

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ST. MARTHA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
AND SCHOOL OF PHILADELPHIA

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2012

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I was proud to join the people of St. Martha's Catholic Church and School of Philadelphia in honoring the life and achievements of former parishioner and alumnus Commander Christopher Ferguson.

Commander Ferguson was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and his mother Mary Ann and step-father Norman now reside in Langhorne, Bucks County.

Ferguson graduated from Archbishop Ryan High School, going on to receive his Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Drexel University, and earning a Master of Science in aeronautical engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School in 1991.

In 1986, Ferguson earned his Navy Wings and was ordered to the F-14 Tomcat training squadron in Virginia Beach, VA. Later, he joined the "Red Rippers" of VF-11, deploying to the North Atlantic, Mediterranean and Indian oceans onboard the USS *Forrestal*.

In 1995, he joined the "Checkmates" of VF-211, completing a deployment to the Western Pacific and Persian Gulf enforcing the Iraqi no-fly zone on board the USS *Nimitz*. Throughout his military career, Commander Ferguson has earned many commendations, including the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, and Navy Strike-Flight Air Medal.

In 1998, Ferguson reported to the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, where he served as spacecraft communicator for the STS-118, 120, 128 and 129 missions. He was also the pilot of STS-115, and commanded STS-126 and 135. In September 2010, he began training with a crew of four for a rescue mission that evolved into STS-135, a station cargo delivery flight that carried the Multi-Purpose Logistics Module "Raffaello."

Leading the final U.S. shuttle mission to the International Space Station, Commander Ferguson's final mission marked the end of a 30-year NASA program. The 33rd flight of the shuttle Atlantis was the 37th shuttle mission to the space station, and the 135th and final mission of NASA's Space Shuttle Program.

Commander Ferguson is a decorated military officer and a distinguished member of NASA's historic shuttle program, and the people of Pennsylvania are proud to call him one of our own.

RECOGNIZING MRS. DONNA
FASSETT FOR HER SELFLESS
SERVICE TO THE NORTHWEST
FLORIDA COMMUNITY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mrs. Donna Fasset for her selfless service to the Northwest Florida Community.

Donna Fasset is the Executive Director of ARC Gateway, an organization committed to improving the lives of persons with, or at risk of, developmental disabilities. For the past thirty-three years, she has served her community and the organization with unwavering commitment and immeasurable success. Under her leadership, ARC Gateway has expanded its programs to touch the lives of more than 900 children and adults.

Outside of her role with ARC Gateway, Donna Fasset is involved in myriad civic organizations, including: Impact 100, the Florida Council of Executive Directors, the Great Gulfcoast Arts Festival, Fiesta of Five Flags, and Pensacola Five Flags Rotary, where she previously served as President.

Mrs. Fasset's commitment to service and bettering the lives of others has been recognized through the countless awards bestowed to her. She is the recipient of ARC Florida's Robert Ettinger Award for Executive Excellence, Unsung Hero Award, and Life Time Achievement Award, as well as, the Center for Independent Living's Joe Oldmixon Award for Advocacy and the Able Trust Dr. George Spelios Leadership Award. There is no question that Donna Fasset's impact on Northwest Florida is immense, and we are all grateful for her dedication and service to improving our community.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it gives me great pride to recognize Mrs. Donna Fasset. My wife Vicki joins me in wishing Donna, her husband Charlie, their two sons Donald and Robert and two grandchildren, Morgan and Jake, all of the best.

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK SYSTEM

HON. DAN BOREN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2012

Mr. BOREN. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to recognize the 80th anniversary of the Federal Home Loan Bank system. Chartered by Congress in 1932, the Federal Home Loan Bank system consists of 12 regional banks acting as a reliable source of critical funding for community financial institutions to finance housing and economic development.

The Federal Home Loan Banks provide safe, affordable liquidity to nearly 8,000 banks,

thrifts, credit unions, insurance companies and community development financial institutions in every state. As such, they are an essential partner for community and economic development across the country.

The Federal Home Loan Banks operate under a cooperative model with ownership resting in its regional members and a management team focused on safety and soundness. This has protected taxpayers over the FHLBanks' entire 80-year history. During the recent economic downturn, the FHLBanks received no taxpayer support, and they were a vital player in supporting a broader U.S. housing market recovery.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I want to acknowledge the Affordable Housing Program administered by the Federal Home Loan Banks and funded by contributions of 10 percent of the earnings from each of the FHLBanks. This important program represents the largest single source of private sector grants for housing and community development in the country. The Federal Home Loan Banks have distributed approximately \$4.6 billion in private grants through their Affordable Housing Program since its inception in 1990. These grants have helped provide 1.5 million housing units to deserving families in every corner of the country.

IN HONOR OF DENNIS DONOHUE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2012

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, what an honor it is to recognize the work and achievements of one of the nation's most remarkable mayors. Dennis Donohue will step down as the Mayor of Salinas in December after serving in that position since 2006. He leaves office after six remarkable years that saw the city gain national attention for its efforts to solidify itself as the center of the nation's diversified fresh salad economy and turning the city away from its decades-old gang violence problem. Dennis stood at head—and heart—of both of these efforts and his leadership on these and other issues will be felt around California for years.

As a young boy, Dennis' family moved to Salinas. He graduated from Palma High School in 1972 and, ever since, has been a fixture at Palma sporting events. He earned a BA from the University of San Francisco and an MA from Gannon University in Pennsylvania. He then returned to California where he worked for several years in Silicon Valley's high tech industry. In 1988, he returned to Salinas to begin a career in agriculture, eventually rising in 1998 to become CEO of Salinas based European Vegetable Specialties, the world's largest radicchio producer. In 2005–06, he served as Chairman of the Salinas based Grower-Shipper Association of Central California.

In addition to his business leadership, Dennis took on many community service roles. He

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co-chaired the campaign committee for Measure V, a half-cent sales tax proposition that rescued the City from a fiscal emergency. He helped bring national attention to saving the city libraries by working with the Steering Committee of Rally Salinas!, a coalition formed to fundraise for Salinas' threatened libraries. He was a director on the board of Second Chance Youth Program, a gang-prevention nonprofit, since 1992; and on the Palma High School Board of Directors; and on many other boards, commissions, and community efforts.

Although Dennis is fond of reminding folks that Salinas is the 158th most populous city in the United States, it is still small in comparison to major metropolitan centers. In many ways it retains the feel of a small farm town. That is—except for the curse of a big city gang violence problem. Several years after his 2006 election as Mayor, the city's long standing gang problem erupted in an explosion of youth violence. Dennis helped lead a community wide collaborative effort to bring together law enforcement, social services, faith, and community leaders, to begin a sustained and comprehensive response. That effort has drawn national attention and the White House selected Salinas to be among just six cities nationally to participate in a pilot project to turn back gang violence. Helping to put Salinas on the long term path to solving this problem will perhaps be counted as his greatest achievement as Mayor.

Dennis is married to the former Paula Johnson, who grew up on the old Williams Ranch in the Alisal. Paula, an alumna of Notre Dame High School, teaches physical education at Harden Middle School. They have two adult children, Emily and Allan.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House in thanking Dennis and his family for his service as mayor. I thank him for being my delegate to the 2012 Presidential Electoral College where he proudly supported our president. I personally look forward with pleasure to working with citizen Donohue in the years to come. He will always be remembered for imagining a great city.

IN MEMORY OF CADET FIRST
CLASS MATTHEW JOHN PATRICK

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2012

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today in memory of Air Force Academy Cadet First Class Matthew John Patrick. Matthew passed away on Friday, September 28, 2012.

Born in Dallas, Texas, Matthew developed a love for flying at an early age and dreamed of becoming a fighter pilot. He joined the Civil Air Patrol where he earned the prestigious Billy Mitchell Award and experienced flying solo for the first time. After graduating from the School of Science and Engineering Magnet in 2009, Matthew entered the United States Air Force Academy where he excelled. He majored in aeronautical engineering and would have graduated in May 2013.

I had the privilege of getting to know Matthew during the academy nomination process. Having won numerous math and science com-

petitions, I already knew that Matthew was exceptionally bright. Aside from his academic achievement, I saw his passion when he spoke of his love for flying and of his desire to attend the Air Force Academy. I also noticed that Matthew possessed a quiet confidence, which told me a great deal about his character and leadership style. Indeed, I learned that Matthew was a loyal friend, an intelligent and hard working young man of great character, and the type of person who was always willing to lend a helping hand to others. He was unabashedly bold in pursuing his dream. Mr. Speaker, this is a great loss for the United States Air Force Academy and the State of Texas.

Matthew is survived by his parents, Beverly and Matthew Patrick; his sister, Catherine Ann Patrick; grandparents, Cathy and Jack Robertson; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

There are no words that can fully express my sorrow. There is nothing I can offer but prayers to comfort the Patrick family in the midst of this difficult time. May the peace of God be with those he loved and sustain them through this hour of sorrow.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING
THE LIFE OF DARIO LORENZETTI

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2012

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dario Lorenzetti of Fort Worth, Texas was killed in action in the service of the United States in Qandahar Province, Afghanistan on October 13, 2012.

He was an Eagle Scout, a graduate of Saint Andrew Catholic School and Nolan Catholic High School, and a 1993 honors graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he was a champion boxer.

Commissioned as an infantry officer, Lieutenant and then Captain Lorenzetti served with distinction in the 75th Ranger Regiment. Those who bear the Ranger Tab follow a creed which reads in part, "Never shall I fail my comrades," and "I will shoulder more than my share of the task whatever it may be." Dario exemplified this motto. His military obligation complete, he volunteered to return to government service after America was attacked on September 11, 2001.

He worked overseas on behalf of our national security with courage, dedication and uncommon skill. Dario served in Saudi Arabia, India and finally Afghanistan, where he gave the last full measure of devotion to our country.

Every generation learns the hard truth that our nation's greatest heroes are found among the ranks of those who raise their hands to go forth and protect us, but never return home. Dario's death proves the sad wisdom of this lesson.

His sincere Catholic faith recalled Saint Francis of Assisi's advice that Christians "preach the gospel wherever you go, and if necessary, use words." Dario inspired and led others by quiet example. He will always be remembered by his colleagues and friends for his generosity, humility, kindness, warmth and wit.

Dario is survived by his wife and soulmate Kirstin, and his daughters Arabella, Natalia

and Aryanna. There has never been a happier husband or prouder, more doting father of baby girls than Dario Lorenzetti. His family was the center of Dario's life, and his loss to them is irreplaceable. Our prayers go out to them.

In the words of the Epistle of Timothy, Dario Lorenzetti fought the good fight, finished his course, and kept the faith. Dario, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

HEATHER CALLENDER-POTTERS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kathleen Callender and Heather Callender-Potters for their service to our community and receiving the 2012 Mayor of Golden's Award for Excellence.

Kathleen, founder of PharmaJet, and Heather, chairman of the board of directors, transformed the way vaccines and liquid medications are delivered by developing and marketing a unique, efficient, affordable and life-saving need-free syringe. These devices can deliver half a milliliter fixed dose of a liquid medication into the muscle where many vaccines are delivered, or into the subcutaneous layer between the skin and the muscle.

Pharmajet continues to serve communities around the world by creating a safer workplace with less exposure to needle stick injuries and reducing the amount of hazardous sharp medical waste in a way to better control the spread of blood borne HIV and hepatitis from needle reuse.

Pharmajet's mission is to serve individual patients in the community and promote public health in all areas of the world. Their partnership with UNICEF eliminates many of the risks of unsafe injections, along with the 1.3 million deaths per year.

Ms. Callender and Ms. Callender-Potters are champions in the community and throughout the globe. I am honored to congratulate them on receiving the 2012 Mayor of Golden's Award for Excellence. I am sure they will exhibit the same dedication and commitment in all their future endeavors.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH
BIRTHDAY OF MRS. ONIE BELL
NORWOOD, AN ADMIRABLE CEN-
TENARIAN

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2012

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor, recognize, and celebrate the 100th Birthday of New York City's own Mrs. Onie Bell Norwood, a true Harlem Legend.

Mrs. Onie Belle Norwood has lived a century in the United States of America and in that time has been privileged to witness its magnificent transformation. "Old age" is a term she's heard but not yet experienced as she is able to navigate the city streets better than individuals half her age and has a memory capable of challenging any young mind.