

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVEN HORSFORD

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 24, 2025

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus to honor my history—our history—American history . . .

I'm here to honor Black history during Black History Month.

This is a time to honor our elders, and the struggles they endured bringing us to this moment.

My home of Las Vegas is rich with contributions, milestones and heroes that advanced equity in our society.

People like Hattie Canty—who led the Culinary Workers Union Local 226 to fight for better wages and job security, including the longest strike in American history against unfair labor conditions—six and a half years.

Places like West Las Vegas, which became the heart of the city's Black community during segregation.

Black-owned businesses and venues along the Black Strip on Jackson Avenue allowed culture to thrive . . .

. . . while entrepreneurship and homeownership helped local community members begin to accumulate wealth.

And breakthroughs, like the Sands Hotel allowing Nat King Cole to stay and perform there in 1955, challenging racial segregation to its core at the time.

Las Vegas is one of so many, pillars of progress—progress made over generations—and progress that is under threat right now by forces who want to take our country backwards.

. . . Denigrating civil rights . . .
. . . Undermining racial diversity . . .
. . . Eroding opportunities to grow wealth and better oneself with an education.

What the forces against progress don't seem to realize, is the spirit of progress is alive and well today—every bit as much as it was for my parents' generation, and the generations before them.

I mentioned Hattie Canty—I stand on her shoulders to this day.

I spent a decade leading the Culinary Training Academy of Las Vegas that she helped found in 1993.

It trains thousands of people every year with vocational skills that help local youths, adults, and displaced workers find work in the hospitality industry.

The spirit of Black History Month is the spirit of progress—it's a flame that cannot be blown out.

I am grateful for all of the leaders who came before me.

And my commitment is to stand steadfast for future generations in this time of need, just as past generations did for me.

HONORING THE ROSWELL FIRE
DEPARTMENT ON EARNING THE
SENATOR PAUL SARBANES
AWARD

HON. RICHARD MCCORMICK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Mr. MCCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Fire Chief Joe Pennino and the brave men and women of the City of Roswell Fire Department on being awarded the 2025 Senator Paul S. Sarbanes Fire Service Safety Leadership Award by the Congressional Fire Safety Institute.

The Senator Paul S. Sarbanes Fire Service Safety Leadership Award honors organizations that have made noteworthy contributions to firefighter health and safety. The award celebrates those who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, innovation, and dedication in promoting a safer environment for firefighters.

The City of Roswell's Fire Department is recognized for its collaboration with researchers in the analysis of the impact that new shift schedules and adjusted start times have on the performance and well-being of firefighters. The study evaluates both the immediate and long-term effects of these changes on the health, responsiveness, and capability of these firefighters.

Through their collaboration in this study, the Roswell Fire Department has shown a strong commitment to the well-being of their firefighter personnel and dedication to assuring that they are well-rested and in peak condition for the daunting schedule that those who wear the uniform face. This innovative leadership shows Roswell Fire Department's commitment to not only their firefighters but also to the well-being of firefighters throughout the United States.

The mission of the Roswell Fire Department is to protect life, property, and enhance the quality of life by providing dynamic services, including emergency response. Through these thoughtful studies, they are taking that seriously by ensuring their personnel are at peak performance capability.

On February 13, 2025, the Roswell Fire Department will be honored here in Washington, D.C., during the 35th Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner for then leadership and commitment to innovation and safety.

As their Representative in Congress, I am proud to have these types of leaders who strive to serve the public residing in my district. I have no doubts that the City of Roswell and its Fire Department will continue their trajectory of excellence, and I wish them all the best in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, on the morning of February 24, 2025, I was attending the University of Minnesota's National Security Research & Innovation Day in my district, and the flight I took back to Washington, D.C. was delayed departing from Minnesota. This resulted in my absence from the House during three suspension votes on February 24, 2025. Had I been present, I would have voted AYE on Roll Call No. 43, H.R. 825, the Assisting Small Businesses Not Fraudsters Act; Roll Call No. 44, H.R. 832, the Small Business Advocacy Improvements Act; and Roll Call No. 45, H.R. 818, the SPUR Act.

RECOGNIZING EMILY TUTTLE-MILLARD

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible accomplishments of Emily Tuttle-Millard our Deputy Chief of Staff. Over the course of her tenure, she served in numerous roles, consistently demonstrating professionalism and an extraordinary work ethic with a steadfast dedication to excellence. Emily was not only a vital member of our team but also an integral force behind our success.

As Deputy Chief of Staff, Emily tackled our strategic goals, including passage of legislation to address Veteran Suicide with the "Adam Lambert Act," helping support couples start a family with the "HOPE Act," and delivered on U.S. security priorities enshrined in the National Defense Authorization Act. As a fighter for folks in the heart of the heartland, Emily worked with our legislative team to ensure Iowa garnered the most priorities in the Farm Bill. Further, Emily worked across the State and across the aisle to earn our team the Top 10 most bipartisan member of Congress distinction.

As Communications Director, Emily's tenacity ensured Iowa's priorities always received national attention, from in-depth coverage ranging from "Face the Nation" to "Fox & Friends," as well as a commitment to local journalism showcasing Iowa's best accomplishments as a roadmap for national solutions. Her focus on individual constituents became legend, earning her the Congressional Administrative Office's model for tailored mail engagement. Emily navigated challenges with grace and mastered the art of turning vision into reality.

Equally, Emily was an original plank holder on Team Nunn. Coming aboard from the very

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