

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING BERLINDA TYLER-JAMISON ON HER RETIREMENT

### HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 4, 2015*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend Berlinda Tyler-Jamison on her retirement from UnityPoint Health-Trinity after 28 years. During her time at UnityPoint she created programs like “Stylin’ Against Breast Cancer” and the “Trinity Golf Tournament,” which annually raise tens of thousands of dollars for their important causes.

Berlinda’s hard work has extended beyond her professional career. She dedicates her time to the Rock Island community as the president of the county branch of the NAACP and has served on the Rock Island Planning Commission as well as on the boards for MetroLINK and Arrowhead Ranch.

Over the years, Berlinda’s commitment to creating a more diverse and welcoming community has never faltered. Even now as she prepares for this next part of her life, she plans to remain active and involved in bettering our community in Rock Island County. Her passion for serving others is truly outstanding.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Berlinda for everything she has given the Rock Island community and congratulate her on her well-deserved retirement. I have faith that her future endeavors will be successful.

THE SONGS OF THE FLAG ORGANIZATION (SOTF)—A RESOURCE FOR BURN SURVIVORS

### HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 4, 2015*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of THE SONS OF THE FLAG organization, which was founded in Dallas, Texas by Ryan “Birdman” Parrot in 2012. Parrot, a Navy SEAL who served 8 years as a member of SEAL Team 7 completed 3 tours in Iraq before being assigned to advanced Training Command. While riding in a Humvee, he and his team were hit by an IED with most of his crew sustaining life threatening burn injuries. Upon retirement he moved to Dallas, Texas, and was inspired by Ret. Capt Sam Brown’s strength and courage despite all his debilitating scarring. Not happy with the advancements in treatment for burns compared to the advancement of prosthetics he founded this organization to help: military, first responders, and civilian burn survivors. SOTF is bringing together community leaders, renowned burn surgeons, experienced military, dedicated first responders, and purposeful citizens to com-

plete our mission. We partnered with Parkland Hospital in Dallas, Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, and Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston. I submit this poem penned in their honor by Albert Carey Caswell.

SO PROUDLY WE WAVE

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

This is war  
 There’s another battle to be waged  
 There are so many magnificent heroes who  
 need our help this day  
 And just like them,  
 the words no surrender we all say  
 As so proudly to them we wave  
 On this very day  
 So high up above  
 All in their love  
 For all of those and what they gave  
 Whether, on battlefields of honor bright  
 Or First Responders and Fire Fighters who  
 into infernos go this night  
 And all of those citizens so left to fight  
 The scars of a Burn Survivor’s plight  
 For beauty is but skin deep  
 As it’s all in our souls where we so keep  
 All of our faith and courage,  
 that we all so need to find the will to dig in  
 deep  
 Is that but not the beauty we all seek?  
 To so fight for their cause  
 The eyes of Texas are upon us,  
 and we shall not pause  
 Carried all in our hearts,  
 for this Old Red, White, and Blue so very  
 deep  
 Taking the charge  
 For advancements,  
 for all of those heroes who lives now loom so  
 very large  
 Who upon battlefields of honor bright  
 Or rushing into burning buildings with  
 hearts of courage full to bring their  
 light  
 Who are in the business of saving lives  
 Whether for our brothers and sisters to their  
 left,  
 to their right  
 Or in burning buildings oh what heroic  
 sights  
 To somehow repay them for all of their sac-  
 rifice  
 For we will help champion your battle for  
 your victory,  
 over this fight  
 And help you one and all,  
 to get on with your most magnificent of all  
 lives  
 Where you go  
 We go  
 We’ve got your six,  
 for this is all that you need to know  
 Just like the American flag,  
 you too should be treated with such honor  
 so  
 They Gave,  
 now its time for us To Give  
 Just like The American flag,  
 you too so proudly wave in all you did  
 And remember no matter how dark the  
 night,  
 The Sons of Flag have got your six,  
 for all you heroes whose hearts burn bright

TRIBUTE TO VIRGINIA CARMODY

### HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 4, 2015*

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Virginia Carmody to the community of Onondaga County, New York. A resident of Onondaga Hill, Mrs. Carmody has served as the Executive Director of the Literacy Coalition of Onondaga County for over 6 years. In her role as Executive Director, Mrs. Carmody has established and led expansive literacy programs in Onondaga County, working towards the goal of complete literacy in the County.

In 2010, Mrs. Carmody oversaw the implementation of the Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library program in the City of Syracuse, New York. The program has provided over 68,000 free books to over 4,500 children in the city. In addition, Mrs. Carmody manages adult literacy initiatives, such as an adult literacy database.

Due to the work of the Literacy Coalition of Onondaga County promoting early reading, spearheaded by Mrs. Carmody, the National Campaign for Grade-Level Reading recognized Syracuse as one of 38 municipalities across the country, as a 2013 Pacesetter.

Mrs. Carmody previously served for over 26 years in the Congressional offices of three New York Representatives. Mrs. Carmody serves on the boards of Syracuse 20/20, the Onondaga Citizens League, Visions for Change, and is a member of the Rotary Club of Syracuse. She holds a Master of Public Administration degree from American University and a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences degree in Elementary Education from the College of St. Rose. She is supported by her husband, Mitch and two children, Riley and Christina.

Virginia Carmody has worked fervently to improve literacy in Onondaga County through community engagement. I am proud to congratulate Mrs. Carmody in her deserving receipt of the Women Who Make America Award.

RECOGNIZING KIDNEY DAY AT THE MISSOURI STATE CAPITOL

### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 4, 2015*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging Kidney Day at the Missouri State Capitol on Thursday, March 5, 2015. This important day is supported by the Missouri Kidney Program and the National Kidney Foundation.

The mission of the Missouri Kidney Program is to help meet the educational needs, and to promote the physical and mental well-being of

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eligible Missouri residents with Chronic Kidney Disease. The National Kidney Foundation participates in research that is helping advance knowledge about chronic kidney disease, treatment, and patient outcomes.

The Missouri Kidney Program and the National Kidney Foundation should both be commended for highlighting three major areas of kidney disease: awareness, prevention, and treatment. The Missouri Kidney Program strives to increase public awareness of the need for organ donation and to encourage kidney donations for transplantation. The goal of the National Kidney Foundation is to reach those at risk before kidney disease occurs, and impact those in earliest stages so that progression to later-stage disease is no longer inevitable.

I ask you in joining me in recognizing the dedication of the Missouri Kidney Program and the National Kidney Foundation.

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#### STANDING WITH ISRAEL

### HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 4, 2015*

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, before a joint session of Congress, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke of the threat of an Iran with nuclear weapons capability.

Prime Minister Netanyahu is absolutely right to be concerned. The world cannot tolerate a nuclear Iranian regime. The Obama administration is signaling it will support temporarily restricting, not eliminating, Iran's potential to produce nuclear weapons, but I believe it is critical that we act to ensure Iran does not obtain nuclear capabilities. Further, any deal reached by the State Department and Iran regarding their nuclear program needs to include Congressional involvement.

As a strong supporter of Israel, I am concerned about the instability and the animosity that exists toward one of our strongest allies. Though there may be widespread ignorance in the international community about the conflict between Israel and those who seek its destruction, the simple truth is that throughout history Israel has made numerous concessions in the pursuit of peace while seeking only the right to exist and defend itself from all threats.

A strong Israel is key to stability and security in the Middle East, and I will continue to stand with our friend and ally.

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#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FORMER GUAM SPEAKER FRANKLIN J.A. QUITUGUA, PH.D.

### HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 4, 2015*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my dear friend Franklin J.A. Quitugua, Ph.D. Dr. Quitugua was an educator and leader in our community. He served as the head of the Guam Department of Education for many years and was a Guam Senator in the 14th to the 20th Guam Legislatures. Dr. Quitugua passed away on February 26, 2015 at the age of 81.

Franklin was born on November 6, 1933 to Ignacio Perez Quitugua and Rosa Santos Arceo Quitugua. He graduated from George Washington High School in 1952, and went on to attend Northern Arizona University. He graduated in 1956 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education.

Upon graduating from college, Franklin returned to Guam and taught at George Washington High School. He then went back to Northern Arizona University where he earned his Master of Arts degree in 1962. Franklin again returned home to serve his island community. He became the principal of George Washington Junior High School then was appointed the administrative assistant to the Director of Education in 1968. Franklin was subsequently promoted to Deputy Director of Education before being appointed the Director of Education in 1969.

As Director of Education, Franklin worked tirelessly to improve Guam's public school system. He implemented training for central office staff, administrators, and school employees while developing core curriculum department-wide. Franklin took a short break as Director of Education from 1972 to 1975 to pursue a Ph.D. at the University of Oregon. Upon receiving his Ph.D., he returned as Director of Education until running for the Guam Legislature.

In 1976, Dr. Quitugua was elected to the 14th Guam Legislature and he went on to serve seven terms as a Guam Senator. He chaired the Committee on Education and was chosen by his colleagues as the Speaker of the 19th Guam Legislature. I was privileged to serve as a Senator alongside Speaker Quitugua during the 16th, 19th, and 20th Guam Legislatures, and I remember him fondly as being a strong advocate on many issues and a leader who always worked across party lines to build bipartisan support for many legislative initiatives.

Speaker Quitugua not only continued his legacy as a staunch advocate for education during his time as Senator, but for the entire island community. He improved access to education for Guam's students and enhanced facilities and educational resources available on island. He fought for increased funding to sustain a growing student population and promoted alternative educational programs to meet the increased demands on the public school system.

After his last term in the 20th Guam Legislature, Dr. Quitugua returned as Director of Education until he retired in 1993. He served the people of Guam faithfully and humbly for nearly 40 years, and he enjoyed spending his retirement years with his family.

I join the people of Guam in mourning the loss of Speaker Franklin J.A. Quitugua. I had the distinct honor of serving with him in the Legislature, and his passion for our island's issues will be remembered. Franklin was a true public servant who fought for our children and their right to education. I extend my sincere condolences to his children and loved ones on their loss. I commend Speaker Quitugua for his years of service to the island as a public servant and dedicated guardian of education. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time. He will be deeply missed.

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#### HONORING DR. LOUIS CHARLES ROUDANEZ

### HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 4, 2015*

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Louis Charles Roudanez, founder and publisher of the first daily African American newspaper in the United States, on the 125th anniversary of his death.

Dr. Roudanez, a free man of color and native Louisianian from St. James Parish, founded the New Orleans Tribune to serve as an outspoken voice for the interests of African Americans during a period of turmoil and uncertainty during the final year of the Civil War and early Reconstruction. The Tribune aggressively advocated for civil rights, black suffrage, desegregated public education, and better wages and working conditions for freed slaves. It operated under the radical philosophy that "freedom without equality before the law and at the ballot box is impossible." Although primarily a lens to conditions in Louisiana, the paper worked towards reforming all of Southern society by sending a copy of each issue to every Member of Congress. It quickly received national recognition, and its editorials were often read here on the floor of Congress.

Though the Tribune ceased publishing in 1870, its spirit of advocacy, justice, fairness and uncompromising purpose was invoked in 1985 by Dr. Dwight and Beverly Stanton McKenna, when they began their newspaper and named it in honor of Dr. Roudanez's Tribune. The modern-day Tribune continues to offer an invaluable voice on issues affecting the Black community in New Orleans and around the country.

To honor Dr. Roudanez, I would like to share part of the Tribune's mission statement, published in July 1864 on the front page of its first issue: "Under the above title we publish a new paper devoted to the principles heretofore defended by the Union. Convinced that a newspaper, under the present circumstances, representing the principles and interest which we propose to defend and advocate was much needed in New Orleans, we shall spare no means at our command to render the Tribune worthy of public confidence and respect." Today we recognize the fulfillment of Dr. Roudanez's mission. In commemoration of his life and achievements, a monument has been dedicated to Dr. Roudanez at the building that housed the Tribune.

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#### CONGRATULATING FRED WHITESIDE ON HIS RETIREMENT

### HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 4, 2015*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Fred Whiteside on his retirement from serving as Augustana College's women's cross country and track coach. Fred is rightfully being honored by Augustana, his alma mater, for his longstanding dedication to the Augustana community.

Fred served a total of 61 seasons as a head coach of Vikings' athletic teams. He has led