

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LATE MAYOR JAMES D. GRIFFIN ON THE OCCASION OF THE RUN JIMMY RUN 5K RACE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember the life and legacy of one of Buffalo's great leaders, our late Mayor James D. Griffin who served as the city's top civic leader from 1978 to 1993, on the occasion of the first race held in his honor, the Run Jimmy Run 5k.

Inspired by Mayor Griffin's tenacious spirit, dedication to the City of Buffalo, and commitment to good works and good causes, the Run Jimmy Run 5k kicks off at 10 am on July 21, 2013. The proceeds from the day's events will benefit the Alzheimer's Association of Western New York. Additionally, items will be donated to the City Mission and baseball tickets will be donated to the Special Olympics, organizations that were near and dear to Mayor Griffin's heart.

Beginning at One James D. Griffin Plaza, in front of the baseball stadium for which Mayor Griffin was the driving force behind building, the race course passes through the heart of downtown and along the waterfront. After the race's completion at home plate, there will be a post-race party and Bison's baseball game.

The Run Jimmy Run charity event was initiated by Mayor Griffin's children to honor the memory of their father and raise funds for an organization that they came to rely on in a very personal way. Mayor Griffin succumbed to a rare neurodegenerative disorder and many of the nurses who cared for him were trained by the Alzheimer's Association.

Alzheimer's is a tough disease that touches many of our lives. It's critically important that we continue to fight for increased funding for Alzheimer's research and I pledge to continue that fight in Washington. I wish to sincerely thank all those involved with the Run Jimmy Run 5k, especially Mayor Griffin's three children Maureen, Megan and Thomas, for their efforts in the fight against Alzheimer's.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few moments to remember the incredible legacy of our late Mayor James D. Griffin and the work he has inspired for the future of Buffalo. I can think of no better tribute to the man who brought professional baseball back to Buffalo than a run through downtown Buffalo, followed by a ballgame at "The Field that Jimmy Built." I wish to extend all participants and organizers a successful run and fun-filled day with special thanks to Mayor Griffin's children, extended family and friends for honoring the life and legacy of the late, great Mayor James D. Griffin.

RECOGNIZING STAFF SERGEANT CLIFFORD M. WOOLDRIDGE AS THE 2013 MARINE CORPS TIMES MARINE OF THE YEAR

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2013

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Staff Sergeant Clifford M. Wooldridge, an "Everyday Hero" as the 2013 Marine of the Year. SSgt. Wooldridge was previously awarded the Navy Cross for heroism in Afghanistan. In 2012 he was awarded the USO Marine of the Year. SSgt. Wooldridge has continued to serve his country both professionally as a Marine and through volunteering. He was selected as the Marine Corps Times Marine of the Year for his volunteerism and bravery in combat.

The Marine Corps Times honors servicemembers, like SSgt. Wooldridge, who demonstrate pride, dedication, and courage beyond expectations. He is an instructor with the Marine Corps Security Force Regiment and teaches and mentors junior Marines. He teaches them technical skills they will need in close quarter combat and shares personal stories so they can learn from previous mistakes.

Professional duties aside, it is SSgt. Wooldridge's service to his community that has earned him this latest honor. He has spent countless hours assisting disabled and recovering veterans with the Wounded Warrior Project and served as an athlete sponsor and was the host Marine for the Special Olympics in Virginia Beach. He helped a terminally ill young man receive recognition as an honorary Marine. While all his volunteer activities are important to him, SSgt. Wooldridge has a special passion for the Honored American Veterans Afield, which helps combat veterans transition through hunting, fishing, and other outdoor activities.

SSgt. Wooldridge's outdoor skills were honed in his hometown of Port Angeles, in Washington State, the place where I, too, was born and raised. There he experienced the beautiful and plentiful natural resources found only on the Olympic Peninsula. Graduating from Port Angeles High School in 2006, SSgt. Wooldridge completed training as a diesel mechanic and left his home in the Pacific Northwest for a life as a Marine in service to others.

Mr. Speaker, I can say with confidence that our community is a better place thanks to the ongoing, selfless commitment of people like SSgt. Wooldridge. The Port Angeles community applauds SSgt. Wooldridge for his service to country and we honor him today as the 2013 Marine of the Year. On behalf of our thankful nation, thank you.

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SLOVAK DAY CELEBRATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2013

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize the 40th anniversary of the Slovak Day Celebration. In honor of this momentous occasion, a commemorative event will take place on Sunday, July 21, 2013 at the Salvatorian Shrine in Merrillville, Indiana.

The first Slovak Day Celebration took place at the Seven Dolores Shrine in Valparaiso, Indiana in 1973, when Father Joseph Viater, along with Betty and Carl Yurechko, decided that Slovak heritage and culture should be honored in Northwest Indiana with a day of celebration.

Slovak Day has been a great success over the years, and the day is celebrated each year with a Slovak Catholic Mass, followed by traditional Slovak food and performances by Slovak dancers. Throughout the years, many bishops have come to celebrate this significant event, including Bishop Sokol from Slovakia, Bishop Adamec of Pennsylvania, and Bishops Andrew G. Grutka and Dale J. Melczek of the Diocese of Gary, Indiana. Additionally, over the past 40 years, many dedicated volunteers from Slovak churches throughout the region have given their time and efforts to this day.

I would like to take this time to recognize the numerous hardworking committee members for their outstanding dedication to this event. They are Betty Yurechko, Lillian and John Zaborske, Agnes Chervenak, Melissa and Jason Yurechko, Ann Fedorchak, Leona Cupka, Elaine Ruzbasan, Betty Ortiz, Andy Sacek, Irene Horn Riggio, and Reverend John Kalicky.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Slovak Day Celebration. The Slovak community has played an important role in enriching the quality of life and culture of Northwest Indiana. For their commitment to preserving Slovak heritage, the committee members, church leaders, and volunteers are worthy of the highest praise.

HONORING OFFICER DANIEL "JJ" LOMAX

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2013

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Daniel Lomax, a firefighter and police officer who laid down his life in the service and protection of his community. Officer Lomax's End of Watch was Saturday, June 22, 2013.

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Daniel Lomax, known as "JJ" to his friends, always put the safety of others first. He demonstrated that when he stopped to help the victim of a car accident while he was off duty, sacrificing his own safety for the good of others.

He devoted his life to serving others as a member of the Mayfield, Forest City, and Great Bend Police Departments. He also served as the Deputy Fire Chief in the Factoryville Fire Department and volunteered for the Meredith Hose Company in Childs, Pennsylvania.

Those who knew him remember how he looked out for his neighbors and friends, always putting others first. His fellow officers knew him as a dependable and likable colleague—If the world had more people like Daniel, it would be a safer place for everyone.

Although his time with us was tragically cut short, our memories of Daniel "JJ" Lomax will live on in the hearts of everyone who knew him. His dedication to his family, friends, fellow policemen and firemen, and to the people he served, is what made Daniel a true hero.

**CELEBRATING GLENDA STOCK
UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT**

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2013

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Glenda Stock on her retirement after years of hard work and dedication to Central Louisiana.

Glenda began her career with Delta Airlines where her final position was Regional Manager in Reservation Sales. In this capacity, she was responsible for over 6,000 employees located in six different cities. Though she had put in a lot of hours to promote herself during her 18 year career with Delta, Glenda wanted a simpler life. For her, this meant owning and operating the five Alexandria, La. McDonald's restaurants.

Her amazing work ethic did not disappoint. Glenda's leadership skills carried over into her business, where she worked side by side with her employees doing whatever job needed her attention, even if it included washing dishes. While she is kind and fair, Glenda's standards are high, and she expected no less than excellence from her employees.

Glenda is not just a business-minded woman, however. She has used her success and devotion to give back to her community. She has held numerous leadership roles, including Cabrini Foundation Board, Central Louisiana Community Foundation President, Chairperson of the CENLA American Red Cross, Vice President of the Economic Development Committee for the Chamber of Commerce, and board member of First Federal Bank. Her commitment to improving educational opportunities is also noteworthy. Glenda served on the LSUA Foundation Board while adopting multiple schools as their Partner in Education. She has received several awards for her selfless efforts, including a Louisiana Heroine Award, Service Above Self Award, Decades of Women Award, and Small Business Award.

For Glenda, her most rewarding accomplishment is what she was able to achieve with the

help of her late husband David. Together, they successfully restored a historical building in Alexandria to house the Red Cross Operations.

As I mentioned previously, Glenda opted for an early retirement from Delta Airlines so that she could live a simpler life. It is my guess that, though Glenda is retiring from her position as owner and operator of her restaurants, she is not slowing down. Glenda Stock is a woman to be admired and respected by her peers for her motivated and philanthropic heart. With her retirement she leaves behind a remarkable legacy. Glenda has a message for all of her employees in new hire orientation, "Handle every customer the same as you would if I were standing there watching you!" Again, congratulations to Glenda Stock for a well deserved retirement.

CITIZENS FIRE AND RESCUE NO. 2

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2013

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Citizens Fire and Rescue No. 2 of the Borough of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania which will celebrate 110 years of service to the community this year.

Organized on June 12, 1903, the company was formed in response to two major fires that took place in Mechanicsburg earlier that year. Residents of the western part of the borough who were frustrated by waiting for assistance from fire companies from the neighboring city of Harrisburg decided to form the organization so fires could be dealt with quickly, protecting residents and property.

Land for the site of the firehouse was purchased from Dr. W. H. Moyer in 1903, and the building was completed in 1904. To this day, it is still being used to house the fire company. In 1975, the organization merged with Rescue Hook and Ladder Company, also of Mechanicsburg, to form Citizens Fire and Rescue No. 2, the name it carries to this day. The members of this company continue to risk their own lives to ensure the safety and well-being of the residents of Cumberland County.

Mr. Speaker, for 110 years Citizens Fire and Rescue Company No. 2 has proudly protected the residents of the borough of Mechanicsburg and the surrounding areas from fire and other disasters. Therefore, I commend all those personnel who have faithfully served at this fire house.

**RECOGNIZING SUSAN E.
MITTEREDER ON THE OCCASION
OF HER RETIREMENT FROM
FAIRFAX COUNTY**

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and commend Susan E. Mittereder on the occasion of her retirement after a distinguished career in public service to the residents of Fairfax County, the largest local jurisdiction in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the National Capital Region. For the past 25

years, Sue has been the primary legislative liaison for Fairfax County, serving as the eyes, ears, voice, and chief advocate for local government in the halls of the Virginia General Assembly and Congress.

Her success in educating state and federal legislators about the interests of local government stems from her background as a classroom teacher. Having once attended classes in a one-room schoolhouse, Sue initially pursued a career in education. She received her Bachelor of Science in Education and Master of Education degrees from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She taught first grade and gifted elementary classes for the Newark and New Castle school districts in Delaware before pursuing advanced and doctorate degrees in education administration at Virginia Tech. It was during that experience that she developed an affinity for public policy, and after graduation she took a position in the government relations office for Fairfax County Public Schools.

Four years later, she became the chief legislative liaison for Fairfax County. During the General Assembly's annual winter sessions, Sue became a familiar face in the halls of the state capitol, setting up a temporary outpost from which she and her colleagues could keep close tabs on legislative proposals affecting Fairfax County. Her attention to detail, dedicated work ethic, and mastery of the legislative process made her a resource for colleagues representing other local governments and also for the legislators themselves. The legislative battles produced more than a few chocolate-fueled late nights for Sue and her team as they analyzed the impacts of changes to state funding for local services or to local government authority over matters such as land use planning, zoning enforcement, taxes, transportation, human services, education, and public safety.

Whether it was a state delegate, senator, cabinet secretary, or governor, Sue was never afraid to assert the County's position. In fact, many a legislator has been known to wilt in the face of Sue's tenacity. It is that doggedness that helped her maintain the trust and confidence of six county executives and five chairs of the Board of Supervisors during her tenure. She also managed to maintain her roots in education, helping to mentor numerous young staff members throughout the County government and the legislature, including those who will now succeed her.

I worked closely with Sue during my 5 years as Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and my 14 years as Chairman of the Board's Legislative Committee. During the General Assembly session, Sue and her colleagues would rush back to the County for our regular late Friday afternoon meetings so that we could pore over the hundreds, if not thousands, of legislative proposals introduced each year with the rest of the Board, looking for those efforts that aligned with our priorities and those that were an affront to them, which, unfortunately, was more often the case. Because of that dynamic, Sue's institutional presence was invaluable. She was not only defending Fairfax County, but also safeguarding the interests of local governments throughout the Commonwealth. And passionately. It truly is one of the most unsung but critical functions of local government on behalf of our citizens.

In addition to her legislative accomplishments, Sue has a wonderful sense of humor,