

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING THE NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

#### HON. JOHN K. DELANEY

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2013*

Mr. DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the New Life Christian School, an educational institution in my district celebrating its 25th Anniversary on April 22, 2013.

Since its founding in 1988, the New Life Christian School has served as an organization where our community's young adults can grow personally and academically. The school's students have acted as role models for their peers, and they should be proud of their academic accomplishments.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues help me in honoring the significant occasion of the New Life Christian School's 25th Anniversary. The school is a model organization and will remain an inspiration in our community for many generations to come.

### A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF THE HONORABLE WIL- LIAM H. ROYER

#### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2013*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a former member of the House of Representatives, Congressman William H. Royer, who served in the House from 1979 to 1981 after winning a special election to succeed the late Leo J. Ryan who was slain in Jonestown, Guyana.

Bill Royer was born in Jerome, Idaho, on April 11, 1920, and died on April 8, 2013, at the age of 92. At the time of his death he was the 15th oldest former member of the House. He was brought to Redwood City, California by his family as a young boy, and lived there his entire life. He was a graduate of Sequoia High School and Santa Clara University which he attended on a baseball scholarship, and he did graduate work at Oklahoma State University. He served his country in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1945 and enjoyed a successful career in real estate.

Bill Royer served on the Redwood City City Council from 1950 to 1966, and twice served as mayor. He was a member of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors from 1973 to 1979.

Bill Royer was predeceased by his beloved wife of 69 years, Shirley Royer, and leaves his sons Dennis and Peter, their wives and children, and many grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House to join me in honoring our former colleague who served his community and his country with great devotion and distinction, and in expressing our most sincere sympathy to his sons and their families.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO EDEN PRAIRIE BOYS SWIM TEAM STATE CHAMPIONS

#### HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2013*

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Eden Prairie Boys Swim Team on their outstanding performance at this year's Minnesota State High School League Meet. The Eden Prairie Boys put on a dominating performance, winning their second state championship in as many years.

This Eden Prairie team has now gone two consecutive seasons undefeated, ending the year with a 7-0 record.

This dream season, as described by the team's coach, Kelly Boston, was capped off by winning performances by many of the team's members. Two relay teams and three individual swimmers captured state titles at the meet, and the Eden Prairie squad amassed 9 total top-three finishes while breaking state records in the 400 freestyle relay and the 200 medley relay.

All of these student athletes, their parents and their coaches deserve praise for their dedication and determination.

It's an honor to be able to represent, and recognize, such all-star athletes. Congratulations!

### HONORING WASHINGTON STATE GOVERNOR BOOTH GARDNER

#### HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2013*

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and remember the life of Washington State Governor Booth Gardner. He brought thought and care to everything he did. While running for King County Sheriff, Governor Gardner and four other Washington State governors came together to an event to show their support for me. It touched me deeply that he would take the time to make that public gesture, and his words of encouragement still resonate with me today. Governor Gardner fought for what he believed in with passion and conviction, and was a champion of many of the causes close to my own heart, such as improving U.S. trade relations and the education of our children. With his death last month, Washington lost one of its fiercest advocates, but his legacy lives on.

### HONORING ELZORA MAE BROWN

#### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2013*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Congresswoman EL-

EANOR HOLMES NORTON, to honor the extraordinary life of Elzora Mae Brown, a fourth-generation, three-time cancer survivor and lifelong champion for breast cancer awareness and research among women of color. With her passing on March 3, 2013, we look to the outstanding quality of her life's work and the countless lives she touched and saved over the course of her career in advocacy.

Born March 20, 1949 in Holdenville, Oklahoma, Elzora Mae Brown received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Oklahoma State University before moving to the Washington, D.C. area, where she would live for the next 30 years. Ms. Brown received a wealth of experience in public communication through her role assisting the lobbying office of the Ford Motor Company. In 1976, she secured an administrative assistant's post at the White House, which led to a quick ascent in communications positions, including becoming assistant director for public affairs at the Federal Communications Commission and public affairs director with the Broadcast Capital Fund.

At the age of 32, Ms. Brown was diagnosed with breast cancer. As the youngest of eight children, she was prepared to face the same disease that had struck her great-grandmother, grandmother, mother, and three sisters. In most cases, swift action via mastectomy had saved her family members' lives. Only her late sister Belva Brissett lost a 12-year battle with breast cancer in 1990. As Ms. Brown took actions to save her life, she decided to use her experience as a sounding board for other women. She eventually underwent two mastectomies and multiple treatments throughout a courageous and continued battle with bouts of breast and ovarian cancer over the years. Yet, she was able to channel the power of these challenges into a trailblazing advocacy campaign.

In the 1980s, her minority and media-focused public relations position at the Broadcast Capital Fund allowed her to spearhead televised public service announcements about breast cancer that aimed to reach inner-city women. A short film about preventative care, "Once a Year . . . For a Lifetime," which she helped to produce, featured celebrities such as Phylicia Rashad from "The Cosby Show" reading personal testimony from cancer patients—including the diaries of Belva Brissett.

Ms. Brown noted that few, if any, mammogram summits and information forums at the time were targeted to African American, minority, and underserved women. She began speaking to local churches, clinics, and civic groups about the benefits of self-examination and mammograms, while dispelling false notions of breast cancer as a white women's issue. By 1989, Ms. Brown had organized the Breast Cancer Resource Committee, BCRC, with the mission of reducing the disproportionate breast cancer mortality rates among African American women by 50 percent at the end of the century through education, prevention, and early detection. An offshoot of this initiative was named in honor of her late sister

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and co-founder: the Belva Brissett Advocacy Center.

In 1991, Ms. Brown was appointed by President George H.W. Bush to the National Cancer Advisory Board. As the first African American woman to serve in this post, she was able to direct vital funding toward inner-city cancer screenings and invite hundreds of leaders from the nation's black community to participate in education forums. She served on the President's Special Commission on Breast Cancer from 1992 to 1994, organizing the Cancer Awareness Program Services, CAPS. And in 1993, Ms. Brown proudly helped organize the Washington D.C.-based breast cancer survivor support group for African American women, "Rise, Sister Rise." Among countless local and national accolades, Ms. Brown also co-authored the 2003 book, "100 Questions and Answers About Breast Cancer."

Today, California's 13th Congressional District and the District of Columbia salute and honor an outstanding individual and a stalwart community leader, Ms. Elzora Mae Brown. Her invaluable service to our nation will be forever supported by the endless legacy of her work. We offer our sincerest condolences to her beloved family and to the many friends and associates whose lives she touched over the course of her incredible life. She will be deeply missed.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2013*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the One-hundredth Anniversary of the founding of the Borough of Laurel Springs.

On April 2, 1913, the people of Laurel Springs broke with Clementon Township to form their own community. In the past century, Laurel Springs has been a peaceful place to call home for many, and a relaxing destination for people from near and far. Its idyllic South Jersey location has been appreciated for centuries.

Poet Walt Whitman spent much of his time between 1876 and 1884 in a summer house in what later became the Borough of Laurel Springs. It was there that he wrote portions of his renowned collection *Leaves of Grass*. Of Laurel Lake, Whitman simply wrote that it was "the prettiest lake in either America or Europe." Whitman's praise revealed this well-kept secret to the world, attracting residents and visitors and helping the community grow and thrive.

Mr. Speaker, this beautiful community has served as a home to generations of New Jerseyans and a home away from home for tourists from around the world. On the centennial of the creation of the borough, the citizens, mayor, and council of Laurel Springs should be congratulated for reaching this milestone. I join all of South Jersey in wishing the people of Laurel Springs another hundred years of happiness and prosperity for their community.

MARYLAND'S LEGISLATURE'S  
SUPPORT OF A CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENT TO OVERTURN THE  
SUPREME COURT CASE, CITIZENS  
UNITED V. FEC

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2013*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following:

In January 2010, the Supreme Court issued a decision in *Citizens United v. FEC* that fundamentally overturned American campaign finance laws by treating corporations as "persons" under the First Amendment, thus enabling CEOs to make unlimited expenditures from corporate treasuries into political campaigns. An estimated \$1 billion of outside money, an unprecedented amount, was spent in the 2012 election. Of this amount, an estimated \$400 million was received from anonymous sources as it was channeled through entities that do not have to identify their donors. The impact of this secret special interest money will greatly diminish the integrity of our electoral process.

Many legislative solutions have been identified to correct this trend that damages our democracy. One alternative would reverse the decision of the Court through an amendment to the Constitution. Senator Jamie Raskin, from the State of Maryland, has made a significant contribution to the development of Federal legislation that would overturn the *Citizens United* case. Moreover, Senator Raskin has been a leader in the Maryland State Senate in amassing support from Maryland legislators to call upon the U.S. Congress to pass a Constitutional Amendment to correct this decision. I would like to commend Senator Raskin for his work to strengthen the integrity of our electoral process.

THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY,  
*Annapolis, MD, January, 2012.*

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS: We, the Undersigned Members of the Maryland General Assembly, call upon you to pass a constitutional amendment to reverse the United States Supreme Court's 5-4 ruling in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* (2010), which declared that corporations enjoy the First Amendment political rights of the people and toppled dozens of state and federal laws and many decades of judicial precedent preventing corporations (and unions) from spending corporate (and union) treasury funds in political campaigns.

This radical departure from judicial precedent and democratic values has already brought a torrent of corporate money, much of it secret, into American politics, fundamentally distorting public elections and campaigns for public office. The decision poses a direct and dramatic threat to government "of the people, by the people and for the people."

By bringing corporations into the heart of the political process, *Citizens United* changes the character of democracy. For-profit corporations (except benefit corporations) are legally hound to pursue the maximization of profits and economic advantage in all of their endeavors. This is one reason why most United States Supreme Court Justices, from Chief Justice John Marshall to Chief Justice William Rehnquist, to Justice Byron White to the four dissenting justices in *Citizens United v. FEC*, have rejected the

claim that corporations have political rights.

Corporations enjoy special state-conferred economic and legal advantages not enjoyed by natural persons, including limited liability of the shareholders, perpetual life of the corporation itself, and favorable treatment of the accumulation and distribution of assets. These advantages permit corporations to amass vast sums of money that are spent properly for economic purposes but not for the purposes of intervening in democratic politics and entrenching corporate power.

Article V of the United States Constitution empowers the people, the states and the Congress to use the constitutional amending process to protect republican self-government.

This power has repeatedly been used by the people when the Supreme Court has undermined the progress or popular democracy.

As Members of the Maryland General Assembly, we sharply disagree with the majority decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* and call upon the United States Congress to propose and send to the states for ratification as soon as is practicable a constitutional amendment to reverse this decision and restore fair elections and democratic sovereignty to the states and to the people.

Very truly yours,

Del. Aisha Braveboy; Del. Alfred Carr; Del. Ana Sol Gutierrez; Del. Anne Healey; Del. Anne Kaiser; Del. Ariana Kelly; Del. Aruna Miller; Del. Barbara Frush; Del. Benjamin Kramer; Del. Bonnie Cullison; Del. Brian Feldman; Del. Brian McHale; Del. C.T. Wilson; Del. Cheryl Glenn; Del. Craig Zucker; Del. Curt Anderson; Del. Dan Morhaim; Del. Dana Stein; Del. Doyle Niemann; Del. Elizabeth Bobo.

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