

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING PETER SOLENDER
AND SUZIE RIVO SOLENDER

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two outstanding community leaders as they are honored by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce as the 2013 Stewardship Award Winners, Peter Solender and Suzie Rivo Solender. Few have been so generous with their time and talents as Peter and Suzie.

Peter and Suzie Solender's community involvement begins with their children. As parents, Suzie spent time as a Girl Scout leader, while Peter was active with his son in Cub Scouts.

When their children began attending school, Peter and Suzie became heavily involved in the Williamsville Parent-Teacher Association, Parent-Teacher-Student Association, and Parent-Teacher Association Council. At one point, Suzie held the PTA presidency at both Heim Middle School and Williamsville East High School simultaneously. As a member of the Town of Amherst Youth Board, Suzie currently is serving her second three-year term.

The Solenders devote much of their time to the American Cancer Society, as both Peter and Suzie are cancer survivors. Suzie has sat on many boards for the ACS, including the Advisory Board, and as one of five members of the leadership committee. Suzie's talents as a grant writer allowed her to become a stakeholder with the National ACS. For three years, she reviewed grant applications for areas of cancer research as a stakeholder with the National ACS. Suzie is trained as a Legislative Ambassador on the Congressional level.

Together, Peter and Suzie work at Hope Lodge in Buffalo, where cancer patients and family members can stay if they require outpatient treatment but live too far to commute. They take great pride in directly helping those who face the battle against cancer.

The American Heart Association is close to Peter and Suzie. The Solenders helped with the American Heart Association's yearly walk, and Suzie served on the Gala Board for Heart for three years.

As people of faith, the Solenders are active locally, regionally, and nationally in their house of worship. Both Suzie and Peter have sat on many fundraising committees. Suzie served two terms as Sisterhood President and two terms on the Board of Directors, and together they were involved in B'nai B'rith and B'nai B'rith Woman—a Jewish organization.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me a few moments to recognize Peter and Suzie Solender, two pillars of our community. I am inspired by their selflessness, grateful for their service, and wish their family the absolute best in all their future endeavors. Their good works have touched innumerable lives in Western New York.

HONORING ALICIA TURNER

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service; and

Whereas, Ms. Alicia Turner has answered that call by giving of herself as an educator at Midway Elementary School, and as a daughter, mother and friend; and

Whereas, Ms. Turner has been chosen as the 2013 Teacher of the Year, representing Midway Elementary School; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents for the betterment of our community and our nation through her tireless works, motivational speeches and words of wisdom; and

Whereas, Ms. Turner is a virtuous woman, a courageous woman and a fearless leader who has shared her vision, talents and passion to help ensure that our children receive an education that is relevant not only for today, but well into the future, as she truly understands that our children are the future; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Alicia Turner for her leadership and service for our District and in recognition of this singular honor as 2013 Teacher of the Year at Midway Elementary School; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim May 8, 2013 as Ms. Alicia Turner Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 8th day of May, 2013.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND
ACHIEVEMENTS OF GEORGE
WEYERHAEUSER JR.

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and achievements of George Weyerhaeuser Jr. He was an extraordinary civic leader and businessman in Tacoma, Washington and will be remembered for his contributions to the community and the forestry business.

George began his business career in 1978 by joining his family-owned pulp and paper company, the Weyerhaeuser Company, in Dierks, Arkansas. He served in various capacities, including time as a forester, contract logger administrator, and sawmill supervisor. His dedication to his family's business continued for thirty years in several executive posi-

tions including vice president for containerboard and vice president for the company's pulp and paper business.

George's role quickly expanded as he helped steer the success of Weyerhaeuser Company. He was president and chief executive officer of Weyerhaeuser Canada from 1993 to 1998. In 1998, he became senior vice president of technology, procurement, and transportation. George represented the company and the timber industry on many boards and through all of his business endeavors. Throughout his career, he never failed to recognize his hardworking employees and loyal customers.

Although George was a dedicated and successful businessman, his true passion was for civic betterment. He served as board chairman for the Tacoma Museum of Glass from 2004 to 2008 and, more recently, served as president of the Thea Foss Waterway Development Authority. Community members agree that without George's relentless support and enthusiasm, the museum and waterway would not have become the successes that they are today.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I offer my condolences to the family and friends of George Weyerhaeuser Jr. His reputation as a community leader, mentor, and forward-thinker all highlight the profound impression he has left on the Pacific Northwest.

RECOGNIZING ANSAR KHAN AND
JAMES O'LEARY FOR AMBUR
POINT OF SALE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ansar Khan and James O'Leary, inventors of the revolutionary Ambur Point of Sale app, as they are honored by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce as recipients of the 2013 Trailblazer Award.

Ansar Khan immigrated from Pakistan to Buffalo, New York in 2001 with his family. Inspired to share their culinary traditions with their new community, the Khan family opened Kabab & Curry, an Indian and Pakistani restaurant on Transit Road in East Amherst, New York. Ansar worked in the restaurant from the time he was 11 years old, providing him with an intimate understanding of all facets of the restaurant industry.

James O'Leary met Ansar at Williamsville North High School. James worked server at Kabab & Curry, but his true passions were Apple products and computer programming.

Together, Ansar and James developed the Ambur Point of Sale mobile application to empower independent restaurant owners to regain control of their business.

Previously, aspiring entrepreneurs had only two options for managing the moment at which a transaction occurs. The difficult point

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of sale software inhibited aspiring entrepreneurs and frustrated small business owners.

Ambur Point of Sale's straightforward, customizable design provides a simple solution for restaurant owners to wirelessly manage their business. The product has become an international success.

Ansar and James remain local, housing their business in the University at Buffalo Technology Incubator. Their seven additional employees primarily hail from Western New York and most attended the University at Buffalo.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me to recognize these two mobile software pioneers for their incredible contributions. Ansar and James are brilliant young entrepreneurs and I look forward to seeing what their careers hold. I wish them the absolute best in all their future endeavors.

HONORING MAINE'S STATE POLICE

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome the law enforcement officers from Maine and around the world that are joining us for National Police Week. Every year, thousands come to Washington to honor and remember those who valiantly gave their lives serving their communities.

We honor the memory and sacrifice of the fallen officers throughout the world that strive to make our lives safe.

Each day, law enforcement officials like Maine State Trooper Douglas Cropper risk their safety for our protection. Just last summer, Trooper Cropper raced ahead of a driver going in the wrong direction on a very busy interstate. Cropper, without hesitation, pulled in front of the disoriented driver so that his Police vehicle would collide into the oncoming vehicle. The vehicle came to rest, preventing any serious injury to the driver and possibly saving lives of innocent motorists.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the thousands of law enforcement officers like Trooper Cropper who selflessly put their safety on the line every day.

HONORING REV. R.B. COTTONREADER, JR.

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Whereas, the Civil Rights Movement had many soldiers in the trenches, laying down the bedrock of the road to equality; and

Whereas, Rev. R.B. Cottonreader, Jr., a citizen of Lithonia was one of those elite soldiers for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, serving as a field director mobilizing the community and playing essential roles in assisting Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and other widely known leaders in the fight for civil rights; and

Whereas, at the height of the most turbulent times, this highly effective motivator utilized his skills to aid in the growth and development of the movement through the church, the Congress of Racial Equality and intensive field work in Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi; and

Whereas, Rev. R.B. Cottonreader, Jr., led by action both behind the scenes and on the front lines as a warrior for justice, a man of great integrity who until the end, remained true to the uplifting of the community; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a special recognition upon Rev. R.B. Cottonreader, Jr., for his leadership, tenacity, courage and strength, Now, therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby attest to the 113th Congress of the United States that Rev. R.B. Cottonreader, Jr., of Lithonia, DeKalb County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Recognition" by declaring Rev. R.B. Cottonreader, Jr., U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 8th day of January, 2013.

RECOGNIZING MIKE BEAN AND BEAN MEDIA PRODUCTIONS

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bean Media Productions as they are honored by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce as the recipient of the 2013 President's Award.

Bean Media Productions was founded in 2006 by Mike Bean to provide a wide variety of digital marketing services to local companies.

As the internet became ubiquitous, Bean Media kept pace, adopting a sophisticated business strategy emphasizing web marketing and web media development.

Bean Media excelled at internet marketing. The firm developed advanced strategies, using popular search engines and media sharing sites like Google and Youtube to access consumers, broadening their clients' reach through promoting videos online.

As a web marketing company with foundations in traditional media marketing, Bean Media Productions appeals to a wide audience, from the consumers of today to the future base of our economy.

Bean Media's focus on local companies is commendable. The success of such an advertising firm instills confidence in consumers to purchase local goods, ensuring our small businesses remain competitive with larger national chains.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me a few moments to recognize Mike Bean and Bean Media Productions for their excellence in advertising and great efforts to promote business in Western New York.

RECOGNIZING THE NEWLY INSTALLED BEVERLY HILLS VETERANS MEMORIAL

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the newly installed Beverly Hills Veterans Memorial which will be dedicated in Beverly Park on Memorial Day 2013.

In May of 2011, Paul Kleppert and Ron Berndt attended the city's Memorial Day Parade and Service. After the moving annual tribute to area veterans, they imagined a monument which would permanently memorialize the men and women who have served and, in some cases, given the ultimate sacrifice, to protect their fellow residents.

The community supported their vision and gave generously. The monument was funded with 99% private funds. In fact, they raised so much money that they were able to purchase a large, full standing, black granite monument with engraving on both sides. It will read, "In Honor of All the Men and Women of Beverly Hills who Served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America," with the official seals of the five branches of the Armed Services beneath and an American flag etched in the background.

As the community of Beverly Hills commemorates this milestone monument, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in thanking not only the veterans of Beverly Hills, Michigan but all of the veterans across this free country, for their dedicated service. I congratulate the residents, elected officials, and businesses as they celebrate the veterans, the heroes amongst them, preserve their rich local heritage, and look forward to growing the monument in the future.

CONGRATULATING THE MARSHALLTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Marshalltown Public Library for receiving the 2013 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. It is an honor to have this great community resource in my district.

This award is the nation's highest honor for museums and libraries for service to their community. Home to one of the earliest Children's Rooms in the country, the Marshalltown Public Library has served its community with its commitment to early literacy programs.

The Marshalltown Public Library also offers services to the growing immigrant population in their region. Through their annual Dia de los Ninos/Dia de los Libros festival, they introduce Spanish-speaking families to the services the library provides, as well as all children in the area to celebrate Hispanic culture. They also partner with youth mentoring programs to introduce youth from all cultures to library services.

Today, I congratulate the Marshalltown Public Library on receiving the National Medal