

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. GEORGE
ERWIN HOLLADAY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. George "Doc" Holladay. He was a dear friend of mine who will greatly be missed. He passed away earlier this month at the age of 78. Doc practiced medicine as an ophthalmologist for 26 years in Denton before retiring in 1993.

After attending the Columbia Military Academy in Tennessee, Doc continued his education at the University of Tennessee and University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. He then served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam conflict as flight surgeon before opening his own practice.

In 1964, Doc married his wife Shirley Lynn Brink. The two generously founded scholarships at four different universities, including The University of North Texas music program and the Southwestern Medical School Department of Ophthalmology. As a Sigma Chi, Doc also helped start the fraternity at UNT.

Along with Doc's charitable contributions, he served on the Board of Directors for the Cumberland Children's Home, was a member of the Texas Medical Association, and became the president of the Denton School Board. He was a great contributor to the Republican Party of Denton County, and I am forever grateful for his unwavering support.

Doc's continual commitment to Denton County and the state of Texas have successfully strengthened many communities, and I know he surely will be missed. I would like to extend my sincerest condolences to Doc's family and friends.

JOSE PARRA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jose Parra for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jose Parra is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jose Parra is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jose Parra for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have

no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

A TRIBUTE TO SYLVIA SUTTON

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my congressional district.

I would like to recognize an exceptional woman, Sylvia Sutton of Burbank, California, who for many years, has been educating our community about the Holocaust and other human rights violations.

Sylvia received her B.A. in Psychology from UCLA and her MBA in Marketing and Program Management from West Coast University. Sylvia's early community efforts included volunteering on the David Starr Jordan Middle School Parent Teacher Association (PTA), and the William McKinley Elementary School PTA, where she received an Honorary Life Membership Award, and as a Girl Scout Leader.

Ms. Sutton's volunteer activities have included the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Burbank Branch, where she served as President, the UCLA Alumni Scholarship Committee, and the League of Women Voters, Glendale/Burbank. Currently, she is the liaison between the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council and the City of Burbank, the Coordinator and Presenter of the annual Burbank Days of Remembrance Commemoration of the Holocaust, and has been the presenter of Holocaust speakers in the eighth and tenth grade classrooms of every Burbank middle and high school since 1991. Sylvia is also a volunteer at the Skirball Cultural Center, as well as the Parliamentarian on the Burbank Coordinating Council. In addition, she works as the secretary for Temple Beth Emet of Burbank.

Sylvia has received a number of accolades for her extensive community service, including the Burbank City 1999 Outstanding Senior Volunteer Award, the 1998 Zonta Woman of the Year for Cultural Awareness Award, and the 1991 Burbank Human Relations Council Distinguished Service Award.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring a truly remarkable woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Sylvia Sutton.

THE PASSING OF CARMEN
WEINSTEIN

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, this past Saturday, Carmen Weinstein, the leader of Cairo's small remaining Jewish community died at her home. I had the privilege of meeting Ms. Weinstein during a visit to Egypt earlier this year.

She had a passion for preserving Jewish history and antiquities in Egypt and protecting the remaining synagogues. She told me of her dismay that the Jewish cemetery at Bassatine, where she herself will be buried, had been overrun by squatters and vandals.

Hers was a remarkable life, set against the backdrop of a great Jewish emigration out of Egypt more than 60 years ago.

Since her mother's passing, Ms. Weinstein had led a small community of mostly elderly Jewish women in Cairo. In fact, she was one of fewer than 100 Jews still living in Egypt.

In the words of her Washington Post obituary, "Ms. Weinstein worked to remind people that Jews in Egypt were once part of the country's vibrant economy, cultural and political life." I feel fortunate to have met her.

[From the Washington Post, Apr. 13, 2013]

CARMEN WEINSTEIN, JEWISH LEADER IN CAIRO,
DIES AT 82

(By Aya Batrawy)

Carmen Weinstein, the leader of Egypt's dwindling Jewish community, known for her tireless work preserving synagogues and a once-sprawling Jewish cemetery, died April 13 at the age of 82.

A statement from the Jewish Community in Cairo confirmed her death in Cairo. She had been suffering from knee problems and poor blood circulation.

Ms. Weinstein helped urge Egyptian authorities to renovate at least four Cairo synagogues among the 15 that still exist in the city. Just a day before her death, she traveled to the Maadi suburb to inspect the renovation of a synagogue there.

Since 1978, she also worked to preserve the Bassatine cemetery, the only Jewish cemetery left in Cairo.

The transformation of Bassatine mirrors the dramatic changes Egypt has undergone as its population skyrocketed and poverty grew. Named in Arabic after its gardens, the cemetery is now a slum of tightly packed redbrick apartment buildings that house thousands of poor Egyptians. Parts of the Bassatine were turned into a garbage dump.

Ms. Weinstein was able to preserve a small area as a Jewish cemetery.

Egypt's once thriving Jewish community largely left more than 60 years ago at a time of hostilities between the country and Israel. Since the creation of the state of Israel in 1948, an estimated 65,000 Jews left Egypt for Europe, the West and Israel.

According to a friend of Ms. Weinstein's, Magda Haroun, only around 40 Egyptian Jews remain in the country, split between Cairo and the Mediterranean city of Alexandria, which once was a thriving multicultural and cosmopolitan hub.

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Haroun said Ms. Weinstein's father had owned a large print shop in downtown Cairo, where Ms. Weinstein had worked for some 50 years after her father's death. The family's name remains on the shop, which now sells stationery.

Haroun said one of Ms. Weinstein's other achievements was in persuading Egypt's remaining Jews to come together and use Cairo's main downtown synagogue for prayer, after it had been closed for years.

"We were scattered all over Cairo, and she managed to regroup us and keep us together," Haroun said.

In her last community newsletter, Ms. Weinstein wrote that this year's Passover ceremony in late March was celebrated by about 50 people in Cairo's main synagogue, many of them diplomats.

Ms. Weinstein worked to remind people that Jews in Egypt were once part of the country's vibrant economy, cultural and political life.

She was a graduate of both Cairo University and the American University in Cairo, where she studied literature, according to a biography posted on the Jewish Community in Cairo's Web site. She spoke fluent French, English and Arabic.

Haroun said Ms. Weinstein often reminisced of the Egypt she knew growing up, when neighbors did not ask about one another's religion.

MOURNING THE PASSING OF QUINN BOYER

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleague, Congresswoman BARBARA LEE, to mourn the passing of Quinn Boyer. He still had much to do, but he led a full and extraordinary life that was devoted to others. Quinn's promising young life was cut short on April 4, 2013 at the age of 34.

Quinn grew up in Oakland and graduated from Sonoma State University, the Santa Rosa Fire Academy, and Foothill College's paramedic program.

In 2008, Quinn began his career as a paramedic in Santa Clara County. During his short time on the job, he saved countless lives. Quinn's colleagues described him as someone loved by everyone, an amazing paramedic and caregiver. He was a Big Brother and volunteer at the Order of Malta Clinic in Oakland. He was recently married and accepted into Stanford's physician's assistant program.

It is with sadness that we pay tribute to Quinn Boyer's life. His family, and indeed our country, will forever remember and cherish his kindness, service, and hope in a better future. We join with our communities in mourning his passing. While we know Quinn's family, friends, and colleagues feel his loss, we can draw comfort from his contributions.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JENNIFER ADAMS-BROOKS

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great sadness to mourn the pass-

ing of one of San Diego's great public servants, and my first Chief-of-Staff, Jennifer Adams-Brooks.

Like many other friends and colleagues, I was not aware of Jennifer's diagnosis. But that was no accident. It shows you exactly the type of person she was: someone who always thought about other people first.

Jennifer never stopped working to improve the San Diego community. I know she thrived in her executive leadership position on the San Diego Housing Commission, and was passionate about all her numerous volunteer efforts.

Among her many accomplishments, including starting her own consulting firm, Jennifer held the distinction of being the first African-American to serve as chair of the San Diego Foundation's Board of Governors in its 36-year history.

Throughout her entire life, Jennifer always remained highly active in local civic and community affairs. And that's how we happened to cross paths.

Jennifer got my office running when I first served in the California Assembly. And I can tell you she was just as impressive in person as on paper.

During that time, we shared many laughs and memories—even when we were up to our ears in work.

Looking back, I'm sure Jennifer would want us to always think of her with that indefatigable spirit—and to remember her as the consummate leader and community activist she most certainly was.

I will always treasure her loyalty and work ethic. And my thoughts go out to Leon, her husband, and the rest of her family and friends. I can only hope that many others will follow her lead and dedicate their lives to the service of others.

A TRIBUTE TO RAHLA HALL LINDSEY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

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I would like to recognize Rahla Hall Lindsey of La Cañada Flintridge, an extraordinary leader, educator and volunteer in her community.

Rahla earned her B.A. in Speech Communication, M.A. in Cross-Cultural Communication, Secondary Teaching Credential in Speech and English from California State University, Los Angeles and her Ph.D. in Organizational Communication from the University of Southern California (USC). Her diverse professional career has included being Vice-President, U.S. Region, for the AFS International Intercultural Programs, the administrator of Broadview nursing facility, a volunteer instructor at the Center for Nonprofit Management, the Executive Director of the YWCA of Glendale, a teacher at Elderhostel, and a professor at USC's School of Public Administration and School of Policy, Planning and Development.

Currently she is the president and a consultant for RHall and Associates.

In her volunteer career, Ms. Lindsey broke barriers as the first female President of the Verdugo Hills Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and first female member of Rotary International's Glendale Chapter. She has served on numerous committees and boards, including California Literacy, Inc., the City of La Cañada Flintridge Foothill Boulevard Design Options Committee, Assistance League of Flintridge, Los Angeles 1984 Olympic Organizing Committee, La Cañada Flintridge Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs) and the U.S. Air Force Academy Parent Support Group. Currently, she is active in the Rotary Club of Crescenta-Cañada, Verdugo Hills Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Los Angeles County Bar Association as a volunteer lay arbitrator, First Church of Christ, Scientist, and a reader to second grade students at Richardson D. White Elementary School, where she is known to the children as "Gramma Rahla."

Rahla has received many well-deserved honors, including the 2001 James E. West Fellow and 2006 Silver Beaver Service Award from the Boy Scouts of America and the 2009 Continuing Service Award from Richardson D. White Elementary School.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring a truly remarkable woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Rahla Hall Lindsey.

JUSTICE MITCHELL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Justice Mitchell for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Justice Mitchell is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Justice Mitchell is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Justice Mitchell for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN MEMORY OF JESUS CARDENAS, SR.

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Jesus Cardenas, Sr., a great man whose life embodied the American Dream. After a battle with cancer, he passed away on March 5 at the age of 73.

Born on March 20, 1939, in the state of Jalisco, Mexico, Jesus came to this country at