

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MAME REILEY

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a longtime Virginia resident and dear friend, Ms. Mame Reiley, whose decades-long service to the Democratic Party and local non-profit institutions has had such a positive impact on people's lives both locally and nationally.

In 1989, Mame was the one who convinced me to run for Congress. Because of her legendary ability to make people see the art of the possible, and my confidence in her timing and instincts, we took on a tough race, beating the odds. She served as my Chief of Staff for the next six years, ably guiding me to some major policy successes and a coveted seat on the Appropriations Committee in only my second term.

Mame fell in love with politics as a youngster, cheering Jack Kennedy on to his historic Presidential election and playing a significant role in college for his brother Ted's run. In the years following, she has become a force within the Party, chairing the Women's Caucus for the DNC, and having played a major role in the career of virtually every major Virginia Democrat from Doug Wilder to Tim Kaine. Among her many positions she's held over the years: running inaugural activities for Governor Mark Warner, serving as political director of his PAC, One Virginia, serving as senior advisor to Governor Tim Kaine, and directing my brother Brian's gubernatorial run.

Mame's skill, knowhow, and hard work led Governor Warner to appoint her to the Board of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) in 2002. While on the MWAA Board, she quickly gained the respect of her peers, rising to the position of Chairman of the Board, and the Board's prestigious Dulles Corridor Committee. Her efforts helped pave the way for Rail to Dulles, the largest expansion of the Metro rail system since it was created.

Commitment to public service and the Democratic Party has been the theme of her life's work. Mame's involvement with the DNC and other influential local organizations continues to this day. In 1992, she was elected to the DNC from Virginia. Since that time, she has risen to Chair the Women's Caucus and serves on the DNC's Executive Committee and its highly influential Rules and Bylaws Committee. She is also a member of the Economic Club of Washington and the Federal City Council Executive Committee. In her spare time, Mame has continued to operate the Reiley Group, a well-known public relations and event planning firm.

Mame has garnered the respect of countless individuals and admirers. She is a force to be reckoned with, her honesty and advice frequently sought-out, and if you're in a fox-hole, she's the person you want next to you, protecting your back and bringing levity to even the toughest situation.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions and accomplishments of my long time friend and mentor, Mame Reiley.

RECOGNIZING THE MONTFORD POINT MARINES FOR RECEIVING THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Montford Point Marines for their selfless service to our country and for their fortitude in the face of social turmoil. This group of warriors forever remains a testament to the American ideals of bravery, patriotism, and liberty.

Through the courageous efforts of civil rights activists and President Franklin D. Roosevelt's signing of Executive Order 8802, race restrictions on the defense industry were eliminated during the buildup of World War II. And in 1941, African Americans wanting to serve their country were given the right to do so.

Though still facing adversity in segregated camps, these brave soldiers answered the call to arms without hesitation and trained to become United States Marines at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Between 1942 and 1949, more than 20,000 men were recruited and enlisted at Montford Point. These Marines would steadfastly serve our country during a time of great social unrest. The example they set and the legacy they left at Montford Point inspired countless future Marines and inspires us all today.

President Truman's signing of an executive order in 1949 desegregating the military is surely a direct reflection of these Marines' role as trailblazers of racial equality. The sacrifice of the Montford Point Marines represented a pivotal step forward for our country and they deserve our utmost respect and admiration.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me today in saluting the Montford Point Marines as they receive the Congressional Gold Medal commemorating their timeless example of valor and American heroism.

HONORING BONNIE LEMOINE

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I have the opportunity to recognize the remarkable 34-year career of Bonnie Lemoine, Procter & Gamble (P&G) External Relations Leader.

Bonnie was born and raised in Central Louisiana and has dedicated her career and life to

the Pineville/Alexandria area. Throughout her career, Bonnie has worked tirelessly to make Louisiana an attractive place to do business and a great place to live.

In addition to her job at P&G, Bonnie served as chair and board member of the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce, Chair and executive board member of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, board member of Central Louisiana Economic Development Alliance and Tioga Historical Museum, member of North Rapides Business Alliance and Local Water Board Commissioner, and many others.

Throughout the years, Bonnie has received numerous awards, including: Lantern Award, Intercity Economic Development Award, Cypress Award, Better Business Award and P&G Recognition Shares.

I offer the following testament to Bonnie's kind-hearted and altruistic nature. After Hurricane Katrina, P&G's Folgers Coffee Manufacturing Plant, in New Orleans, was completely flooded as well as many of the employees' homes. Bonnie immediately went into action. She asked employees in the P&G Pineville, LA plant if they would open their homes to the P&G Folgers families displaced by the floods. Everyone needing a roof over their heads was accommodated. Once this was achieved, Bonnie started working to get the plant up and running again. Within weeks, there were 125 FEMA trailers on-site for employees to reside, and power had been restored to the site. The Folgers plant was one of the first manufacturing plants in the area to resume production. It even received a visit from President Bush as he personally recognized the incredible efforts to help employees and their families and get the plant up and running in record time.

Bonnie has earned the respect and admiration of everyone she has met along her journey. It is with great pride that I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Bonnie Lemoine on an exemplary career as she celebrates her retirement. I thank her for her service to our community and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION SAFETY AND INNOVATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 3187, as amended, the Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act.

I am proud to represent many of the hard working employees at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and this legislation provides them with the resources to fulfill FDA's mission to protect and advance public health and safety. This bipartisan legislation enables FDA to review drugs and medical devices in a

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timely fashion, reduces costs by authorizing a new user fee program for generic drugs, and takes important steps to prevent and mitigate critical drug shortages.

As the co-chairman of the Childhood Cancer Caucus, I am pleased that this legislation contains several provisions that will facilitate the development of safe and effective childhood cancer treatments. The legislation makes permanent two key complementary pediatric drug programs—the Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act (BPCA) and the Pediatric Research Equity Act (PREA). Both of these programs foster the development of prescription drugs for children and the safe use of drugs by children. Finally, I am pleased that this legislation incorporates the Creating Hope Act, which I introduced with Representatives MCCAUL, BUTTERFIELD, and MYRICK. Under this incentive program, a pharmaceutical company that develops a drug specifically to treat a rare pediatric disease will be rewarded with a priority review voucher for another drug. I'm hopeful that this program will kick start private sector investment in new and innovative treatments for children and families affected by cancer.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support S. 3187 to provide FDA the resources it requires to guarantee the safety of American's prescription drugs and medical devices.

HONORING PETER S. PAINE, JR.

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend Peter S. Paine, Jr. upon his receipt of the Ordre des Palmes Academiques (Order of Academic Palms). This prestigious honor was awarded by the Messieurs Jean-Claude Duthion, Education Attaché of the French Embassy in recognition of his work to preserve Fort Ticonderoga and its international educational mission.

The Ordre des Palmes Academiques is an order of chivalry of France for academic, cultural, and educational figures. Originally founded by Emperor Napoleon to honor eminent members of the University of Paris, it was established as an order in October 4, 1955 by President René Jules Gustave Coty.

Peter's career as a lawyer and strong advocate for the environment first came to the fore when he was named a member of the Temporary Study Commission on the Future of the Adirondacks from 1968 to 1970, and then as a Commissioner of the Adirondack Park Agency from 1971 to 1995. Peter served as the principle draftsman of the Adirondack State Land Master Plan and the NY State Wild Scenic and Recreational Rivers legislation, masterfully displaying his skill and passion for the environment. He also served as a trustee and former chairman of the Adirontack Nature Conservancy, served on the NY State Nature Conservancy Board of Trustees, was founding member and long time general counsel of the Lake Champlain Committee, and also served as one of the founding trustees of what is now Environmental Advocates. He also has served on the Board of Trustees of the Fort Ticonderoga Association and a trustee of the Adirondack Community Trust pay projects and played an important role in numerous land

conservation contracts in the Champlain Valley including the preservation as a bird sanctuary of the Four Brother Islands in Lake Champlain and the addition of the Split Rock Mountain Range to the NY State Forest Preserve. As a major supporter and co-organizer of the Noblewood Park and Nature Preserve Project in the town of Willsboro, along with Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward, he helped create the Coon Mountain Nature Preserve in Westport. Peter lead the Paine family in donating conservation easements to the Adirondack Nature Conservancy starting in 1978 which protected five miles of shoreline on Lake Champlain and the Boquet River as well as some 1,000 acres of farm and forestland.

Peter had a long career in the law with the law firm of Cleary Gottlieb Steen and Hamilton LLP and has served as Chairman of the Champlain National Bank in Willsboro, NY.

Peter is an avid hunter, fisherman, horseman, and wilderness expedition leader. I can tell you from my personal interaction with him over many years that he is a man of uncommon intelligence, clear thinking, and one not afraid to express his opinion on any subject. He performs his duties with alacrity, clarity, and with concern for his environment and fellow man.

Let me offer in conclusion my sincere congratulations on his receipt of the Ordre des Palmes Academiques. I wish him the best of luck in all future endeavors.

"Peter, mes sincères félicitations pour votre prix à l'ordre des Palmes Académiques. Je tiens à vous souhaiter mes meilleures vœux de succès, et je vous prie d'agréer l'expression de mes salutations les plus distinguées."

SUPPORTING THE SELECTION OF
IDAHO'S JERRY KRAMER INTO
THE PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF
FAME

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to highlight the career and advocate for one of Idaho's most distinguished professional football players, Jerry Kramer.

Jerry graduated from Idaho's Sandpoint High School and attended college at the University of Idaho on a football scholarship. He was a standout player there, garnering selections to both the East-West Shrine Game and the College All-Star Game.

Over a dozen professional football teams courted Kramer and after being drafted 39th overall, he signed on to play guard for the Green Bay Packers in 1958. The Packers of that era, with help from Kramer, are the only team to win three championships in a row. Jerry Kramer made the "Packer Sweep" famous.

Jerry Kramer is perhaps most famously known for "The Block" where he led quarterback Bart Starr into the end zone as time ran out in the 1967 NFL Championship game, defeating the Dallas Cowboys in what is known as the "Ice Bowl."

Jerry Kramer was a five-time All-Pro, a member of five championship teams, including the first two Super Bowls, and a member of

the NFL's 50th Anniversary All-Time team. He was named to the NFL's All-Decade Team of the 1960s at offensive guard and led the NFL in field goal percentage in 1962.

Surprisingly, Jerry Kramer is the only player selected to the NFL's 50th All-Time Anniversary team who has not been inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

It is time, Mr. Speaker, for this oversight to be corrected. Jerry Kramer is so highly regarded that seventeen current members of the NFL Hall of Fame, many who played against Kramer, have endorsed his nomination and election to the Hall. That list of players includes such greats as Roger Staubach, Frank Gifford, Alan Page, Bob Lilly, Jan Stenerud, Gino Marchetti and Coach Joe Gibbs, to name just a few.

Besides his contributions on the football field, Jerry is a highly regarded citizen of Idaho who gives his time to worthy causes including serving on the selection committee for the World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame. Idahoans are proud of his accomplishments and football fans throughout the state support his induction.

There is no doubt in my mind that Jerry Kramer's NFL career clearly qualifies him for induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 26th, 2012, I missed rollcall vote 416 for unavoidable reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Rollcall No. 416: "no" (Connolly of Virginia Amendment).

ON POINT, SHADES OF BLACK AND
GREEN IN HONOR OF THE
MONTFORD POINT MARINES AND
THE PRESENTATION OF THE
CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, the Montford Point Marines, were the first enlisted Blacks ever to serve in The United States Marine Corps. Today we honor these magnificent heroes with the presentation of Congress's highest civilian award, The Congressional Gold Medal. These heroes fought on two fronts: at home against discrimination and across the seas to defend our nation. Beginning in 1942 they served in the Pacific Theater, and fought as valiantly as any Americans ever have. Their courageous lives have helped bring this Nation one step closer to equality. I ask in honor of all of these heroes living and deceased, this poem be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

ON POINT, SHADES OF BLACK AND GREEN
(by Albert Carey Caswell)

On . . .
On Point!
All in those Shades of Black and Green!
As a war can so be fought on two fronts
sometimes so sadly seen!