

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF MARIA AMBUUL UPON HER ACHIEVEMENT OF THE STARS AND STRIPES AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR OF THE AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2012

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Maria Ambuul upon her achievement of the Stars and Stripes Award, the highest honor of the American Heritage Girls organization. It is a pleasure and privilege to honor Ms. Ambuul for her accomplishments, as well as her dedication to her God, her family, her community, and her country.

American Heritage Girls is a nonprofit Judeo-Christian organization for girls ages five to 18, dedicated to building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country. The organization was started in 1995 and has grown to nearly 400 troops with more than 12,500 members in 45 states. Ms. Ambuul is the first Coloradan to achieve the coveted Stars and Stripes Award.

The Stars and Stripes Award is bestowed upon young women who have gone above and beyond the highest program level in American Heritage Girls. Young women receiving the Stars and Stripes Award must exemplify the following qualities: compassion, helpfulness, honesty, loyalty, perseverance, purity, resourcefulness, respectfulness, responsibility, and reverence. They must also have demonstrated exemplary commitment to the American Heritage Girls oath to love God, cherish their families, honor their country, and serve in their communities. The Stars and Stripes Award is equivalent to the Boy Scout's Eagle Scout Award.

Ms. Ambuul has proved her love for and dedication to her community. I thank her for the difference she has made in Colorado's Fifth District and for setting such a fine example for young women in the state of Colorado.

RECOGNIZING LOCAL STUDENT MUSICIANS FOR THEIR SELECTION TO THE 2012 ARMY ALL-AMERICAN BOWL MARCHING BAND

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize four outstanding student musicians in my community: Nicolas Allegro, Joyce Su and Gina Hansen of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Fairfax and C. Hunter Bockes of C.D. Hylton High School in Prince William were recently selected as members of the U.S. Army All-American Bowl Marching Band.

These young people will represent northern Virginia, along with 125 other musicians and color guard members from across the nation, as part of the marching band for the Jan. 7 U.S. Army All-American Bowl in San Antonio. The All-American Bowl is the nation's largest high school football all-star game, which seeks to generate positive publicity for the Army, strengthen the Army's connection with America and demonstrate the commitment of the Army to America's youth. These individuals were nominated by members of their communities and selected by the National Association for Music Education. They represent the top marching band musicians from across the country.

Mr. Speaker, it is a tremendous honor to be selected to the All-American Bowl Marching Band, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing these young men and women for their achievements and congratulating them on representing their schools and our community on the national stage.

HONORING DARLENE HIEB

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2012

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Darlene Hieb, who rose through the ranks to become the Director of Nursing at Tuolumne General Hospital and announced her retirement, after 30 years of service, at the end of December 2011.

There are no words to adequately describe Darlene's quality of character, competence, and the contributions she made to Tuolumne General Hospital and the community. Throughout her county career, Darlene has been the model of quality care, love, compassion, and loyalty to both her patients and staff. She has exemplified the best of what has been offered at Tuolumne General Hospital.

Darlene Hieb was born with a heart for nursing and a calling to care for people. Indeed, her education and 37-year professional career as a nurse bear this out. After graduation from Lodi Union High School, Darlene proceeded to earn an A.A. degree in Pre-Nursing and a B.S. degree in Nursing. Darlene also obtained her license as a Registered Nurse (RN) and numerous certifications, the most notable as a Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) and Nurse Administrator. After receiving her Bachelor's degree and RN license, Darlene worked as an RN for the Los Banos Community Hospital for four-and-a-half years and at the Huntington Intercommunity Hospital for two-and-a-half years.

Darlene Hieb started her career at Tuolumne General Hospital as a Relief RN II on February 3, 1982. She continued to serve as an RN II until January 1986, when she was promoted to a Head Nurse position. Darlene was later promoted to Nursing Services Manager and then to Director of Nursing—the position she has held since October 15, 1995.

Since the decision was made to close Tuolumne General, Darlene's importance to the organization grew even greater. When others might have left, Darlene rose to the occasion and committed to stay as the recognized leader of the hospital throughout the major transitions to come. She will long be remembered as the heart and soul of Tuolumne General during that season of the hospital's life. It is hard to imagine how the phased closure could have happened in such a professional, caring, and financially responsible manner without her. Through it all, Darlene was able to inspire and engender the loyalty of her staff to maintain the quality of care Tuolumne General had long been known for until its last day of operation.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending the outstanding career dedicated to the care of people and the standard of excellence brought to Tuolumne General Hospital by Darlene Hieb, and hereby wish her continued success in her retirement.

TRIBUTE TO THE BETA BETA LAMBDA CHAPTER OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2012

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Beta Beta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. was founded on Tuesday, December 4, 1906 at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, as the First African-American Intercollegiate Fraternity. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. was founded by seven courageous men who will forever be known as the Noble Jewels of the fraternity; Henry Arthur Calis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinkle Jones, George Biddle Kelly, Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle and Vertner Woodson Tandy.

The fraternity's aims of "manly deeds, scholarship and love for all mankind" have always been displayed by its many national programs which includes, "Go to High School, Go to College", "A Voteless People is a Hopeless People" and Project Alpha.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., successfully completed the building of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Monument in Washington, D.C., the only African-American and non-president to be so honored on The National Mall.

The local chapter in Miami-Dade County, Beta Beta Lambda Chapter raised over \$2.1 million during the leadership of seven chapter presidents and the monument coordinator (Brothers Gordon Murray, W. Ajibola Balogun, Dana Moss, Ola Aluko, David Young, Maurice Hurry, Trevor Wade and Gregory Gay) for the building of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Monument in Washington, DC. Today, I commend the Beta Beta Lambda

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Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. for their contribution and their effort in building the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Monument in Washington, D.C.

HONORING WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY TIGERS, THE 2011 NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2012

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, on November 20, 2011, the Wittenberg University Tigers Women's Volleyball team won their first NCAA Championship. After ending the regular season with a 37–3, 16–0 NCAC record, the Tigers advanced through the post-season tournament to sweep the title in a 3–0 match against Christopher Newport University. This championship represents years of hard work and dedication by these volleyball players and their coaches. This achievement is also a reflection of the support these women have received from their families, Wittenberg University, and the Springfield, Ohio community.

Members of the 2011 Women's Volleyball team include Hallie Donathan (Tipp City, Ohio); Tessa Litman (Magnolia, Ohio); Hillary Monnin (Russia, Ohio); Katie Sumner (Dublin, Ohio); Ali Hock-James (Cincinnati, Ohio); Kiah Murray (Yorktown, Indiana); Hannah Riley (Minerva, Ohio); Miranda Sagle (Springfield, Ohio); Kimmie Dyer (Copley, Ohio); Kate Shoemaker (Vallonia, Indiana); Courtney Lauber (Zionsville, Indiana); Christine Simpson (Dublin, Ohio); Catherine Fumy (Fort Wayne, Indiana); Andrea Behling (Columbus, Indiana); Christina Gilene (Milford, Ohio); Meghan Vodopich (Canton, Ohio); Jessica Batanian (Sylvania, Ohio); Quin Gable (West Chicago, Illinois).

The Wittenberg University Women's Volleyball team was lead by Head Coach Paco Labrador and assisted by Laura Jensen and Amy Cox. The team was also heavily supported by Athletic Director Garnett Purnell, and University President Dr. Mark H. Erikson.

Thus, today I ask my colleagues to join me and the constituents of the Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in congratulating the Wittenberg Tiger Women's Volleyball team.

CONGRATULATING CHUCK BROWN, THE "GODFATHER OF GO-GO"

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2012

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating one of the Nation's great musical innovators, Chuck Brown, the "Godfather of Go-Go," on receiving the Executive Director's Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Civil Liberties Union of the Nation's Capital (ACLU–NCA). Chuck will be presented with the award on January 7, 2012, at the historic and elegant Carnegie Institution for Science in Washington, DC. The ACLU–NCA has long fought for equal congressional rep-

resentation for the citizens of the Nation's capital, the right of District residents to make their own laws and spend their own money and, above all, statehood. Last summer, Chuck performed at the ACLU–NCA's annual DC. Statehood Teach-In on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol. Despite temperatures in excess of 100 degrees, Chuck gave a spirited performance of the kind that has earned him legendary status. Chuck uplifted the DC statehood movement, and liberty itself.

Since the mid-1960s, when his musical career began, Chuck Brown has been the fundamental force behind "Go-Go," the musical genre he invented in Washington, DC. Chuck's early hit "Bustin' Loose" has been adopted by the Washington Nationals baseball team as the official home-run celebration song. In addition to creating original music, Chuck has recorded a series of Go-Go covers of early jazz and blues songs. Chuck's remarkable music catalogue spans 22 studio albums over more than 30 years. Chuck's signature musical style recently proved its longevity when the song "Love," from his album entitled *We Got This*, earned Chuck Grammy Award nomination 2010.

Chuck Brown has also been a devoted and loving father. When his son played football at Virginia Tech, Chuck scheduled performances and other appearances around the team's home football games, never missing a single game his son played at Lane Stadium. Following the Virginia Tech massacre in 2007, Chuck dedicated several shows to the memories of the victims.

Mr. Speaker, Chuck Brown has earned iconic status, especially in the District of Columbia where Go-Go music was invented and popularized. For decades, through his distinctive sound with its iconic beat, Chuck has pulled people out of their seats to dance nationwide. Whether in the depressing aftermath of the Virginia Tech massacre or on a hot summer day on Capitol Hill, Chuck has always used his music to uplift the human spirit. I, therefore, ask the House of Representatives to recognize Chuck Brown for his contributions to music in our country and to the District of Columbia, and to join me in commending him on receiving the ACLU–NCA's Executive Director's Lifetime Achievement Award.

RECOGNIZING NANCY VEHR'S ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2012

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Nancy Vehrs on her retirement after 31 years of service to the citizens of Fairfax County, Virginia. I worked closely with Nancy during my 14 years on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and I saw firsthand her dedication and hard work.

Nancy began working for Fairfax County in 1980 and held positions in the Woodburn Mental Health Center and the Fairfax County Police Department before being appointed by Clerk to the Board of Supervisors in 1990.

The position of Clerk to the Board of Supervisors is often thankless, but nevertheless extremely vital to both the operations of County

government and our citizens' ability to actively participate in the decision-making process. Nancy was instrumental in modernizing recordkeeping for official Board proceedings and constituent correspondence, enabling better governmental transparency and providing for County residents with a better means of communication. Citizen involvement in government provides another avenue for individual contributions; however, the process of volunteering to serve one's community can be daunting. Nancy saw the value in the County's various volunteer Boards, Authorities and Commissions, and she helped implement a training program to provide citizen volunteers with access to legal, proprietary, and procedural training to assist in their endeavors.

Nancy always sought to pass along her expertise, sharing those ideas and best practices throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia, and she served as President of the Virginia Municipal Clerks Association. She received well-deserved recognition for these efforts, earning the title of Master Municipal Clerk in 2008 and twice being named the VCMA Region II Clerk of the Year.

In addition, Nancy has actively served her community in her individual capacity. She has served as President of the Prince William Committee of 100, a civic organization dedicated to informing the community of local issues of importance. She has served on the Board of Directors of Virginia Native Plant Society and the Board of the Prince William Conservation Alliance, and was the President of the Prince William Wildflower Society.

Mr. Speaker, Nancy Vehrs is a tremendous example of a dedicated civil servant whose many efforts over the years have improved the lives of her community. While her departure will be felt throughout the County government, the many procedures and improvements she helped implement will continue to benefit County residents for many years to come. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and congratulating Nancy Vehrs on her 31 years of service to the citizens of Fairfax County, Virginia, and in wishing her well in her much-deserved retirement.

HONORING FALLEN STANISLAUS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATOR MARY ANN DONAHOU

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2012

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor fallen Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office Crime Scene Investigator Mary Ann Donahou. CSI Donahou's end of watch came on December 30, 2011, while in the line of duty gathering evidence at a crime scene. While assisting a deputy, she was struck by a vehicle. Mary was deeply committed to her profession—one that she put her whole heart into. CSI Donahou wore her badge with pride, loved her job, and loved serving the community.

Mary Ann was born on August 20, 1965, in Ceres, California, and she graduated from Downey High School in 1983. In December of 1999, Mary Ann was blessed with the love of her life, her son Jake. In 2002, she began her