

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ACKNOWLEDGING DR. VICKI BARBER'S SERVICE TO CALIFORNIA'S EDUCATION

HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Vicki Barber who will be retiring from the El Dorado County Office of Education after an exceptional 30 years of service.

Dr. Barber began her career with the El Dorado County Office of Education in July 1983 and rose through the ranks, first becoming elected as County Superintendent of Schools in 1994. Dr. Barber's success is best exemplified through the numerous awards and recognitions she has received during her 19-year tenure as County Superintendent.

Twice she has been named Superintendent of the Year by the Small School Districts' Association and the Regional Association of California School Administrators. Most recently Dr. Barber was given the honor of Exemplary Leader in the region by the American Leadership Forum. Dr. Barber's true commitment to the field of education and her dedication to the job are shown through these awards.

Dr. Barber is also a board member of the Boys and Girls Club, Marshall Hospital, El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce and has held leadership positions in various local and statewide organizations. She plans to continue her role as an advocate and contributor to public education after her retirement on June 30, 2013. Her legacy will live on in the El Dorado County Office of Education, and she will remain a fine example of the culture of service that ought to be reflected in every public official.

It is my honor to rise today in appreciation and acknowledgement of her service to our community.

RECOGNIZING THOMAS 'TE' CAULFIELD

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize my good friend Thomas 'Te' Caulfield as he receives the "Civil Pride Award." Te's admirable work contributes greatly to the strength and vitality of our neighborhood in South Buffalo, New York.

Te is a pillar in our tight-knit community. He embodies the Celtic values of hard work, loyalty, righteousness, and an inimitable sense of humor. Through his genuine love of Irish culture, Te builds a deep sense of community.

Born and raised in South Buffalo, Te is a graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas, and attended high school at Nichols. Te earned his bachelor's degree from Buffalo State College,

and went to Vermont College for his master's degree in Irish Studies. Te has held positions as an adjunct lecturer, speaking to students at the University at Buffalo, Hilbert College, Daemon College and Ameri-Corps.

A lifelong student, Te's extensive research includes the study of Irish language through Scoil Cultur na hEireann, Irish song and dance through Comhaltas Ceoltrori Eireann, Irish Gaelic identity, the Irish Famine in North Ulster, integrated education in Northern Ireland, and the study of Irish history through music.

A dual citizen of the United States and Ireland and a member of the Irish American Cultural Institute, Irish Cultural and Folk Art Association, and the American Conference of Irish Studies, Te applies his research practically to advance cultural exchange. His efforts with the City of Buffalo Street Sign Project can be seen in the dual English and Gaelic street signs on each street in the South Buffalo Irish Heritage District.

Te is involved in countless community organizations and annual events, often serving as the Master of Ceremonies or as one of the lead event coordinators. To name only a few, they include the South Buffalo Irish Feis, South Buffalo Education Center, the Greater Buffalo Feis, American Conference of Irish Studies, American Society of Public Administrators, Goin' South, Notre Dame Academy, Nichols Alumni Board, Buffalo Board of Education Ethics Committee, South Buffalo Reunion, Ride for Roswell, and multiple races, including the Buffalo Marathon and the race we celebrate today, the Mount Mercy Academy 5k.

Te's love of his culture is matched only by his love for his family. Te is partner and best friend to Nancy Krug, father of Liam and Lauren Caulfield, a graduate of the Mount Mercy Academy class of 1992, and grandfather to Mairead and Brian Caulfield, the children of Liam and his wife Mary Kay.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to recognize the great works and spirit of Te Caulfield. I am grateful for the generosity and passion he so willingly shares with us, and I am honored to call him my friend.

HONORING CHARLES MOORE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Charles Moore. Mr. Moore passed away March 14, 2006 and was married to the former Alfolonia Matthews, the father of 5 children, and grandfather of 3.

Mr. Moore was a native Greenvillian. His entire life has been lived in Greenville except for a brief period when he served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. After coming home and completing his high school requirements, he realized he had to

make a decision. Either he would leave Greenville or stay and make it a better place for all to live. He chose the latter.

His goals and aspirations were achieved by the following: getting involved in voter registration in the 1950's; getting involved with the inception of Delta Ministry in Greenville, in 1966; helping organize the effort to bring Headstart to his community in 1966; helping organize the effort to integrate Greenville Public Schools in 1968; spearheading the organization of Herbert Lee Center where civil rights meetings were held, which still exists; coordinating several Washington County campaigns; recipient of the Harriet Tubman Award, from the Magnolia Bar Association in 1966; and, recipient of the Point of Pride Award March in 1966.

Mr. Moore was a member of the Church of Christ Holiness, past Commander and lifetime member of Veteran of Foreign Wars (VFW), past president of the Greenville Travel Club, retired member of the National Association of Letter Carrier Union (NALC) and the past President of Branch 516 of the NALC. He was also a member of the Secretary of State Dick Molpus Task Force. He filed a discrimination complaint that resulted in Blacks being promoted to managerial positions in the United States Post Office. He was a member of the NAACP since 1946 until his death. He was elected to the City Council, Ward 4 in July 1990 and re-elected for a 4 year term in October 1993. Also, he held the position of vice-mayor of the City of Greenville.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Charles Moore for his dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

TRIBUTE TO REENA JASANI

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great nation. They provide important insight into the concerns of our younger constituents and hopefully get a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share these with my House colleagues.

Reena Jasani is a junior at Travis High School in Fort Bend County, Texas. Her essay topic is: Select an important event that has occurred in the past 50 years and explain how that event has changed our country.

THE CONSEQUENCES OF COLUMBINE

For every student waking up that morning on April 20, 1999 it was just another regular day, full of the usual tests, lectures, lessons,

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and homework. However, for the students of Columbine High School that day became much more. The seemingly normal school day abruptly transformed into a day full of terror, pain, confusion, and shock, as two senior students tried to bomb the school and shoot anyone and everyone in the way, resulting in the deadliest mass murder America had ever seen in one of its high school campuses. This event led to changes in school policy, intensified concern over gun control, and fear among Americans.

After the shooting, schools nationwide have strengthened their security and made improvements to prevent such an event. Schools instituted new security measures like metal detectors and see-through backpacks. Additionally, they numbered doors and rooms for an easier public safety response if this were to ever happen again. Most schools renewed anti-bullying and adopted a zero tolerance system for students in possession of weapons or students threatening others. Analysis of the common factors in perpetrators by the United States Secret Service concluded that schools should pay more attention to the behaviors of students, noticing potential attackers and being especially aware of them. Most attackers tended to feel bullied, reverting to shooting as some sort of revenge. If teachers paid close attention to students being bullied, they could try and put an end to it. Without the bullying present, the student would most likely be happier and not try to avenge.

The shooting also affected the way in which the police force handled situations with an active shooter. Instead of surrounding buildings, setting up perimeters, and containing the damage, a new tactic designed for the presence of an active shooter interested in killing hostages rather than taking them has been utilized. Now, police officers are trained to move toward the sound of gunfire and stop the shooter. The goal is to prevent the shooter from killing or injuring more victims, meaning police officers have to walk past injured victims until they have stopped the shooter. This tactic has helped tremendously at the later shootings in school campuses.

The Columbine shooting also aroused fear among Americans, for now schools, places that nearly every child went to every week-day across the nation, seemed unsafe. Schools became potential targets, with the perpetrators walking along side by side other students. The idea of spending nearly seven hours a day, five times a week, for about ten months a year with someone who may pull out a gun one day and start shooting terrified both kids and their parents. However, time and improved security and safety helped allay these fears.

April 20, 1999 will forever remain a day marked by alarm, fright, trepidation, and hurt. The mass murder at Columbine High School has not only affected the security of schools and the tactic of the police, but also the hearts and minds of Americans, for before, it was hard to imagine that such a terrible thing would ever happen.

EXPRESSING CONCERN FOR THE HEALTH OF ATHLETES IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

HON. JOE GARCIA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARCIA. Mr. Speaker, like most Americans, there are few things that I enjoy more than a Sunday tailgate with friends and family. Football and the NFL are an intricate part of our nation's cultural and social fabric.

Football is America's favorite sport because it is exciting to watch, but that excitement—the clashing of helmets and tackles—takes a terrible toll on the bodies of our nation's athletes and on their families.

A recent study from the American Academy of Neurology found that NFL players are four times more likely than the general U.S. population to die from Alzheimer's or ALS.¹ This is only the latest piece in a body of evidence showing that the risks of repetitive head impacts, if not properly treated, can be severe and irreversible.

The scientific research, which shows a link between concussions and long-term injury to NFL athletes—is incontrovertible. And so, I call upon the NFL to do everything in its power to protect its athletes and warn them of long-term dangers to their mental and neurological well-being.

Far too many of our nation's favorite athletes have paid a terrible price for the brain trauma they sustained while playing in the NFL.

After taking his own life last May, Junior Seau, a former Miami Dolphin and one of the top linebackers in NFL history, was diagnosed with chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), a progressive and debilitating disease associated with repeated head trauma. When asked whether the game the whole family loved was worth it, Seau's oldest son Tyler tearfully replied: "I'm not sure. But it's not worth it for me to not have a dad. So to me, it's not worth it."

While the NFL has taken some positive steps regarding the safety of current players, we need it to take the necessary action to mitigate the risks of debilitating brain injury. Last season we saw high-profile players being sent back onto the field immediately after sustaining concussions. This is unsustainable and unfair to athletes and their families. It is also unfair to taxpayers. As a 2008 congressional research services report revealed, when our athletes cannot afford to address their injuries, the cost falls upon the taxpayers.

The NFL has the power not only to give these former players and their families the care and support they deserve, but also to ensure that the game is safer for future generations. As a Member of Congress, and most importantly, as a football fan, I ask that the NFL make use of that power.

HONORING JOHANNA ZURNDORFER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, for the sick and homebound Johanna Zurndorfer is a direct contact with Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale where for the past 23 years she has spent countless hours visiting sick members and organizing volunteers who would call the homebound every Friday afternoon to wish them a Shabbat Shalom. She has also served as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Johanna was born in Rexingen, Germany, before Hitler came to power, at a time when a family could enjoy a rich Jewish life in a small rural town. She went to a local Jewish day school and then attended a high school in a neighboring town bicycling there 5 miles

roundtrip. At 16 she apprenticed as a bookkeeper.

By 1936, her family knew it was time to leave Germany and Johanna went to live with her sister in New York City. She took the only job she could find as a housekeeper and later as a dental assistant, going to night school to learn English. Her mother followed her to the States in 1938 staying with her children until she passed away at 101.

Johanna's husband-to-be, Fred, made his own way to New York from Rexingen, by way of Chicago. Nine years her senior, it only took one date for him to propose to her. They married and moved to Inwood, where they raised two children, Eddie and Susan. Johanna and Fred were co-founders of Ohav Shalom, a shul with mostly German Jewish immigrants that served as the center of their Jewish life for many years.

Johanna and Fred moved to Riverdale in 1979 and soon joined CSAIR. It was after a difficult time in her life that she turned to CSAIR to fill a void in her life. The Sisterhood served as her first introduction to synagogue activism. From there she established new long lasting friendships and to this day, Johanna continues to contribute to the synagogue's life.

It is an honor to join Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale and three generations of her family in showing the pride all feel in what Johanna has done for the community and whose only motive was to help those who needed help.

HONORING MR. MORTON H. ABRAMOWITZ

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise with great solemnity to honor the life and service of a great man, Mr. Morton H. Abramowitz.

Morton "Mort" was a tireless resident of Niagara Falls, NY who dedicated himself to the residents and to the betterment of his hometown.

Mort was a lifelong resident of Niagara Falls and proudly served his country in World War II as a Non-Commissioned Officer. He earned a degree in business from the University of Michigan as well as his Juris Doctor of Law Degree from the University at Buffalo.

Mort was a distinguished attorney in Niagara Falls as well as former Niagara Falls City Manager, former Niagara County Attorney and was currently the legal advisor for the Niagara Falls City Council and Niagara Falls Library Board. Mort recognized the importance and inherent value in serving in a community, through his commitment to service in local government, and also through his devotion to his local congregation, the former Temple Beth Israel in Niagara Falls and Rotary International of the Niagara Falls, NY chapter, where he served as past-President. Mort also served as past President of the Jewish Federation and the Health Systems Agency.

Mort also served as a volunteer for the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross. Service was a very important part of his life. One of Mort's quotes was "service is the highest honor of any public servant."

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me a few moments to honor the life and service of