

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of National Bullying Prevention Month because every American is entitled to live, work, and recreate in a safe environment, free of fear from threats to his or her physical safety and emotional security.

Unfortunately, in recent years we have witnessed a dramatic increase in the number of reported and unreported cases of bullying. In fact, thirteen million children will be bullied this year alone. It is estimated that 15 percent of American school children skip school to avoid being bullied by their schoolmates. This is tragic as school should be a safe environment conducive to learning.

Mr. Speaker, bullying does not end when our children move on from the playground. It exists on college campuses, in the workplace, online, and even in elderly care facilities. Nearly half of Americans have experienced some sort of violence either in their workplace, at home, or in their community. Hazing on college campuses has also been a problem for decades. Five percent of all college students admit to being hazed, with 40 percent admitting that a coach or advisor was aware of the hazing and did not intervene.

Mr. Speaker, this month, organizations from coast to coast are building awareness seeking to engage, educate, and inspire individuals nationwide to join the movement and prevent bullying. As a proud member of the Anti Bullying Caucus which advocates for policies to combat bullying of all kinds, from the playground to the elderly care facility I support all efforts aimed at preventing bullying and believe more must be done.

For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to join me in support of National Bullying Prevention Month.

HONORING MARVIN MEYERS AS THE 2012 FRESNO STATE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Marvin Meyers for earning the distinction of being named the 2012 "Top Dog" Distinguished Alumnus by the Fresno State Alumni Association. The Distinguished Alumnus Award honors a former Fresno State student whose leadership, service, and work ethic embody the mission and vision of the university. Marvin's role as a Successful almond farmer, water conservationist, and enthusiastic Fresno State Bulldog make him most deserving of this honor.

Marvin graduated from Fresno State in 1956 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He has owned and operated Meyers Farming I-IV, Oxford Farms, Inc., and Meyers Farm Family Trust since 1982. He is a member of the Western Growers Association, the Farm Bureau Safe Harbor Committee, and the Drought Advisory Panel.

Illustrating his dedication to education and his beloved alma mater, Marvin has generously shared his success. His contributions have helped Fresno State construct the Meyers Family Sports Medicine Center to enhance the Bulldog student-athlete experience.

Marvin has also maintained a keen awareness of the importance of educating our future leaders when it comes to conservation and being responsible stewards of our resources. Marvin established a state-of-the-art water banking project near Mendota, California, that draws an array of wildlife and has become an important resource for student and teacher education on the environment and water conservation. More than 1,000 San Joaquin Valley children visit the Meyers Water Bank and Wildlife Project each year. In 2007, Governor Schwarzenegger gave the Meyers Water Bank and Wildlife Project California's top environmental leadership award for its approach to sustainable agricultural practices. Marvin's farming accomplishments and his commitment to our Valley speaks volumes about his superior moral character.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Marvin Meyers and thanking him for his commitment to education, conservation, and agriculture. As a proud Fresno State alumnus, it gives me great pleasure to acknowledge my fellow Bulldog for his years of service and much deserved success.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT, NEW JERSEY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the borough of Roosevelt, New Jersey on their 75th anniversary. A quiet, peaceful town in central New Jersey, the borough of Roosevelt has a rich heritage. Through the work of local citizens and organizations such as the Roosevelt Oral History Committee and the Jersey Homesteads Historic District Advisory Council, Rooseveltians continue to maintain their town's unique history and background.

Founded by Benjamin Brown with the support of Albert Einstein, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Louis Kahn, the borough was incorporated in 1937 and was originally known as Jersey Homesteads. The borough was one of 99 communities established as part of President Roosevelt's New Deal Initiative, but was unique in that it was the only town established

as an agro-industrial cooperative comprised of a factory, farms, and retail stores. Initially composed of Jewish factory workers from nearby New York City, the borough of Roosevelt over the years has become more diverse, while still maintaining its historical roots. Renamed Roosevelt for President Roosevelt in 1945 following his death, the citizens of Roosevelt truly personify the American spirit of determination and hard work. Through the difficult trials and tribulations of the Great Depression, the borough and its citizens persevered and succeeded in making Roosevelt a great place to live and work. Although the borough is no longer a cooperative, its historical significance is recognized with its listing on the National and State Registers of Historic Places.

Today, the borough still cherishes its unique history as the only town in the country to have been planned as a government subsidized agro-industrial cooperative. With a population just under 900, the borough remains a tightknit community where everyone works together for the benefit of the common good. With the hard work of Roosevelt's Mayor Beth Battel, City Council, citizens, and local organizations, the borough has been able to maintain much of its original architecture and historical sites.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in leading this body in recognition of Roosevelt, New Jersey's 75th anniversary. It is with great pleasure that I am able to join the citizens of Roosevelt in celebrating this historic occasion and I look forward to hearing of the borough's continued success in the future.

IN SUPPORT OF SIDS AWARENESS MONTH

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Awareness Month.

Mr. Speaker, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is one of the leading causes of death among infants one month through one year of age in the United States. The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) defines SIDS as the sudden death of an infant under one year of age which remains unexplained after a thorough case investigation.

Due to the efforts of the American SIDS Institute and other organizations, the sudden infant death rate is at an all time low. Since 1983, the rate of SIDS has fallen by over 50 percent. Tragically, however, there are still about 2,500 deaths per year in the United States and thousands more throughout the world.

Mr. Speaker, it is believed that SIDS can be eliminated as a cause of infant deaths within our lifetime. Achieving this goal requires the financial and personal support of corporations, foundations and concerned individuals.

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As a proud member of the Congressional 21st Century Health Care Caucus and a strong supporter of legislation designed to promote healthy children and families, including the Affordable Care Act, SCHIP, and child nutrition programs I believe it is important to raise awareness about Sudden Infant Death Syndrome to save babies at risk and eventually eradicate SIDS.

For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to join me in support of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Awareness Month.

TRIBUTE TO CHAIRMAN ROBERT MARTIN, MORONGO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to pay tribute to a great leader and role model, Chairman Robert Martin of the Morongo Band of Mission, which is a 1,000 member tribe located near Banning, California. The Banning Chamber of Commerce will honor Chairman Martin for his outstanding service to the local community on November 1, 2012 in Cabazon, California.

Before becoming Chairman of the Morongo Tribe, Robert worked across the Southwest United States as a building contractor. He brought new homes to families, new roads to communities, and worked on improving vital infrastructure throughout the Southwest.

Chairman Martin has consistently advocated for a better life and sovereignty for the tribal community in the United States. In 1987, Martin led Morongo in a Supreme Court case which confirmed the sovereignty of Indian Tribes' right to establish gaming operations. This monumental case gave the 550 Indian Tribes in the United States greater independence and ability for self governance. After this Supreme Court case, Chairman Martin managed the planning and construction of Casino Morongo, which is now one of the largest employers in all of Riverside County, California.

Chairman Martin is passionate about defending and continuing the rich cultural traditions of the Morongo Tribe. Under Martin's leadership, Morongo renewed its commitment to developing the next generation of tribal leaders by establishing a tuition-free preparatory academy on the reservation.

Chairman Martin continues to give back to his community by serving on the board for the California Indian Manpower Consortium, the California Indian Child Welfare Consortium, Riverside/San Bernardino County Indian Health, Inc., and the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association.

I applaud Chairman Martin's tireless work on behalf of the Indian community, which has made a lasting impact on the future and sustainability of Native American tribes across the United States. My deepest congratulations, along with those of my wife, Barbara, and my children, Rialto Councilman Joe Baca Jr., Jeremy, Natalie, and Jennifer are with Chairman Martin during this time of celebration. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a beloved community member and tireless advocate for Native American rights, Morongo Chairman Robert Martin.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote No. 593 (the Waxman of California Amendment No. 3 to H.R. 3409), I voted "yea" when I meant to vote "nay."

HONORING MS. NANCY OSBORNE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Nancy Osborne of Fresno, California, as she celebrates her retirement as reporter and news anchor on ABC 30 Action News, Central California's number one news station. For over 30 years, Nancy has served as a local icon for the Central San Joaquin Valley. Watching Nancy on the evening news is something that viewers from all over the Valley will truly miss.

As a child, Nancy lived in different military bases across the United States and in occupied Japan while her father served in the United States Army. Nancy graduated from Las Cruces High School in New Mexico and then went on to attend New Mexico State University for three years. After taking a short hiatus from school, Nancy and her daughter Rachel moved to Fresno. She completed her Bachelor of Arts degree at California State University, Fresno, and in 1977 Nancy was hired at KFSN.

Locally, Nancy was one of the very first women to work for a television station. She worked tirelessly in the early years of her career, proving herself in an industry dominated by men. Nancy's dedication to the news channel paid off, and she held different positions at the station. In the span of 33 years, Nancy was an anchor, producer, and reporter. She also wrote, produced and hosted the first ever female talk show in the Central Valley entitled 360. She pioneered the way for the many great reporters and anchors seen on our Valley stations today. She is truly a great role model.

Her career has been one full of firsts, making each story relevant to our region. Her career highlights include covering the first shuttle landing at Edwards Air Force Base, an interview with astronaut Barbara Morgan, following paraplegic Mark Welman, Mike Corbet's historic climb of Half Dome in Yosemite National Park, flying with the Blue Angels, flying with the Thunder Birds, as well as a moment with Peter Jennings on a curb in New Orleans, Louisiana during the 1988 Republican National Convention where they swapped stories from the reporting trenches.

The commitment that Nancy has made to her career and the Central Valley has not gone unnoticed. She has received numerous honors for excellence in reporting including three Emmys and the Robert Morrow Award for Ace Reporting. She understands the citizens in the Valley, reporting news that is relevant and important to them.

Honoring our military and veterans has always been important to Nancy for personal

reasons, but also because she wants to recognize the vital service they contribute to our Valley as well as our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding contributions Nancy Osborne has made to the San Joaquin Valley, our State, and our Nation. Her career is a testament to her character, and an illustration of her work ethic and tenacity.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. HARRY D. EICHHORN

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OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Harry D. Eichhorn, director and founder of the Ocean Grove Summer Band, and former Manasquan High School Band Director. Mr. Eichhorn has dedicated his life to music, music education, and inspiring new generations of young musicians.

In 1953, Mr. Eichhorn created the Ocean Grove Summer Band. Originally created to give his high school band students the opportunity to practice their musical talents during the summer recess, the Ocean Grove Summer Band quickly gained recognition within the local community. By the following year, the Ocean Grove Summer Band was playing weekly concerts at the Ocean Grove Boardwalk Pavilion, where they continue to hold their concerts to this day. Under the tutelage of Mr. Eichhorn, the Ocean Grove Summer Band has played at numerous events outside Ocean Grove, including appearances at the New York World's Fair in 1964 and 1965.

In addition to his role as founder and director of the Ocean Grove Summer Band, Mr. Eichhorn was the director of the Manasquan High School Band for 36 years. Mr. Eichhorn has degrees in music education from Montclair State University, Rutgers University, and the College of New Jersey. It is Mr. Eichhorn's comprehensive knowledge of music as well as his dedication to serving the community which has helped him succeed in advancing a greater appreciation of music amongst his students. It was because of this work that in 1989 Mr. Eichhorn was named "Music Teacher of the Year" by the New Jersey Music 'Educators' Association, and inducted into the All Shore Band Directors Association Hall of Fame in 2010. After retiring from his position as director for the Manasquan High School Band in 1989, Mr. Eichhorn founded the Atlantic Wind Ensemble, which provides local musicians the ability to practice their talents during the winter months.

Mr. Eichhorn's commitment to mentoring new generations of young aspiring musicians is unwavering, and well deserving of this body's recognition. Mr. Eichhorn has received numerous commendations and renowned recognition for his work, which includes being recognized by President Ronald Reagan, President George W. Bush, the New Jersey State Senate and Assembly, and former Governor Christine Todd Whitman.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in leading this body in honoring Harry D. Eichhorn. Mr. Eichhorn is a well respected and influential member of his community, and his dedication to sharing his knowledge and appreciation of music is truly remarkable.