

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING SHEILA DACEY

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 21, 2022

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the distinguished career and retirement of Sheila Dacey after 26 years of service at the Congressional Budget Office. Sheila has been Chief of the Income Security and Education Cost Estimates Unit in CBO's Budget Analysis Division since 2015, following two decades as an analyst in that unit. Sheila served in numerous capacities as an analyst, including long stints analyzing welfare programs and Social Security.

It is hard to overstate Sheila's role in analyzing the budgetary impacts of income security legislation over the past two decades. Sheila was instrumental in providing insightful and objective estimates of the effects of much of the important income security legislation that the Congress has considered, debated, and enacted since 1995. Notable examples include the Welfare Reform Act of 1996, subsequent changes to the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program, numerous bills to improve child support enforcement, and legislation affecting Social Security benefits. As a unit chief, she was instrumental in managing CBO's work related to unemployment insurance benefits provided during the COVID pandemic.

Sheila has worked tirelessly with Members of Congress and staff on both sides of the aisle throughout the years. During many hours of discussion and patient explanation, she was always methodically forthright and fair, embodying CBO's commitment to nonpartisan analysis. She helped us understand the key levers to move an estimate and the need to focus on making the language match the intent.

Sheila has been a mentor and guide to numerous analysts at CBO. Thanks to her efforts, those analysts have learned to dig deeper and consider all the possible outcomes of a bill. The high standards that she set for herself and for other analysts will continue to be a benchmark for CBO's analysis going forward.

On behalf of the House Budget Committee, I thank Sheila for her years of dedicated service to the Congress and extend to her our best wishes for a well-earned retirement.

HONORING THE CAREER OF BERTHA HENRY

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 21, 2022

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize the tremendous career and mean-

ingful work of Bertha Henry, Broward County Administrator.

Broward County is a sprawling and culturally diverse metropolitan coastal community in the heart of South Florida, spanning from the ocean to the Everglades, with 1.8 million residents in 31 municipalities. Ms. Henry's commitment to Broward County's families and businesses has been extensive, impressive, and inspiring.

Bertha Henry graduated from Florida State University with a bachelor's degree in Government and Business Management, and a master's degree in Public Administration. One of her fondest memories was watching her parents smile with pride to see their daughter graduate with a master's degree, particularly since neither of her parents were able to complete their education. Ms. Henry's can-do attitude has guided her and served her well, both personally and professionally.

Her professional career in public service includes her native City of Miami, Florida, Dayton (Montgomery County), Ohio, and Broward County, where she was named County Administrator in 2008.

Under Ms. Henry's leadership, Broward County has received numerous awards and recognitions. Some highlights include Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport being ranked third on the list of best large airports in the country; receiving the Smart Growth Partnership Excellence Award for a safe, convenient, and sustainable transportation system; being awarded the Keep America Beautiful President's Circle Award for exemplary performance in building and sustaining vibrant communities; and Broward County's Port Everglades receiving the Port of the Year and Best Domestic Departure Port Award.

Bertha Henry is a selfless, compassionate, and devoted public servant whose commitment to our community is exemplary, and I am proud to call her my dear friend. I wish her a heartfelt congratulations on her retirement and am grateful for her invaluable work to improve the lives of those in Florida's 23rd Congressional District, Broward County, and beyond.

CONGRATULATING SIMONE THOMAS

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the outstanding service and contributions of Simone Thomas, who is retiring after 37 years as a skilled and dedicated public servant at the Congressional Budget Office.

For many years at CBO, Simone has served as a trusted, expert adviser to senior management and staff on the most effective use of the agency's intra net and new communications tools. She has been the driving force spurring intranet enhancements and innovations that

have made it easier for staff to collaborate on analytical work for the Congress, such as CBO's periodic volume of budget options.

She has made significant contributions to enhance internal communications as CBO's SharePoint Administrator, enabling CBO's staff to stay better connected and informed. She has distinguished herself with her hard work and resourcefulness during the pandemic. She came up with creative ways to instruct CBO's staff in the use of new communications tools to help them work more effectively on a remote basis.

Simone's expertise also extends to CBO's public website. She was responsible over the years for publishing time-sensitive, high-profile cost estimates as well as the agency's major recurring reports. That work sometimes required working during the evening or on weekends, which Simone always took in stride.

To her colleagues, Simone has been a constant source of knowledge, support, and kindness. She has received accolades over the years for her prompt customer service, patience, reliability, and ingenuity in troubleshooting complex SharePoint challenges.

She is a consummate professional, always seeking out opportunities to learn, grow, and share her expanded knowledge with others. She has also led by example in her philanthropic efforts, devoting significant time and energy to spearheading CBO's efforts each year to raise money for breast cancer research. She has helped raise thousands of dollars for that cause over the years. She will be missed by her colleagues, who have benefited greatly from the depth of her knowledge, as well as her generous spirit, warmth, and collegiality.

I know my colleagues will join me in extending our thanks and appreciation for Simone's service to our country. We wish her a relaxing, well-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING MARCH FOR LIFE 2022

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 21, 2022

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, today, I recognize the thousands of faithful and devoted students from central and west-central Illinois and around the country who are participating in this year's March for Life celebrations. The March for Life began in Washington, DC, as a small demonstration and has since become the largest pro-life event in the world.

I am proud to represent Catholic schools in my district, like Peoria Notre Dame High School, Quincy Notre Dame High School, Routt Catholic High School in Jacksonville, Sacred Heart-Griffin High School in Springfield, and Bloomington Central Catholic, as they continue to show unending and unwavering support for the pro-life movement. I am honored to recognize the efforts of pro-life advocates across the 18th District who have

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worked tirelessly to protect unborn infants and provide necessary support and resources to pregnant mothers.

On this 49th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade ruling, we must continue to pursue a national culture that promotes and protects life for all individuals. The right to life is a human right, and it is critical that our current and future generations work towards a pro-life future. Students, such as the ones that I represent in the 18th District, continue to play an integral role in fighting for the lives of the most vulnerable.

As we aspire for a world where every life is celebrated and protected, I want to commend the support for pro-life values in my district and the annual support of March for Life celebrations across the country.

CONGRATULATING JOE EVANS

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a man who has served the nation in various capacities for more than 41 years and is now retiring from his position as Chief Administrative Officer of the Congressional Budget Office. Joseph Evans began his service with 4½ years in the U.S. Air Force, where he was a financial management specialist. He then joined the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), where he took on steadily increasing responsibilities during his 19-year tenure—first as an accounting technician, and then as Human Intelligence Financial Resource Manager, Chief of Budget Formulation Integration and Funds Control, Senior Finance Resource Manager, and ultimately as Senior Financial Resources Expert. In that capacity, he provided expert advice and guidance on all budgetary, financial, and force structure management to the DIA's Chief Financial Executive and directed the planning and coordinating of the DIA budget. For his important contributions to DIA's work, he received the DIA Award for Meritorious Civilian Service.

Mr. Evans then put his financial skills to work in the legislative branch, joining CBO as its Chief Financial Officer and then taking on broader responsibilities as its Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Management, Business, and Information Services. Over his 18 years at CBO, Mr. Evans provided superb leadership, pushing for continuous improvement, developing high-functioning teams of professionals, maintaining focus on the needs of the client, and treating all employees with respect and kindness.

He has skillfully overseen the areas of human resources, finance, editorial and publication services, security, and information tech-

nology—the largely behind-the-scenes activities that enable CBO to perform its vital services for the Congress. Under his leadership, CBO has received a continuous series of clean opinions on its financial statements. CBO's measures to protect privacy and security have never been stronger. Mr. Evans also played a crucial role leading CBO's working group on diversity and inclusion. During the pandemic, CBO continued to meet the needs of the Congress while protecting CBO employees, thanks in large part to the incredible work of Mr. Evans and his team. They provided the technology and support needed to transition seamlessly from working in the office to a full-time telework environment and developed new ways of performing important tasks, such as hiring new staff, overseeing security efforts, and supporting employees' well-being and safety.

I thank Joe for his more than four decades of dedicated and skillful work for the American people and wish him well in his retirement.

RECOGNIZING MARGARET JACKSON

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 21, 2022

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Margaret "Pookie" Jackson as we mourn her passing and recognize her contributions to her community in Michigan's 13th District Strong.

Ms. Jackson was born and raised in Detroit, spending the early part of her childhood in the heart of the historic Black Bottom community on Detroit's East Side. The Jackson household was centered around family and their faith, values that remained in Ms. Jackson her whole life.

Ms. Jackson led a quiet life, focused on raising her children in a supportive and loving home. As a single parent, she worked long hours throughout her nearly fifty-year career at Detroit Medical Center, but always saw that their needs were met and nurtured. Ms. Jackson shared her passion for the arts and culture with her children, taking them to many festivals and art exhibits throughout Detroit. She encouraged her children to pursue higher education, to never stop learning, and to make smart decisions about their personal finances.

Outside of her family life, Ms. Jackson was a faithful member of Scott Memorial United Methodist Church, where she enjoyed Adult Sunday School and participating in the United Methodist Women's Ministry. Her entire life, she was surrounded by love. She will be missed by her family, friends, and community.

Please join me in recognizing the life of Margaret Jackson, as we, her friends, and family give honor to her memory.

CONGRATULATING CYNTHIA R. CLEVELAND

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize the outstanding service of Cynthia R. Cleveland on her retirement after nearly 43 years of distinguished public service, the past 39 years of which were spent at the Congressional Budget Office. At CBO, Cindy rose to the level of Division Administrative Assistant, mostly for the Director of the National Security Division.

Cindy's public service began at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in 1976, where she spent three years as a clerk typist. Over the ensuing four decades at CBO, Cindy's expert skills grew as the tools and processes for producing cost estimates and reports evolved—from typewriters to Sharepoint, and from landline calls to virtual meetings. All along, Cindy provided rock solid support and a positive and friendly spirit, one that was contagious to those around her.

Her responsibilities also evolved and grew over the years, moving from supporting the chief of the Natural Resources Unit in the Budget Analysis Division, where she helped produce cost estimates for publication, to the assistant to the director of the National Security Division, where she kept the division running and also managed the division's document holdings and its clearance processes. Along the way, Cindy's portfolio expanded to include supporting the Macroeconomic Analysis Division and eventually the Financial Analysis Division. She helped organize and support the semiannual meetings of CBO's Panel of Economic Advisors, organized travel and training for all three divisions, and managed the background investigation and clearance process for all of CBO. Throughout her career at CBO, Cindy embodied the agency's ethos of doing things carefully and with high quality.

Cindy's colleagues, current and former, are deeply indebted to her for all that she has given to CBO and the people that make the agency what it is. Cindy knew everyone and everyone knew her. They will miss her gentle, friendly, and positive influence on the workplace and, most of all, will miss her laughter ringing down the halls of the Ford building.

I know my colleagues join me in extending our thanks and appreciation to Cindy for her long service to our country. We wish her well in her future undertakings.