EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING ALYSSA QUINN FOR TWO YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE

HON. SUZAN K. DelBENE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Alyssa Quinn for her two years of invaluable service to my office and the constituents in Washington's 1st Congressional District. Alyssa joined my office as an intern in January 2022 and then became our Legislative Correspondent in July 2022. She has worked tirelessly to ensure our constituents have received timely and thoughtful responses to their correspondence with my office. Alyssa is a very strong and reliable writer who excels at communicating complex and sensitive issues. She has also run our internship program in the D.C. office and has been a dedicated mentor to all those she has managed, helping countless interns find full-time employment. Alyssa has brought to our office the spirit of the Pacific Northwest and a deep love for all things Washington. Her enthusiasm for farm animals, dairy, and staying hydrated has been infectious to all in our office. Alyssa has been an incredible staffer and a wonderful friend to all in the office, and we will sorely miss her positive spirit.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Alyssa Quinn and wishing her the best in all of her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THOMAS GARY WARD

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, as we all know, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point is not just one of our Nation's elite military institutions of higher learning, it is one of our national treasures. West Point counts many of our Nation's heroes, including generals, astronauts, and Presidents, as alumni.

Throughout my tenure in Congress, I've had the privilege to nominate many of my constituents to our Nation's military academies. Today I honor one of them, Thomas Gary Ward, for being chosen as the President of his Senior Class at West Point.

Thomas grew up in Jasper, Alabama where he graduated from Jasper High School. After first attending the University of Mississippi, Thomas decided that he wanted to attend West Point. I nominated him in 2019 and he was accepted.

During his time at West Point, Thomas has had the opportunity to pursue his passions in public policy, problem-solving, and leadership. In addition to serving as the President of the Class of 2024, he is also a leader on West Point's premier military skills team. Thomas works with government leaders to encourage and inspire young adults to help solve community issues. He also helps lead various outreach programs that teach high school and college students about the importance of character and ethics in leadership.

Thomas is on schedule to graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in political science and then be commissioned as an Infantry Officer. His first assignment will be with the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado.

The motto of the 4th Division is "Steadfast and Loyal"—a calling and a creed to those who serve in this division, a combat-ready expeditionary force. From what I know of Thomas, "steadfast and loyal" seems a fitting motto for his life as well as his Division.

Thomas is the son of Caroline Ivey and Tom Ward and grandson of Gary and Betty Ward and Elizabeth Rodgers.

I want to congratulate Thomas on his many achievements. Not only is he serving our Nation as a member of our armed forces, but he is also educating a new generation of Americans about how to be the best versions of themselves so they too can serve their communities and our Nation. We all wish Thomas the best from a grateful Nation.

RECOGNIZING OPAL JUBA

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding artistry of Salida High School's Opal Juba and congratulate her on winning the Regional Gold Key Award.

The Regional Gold Key Award is a part of the National Art Education Association's Scholastic Awards competition, and Opal's entry was selected as one of the most accomplished pieces out of 20,000 submissions. The regional award is given to the top 5 percent of entries and awarded to artwork which demonstrates the "highest level of achievement in originality, personal voice and technical skill." Opal's piece, entitled "Jackson", was created using the technique of "stippling," or small dots, to recreate a photo with intricate shading and depth. It was showcased at the Denver Art Museum and now goes on to the national competition. Opal plans to attend the Minneapolis College of Art and Design, focusing on illustrating and minoring in art education.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Opal Juba for receiving a Gold Key Award. We wish her the best of luck in her future artistic endeavors. HONORING THE TOWN OF NEWFANE BICENTENNIAL

HON. CLAUDIA TENNEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Town of Newfane, New York for its bicentennial anniversary.

It was on a spring day in April of 1824 in the Town of Newfane in Niagara County, New York that the vision of businessmen and political leaders came to fruition. At the residence of Mr. James Van Horn the town held its first meeting where they determined the outline of its boundaries, administrative officers and the honor of giving it the name 'Newfane'. Although the origin of the name of the Town of Newfane is a matter not yet settled, it is generally understood by the citizens of Niagara that it was suggested to commemorate the beauty of this town's prospect and likeness to the Town of Fane in Vermont.

In celebrating Newfane's legacy, it is important to recognize the varied economic life that supported its growth during the previous two centuries. The viability of Newfane's early commerce depended in large part on the creation of the Erie Canal and the impact of its diverted waters. On Main Street a few decades later, it boasted bustling mills, taverns, and clothing shops, which continued with a general store and thriving lumber yard. Due to the robust economic activity in Newfane, the community strengthened and saw the emergence of schools, a diverse number of churches opened their doors, and more public buildings emerged consistent with main street, small-town America.

Today, Newfane is known and loved for its rural landscapes and scenic shores of Lake Ontario. Its nature trails and picturesque sunsets over Lake Ontario attract visitors from all over the country. The town is home to a robust, generational farming community with livestock, horticulture, apple orchards, wineries, and commercial crop farms that provide essential goods to residents and surrounding commnunities. Located on Lake Ontario, the town offers several miles of scenic coastline. Residents enjoy the town's numerous parks and beaches, as well as Olcott Harbor which serves as a safe harbor to boaters and home to marinas and fishermen on the lake.

I would be remiss if I did not recognize the Town of Newfane for its thriving sport fishing industry. Men and women come from all directions to enjoy the town's world class fisheries for salmon and trout. The Town of Newfane is proud to be a key contributor to Niagara County's \$30 million a year sport fishing industry.

I applaud the Town of Newfane for their commitment to preserving 200 years of history. Throughout the past 200 years, Newfane has proven that America's heartland has never lost its spirit. Sincerest congratulations once

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again to the Town of Newfane on their bicentennial.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSIE LEE

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I was necessarily absent from votes on Tuesday, March 19, 2024. Had I been present, I would have voted: Yea on Roll Call No. 87 and YEA on Roll Call No. 88.

HONORING THE O'NEAL SCHOOL ON WINNING THEIR FIRST GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE TITLE

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the O'Neal School's varsity girls basketball team on winning their first ever state basketball title.

Last month, for the first time in school history, the women of the O'Neal School won the North Carolina Independent Schools Athletic Association (NCISAA) 2A basketball state championship. The Falcons won this year's championship by a final score of 48–32 over Wayne County Day School. This victory caps off what was an incredible year for the Falcons, who finished the season with a 30–1 record. This is a momentous and well-deserved achievement.

The coaches and players of the O'Neal School's girls basketball team have brought great pride to both their school and the whole of Moore County. I wish them all the best and hope to see them continue their great success next season. Go Falcons.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating the coaches and athletes of the O'Neal School on their victory in this season's NCISAA 2A basketball state championship.

RECOGNIZING SUSIE BELL

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Susie Bell of Cañon City for being inducted into the Fremont Hall of Fame.

Susie was a pillar in Fremont County and spent decades improving the community before her passing in November of 2023. Her many philanthropic contributions and hours of volunteer work continue to have a transformative impact on students and so many others in Fremont County.

Susie was committed to advancing education—she built several scholarships for current and future learners, supported early childhood development programs, and donated and volunteered for many events to promote the arts. Her tireless work and dedication to Fremont County did not go unnoticed. She will be missed, but her contributions will last for generations.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Susie Bell for being inducted into Fremont Hall of Fame and thank her for her contribution and commitment to our community.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JOHN KELLEY

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the distinguished career and public service of Police Chief John Kelley from the town of Vernon, Connecticut that is drawing to an honorable end on March 22, 2024. Chief Kelley's devotion to duty in the U.S. Army Reserve and the Vernon Police Department focused on defending our nation and ensuring public safety has always been about caring for and serving others. As a resident of Vernon for over forty years, I have had the privilege to personally witness the positive impact he has had on our town, which is deep and meaningful.

A Vernon native, Chief Kelly grew up in a family whose patriarch Robert Kelley served in town fire service for 42 years, 21 of which as Fire Chief. I also knew Bob Kelley and worked with him on fire department issues during my time as town attorney and state representative. Bob was a true gentleman who led his department by example, a trait that his son followed, with great success. John Kelley attended Vernon schools and graduated from Rockville High School. After high school, he then enrolled at the University of Connecticut in Storrs, where he studied Criminal Justice and Sociology, which obviously signaled the direction he would follow later in life. After graduation his journey of public service began. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve, where he honorably served for 6 years.

Chief Kelley began his career in public safety when he was hired by his hometown police department on January 29, 1996. His diligent work resulted in a cascade of training awards and frequent promotions. He excelled in all aspects of his work. For example, he received the Samuel J. Luciano award for graduating first in his class and the TFC Allan J. Tuskowski award for overall excellence in training. In his career he took on a vast expanse of roles, including serving as a Patrol Division, a K-9 handler, Detective Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain of the Vernon Police Department, all before 2015. Additionally, he graduated from the FBI National Academy (273rd session) and the Command Training Series, Executive Development program at Roger Williams University.

Given the respect and high regard he earned through the ranks of the Police department, he was the ideal candidate for Chief of Police upon the retirement of his predecessor, Chief James Kenny. As Chief, Kelley made major contributions to the improvement of the Police Department. He oversaw the implementation of technological advancements, the upgrade of body and dash cameras, upgraded duty handguns and rifles, formed a peer support team, and played a key role in the POSTC accreditation assessment. He was so proactive that the POSTC accreditation was accomplished over two years ahead of schedule. Chief Kelley uniquely understands the value of teamwork in public service. Most recently in his tenure, Chief Kelley implemented hundreds of thousands of COVID-19 Federal American Rescue Plan dollars in Vernon PD projects, increasing the town's emergency response capability and upgrading its technology.

Not only did Chief Kelley dedicate immense portions of his time and effort to helping his town, but he also equipped these individuals with the tools and resources to help themselves in times of need. As Kelley put it himself, "The Vernon Police Department is committed to excellence and the delivery of professional police services while providing its members with the equipment and training needed to successfully complete the mission". He educated many community members and in turn increased their self-sufficiency in moments of need. The impact of Chief Kelley's career will live on for many years after his departure. His legacy will instill a confident and prepared police force that will carry out its mission to foster a safe community that he and his family supported throughout many decades.

Although John Kelley is retiring from his role as Police Chief on March 22, 2024, his involvement in the region will continue as he transitions to working as an armed school security officer in Ellington Public Schools on March 25. Not one to be idle. Mr. Kellev has allotted himself a mere three days of rest between retirement and the return to work. From his experience and education, one can easily see Chief Kelley's promising future as a school security officer. His pleasant demeanor and commitment to the wellbeing of other Vernon residents will surely inspire the future generations of Americans to follow in his footsteps. It will be an honor to continue to serve alongside John Kelley in his new role, protecting and educating Northeastern Connecticut students who benefit from his example of how to treat other individuals with respect and achieve academic success.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize and immortalize the career and accomplishments of John Kelley. From the U.S. Army Reserve to the Vernon Police Department, to his future role as an armed school security officer in Ellington, Chief Kelley has always put his life on the line for the safety of others. He is a reliable and amiable individual whose devotion to his community shines through in every aspect of his being. One may hope that his humility and thoughtfulness are emulated by future generations of Americans. As Chief Kelley caps off 28 years of consummate service to Vernon, we should acknowledge his wife, Kellie, and daughters Grace and Abby. I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in commending and thanking John Kelley for his endless service to the United States.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF LIEU- a record of 26 wins and 2 losses, maintaining TENANT COLONEL JOSEPH WOODS

HON. PATRICK RYAN

OF NEW YORK IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Woods' impressive record of service to our country.

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Woods, the son of a career Army Officer, graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He earned his Bachelor of Science and was commissioned as a Field Artillery officer upon graduation in May 2007.

He has served in various capacities across the Army, including deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan, Bahrain, and Jordan. The units he served with include the 1ST Infantry Division. 82ND Airborne Division, 5TH Special Forces Group, West Points Corps of Cadets, and the 25TH Infantry Division in Alaska. Most recently, he served as the Chief of Staff of the Joint Interagency Task Force-National Capital Region.

In addition to his dedication to service, Lieutenant Colonel Woods has dedicated himself to lifelong learning. He holds two Master's degrees: one in Organizational Psychology from Teacher's College, Columbia University (2016) and the other in Defense Studies from the Royal Military College of Canada (2018).

Lieutenant Colonel Woods has received numerous awards and decorations for his service including: the Bronze Star Medal (1 OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Army Achievement Medal, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. He has earned the Senior Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the Combat Action Badge. Lt. Col. Woods also holds Chilean, Italian, and British airborne wings.

In June, Lieutenant Colonel Woods will take Command of the 2nd Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 10TH Mountain Division. I wish Lieutenant Colonel Woods, his wife Brianna, and their four children, Collin, Luke, Evan, and Emma, the best of luck in the future. Their dedication to this country is truly inspiring and honorable.

HONORING THE HAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM ON THEIR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Hampton High School Men's Basketball Team from Hampton, Virginia on becoming the Virginia High School League's Class 4 State Champions.

On Friday, March 8, 2024, the Hampton Crabbers won the championship game against the Tuscarora Huskies with a score of 66-63. Led by Coach Eric Brown, the Crabbers won this title for the sixth time, the first since 2012. Hampton High School closed their season with a 16-game winning streak.

Throughout the game, the Crabbers and Huskies fought for control of the court, with the Crabbers maintaining the lead. But victory for the Crabbers would not come easily, as the Huskies consistently chipped away at their lead. With 20 seconds left on the clock, senior Daron Baugh sank two free-throws to give the Crabbers the final 66-63 lead. The Crabbers fought hard and stayed determined until the game was over, and because of that. they were able to secure the championship.

Mr. Speaker, I want to again congratulate the Hampton High School Basketball Team and thank Coach Brown, the parents, and the entire Hampton High School community for supporting these students throughout the season. They have all made their community proud. I wish them the best in their future endeavors, and I wish the program continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORI TRAHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Mrs. TRAHAN. Mr. Speaker, on March 19, 2024, I missed a Roll Call vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 88.

RECOGNIZING DELORES COMSTOCK

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today

to recognize the outstanding service of Delores Comstock and congratulate her for being inducted into the Fremont Hall of Fame.

Delores' commitment to education and volunteerism has made her a beloved figure in the community, particularly her involvement with the Fremont County 4-H programs. With over 60 years of service, her work as an educator, Special Education volunteer, and Four Mile 4-H Club leader, has enriched the lives of countless individuals and exemplifies the spirit of community service. Delores' ongoing altruism has made a significant difference across Fremont County and makes her a fitting recipient for a spot in their Hall of Fame.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Delores Comstock for her Fremont Hall of Fame induction and thank her for her service to our community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ALEXEI NAVALNY

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Alexei Navalny, who made the ultimate sacrifice in his fight for freedom, democracy, and basic human rights.

For more than a decade, Navalny courageously led the unflinching opposition against Russian President Vladimir Putin and his evil cronies.

Determined to create a truly democratic Russia, Navalny exposed Putin for who he truly is: a murderous, corrupt dictator.

In August of 2020, officers of the Russian government attempted to kill Navalny by poison, forcing him to be evacuated and hospitalized in Germany.

Despite this attempt on his life, Navalny never wavered and, after miraculously recovering from this attempted murder, insisted on returning to Russia to continue his mission of bringing freedom to his countrymen.

Upon his return home, Navalny was wrongfully imprisoned by Russian authorities for the remainder of his life and, tragically, to his death

His only crime was his determination to speak out in the face of oppression and advocate for a Russia free from Putin's control.

Throughout his imprisonment, Navalny never lost his sense of optimism and hope for the future. He remained positive, even telling iokes in court less than 24 hours before his death.

While in prison in the Arctic Circle, Navalny continued being a strong voice for freedom, relying on his family, lawyers, and other supporters to speak out on his behalf and stand defiant against Putin's evil regime.

He was a man of deep conviction who never faltered in his mission, no matter the cost.

He was one of the bravest, most principled men I have ever met, and his memory will never be forgotten. The United States must continue Navalny's legacy and stand up against Putin's efforts to trample freedom in Europe and around the world.

May we never stop fighting to secure peace and democracy for all those who seek it, just as Navalny so courageously did.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 87, and YEA on Roll Call No. 88.

RECOGNIZING MAYOR OLIVIA TRUJILLO

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mayor Olivia Trujillo, who passed away on March 3, 2024, surrounded by loved ones. She was 67 years old. Mayor Trujillo was born in Guadalajara, Mexico, and at the age of five, her family immigrated to Arvin, California. During her summers, she worked alongside her family harvesting fruits and vegetables in the fields of the San Joaquin Valley, learning the values of hard work and perseverance from a young age. Mayor

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Mr. DUNN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 79, and YEA on Roll Call No. 80.

RECOGNIZING KELLY ALBRECHT

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kelly Albrecht of Cañon City for being inducted into the Fremont Hall of Fame.

Throughout her distinguished 32-year career, Kelly has exemplified innovation in education. Over her tenure, Kelly taught fifth grade and elementary music and took on leadership roles, including serving as Cañon Exploratory School middle school principal. After retiring, Kelly continued to shape the future of education in Fremont County as the Induction Coordinator and Teacher Development Coach for the Cañon City School District. Her creative and innovative style of leadership has touched the lives of countless students and new teachers starting on their professional journeys.

Kelly's legacy is a testament to her passion for education and her impact on creating a culture of learning and excellence within the community.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Kelly Albrecht for her accomplishment and thank her for her contribution to our community.

ties in the Arvin community during her childhood. Mayor Trujillo dedicated her life to serving the Arvin community for more than 60 years. She served as the Vice-President of the Arvin Chamber of Commerce from 2013 to 2018. Chair of the Arvin City Planning Commission from 2015 to 2018, and was a member of the Arvin City Council from 2016 to 2018. In 2020, she was elected as the Mayor of the City of Arvin. As the first woman, Latina, and immigrant in this position, her election represented a significant milestone in our community's history. During her tenure, Mayor Trujillo was deeply committed to serving the community's most vulnerable, including the youth, senior, and homeless populations. She was instrumental in bringing new jobs to the city, improving resources for the homeless population, and leading domestic violence awareness campaigns. She significantly expanded various services for Arvin residents, including the new Bakersfield College Arvin Campus, the first Urgent Care Center and food bank, and the Arvin Kiwanis Club for youth leadership development. Mayor Trujillo was a trailblazing leader, passionate about the well-being of all residents of the community. Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the incredible life of Mayor Olivia Trujillo. Her service to the Arvin community will be felt for generations to come. My thoughts and prayers are with her family during this difficult time.

Trujillo attended Sierra Vista Elementary,

Haven Drive Middle School, and Arvin High

School, and was involved in numerous activi-

TRIBUTE TO DEBORAH KALLICK

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend Deborah Kallick, who is retiring from her role as Vice President of Government and Industry Relations at Cedars-Sinai Health System after 24 years of service to our Southern California community. Deborah grew up in Beverly Hills, California,

Deborah grew up in Beverly Hills, California, as a first-generation American, with her mother coming from Odesa, Ukraine, and her father from Munich, Germany. She earned her B.A. from Pitzer College in 1978 and her M.B.A. from USC in 1983. Before joining Cedars-Sinai, she served as UCLA's Executive Director of Federal and Health Sciences Government Relations from 1985 to 2000.

A dedicated advocate at all levels of government for the health care delivery system, Deborah has served as Cedars-Sinai's legislative steward in Los Angeles, Sacramento, and Washington, D.C. Cedars-Sinai is a leading provider of care to Californians on Medi-Cal, the state's Medicaid program, and Deborah has played a major role in expanding this program so that the most vulnerable in our community have access to health care services.

Deborah led efforts to improve hospital financing and successfully advocated for funding to expand medical research and graduate medical education while playing a paramount role in establishing joint research efforts between Cedars-Sinai and the Uniform Services University at the Department of Defense. She was also instrumental in securing entitlements to build the new Cedars-Sinai Marina del Rey Hospital, contributing to the development of the institution's new campus. This initiative allowed Cedars-Sinai to expand its services and further its mission of education, research, and patient care.

Beyond her work in the health care sphere, Deborah is also active in numerous civic and community organizations. She currently is the Board Vice President for Hillel International and the past Board Chair of USC Hillel and Hillel 818. Additionally, Deborah serves on the Boards of Directors of the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce, the Los Angeles Business Council, the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, Hillel 818, Hillel at the Claremont Colleges, Pitzer College, the Maple Counseling Center, and the Getty House Foundation.

Deborah has received numerous accolades for her tireless service to our community. She received the West Hollywood Women's Leadership Award in 2006 and the Thomas Crail Lifetime Achievement Award from the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce in 2008. She also earned the 2006 American Hospital Association's Grass Roots Champion Award and The Maple Counseling Center's Community Spirit Award in 2012.

I am proud to have worked alongside Deborah to deliver better health outcomes to Southern Californians. Her tireless advocacy and relentless activism have had a profound impact on the lives of millions of patients—in Los Angeles, in California, and across the nation. Her presence as a stalwart of working toward enhancing health care access, quality, and affordability will be missed.

I thank Deborah for a lifetime of service and wish her the best of luck in this next chapter of her life. I ask all Members to join me in congratulating Deborah for 24 years of service.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR FOR-EIGN STUDY 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the American Institute For Foreign Study (AIFS) in Stamford, Connecticut, as they celebrate their 60th anniversary. Since their inception in 1964, AIFS has pioneered cultural exchange and educational enrichment, having impacted the lives of over 1.8 million individuals and deepened relationships across international borders.

In partnership with the U.S. Department of State, AIFS continues to operate a diverse selection of programs for their nearly 40,000 annual participants, including study and travel abroad, high school exchange, camp counselor, and intern/trainee programs, which epitomize the Administration's dedication to diverse partnerships. It is my unique honor to recognize the American Institute For Foreign Study for their 60th anniversary.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating AIFS and their dedication to cross-cultural exchange.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

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