

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

WELCOMING GOVERNOR SAMUEL
ALEJANDRO GARCÍA SEPÚLVEDA

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, today I rise to welcome Samuel Alejandro García Sepúlveda, governor of the Mexican state of Nuevo León, to the House of Representatives.

Nuevo León has a significant economic footprint. It's a leader in education and several major industries. It's also home to Monterrey, Mexico's second-largest metropolitan area. But folks back home in Laredo know Nuevo León for different reason: it's our neighbor across the border. Governor García has a central role to play both at home and in U.S.-Mexico relations, and I am honored to welcome him here today.

The Laredo-Colombia Solidarity International Bridge, which spans from Nuevo León to my hometown of Laredo, is a critical artery for North American trade. With this visit, Governor García is strengthening the bond between Nuevo León and Laredo, and between the U.S. and Mexico—not only in the realm of trade, but also security cooperation, healthcare, and more.

At just 34 years old, Governor García is already an accomplished attorney, a former local deputy and senator in Nuevo León, and the author of several books. He has a bold vision for his state and for his country. By investing in education, infrastructure, and sustainable growth, Governor García is putting Nuevo León on the path toward a more prosperous future.

Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in welcoming Governor García to the House of Representatives. Governor García is a truly committed public servant with a bright future. I look forward to working with him to deepen the ties between our two communities and our two countries.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, on September 19, 2022, I missed one roll call vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YES on Roll Call No. 438, on Passage of S. 3895—United States Commission on International Religious Freedom Reauthorization Act of 2022.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MARTA
PERMUY

HON. MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, Marta Permuy was born on September 22, 1938. She would have turned 84 this Thursday. While she may have passed on from this life, I want to ensure she remains immortalized in history by telling her story. To be recognized in a place where democracy is held sacred and steadfast seems like a fitting birthday present for a woman who understood that true art is born of free societies.

Marta was a Cuban American Fine Arts Patron based in Coral Gables, a prominent part of Miami-Dade County, and a part of my district. Marta's heart was that of an activist, which explains her natural inclination for art. Why limit yourself to the ears of an audience when they have eyes?

Born and raised in Cuba, Marta was a witness to the rise of the Communist regime. This led her to become active in the MRR, the Movement for Revolutionary Recovery, a leading force of resistance against the regime. She was among the few women given a central role in the organization's leadership. Upon realizing that their efforts would not be able to contain the regime, she fled to Venezuela with her family. In 1962, she resettled in South Florida where she would go on to open an art gallery, the Permuy Gallery. The Permuy Gallery became a home for innovative art, particularly from Cuban artists. In the evenings, after exhibitions, it hosted gatherings for South Florida's notable figures, to discuss art in its varying forms, whether it was painted on a canvas, written in literature, prayed in spiritual realms, or argued in politics. This was a significant meeting point for the community, especially for the Cuban exiles in Miami.

After the Gallery closed, Marta devoted herself to her children. Eventually, the art world would call her back home to the Permuy House, where she would carry out her art ventures for over 40 years. In 2021, The Permuy House was designated a landmark of the City of Coral Gables.

Her legacy lives on through her children, who remain involved in the arts, and seek to honor their mother through different cultural events in South Florida. May this record aid in preserving her spirit, and to inspire artists to understand that all talent, even unconventional, is useful to the cause of preserving a free and just society.

CONGRESSIONAL VETERANS
COMMENDATION

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize a group of veterans for their military and community service.

Our veterans have sacrificed much in the defense of our nation. Many of them retired their uniforms but continued their service by helping others in their community.

I recently established the 16th District Congressional Veteran Commendation program to recognize the heroic wartime sacrifices and admirable peacetime community involvement of my constituents.

An independent panel reviewed several nominations and chose the following six veterans for their wartime and post-military service:

Edward J. Mahoney of Sun City Center who served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II

John V. Skeen of Bradenton who served in the U.S. Army during World War II

John J. Brill of Longboat Key who served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War

Richard J. Petrucci of Lakewood Ranch who served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War

Richard M. Swier of Sarasota who served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War

David W. Daily of Bradenton who served in the U.S. Army during the Gulf War

These are exceptional Americans. I appreciate the opportunity to honor them for their service to the Nation and community.

HONORING MORGAN ROUTMAN
AND ALEXANDER HILL

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Morgan Routman and Alexander Hill on the occasion of their marriage. Morgan has been an important member of my team for three years, starting as a Communications Assistant and now an exceptional Communications Director.

Morgan, at age 15 from Florida, and Alex, at age 15 from Maryland, met ten years ago at Kutz, a leadership camp for reform Jewish teens. One thousand miles apart, they spent their high school years dating long distance making sure they were together for special moments like proms.

After high school, they both attended George Washington University in D.C., allowing their relationship to grow stronger and stronger. After graduation, they moved in together and added Bourbon, a sweet Pitbull, to their family.

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