

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF COLONEL GRAHAM W. FOUNTAIN

#### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 9, 2013*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colonel Graham W. Fountain upon his retirement after a highly decorated and distinguished twenty-eight-year career in local and state law enforcement. Colonel Fountain's dedicated service to protecting and serving the people of Florida has been exemplary.

After graduating from Crestview High School in Crestview, Florida, Colonel Fountain attended Troy University, where he received a Bachelor's of Science degree in Criminal Justice. After completing his studies at Troy University, Colonel Fountain returned to his native Okaloosa County to become a Deputy Sheriff in the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office. Colonel Fountain quickly established himself as a first-class law enforcement officer, and in 1991 he began his service in state law enforcement as a Law Enforcement Investigator with the Florida Office of the State Treasurer, where he served as an undercover operative, conducted interrogations, provided training to local law enforcement agencies, and drafted bill language for the agency to present to the Florida Legislature.

In 1995, Colonel Fountain returned to the Okaloosa County Sheriff's office, where he served as Undersheriff. In this important position, Colonel Fountain provided unparalleled leadership and administrative excellence overseeing over 250 law enforcement officers and support personnel.

Colonel Fountain's excellent record and demonstrated success led Florida Governor Jeb Bush to appoint Colonel Fountain as the Director of the Florida Department of Transportation's Office of Motor Carrier Compliance and Law Enforcement Operations. During his eight-year tenure at the department, Colonel Fountain spearheaded efforts to bring stakeholders in the trucking industry together with the Florida Legislature and Department of Transportation to dramatically improve the safety of Florida's highways without compromising the trucking industry's ability to transport freight. Colonel Fountain then brought his vast knowledge of the transportation sector to help develop Florida's "Pre-Pass" credentialing system, which has boosted efficiency and saved millions of hours of downtime. Colonel Fountain is an exceptional law enforcement officer and leader, and his sedulous work on behalf of the State of Florida was recognized by the Florida Department of Transportation when he was awarded their top honor, the "Leader of the Year" award.

Colonel Fountain has also used his vast experience in law enforcement to help improve local, state, and national efforts in homeland security, disaster preparedness, transportation, and law enforcement development. He has

served in numerous important capacities outside of his law enforcement career, including as the Commissioner and Chairman of the Florida Commission on Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation, President of the State Law Enforcement Chiefs Association, Vice-Chair of Florida's Joint Task Force of Law Enforcement Communications for the Department of Justice's Homeland Security Advisory Council, and as a member of the Florida Sea-ports Security Standards Council. Colonel Fountain continues his outstanding service to Florida today as the Commissioner of the Florida Historical Commission.

Outside of his service to Florida, Colonel Fountain is a loving and devoted husband to his wife Felicia and a man of great faith. He is an active member of First Baptist Church in Crestview, where he serves in the church leadership. Colonel Fountain has also served in numerous capacities in state, local, and national political campaigns, including county chair and member of the National Public Safety Advisory Council and as Florida Co-Chair for Public Safety/First Responders.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Colonel Graham W. Fountain for his twenty-eight years of outstanding leadership and service to Florida. My wife Vicki and I wish Colonel Fountain and his family all the best.

### IN RECOGNITION OF MONMOUTH COLLEGE AND THE COMPLETION OF THEIR NEW CENTER FOR SCIENCE AND BUSINESS

#### HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 9, 2013*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Monmouth College and the college's president, Mauri Ditzler, on the completion of the Center for Science and Business, which will have its dedication ceremony tomorrow, May 10. This is their first new academic building in over twenty years. It is a testament to Monmouth's commitment to its students by creating a learning environment conducive to motivating students to maximize their potential.

I visited Monmouth College on April 29, and was greatly impressed with this new facility as well as with the dedication President Ditzler and his staff have to the institution and its students. The idea of this building has now become a building of ideas.

The innovative combination of business and science within a single facility will promote interaction between what have traditionally been independent departments and will prove to be important for the academic and economic growth in the region. This new \$40 million complex will house the departments of biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics and computer science, psychology, political economy and commerce, and accounting.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Monmouth College for this giant step forward and I look forward to working with the College, its faculty, and graduates as they make their dreams a reality.

### IN MEMORIAM OF JACK GOSCH

#### HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 09, 2013*

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues KEN CALVERT and RAUL RUIZ to honor the memory of a friend of mine, Jack Gosch, who passed away late last month. As an active member of the Hemet, California, community, Jack was a natural salesman who lived a long, enthusiastic, and vibrant life. He contributed greatly over his lifetime to the economic success and vitality of the city, and will long be remembered.

Jack was born on June 26, 1928, in Norwich, Kansas. He attended Wilson High School in Long Beach and the University of California Los Angeles. He graduated from the university in 1951 with a business degree and served two years in the U.S. Air Force. Following his service managing a Post Exchange, he joined Ford Motor Company, where he worked his way up from an entry-level data position to general field manager for the Los Angeles region. In 1964, he established his first dealership in Hemet, California. In the following years he added to the Gosch Auto Group with new dealerships in Temecula and other cities throughout Riverside County.

During the 1970s, Jack was president of the Hemet Chamber of Commerce and the Hemet-San Jacinto Exchange Club. In 1974, Jack co-founded The Bank of Hemet, and through his retirement in 2001, Jack served as chairman of the board. He was also a founding board member of Valley-Wide Parks & Recreation District, which was established in 1972 and has since grown from one park to over 75 throughout San Jacinto, Menifee, and French Valley. He was a partner in many local businesses, such as Hemet Valley RV, Hemet Insurance, and the Valley Chronicle Newspaper, among others.

Jack is survived by his wife Gwenyth; sons Eric (Gisela) and Marc (Marie); grandchildren Courtney, Patrick, Kurt and Matthew; great-granddaughter Lily Mae, and sister Betty Davidson.

### HONORING KANEKO BISHOP

#### HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 9, 2013*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Kaneko Oshima Bishop, whose work and contributions have

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made her a well-known figure in San Diego and, most recently, recognized by the government of Japan.

On May 15, Ms. Bishop will receive the country's most prestigious decoration, the Order of the Rising Sun, with Gold and Silver Rays, for her contributions to promoting the regional relationship between Japan and the United States. Established in 1875, the Order of the Rising Sun is the Japanese government's oldest decoration.

Born in Nagoya, Japan, Kaneko Bishop moved to San Diego in 1972 and has since then made countless contributions to the Japanese-American community. She is the President of the San Diego-Yokohama Sister City Society. After the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, she led a fundraising effort that resulted in more than \$10,000 for relief efforts. Our friends in Yokohama have also noted her tireless work. In 2003, when the wildfires ravaged in San Diego, it is no doubt that because of the good will and relationship she fostered, the Mayor of Yokohama led a campaign that raised \$17,000 for relief efforts here at home.

Her life's work exemplifies what it means to promote mutual understanding and friendship between countries. As someone who has spent some time in Japan, it gives me tremendous pride to see such unwavering dedication to fostering cross-cultural understanding. Our communities are all the more better because of it, and it gives me great pleasure to congratulate Kaneko Oshima Bishop on receiving this prestigious honor.

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#### HONORING OUR NATION'S TEACHERS

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#### HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 9, 2013*

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, May 6–10 is Teacher Appreciation Week, and I rise today to honor teachers all across America.

My husband, Dean, is a teacher, and I see firsthand every day the love and dedication that go into teaching. By investing in the lives of our children and educating the next generation, our educators are ensuring a bright future for our nation.

Behind every successful adult is an even more successful teacher. Each Member of Congress would not be here today if we did not have teachers who invested in us, and I am sure each of us remembers a favorite teacher who made learning fun and empowered us to chase our dreams. As the first person in my family to attend college, I know firsthand the value of hard work and a quality education.

I am proud of the excellent, dedicated teachers we have in the State of Indiana, and I am grateful for their commitment to our children. To all the teachers in Indiana and across America, thank you for all you do for this nation and for the next generation. You are an inspiration to us all.

#### HONORING DIAGÉT MILLER

#### HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 9, 2013*

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor Diagét Miller, a Sprayberry High School student from Kennesaw, Georgia, and founder of Diagét Design Studio. Diagét was recently recognized as one of the National Federation of Independent Business' (NFIB) 2013 Young Entrepreneur Award winners.

It is a great source of pride to see one of the young people in Georgia's 11th District being nationally recognized for such focused ambition and willingness to take risk. It is this kind of initiative that truly embodies the American dream.

Diagét founded her design studio at the young age of 14 after realizing her talent for digital art when helping her mother design brochures. Since then, her company has grown, attracting business state-wide.

The yearly NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award is selected by an independent committee comprised of educators and small business leaders who not only evaluate applicants based on the quality of their businesses, but on their academic records, leadership qualities, and overall character.

As one of this year's deserving winners, Diagét's prize will include a \$1,000 scholarship from the National Federation of Independent Business Young Entrepreneur Foundation, which she will put toward her education and goal of someday becoming an anesthesiologist.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Georgia's 11th District, I congratulate Diagét Miller on her tremendous success as an entrepreneur and wish her luck in all of her endeavors.

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#### HONORING Nanci VANDERWEEL

#### HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 9, 2013*

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished public servant from the 6th District of Illinois. Nanci Vanderweel has dedicated her life to her community and has worked tirelessly to help the less fortunate. She serves as a role model for us all and as proof that one dedicated person can change the lives of many.

In 1971 Nanci was elected as the first female Trustee for Elk Grove Village. A position that many would view as an impressive career finale, Nanci saw as a good starting point. She went on to become a Trustee for the Elk Grove Township where she currently serves as the Supervisor, after again becoming the first woman selected for the position. In addition she serves as the President of the Supervisor's Division of the Township Officials of Cook County.

While working full time for her community, Nanci found the time to be the Chairman of the Cook County Public Aid Committee; Chairman of the Judiciary, Planning and Zoning Committee for Elk Grove Village; she started the Elk Grove Village Community Blood Drive

Program; is a Charter Member of the Friends of Harper College; served as the President of the Board of Directors for the Northwest Community Services; became a member of the United Way Needs Assessment Committee; a Unit Chair for the Salvation Army; and she chaired the referendum to assist ambulance accessibility on the I-290 interchange at Biesterfeld Road.

As if that was not enough, Nanci published a book on the History of Elk Grove Township and even started the first free library in the township, for which she received the Governor's Hometown Award. Through hard work and no small amount of perseverance, Nanci Vanderweel has helped countless people and tremendously improved her community. Distinguished Members, please join me in congratulating Nanci Vanderweel on an accomplished life, and wishing her happiness and peace in her well-earned retirement.

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#### HONORING HELEN LUCILE FISTONICH DIMAGGIO

#### HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 9, 2013*

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of my friend and lifelong San Pedro resident, Helen Lucile Fistonich DiMaggio, who passed away on April 25, 2013.

Born on June 1, 1919 to Andrew and Mary Fistonich, Helen was the eldest daughter of three siblings. An independent and fearless spirit, Helen's greatest legacy lives in her dedication to others.

As a young woman, Helen excelled at school while working in the family business, Star Fisheries. A 1937 graduate of San Pedro High School, Helen earned a full scholarship to the University of California in Los Angeles, but chose instead, like so many women of her time, to remain in the workforce. In 1938, Helen met and married the love of her life, Neno DiMaggio, second-cousin to Joe DiMaggio, one of the greatest baseball players in history. Helen became the business director of Star Fisheries, and with Neno at her side, they managed the company for more than 60 years.

Helen was an avid supporter of many local charitable organizations such as the San Pedro Peninsula Cancer Guild, Little Sisters of the Poor, Mary Star of the Sea Church, Holy Trinity Church and the Assistance League of San Pedro. In the 1990's she was recognized among the "Who's Who" in America. Recently, she was named one of San Pedro's "Living Treasures" at a ceremony commemorating the 125th anniversary of our town and the individuals who were instrumental to its history.

She will be remembered as a woman of elegance and a pillar in our community. I was privileged to have called her my friend and she will be missed by her family, friends and loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all Members of the House to join me in a moment of silence to commemorate the memory of the late Helen Lucile Fistonich DiMaggio.