

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF JESSE BROWN

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague Congressman JEFF DENHAM to honor Jesse Brown for his years of dedicated service to Merced County. Jesse is the Executive Director of the Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) and will be retiring after twenty-four years in the position.

MCAG was formed in 1967 by the local governments in the Merced County region as a forum for making key decisions on regional growth and transportation issues. Jesse took on his position in 1988. He is well known for his leadership in promoting regional solutions to the many challenges facing the region, including transportation, public transit and solid waste. In his thirty years of public service, Jesse has successfully worked to build partnerships at the state and federal level to ensure the San Joaquin Valley remains a high priority.

Jesse has served as Chair of the California Council of Governments Director Association, President of the San Joaquin Valley Transportation Planning Directors Association, and Executive Director of the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System, known as YARTS. Additionally, he served as a committee member through the Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce to ensure that Merced was the choice place for the tenth campus of the University of California.

Jesse has a Bachelor's in Public Administration and M.S. in Urban Planning from the University of Arizona.

Mr. Speaker, we thank you for the opportunity to recognize Jesse Brown and his career with the Merced County Association of Governments. Further, we appreciate you joining us in thanking him for his dedicated service to Merced County and his commitment to the betterment of the region. We wish him well during this next chapter of his life.

HONORING LLOYD LACUESTA
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM
KTVU

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge and honor Lloyd LaCuesta upon his retirement from KTVU.

Lloyd retires on June 15th, after over 35 years of reporting with KTVU Channel 2 News. Lloyd held the position of South Bay Bureau Chief for decades and is the longest tenured reporter at KTVU. He received his

B.A. in Journalism and Political Science from California State University, Los Angeles, and San Jose State University. He obtained his M.A. in Journalism from University of California, Los Angeles.

Lloyd worked for the Los Angeles Herald Examiner as a high school correspondent and then in radio at KNBC/KNX. Lloyd later served in the U.S. Army as a military broadcast journalist for the American Forces Korea Network before coming to KTVU in 1976.

From 1987–1990, Lloyd served as Asian American Journalists Association's (AAJA) first elected national president. In 1991, Lloyd co-founded the UNITY alliance to increase diversity in the news and served as its first president. His mentorship, reputation, and service earned him AAJA's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2004.

Lloyd covered stories ranging from the L.A. Riots in 1992 and the Columbine high school shooting to the first landing of the Space Shuttle at Edwards Air Force Base and a flight into Mr. St. Helen's volcano crater. His reporting led him to the Philippines to cover the Marcos vs. Aquino Presidential campaign, Honduras to report on Hurricane Mitch, and Vietnam to produce a series on Amerasian children.

For his work, Lloyd has won six Emmy Awards from the National Academy of Arts and Sciences. He received awards from the Associated Press and the Peninsula Press Club. He uses his expertise to teach journalism at San Jose State University and Menlo College.

We honor Lloyd LaCuesta, on the special occasion of his retirement and will miss him on the ten o'clock news. We commend Lloyd for his invaluable service to our community and wish him the best in his future adventures. We are very fortunate to have benefited from his dedication, tenacity, and perspective. He has left his mark in San Jose and the larger community.

SUSAN J. CAMPBELL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Susan J. Campbell of Susan J. Campbell Copywriting Solutions of Saint Joseph, Missouri. This business has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Employer of Excellence.

Susan J. Campbell is passionate about her work and she takes every opportunity to ensure those who work with her are able to break into a similar passion. Balancing work and family is perhaps the greatest stand-out feature within the company. Susan sets the pace by working hard to build the company, encouraging co-workers, and reaching out in service to the community.

Susan is involved in many service opportunities and invites co-workers to join in. Each

year, Susan and her co-workers volunteer at the Royal Family Kids Camp, and Susan is always asking what more can she do to help. She goes above and beyond in her community and in her workplace allowing every employee and independent contractor to set his or her own work schedule.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Susan J. Campbell Copywriting Solutions. This business is a tremendous asset to the St. Joseph community, and I am honored to represent this business in the United States Congress.

TRIBUTE TO AMBASSADOR RENEE
JONES-BOS OF THE NETHERLANDS

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to extend my warmest regards and great appreciation to Ambassador Jones-Bos for her successful efforts to reinforce the strong ties between the people of the United States and the people of the Netherlands.

For four years, Ambassador Jones-Bos has served the Dutch people with energy and grace in a time of great tumult for both the Dutch and American people. During her tenure, our two peoples have stood side-by-side on the battlefields of Afghanistan and as partners in the aftermath of global financial crisis. Throughout these challenges, Ambassador Jones-Bos has been a poised and unwavering advocate for her country and strong ally to the United States. Through her educational efforts and through her sound advice at key times, Ambassador Jones-Bos has played a major diplomatic role in the most significant events of our bi-lateral relationship over the last four years.

The people of the Netherlands and the United States have shared a bond since the Dutch ship, the Half Moon, first sailed up the Hudson River more than 400 years ago. The Dutch helped settle and found New Amsterdam, Brooklyn, and Harlem. Their descendants rose to become Presidents of the United States and to build the great fortunes that helped America attain its stature as the most prosperous and powerful Nation this world has ever known.

As an enthusiastic and committed joint-custodian of those ties since 2008, Ambassador Jones-Bos helped to strengthen our ability to confront with confidence the major challenges that our two countries face today. The strength of our alliance and the endurance of our friendship have made both our nations stronger and the world more secure as a consequence.

As co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on the Netherlands, on behalf of my colleagues and on behalf of a grateful Nation, I thank Ambassador Jones-Bos for her dedicated service in support of the ties between the Dutch and

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American people and I congratulate her on her many successes as her country's representative to the U.S.

CELEBRATING THE 136TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate St. John Missionary Baptist Church on the historic occasion of its 136th year anniversary. From its most humble beginnings in 1876, the church has grown to provide a wealth of spiritual guidance and stewardship to so many in the Dallas area.

Like the structure that houses its congregants today, St. John Missionary Baptist Church has been a bedrock of devotion and service to thousands in the community over the years. The church's call to action for decades has been "Where Christianity is a business and not a sideline," and so many have taken up that call to provide leadership and evangelism to their friends and neighbors.

I want to acknowledge the church's current pastor, the Reverend Bertrian Bailey for his stalwart commitment to outreach in his ministry, and the leadership and guidance he has provided.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating St. John Missionary Baptist Church on their 136th year in service to God and their community. St. John Missionary Baptist Church has fed the souls of generations in Dallas and the surrounding communities, and may it in its blessings continue to prosper and grow in the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF STAR ISLAND CORPORATION AND THEIR SUCCESSFUL RESTORATION OF THE HISTORIC GOSPORT REGATTA

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate the non-profit Star Island Corporation for their successful restoration of the historic Gosport Regatta.

The Star Island Corporation has owned and maintained Star Island for almost 100 years. As part of the National Historic District located on the Isles of Shoals, the Corporation was desirous of re-creating a historic moment in time for the benefit of today's retreats and conferences on the island. Research into the 1875 Gosport Regatta, which was held to celebrate the opening of the Oceanic Hotel on the island, revealed that the race was won by the America, the yacht for which the America's Cup is named. The Captain and owner of the America, General Benjamin Franklin Butler, played a pivotal role in the creation of the Emancipation Proclamation issued by Presi-

dent Abraham Lincoln and the restoration of the Gosport Regatta allows for recognition of this important historical connection to the Star Island Retreat and Conference Center, on the Isles of Shoals in Rye, New Hampshire.

I commend the Board of Directors and the Staff of the Star Island Corporation for their time and efforts on this restoration, and wish you all the best for continued success in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR MATT DOHERTY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Matt Doherty, Mayor of Belmar, New Jersey. Mayor Doherty is the 2012 recipient of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh Irish Man of the Year award. Matt is a respected member of Belmar, New Jersey and continues to dedicate his efforts to improving the community. His commitment to his profession and constituents is truly worthy of this body's recognition.

In 2006, Mayor Doherty was elected to serve on the Borough Council and was re-elected in 2009. He proudly served as Borough Council President and was respected by his colleagues and constituents. Matt Doherty was elected Mayor of the Borough of Belmar, New Jersey on November 2, 2010. During his tenure as Mayor, Belmar has continued to see tremendous growth and prosperity. He has also been the catalyst for growth and prosperity throughout the Borough and an advocate for improvement projects. Of his many notable accomplishments as Mayor, Matt is often praised for his support of first-responders. Mayor Doherty implemented free beach access for all Monmouth County First-Aid and Fire Department Volunteers throughout Belmar. He has also required the implementation of Mobi-Mats on the beach for ADA-approved accessibility. The 9th Avenue pier at the Belmar Marina has been redeveloped as a result of Mayor Doherty's foresight and ingenuity. In addition to his capacity as Mayor, Matt served as ADA coordinator, Harbor Commissioner, and presided as a member of the Belmar Planning Board. Mayor Doherty is a passionate and committed leader, whose unyielding leadership and vision for the future of Belmar are exemplified through his actions as Mayor.

Mayor Doherty demonstrates strong ties to the Irish-American community. Matt is a dedicated member of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh of the Jersey Shore and is applauded for his commitment. His participation and contributions to the organization remain, in part, a reason for the organization's success. Matt is also a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and serves as a trustee for the Inlet Terrace Association in Belmar. In addition to his recreational and professional career, Matt has traveled to Northern Ireland multiple times to participate in the "Bloody Sunday March" in Derry, Ireland. He has also visited Ballybrigen, Ireland and continues to proudly represent his Irish culture and herit-

age. Most recently, Irish Echo named Mayor Doherty to the "40 Under 40" for his efforts and outstanding contributions to the Irish-American community.

Matt Doherty is a Financial Advisor at Investors Bank. He was previously employed as a Licensed Mortgage Banker and owner of Doherty Mortgage, LLC located in Belmar. He earned his Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in Public Policy from Georgetown University. Matt is happily married to Maggie Moran. Together, they have two daughters, Hannah and Claire.

Mr. Speaker, Mayor Matt Doherty continues to exemplify outstanding contributions to Belmar, New Jersey and serves as an outstanding role model and dedicated leader of the Irish-American community. The fitting recognition of Irish Man of the Year bestowed by the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh is a fitting tribute to his outstanding contributions.

HEALTH CARE COST REDUCTION ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2012

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss my vote on H.R. 436, the Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2011. As many of my colleagues know, I helped lead the charge throughout the 2010 healthcare debate to ensure the medical device industry was not overly burdened by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). During negotiations on the final healthcare bill, I made it a point to argue that overly taxing the medical device industry would stomp innovation, affect patient care quality and burden an already struggling job market. When we came together to discuss health care reform, we agreed that it was necessary for everyone to contribute in order to ensure a successful outcome. That is why I fought tirelessly, within my own caucus, to make sure the bill was responsible in the way Congress paid for the legislation.

As we approach the 2014 deadline of final implementation for ACA, many uncertainties have arisen from both the general public and business community. The Republican Majority has addressed this growing concern with an onslaught on key revenue provisions of the ACA. In fact, they have paid for those repeals by targeting programs from those individuals who need ACA the most. For that reason, I was forced to vote against H.R. 436, which CBO estimated, if enacted, could remove over 350,000 individuals off of health care. Given that many of my constituents rely on the health care benefits provided by the ACA, I could not support this bill as written.

However, as the full implementation moves forward, I will continue to monitor the effects of this legislation on the medical device industry. If the capacity that is anticipated to flood the markets does not become realized, I am ready and willing to work with the medical device industry to unburden them of any unnecessary taxes, while responsibly ensuring that the rest of the ACA moves forward.