

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMENDING CLARA ROEDL ON  
CELEBRATING HER 100TH BIRTH-  
DAY

### HON. TODD C. YOUNG

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2013*

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Mrs. Clara Roedl on her upcoming 100th birthday, and to celebrate her life's devotion to her faith, family, and friends. Clara says those Three F's, along with kindness to others, are the secret to her longevity. Furthermore, I would like to thank her for being such a positive role model to her fellow Hoosiers, teaching us all a thing or two about important things in life.

As a father of four young children, I share Clara's views about faith, family, and friends, and I firmly believe these values are the cornerstone of the Hoosier mindset. She loves to tell stories of her childhood on a farm, and through them she imparts many lessons to friends and family alike about those shared values and traditions. I am truly moved by the example she sets for those around her, and I know that the community in her hometown of Nashville joins me in this sentiment.

A little more about Clara: She is the proud mother of two sons, Frank and Fred, who both have loving wives and families of their own. She also has three grandsons and two granddaughters, all of whom she loves dearly. Her commitments to family and faith go hand-in-hand: As a devout Catholic, one of her greatest pleasures comes when she is praying the Rosary with her devoted daughter-in-law, Mary Beth.

So today I commend Clara for being an outstanding Hoosier and teaching family, friends, and anyone willing to listen about how to live a long, happy, and virtuous life. I wish her only the best as she celebrates her 100th birthday, and thank her again for being a living testimony to our state's traditions and values.

RECOGNIZING MR. FRED GRETSCH

### HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2013*

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Fred W. Gretsch, a nationally recognized music industry specialist and businessman, on the 130th anniversary of his family's historic business, The Gretsch Company.

Fred's great-grandfather, Friedrich Gretsch, started The Gretsch Company in 1883, making banjos, drums and tambourines in Brooklyn, New York. Over a span of 130 years, The Gretsch Company has grown into an international business and produces some of the world's finest drums and guitars.

In 1967, The Gretsch Company was sold to the Baldwin Music Company, but without the family dedication and perseverance that drove the business for so many decades, the company began to falter. Fred Gretsch repurchased his family business in 1985 and moved operations to Savannah, Georgia, where the revitalized company began to offer new, vintage-styled Gretsch guitars and classic Gretsch drums. The new products were immediately successful, and the company once again became a leader in the musical instrument industry.

Because of Mr. Gretsch's tireless dedication to his family business and the music industry, The Gretsch Company is celebrating a significant milestone that many small businesses never reach. I am happy to congratulate Mr. Fred Gretsch and his wife, Dinah, on this accomplishment.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT AND KATHLEEN MORCIO ON THEIR 50TH  
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2013*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Kathleen Morcio, of Cheektowaga, on their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple was wed on July 7, 1963 in a ceremony at St. Bonaventure Church in West Seneca, NY. Tim Russert, of Meet the Press fame, served as an altar boy at the wedding.

Robert and Kathleen, or Bob and Kitty as they are known, raised four children, Robert, Joseph, Ronald, and Cynthia, and now have six grandchildren: Taylor, Samantha, Michael, Adam, Ryan, and Riley. They reside in Cheektowaga and have been active members of Our Lady of Czestochowa parish for over 40 years.

Bob attended South Park High School and continued his education at Bryant & Stratton's business management program and Cornell University's management training program. After serving in the U.S. Army as a missile technician, Bob began a long career in manufacturing, working his way up the ladder from a pressman at a printing company to plant and production supervisor. Bob retired from International Imaging in 2001 as Senior Production Supervisor. He also was a volunteer fireman at Doyle Hose Company II, serving as chief for four years.

Kitty is a licensed beautician and entrepreneur. She started her own beauty shop, Coiffure de Joy, over 35 years ago in Cheektowaga. During the time her husband was a volunteer fireman, Kitty served as Vice President of the Ladies Auxiliary at the same fire company.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to have the opportunity to offer my utmost con-

gratulations to the Morcios and their family on this joyous occasion. I ask my colleagues to join me to acknowledge their achievement and to pass on our best wishes.

HONORING HONEY AND SOL NEIER

### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2013*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Honey and Sol Neier have been members of Anshe Sholom for almost 40 years, since they moved to New Rochelle as newlyweds. They knew Anshe Sholom was a special place from their first Yom Kippur when Rabbi Philip Weinberger performed a Brit Milah on the bimah.

Honey was born and raised in the Bronx. Her father was born in Poland and moved here as a young man. Her mother was born and raised in New York. Honey was born and raised in the Bronx where she attended public schools. She graduated from Hunter College and earned her Master's Degree from New York University. She began teaching at I.S. 131 in the Bronx and after a few years became a guidance counselor.

Sol was born in Germany, the son of Holocaust survivors from Poland. He came to the United States with his parents at the age of 3, and he too grew up in the Bronx where he also attended public schools. He graduated from the Columbia University School of Pharmacy and opened the Ace Pharmacy of Riverdale. With Honey's help, he and operated this well-respected family business for many years.

Honey and Sol are blessed with three children: Michelle, a doctor, and Joshua and Renee. They are extremely excited and proud for the family has been expanding. Michelle and her husband, Dr. Jonathan Schor are the parents of Juliette, 3, and Rebecca, 10 months. Renee was married last September to Jacob Reuben. Honey and Sol have been privileged to celebrate many family simchas in the shul including baby namings, a bar mitzvah and many others.

Honey and Sol have been tireless volunteers at Anshe Sholom. Honey first volunteered with the Sisterhood. She then joined the Board of Trustees, where she serves as Vice President. She has performed many tasks at the shul from arranging Kiddushim, to serving on the rabbinic search committee. Sol has been by her side throughout, accompanying her to events, supporting her many endeavors and volunteering on numerous occasions. He often joins the morning Minyanaires before heading to work for the day.

I am proud to join with Anshe Sholom in honoring Honey and Sol Neier for their many years of helping the shul. I, the congregation and Honey and Sol look forward to many more simchas and wonderful days for Honey and Sol with the Anshe Sholom family.

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## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. STEVE KING**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2013*

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 281 I inadvertently voted "yes" when I intended to vote "no." I support the underlying sugar program contained in the Farm Bill (H.R. 1947) and should have voted "no."

WELCOME, BABY NOAH ISAAC DELL

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2013*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to congratulate former Chief of Staff of the Second District of South Carolina Eric Dell and his wife Torry Lyons Dell, upon the birth of their son. Noah Isaac Dell was brought into the world at 7:59 p.m. on Sunday, June 23, 2013, at Inova Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, Virginia, weighing 7 pounds 13 ounces and measuring 20½ inches long. Noah is the first child for the happy couple and I look forward to watching him grow as he is raised by two tremendous parents who will be dedicated to his well-being and bright future.

I would also like to congratulate Noah's grandparents, Ouida Dell of Ridgeland, South Carolina, and Joseph and Mary Lyons, of Aiken, South Carolina. Congratulations to the entire Dell and Lyons families as they welcome their newest edition of pure pride and joy.

I am grateful for Eric Dell's service in the Washington office and also with my service in the State Senate of South Carolina.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE INVESTITURE OF PRESIDING JUDGE  
HERBERT E. PHIPPS

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2013*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my personal congratulations to a great friend and servant of humankind, Presiding Judge on the Court of Appeals of Georgia, Herbert E. Phipps. Judge Phipps will be recognized for his distinguished service and become formally invested as the 28th Chief Judge of the Court on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at 11 a.m. at the State Judicial Building in Atlanta, Georgia.

Judge Phipps was born in Baker County, Georgia to J.W. Phipps and Marion Gadson Phipps. Attending elementary and secondary school in Baker County and graduating from Morehouse College in 1964 with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science, Judge Phipps traveled extensively in Europe and Asia and taught English at Thammasatt University and private schools in Bangkok, Thailand. In 1971, he earned a Juris Doctor degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Law

and in 2004, he was awarded a Master of Laws in the Judicial Process from the University of Virginia School of Law.

In 1971, Judge Phipps returned to Albany, Georgia to practice law with famed civil rights attorney C.B. King, focusing on civil rights litigation and pursuing equal opportunity and justice for those who had been wronged on the basis of discrimination. Attorney C.B. King, for whom the Federal Courthouse in Albany is named, was not only a mentor to Judge Phipps and to me, but to countless other civil rights attorneys across the Nation. A successful attorney, strong civil rights leader, and one of the first African Americans to run for Governor of the State of Georgia, Attorney King paved the way for other African Americans such as Judge Phipps and me to serve in the elected positions we hold today. He was a bridge builder and the fruits of his labor are still seen all across our State and Nation.

Following his time with Attorney King, Judge Phipps practiced law on his own and was appointed part-time Magistrate and Associate Judge of the Dougherty County State Court in 1980. In 1995, he was appointed Judge of the Dougherty County Superior Court by Governor Zell Miller, becoming the first African-American Superior Court judge in the Dougherty Judicial Circuit, and in 1999, Governor Roy Barnes appointed him to the Court of Appeals of Georgia. Since being appointed to the Court of Appeals, Judge Phipps has been reelected statewide for three consecutive six-year terms. In April 2010, Judge Phipps became Presiding Judge of the Court of Appeals and today he will assume the position of Chief Judge.

Judge Phipps' diligent work in the community has reflected his commitment to volunteer service. In conjunction with his professional accomplishments, Judge Phipps has served on a number of boards and commissions, has been involved with many legal and professional organizations, and has received many awards for his service. He also lives a life of faith and is a longtime member of Bethel A.M.E. Church in Albany.

None of Judge Phipps' momentous accomplishments would have been possible without the enduring love and support of his wife Connie, children Herbert and India, son-in-law Will J. Epps and granddaughter Zoë Olivia Epps.

A true Georgian devoted to serving his great State, Judge Phipps embodies Georgia's state motto, "Wisdom, Justice and Moderation." I know that Judge Phipps will continue to serve our state with great honor and distinction.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Judge Herbert E. Phipps for his outstanding professional achievements and dedicated service to the people of the State of Georgia as he assumes the prestigious title of Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia.

HONORING AN OUTSTANDING  
WOMAN IN OUR COMMUNITY:  
MICHELE IANNELLO-WARD

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2013*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of Michele Iannello-Ward, an out-

standing woman in our community who has had an incredibly successful career leading and taking part in many organizations for the betterment of the Western New York region.

Michele grew up in Tonawanda and graduated from Kenmore West Senior High School. She then went on to achieve great success academically as she completed her undergraduate degree, became a Certified Paralegal and a graduate of the New York State Association of Counties—Dennis Pelletier Institute.

She has dedicated many years of service to the community where she started as a two-year Trustee in the Village of Kenmore. She was then elected to the Erie County Legislator in 2006 where she had many accomplishments over her two terms.

As Legislator, Michele chaired the Community Enrichment Committee and the Green Actions Community Committee and was also a member of both the Energy and Environment and Public Safety Committees. She has made an unmatched commitment to the public and created the first and only community wide focus group with citizens, business owners and non-profit activist to assist individuals or groups with their needs within her district.

Michele was also the first elected official to support the efforts of the Clean Air Coalition where she worked hand-in-hand with the founder against Tonawanda Coke that eventually led to a successful guilty verdict.

Michele is also an active member in a number of many other organizations where her leadership has undoubtedly left a positive and long-standing impression on anyone involved. She is a member of NYS Women Inc., the Kenmore Village Improvement Society and the Romulus Women's Club. As part of the Romulus Women's Club, Michele has even chaired two major charity events to help raise money for cancer research and Loaves and Fishes.

A strong proponent and advocate of women's rights, Michele was honored by the YWCA of the Tonawandas with the Marybeth Lawton Leadership Award in 2009.

There is no doubting how lucky our community has been to have her, and how appreciative we remain that she still has an influence through her work as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister of the St. John the Baptist Church in Kenmore.

It is with great pride that I stand today to recognize the achievements of Michele Iannello-Ward, an incredibly dedicated and outstanding woman in our community.

## IN HONOR OF EDWIN FALTER

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2013*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Mr. Edwin Falter. Mr. Falter is a man who has dedicated 33 years of his life to public service.

Mr. Falter's career encompasses more than three decades of work as an engineer. He began working in the Philadelphia Naval Yard on June 9th, 1980. During his time there, he worked on power generation and electrical power equipment. In 1991, Mr. Falter began working at the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) in Moorestown, NJ. He