and hardworking community, contributing to the rich transportation history of Illinois as the epicenter of the Illinois and Michigan Canal which linked the Illinois River and Lake Michigan.

With land in DuPage, Will, and Cook Counties, Lemont currently has over 16,000 residents, many of them descendants of laborers who dug the I & M Canal and later, the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. They immigrated from Germany, Ireland, Scandinavian, as well as from French and English Canada, all looking for a better life. While digging the I & M Canal, an exceptionally fine grade of dolomite limestone was discovered, called "Athens Marble" for the original name of Lemont, leading to decades of stone quarry development. This distinctive limestone is seen in landmarks throughout Illinois and prominently in Lemont and neighboring communities. The quarry industry attracted immigrants from Poland, Bohemia, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Austria and Italy. Labor history was made during sometimes violent struggles for fair wages and safer working conditions between quarry workers and owners.

Home to The Lemont Heritage Quarries Recreation Area, Lithuanian World Center, the Heritage Corridor Business Alliance, and numerous vital community organizations, residents of Lemont have much to celebrate. With pride, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this milestone for the Village of Lemont, a vibrant community ready to optimistically face its next one hundred and 50 years.

RECOGNIZING VERY REVEREND DENNIS R. WEEZORAK

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 9, 2023

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Very Reverend Dennis R. Weezorak on his retirement as pastor of St. Mary Church in South Amboy, New Jersey. Father Weezorak has dedicated over 25 years of service to St. Mary's parish and his leadership and commitment are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Father Weezorak is devoted to his faith and community. Prior to his installation as pastor of St. Mary's, he served as associate pastor at several parishes in New York and New Jer-

sey, director of ministry to the separated/divorced in the Diocese of Ogdensburg; New York, and chaplain for the United States Air Force and Wilford Medical Center. In January 2021 Bishop James F. Checchio named him Dean of the Raritan Bay Deanery, bestowing the title of Very Reverend. Throughout his 37 years of priesthood, Father Weezorak has provided outstanding spiritual guidance and fellowship and encouraged faith in action.

In addition to his pastoral service, Father Weezorak is an active member of his community. He serves on the board of the Sadie Pope Dowdell Public Library and volunteers with the Sayreville/South Amboy Chapter of Rotary International.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Very Reverend Dennis Weezorak on his retirement and thanking him for his many years of dedicated service and leadership to St. Mary Church and the greater community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MAJOR GENERAL TERRILL KAY "T.K." MOFFETT

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Major General Terrill Kay "T.K." Moffett. Major General Moffett passed away on Monday, June 5, 2023, at the age of 73. T.K. Moffett was born on a small farm near Becker, Mississippi, on July 11, 1949. He was the youngest of nine children born to Elmer Carlos Moffett and Mary Ethel Meek Moffett.

As a young man, he gave his life to Christ at Becker Baptist Church, where he also helped lead musical worship in his teenage years. He was an honor's graduate from Amory High School and received nominations to all three United States Service Academies. T.K. chose the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree. After the Academy, he served as an Airborne Infantry Officer and Armor Officer, and graduated from both the Infantry Officer Basic Course and the Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia. He would go on to earn a Master of Arts Degree in Political Science from the University of Hawaii, and a Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Mississippi. He is also an honor graduate of the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth; and he completed United States Army War College as a fellow at Harvard University, where he also studied Municipal Policing.

While pursuing a career in the military, T.K. also practiced law for almost 45 years, earning bar admittance in Mississippi and Alabama. He was the owner of Moffett Law Firm, PLLC, with offices in both Tupelo and Amory. He served as Tupelo City Prosecutor from 1989 through 1999. In 2015, Governor Phil Bryant

appointed T.K. as Chancery Judge in Northeast Mississippi's First Judicial District.

Major General Moffett's military career spanned 40 years in the Army, Army Reserve, and the Mississippi Army National Guard. He commanded at every level from Platoon Leader to Tank Battalion Commander to Division Commander, having served in the 155th Armored Brigade, the 25th Infantry Division, the 4th Infantry Division, the 91st Division, and the 104th Division. He mobilized with the 155th Armored Brigade for Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm and with the 91st Division for Operation Enduring Freedom. T.K. was promoted to Brigadier General in 1999 and Major General in 2003. He was the Commanding General of the Troop Command Mississippi National Guard, the Deputy Commanding General of the 91st Division in California, and the Commanding General of the 104th Division in Vancouver, Washington. He retired from the military in 2007. His awards and decorations include the Global War on Terrorism Medal, the Army Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Mississippi Magnolia Cross, the Mississippi Magnolia Medal, and the Mississippi Commendation Medal.

Major General Moffett was also the founder and owner of Moffett Leadership Institute and conducted leadership and ethics training with numerous military forums throughout the United States, Nigeria, and Rwanda. Though all these accomplishments are incredible, his foremost joy was his family. He was married to his wife, Loreta Millsaps Moffett, for 51 years. He was always proud of his daughter, Tara, and he found great joy in his grandchildren.

Major General Moffett is survived by his wife, Loreta Millsaps Moffett; daughter, Tara Leigh Moffett Dowden, and her husband, Dr. Landon Gene Dowden; four grandchildren, Arabella Leigh Dowden, Adalaide Mary Meek Dowden, Adoniram Landon Dowden, and Alastair Millsaps Moffett Dowden. He was preceded in death by his parents and his other siblings: Howard Donald Moffett, Jerry Kenneth Moffett, E.C. (Elmer Carlos) Moffett, Jr., and Walter Eldon Moffett. After serving with T.K. for many years in the 155th brigade combat team, I consider him a close friend and mentor.

CONGRATULATING GABRIELLA NAHMIA

HON. ANTHONY D'ESPOSITO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 9, 2023

Mr. D'ESPOSITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Gabriella Nahmias on becoming a Bat Mitzvah. This is an important milestone in Judaism, and Gabriella has worked hard on this achievement.

A proud resident of Hewlett, she continues to make her family and friends proud each

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day. I join her parents, Samuel and Monica, her family, and friends in congratulating her on this occasion.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District, Mazel Tov to Gabriella.

RECOGNIZING BISHOP WILLIAM J. BARBER II

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 9, 2023

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true man of faith, Bishop William J. Barber II, who is stepping down from his ministry at North Carolina's Greenleaf Christian Church after serving his congregation and community for 30 years with love and devotion.

Under Rev. Dr. Barber's remarkable leadership, Greenleaf Church blossomed into a vibrant parish proclaiming the gospel in all aspects of community life. He secured investments to provide the community with a childcare center, computer literacy job training, affordable housing for families, a low-income senior living facility, a celebrated after-school program, a restaurant, a free community garden, a gang-prevention program, and an HIV/AIDS ministry. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he kept services going and grew a massive online ministry. During Rev. Dr. Barber's tenure, seven individuals have received a call to ministry from Greenleaf and have gone on to complete Master of Divinity and doctoral degrees, and three of them now pastor other congregations.

As an active community leader, Rev. Dr. Barber famously built a powerful grassroots coalition to advocate for moral public policy in the North Carolina General Assembly, leading the way to expand ballot access, increase the state minimum wage and pass the Racial Justice Acts challenging the racist application of the death penalty. This coalition, which grew into the Forward Together movement, also helped secure the freedom of several innocent Black men who had been awaiting execution on death row. In 2013, the coalition's "Moral Monday" demonstrations mobilized tens of thousands of people to protest voter suppression and other acts of what Rev. Dr. Barber calls "policy violence."

In 2015, Rev. Dr. Barber founded Repairers of the Breach, a nonpartisan, interfaith movement that advances moral and constitutional values to combat policies affecting the most vulnerable communities. After a 26-state "moral revival" tour in partnership with the Kairos Center for Religion, Rights & Social Justice, Rev. Dr. Barber and Repairers of the Breach re-launched the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival in 2018. This powerful movement is continuing the work of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other leaders who first launched the Poor People's Campaign in 1968 to build a broad, interracial movement for economic justice. Under Rev. Dr. Barber's leadership, the revived Poor People's Campaign has built a national community of hundreds of organizations committed to addressing the interlocking injustices of poverty, racism, ecological devastation, militarism and religious nationalism.

Rev. Dr. Barber's extraordinary eloquence and moral passion have uplifted the fortunes

of countless Americans. He previously served as president of the North Carolina NAACP and on the National NAACP Board of Directors. He has published four books and hundreds of articles, and inspired the introduction of a Third Reconstruction Resolution in the U.S. House of Representatives during the 117th Congress. Rev. Dr. Barber earned a bachelor's degree from North Carolina Central University, a Master of Divinity from Duke University, and a doctorate from Drew University with a concentration in Public Policy and Pastoral Care. He has had ten honorary degrees conferred upon him.

Yale Divinity School recently honored Rev. Dr. Barber by naming him as Founding Director of the Center for Public Theology and Public Policy.

I hope that the House will join me in celebrating Bishop William J. Barber II for his three decades of selfless service at the Greenleaf Christian Church and for his contributions to our Nation as a moral movement leader. I look forward to continuing to work together for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPACT AND HONORING THE CAREER OF LARRY J. SUTTON

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 9, 2023

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the legacy and celebrate the retirement of Larry J. Sutton.

A native of upstate New York, Mr. Sutton received his Associate of Arts and Sciences degree in Mechanical Technology from SUNY Canton in 1977. Following his graduation, he began his career working for Corning Incorporated, an American multinational company specializing in specialty glass, ceramics, and advanced optics. During his first years with the company, Mr. Sutton continued his education, receiving his Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Business and Managerial Economics from SUNY Empire State College in 1985.

During Mr. Sutton's 45 year career with Corning Incorporated, he achieved the position of Director of Special Programs and had extensive involvement in several nationally-recognized projects. Mr. Sutton engaged in specialized work for NASA, helping develop the windshields and windows used on United States space shuttles and the International Space Station. Mr. Sutton also participated significantly in the development of the National Ignition Facility at Lawrence Livermore Labs and the creation of protective radomes used to house radar antennae. Not only did Mr. Sutton have a notable impact on the success of Corning Incorporated, but he was also responsible for significant advancements in the fields of advanced optics, space exploration, and national defense.

Throughout his career, Mr. Sutton received numerous honors in recognition of both his impact on his field and his influence on the success of Corning Incorporated. In 1998, he was honored with one of the highest awards presented by NASA, the Space Flight Awareness Honoree Award, acknowledging the extraordinary quality of his work and its direct impact on the human space flight program. Mr. Sutton

also received the 2002 Corning Specialty Materials Deborah J. Samelson Award for People Development, which recognized his exceptional leadership skills, as well as the 2015 Corning Distinguished Associate Award celebrating his outsized impact on the company.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am honored to recognize the exceptional achievements of Larry J. Sutton and remember his enduring contributions to New York, the United States, and the world.

RECOGNIZING DR. ANTHONY CHEN

HON. MARILYN STRICKLAND

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 9, 2023

Ms. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend and colleague Dr. Anthony Chen, who will retire at the end of the month as the Director of Health at the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department after serving Washington's communities with care, competence, and compassion for thirty years.

After graduating from Duke University's School of Medicine and completing his residency at the University of Cincinnati, Dr. Chen came to Washington in 1993 to serve as a faculty member of the Swedish Family Medicine Residency Program before transitioning into his role as Director of Health at the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department.

For fifteen years, Dr. Chen has promoted positive public health outcomes in Pierce County. He has elevated the conversation and outcomes associated with quality of care, intentionally coordinated with community leaders to improve care delivery to all residents, and advanced cultural competency in public health and medicine.

Through the tumult of the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Chen worked tirelessly to maintain the Department's structure while facing opposition from misinformation campaigns, continuing the ethos of care in his work that helped set the standard in Washington State. Under Dr. Chen's leadership, the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department won the VISION 2050 Award in 2022 for their innovative, equity-minded approach to integrating health into Pierce County's long-term plans and guidance for growth.

I thank my friend and colleague, Dr. Chen, for his service to the Pierce County community and the state of Washington, as well as congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING STAFF MEMBER JACKLYN ROGERS

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 9, 2023

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jacklyn Rogers, a dedicated member of my team for the last three years. Since March 2020, Jackie has loyally served the constituents of Minnesota's 5th Congressional District with passion and commitment.

Jackie was born and raised in her beloved Santa Rosa, California. She was born a triplet and has shown throughout her life a remarkable aptitude for whatever challenge she takes

on, whether here on the Hill or on the rink, where she was a distinguished skater in her youth.

After she graduated from Southern Oregon University, she endeavored to continue her family legacy of public service. Like her father before her, she has established herself as a passionate and talented House staffer, remaining fiercely uncynical and deeply committed to producing consistently high-quality work.

Jackie is a sterling example of the American dream in action. She is eminently proud of her family's Ukrainian heritage, and a living tribute to their brave decision 100 years ago to take on a perilous journey into the unknown of a new life in the United States.

During Jackie's time in my office, she has displayed a brilliant analytical mind in developing communication strategies and a remarkable creative flair in her writing. More than that, Jackie brightened the days of everyone in my office with her warmth, her deep kindness, her easy laughter, and her sharp wit. Through tremendous personal adversity, she has maintained not just good spirits and an intense sense of camaraderie with her coworkers, but an extraordinary caliber of work.

It has been my great pleasure to get to know Jackie as both an integral part of my team, and as a human being. As we frequently say around the office, Jackie intensely loves what she loves—whether that's the progressive values that guide our work, the spirit of public service, or Taylor Swift (her favorite album is *Red*), and all things Canadian (especially Tim Horton's). On behalf of Minnesota's 5th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and thanking Jackie for her service and wishing her all the best in her future endeavors.

SAINT BARNABAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 9, 2023

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commemorate the 100th anniversary of Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church in Pasadena, California. This historically Black Church has played a vital role in the community and has been a beacon of faith, perseverance, and resilience for a century.

The founding of Saint Barnabas Pasadena is rooted in the "Great Migration" of African Americans from the South in the early twentieth century. These individuals sought better lives and opportunities in California, but were confronted with racial segregation and discrimination.

Existing Jim Crow laws prevented African Americans from worshipping where they wished, including at All Saints Church in Pasadena. Undeterred by this adversity, a group of determined individuals met on June 16, 1909, at the home of Mrs. Georgia Weatherston on South Fair Oaks Avenue to organize a Black Episcopal mission. This mission, known as Saint Barnabas Guild, quickly gained support, and the members sustained their ministry through food sales.

By 1911, services were being held in the Grand Army Hall on Colorado Street, and the

seeds of Saint Barnabas Church were sown. Finally, in 1923, eight remarkable women, including Ellensteen Bevans, Rosebud Mims, and Georgia Weatherston, officially founded Saint Barnabas Church. The church had come a long way from its first services, which were held in Georgia Weatherston's home on Del Mar Street, with as many as 29 members in attendance on Sunday mornings. Over the course of the following decade, the church grew steadily and in 1932, the Saint Barnabas Congregation was admitted into the Episcopal Archdioceses, signifying its growing significance and influence.

The Saint Barnabas Church helped strengthen and shape the character of the City of Pasadena with many of its church leadership playing important roles in the community, such as Reverend Jesse D. Moses, II, who served as the first Black principal of the Pasadena Unified School District. Today the church has become an essential pillar in the San Gabriel Valley, transcending racial boundaries and fostering unity. Its current congregation is a diverse community that is dedicated to serving others. The church supports local youth by sponsoring the Northwest Pasadena Little League and granting scholarships to Pasadena Unified School District graduates. It also uplifts vulnerable families by providing meals to the homeless, maintaining a community food pantry, and hosting Alcoholics Anonymous groups.

Over the last century the Saint Barnabas Church and its congregation have overcome racism and adversity to strengthen the Black community, build the City of Pasadena, and uplift all communities in the San Gabriel Valley. They are a remarkable institution and embody the best qualities of the 28th Congressional District.

HONORING THE BRIGHTON AREA SCHOOLS SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING DOGS PROGRAM

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 9, 2023

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to a group of dedicated, devoted, and darling therapists who just happen to have four legs. The Brighton Area Schools Social and Emotional Learning Dogs, or "BAS Pack of Dogs," as they are better known, are celebrating 15 years of service to the district and to the community, and in that time this program has become a source of pride for the district and a model for the state and the Nation.

But before there was a pack, there was a dog, a teacher, and an idea. In 2008, middle school special education teacher Karen Storey witnessed the positive response kids had to a fellow teacher's dog. That prompted her to research the physical, social, and emotional benefits of therapy dogs on students. Spurred by her research, she approached then-superintendent Greg Gray with a proposal to add a therapy dog to the building. Less than a decade later, with the full support of the community, Brighton became the only district in the State to own a therapy dog for every single building, and several for the high school.

Over the years, the dogs have become cherished educational assistants, eager to lend a paw when students need extra comfort, a non-judgmental reading partner, or just a friendly and slightly sloppy face. And like furry first responders, the Pack of Dogs will hit the road whenever duty calls, offering love and support to grieving students and teachers across the State when tragedy strikes. I saw this firsthand in the wake of the deadly school shooting in Oxford in November of 2021. For weeks, all 13 members of the Pack of Dogs and their handlers traveled 50 miles each way to comfort traumatized students, absorbing tears into their shiny coats, and gently reminding everyone, one loving nuzzle at a time, of the good that still existed in the world. And they did it again in February 2023, when Michigan State University was similarly shattered by yet another deadly shooting. Not only has the Pack of Dogs shown up for other schools, but the program regularly fields calls from school districts around the Nation who want to replicate this success, seeking advice from the leaders of the Pack.

From community donations of funds, food, veterinary care, and so much more that make this program possible, to the handlers who welcome these dogs into their homes, to the students who welcome them into their hearts, the BAS Pack of Dogs is a model for schools nationwide, and its founders deserve to be named Top Dog.

In celebration of 15 years of canine collaboration, I salute the BAS Pack of Dogs and its humans for the profound difference they have made in the lives of so many. It may be true that you can't teach an old dog new tricks, but a Pack of Dogs can clearly teach all of us new ways of thinking. As man's best friend, it is only fitting that I honor the contributions of the BAS Pack of Dogs.

RECOGNIZING PHYLLIS SALOWE-KAYE

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 9, 2023

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Phyllis Salowe-Kaye as she is honored for her decades of leadership to New Jersey Citizen Action, NJCA. Ms. Salowe-Kaye has been a lifelong advocate for the residents of New Jersey and her dedication and achievements should be celebrated.

As current President and former Executive Director of NJCA, Ms. Salowe-Kaye has been an effective voice for New Jersey's working families. She has fought on behalf of underserved communities and helped advance reforms to safeguard healthcare, workplace rights, and consumer and financial protections.

Under her leadership, NJCA has also been a preeminent social services agency, whose programs and resources are invaluable to individuals and families. Tens of thousands of New Jerseyans rely on NJCA for direct assistance with health care enrollment, tax preparation, housing counseling, and more.

Throughout her tenure, Ms. Salowe-Kaye has maintained the mission of NJCA, providing outstanding support and outreach to our local communities. Her knowledge, expertise, and vision has helped NJCA adapt and expand to meet the complex needs and priorities of the communities it represents.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating Phyllis Salowe-Kaye on receiving New Jersey Citizen Action's Lifetime Achievement Award. She has distinguished herself as a thoughtful and passionate community leader whose commitment to the betterment of our communities is truly deserving of this body's recognition.