

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING FORMER MAYOR HARRY MIMS

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to commend Former Mayor Harry Mims, who has devoted 38 years of outstanding leadership to the Village of East Hodge in Louisiana. The East Hodge Town Hall will be dedicated in his name honoring his unwavering service. Also adding to the festivities, a celebration will be held to commemorate Mayor Mims' 99th birthday.

I ask my colleagues to join me in offering plentiful well wishes to Mayor Mims. His resolute commitment and compassionate service to the community deserve our gratitude.

HONORING MRS. HELEN S. SLAGLE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mrs. Helen S. Slagle of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Mrs. Slagle is retiring from Federal service after 36 years of loyal service.

Helen Slagle entered into Federal service in 1977 and has never truly left. In 1977 Helen enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. After her honorable discharge in 1997 from the Marine Corps at the rank of Gunnery Sergeant; Helen was once again called into Federal service with the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Helen then transitioned to the private sector, working under contract for the Federal Government. In 2006, Helen began her final posting with the Federal government as a Special Agent with the United States Office of Personnel Management's Federal Investigative Services, Kansas City Office. During her time at O.P.M. Helen has directly supported the Federal, military and defense contractor assets located in Northwest Missouri. The investigations that Helen conducted have been for the proud military men and women who are serving their state and country.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Mrs. Helen S. Slagle. For the last 36 years Helen has dedicated herself to the United States of America through her unwavering Federal Service and I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for rollcall votes 287–288. Had I been able to vote, I would have voted “yes” on both.

IN HONOR OF LINGOHOCKEN FIRE CO.—100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, as one of Bucks County's many volunteer fire companies, the Lingohocken Fire Company is celebrating 100 years of continuous service that began with caring, local farmers leaving the fields to answer a neighbor's call for help. This small cadre grew and soon a “fire company” was responding to the loud clanging of an old locomotive wheel that now hangs outside the firehouse as an historic reminder of those who answered the call. Today's volunteers are 21st century—trained in the use of modern equipment and well-prepared to protect lives and properties. They continue to work hard and last year, alone, they put in nearly 5,000 hours responding to fire calls, training, attending meetings and other company-related activities. We proudly acknowledge the Lingohocken Fire Co., serving Wrightstown Township and portions of Buckingham and Upper Makefield townships. Congratulations on your 100th anniversary, outstanding public service, and for the example you set for others to follow.

IN RECOGNITION OF SCLER- ODERMA AWARENESS MONTH

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate Scleroderma Awareness Month this June, I rise today in recognition of the 300,000 Americans with Scleroderma.

Scleroderma is a chronic and disabling connective tissue and rheumatic disorder resulting from an overproduction of collagen in the skin, tissue, and underlying muscle. The word “scleroderma” means hardening of the skin, which is often one of the most visible manifestations of the disease. But scleroderma can also affect many other areas of the body including the heart, lungs, kidneys and gastrointestinal system.

Given the unpredictable progression of the disease, Scleroderma, like many other auto-

immune diseases, is difficult for medical practitioners to accurately diagnose and even more difficult to treat as there are currently no disease specific treatments. As we recognize the need for awareness of this troublesome disease, we can and must do more for the thousands of Americans who are diagnosed with this condition each year.

This is why I authored H.R. 1429, the Scleroderma Research and Awareness Act. This bipartisan legislation coordinates and intensifies research and awareness of this disease, prioritizes the development and evaluation of new treatments options, and authorizes Director of NIH to pursue enhanced clinical and basic research related to Scleroderma. I want to thank my colleague, Representative PETER KING (NY–02), for leading this bill with me and then 11 cosponsors who have already lent their support to this effort.

I urge my colleagues join us in support of this important legislation providing for needed federal investment in this misunderstood disease.

RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS FOR THE PRINCE WILLIAM AREA AGENCY ON AGING

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers for the Prince William Area Agency on Aging.

The Prince William Area Agency on Aging is one of more than 670 agencies in the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging. The Agency of Aging works to maintain the independence and quality of life for adults and their families. Volunteers work alongside professionals serving as advocates, educators, and coordinators implementing programs and services for the senior members of the tri-jurisdictional areas of Prince William County and the cities of Manassas and Manassas Park. Volunteers assist with the Bluebird Tour Program, Disability Service Board, Virginia Health Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program, Agency on Aging Tax Aid, Commission on Aging, Long Term Ombudsman Program, and the Senior Centers and Adult Day Healthcare.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of volunteers for the Bluebird Tour Program:

Bill Barnhart, Trudy Burks, Brian Fulton, Diane Fulton, Fran Harrod, Mary Kay Portell, Wanda Pulliam, Ray Vanderbilt, Chester Smith, Nancy Smith.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of volunteers for the Disability Service Board:

Phyllis Aggrey, Michael Bizik, Nona Bond, James Bryant, Janice Buie, Ashley Cavossa, Barbara Diehl, Mark Fletcher, Lillian Garland, Melvin Padgett, Il, Diane Raulston, Karen Smith, Paul Weisenberger, Karen Williams.

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It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the name of the following volunteer for the Virginia Health Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program:

Robert Gainer.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the following volunteers for the Tax Aide Volunteers Program:

Ronald Bond, William Burston, Mary Coleman, John Kirzl, Valoris MacDowell, Bob Martin, Mike Martin, Lee Schumacher, Elizabeth Smolen, Gail Strickland, Bruce Willey.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of volunteers for the Commission on Aging:

Willard Bennett, Raymond Beverage, Sandra Dawson, Edna Garr, Jane Lakata, Frank Maresca, Len Postman, Richard Sienkiewicz, Mary Shufelt, Nancy West.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of volunteers for the Long Term Ombudsman Program:

Nancy Bireley, Celeste Cole, Pat Giusti, Judy Kenyon, Fred Knox, Carol Leet, Barbara Ondo, Carol Sturz.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of volunteers for the Senior Centers and Adult Day Healthcare:

Jo Adell, Marie Akins, Mathilda Alexander, Joann Amidon, Martha Andrews, Gorrell Angel, Grant Angel, Jean Angel, Lynn Ashe, George Ashley, Sally Au, Emelda August, Alleen Bagley, Bobsonm Bangura, Stanley Baranowski, Yon Barker, Sharon Bauer, Nancy Bell, Beverly Bendekgey, Barbara Betton, Arline Blanke, BettyAnn Blanton, Doris Bodwin, Suzuyo Bolvin, Zile Brannon, James Branscome, Carol Brauzer, Felicia Brown, Peggy Bruhn, Laura Buckenmeyer, John Bucsko, Dom Bumbaca, Effie Bumbaca, Margie Byrne, Doris Caporale, Helen Caporaletti, Kit Carney, Olive Carrington, Francis Chergosky, Gene Chumley, Luis Cifuentes, Elizabeth Clemens, Katherine Cooke, Sheila Copeland, Catherine Corner, Margaret Covington, Ollie Cross, Maryls Daack, Ronald Daack, Edgar Davis, Paul Davis, Pauline Davis.

Gretchen Day, Roberta Dearden, Naomi Delashmutt, Melita Diklich, Barbara Dillon, Hugh Dillon, Dottie DiMartino, Henry D'Souza, Cathy Dykstra, Karen Edwards, Linda Edwards, MaryJane Ellis, Mildred Ellis, Glory Emmanuel, Marianne Enright, Sue Fletequal, Joan Galvin, Dorothy Garland, Lenore George, Susan Gillon, Betty Glasco, Susan Glynn, Brenda Goodridge, Ethel Gorham, Carolyn Grandjean, Beulah Green, Mary Griffith, Mary Gueriera, Norma Guerra, John Hahn, Mazon Hammoudeh, John Happoldt, Althena Harris, Daniel Harris, Kitty Harris, Rosi Harrison, Barbara Hayes, Bobbie Henderson, Lee Hendricks, MaryLou Hill, Iris Hodges, Joseph Hohos, Norma Holmgren, Brett Hoyer, Elizabeth Hudson, Roy Hudson, Maureen Humphrey, Francine Jacobs, Thomas Jonas, William Kelsey, Edith King, Betty Knowles, Frederick Knox.

Theresa Koger, Marie Komyathy, Martin Kruger, Joseph Kubica, Edward Lacy, Albert Lammers, Jan Lawler, Tina Leacock, Jane Lehman, Rene Lehman, James Lewis, Allen Lindholm, Mary Livingston, Amber Love, William Lucas, Norma Mace, Irma Machado, Don Mackintosh, Agnes Maiden Mary Mange, Dolores Masters, George Mawhiney, Teresa McCall, Harold McCarty, Daniel McCaslin, Pearl McCray, Gretchen McDonell, Barbara

McGlaw, Julie Meeham, Ruth Meier, Karen Merchant, Roberta Messamer, Ruth Miller, Jack Millett, Pamela Millett, Sadhna Minter, Robert Mitchell, Emerita Mogrovejo, Mary Money, Molly Mooney, Leo Moore, Mary Moore, Virginia Morales, Joseph Mugnano, Karlene Murphy, Mary Murphy, Billie Nichols.

Jennifer Nicol, Marianne Nigreville, Gi Nigro, Carol Nolan, Clifford Nolan, Phyllis Norling, Sandy Novak, Gloria Oakes, Susie O'Neal, Lynn Oneill, Albert Osborne, Margaret Palomares, Cynthia Parent, John Parker, Edith Peel, Jo Peters, Dianne Peyton, Marie Phoenix, Mirta Pimentel, Louise Pleines, Elinor Polansky, Len Postman, Joseph Powers, Patricia Prochnow, Marlene Puglisi, Frederick Puhala, Najibullah Qazei, Hilde Reed, Phyllis Reese, Noreen Reynolds, Samuel Rhodes, S.H. Richardson, Charles Rigby, Mary Rigby, James Riley, William Ritter, Latasha Rivers, Willow Rolfe, Griselda Roque, Shirley Roy, William Ruhe, Bertha Russ, Gwen Ryfinski.

Anna Ryman, Rayzel Sachs, Joyce Sakole, Michael Sakole, Glenn Sartori, Barbara Schonherr, Andrea Schu, Joseph Schu, Dorothy Schumacher, Valerie Schutz, Connie Scurlock, Thomas Scurlock, Richard Shaffer, David Shely, Gertrude Slater, Geri Smith, Michael Somma, Janet Spence, Cyme Spicer, Annemarie Stalsworth, Frank Stone, Lois Stone, Cynthia Tallia, Hafiz Tarbal, Helen Tang, Eric Taylor, Doris Tchakirides, Brooks Terry, Howard Teten, Tom Thatcher, Joyce Thomas, Lowell Thomas, Michael Timko, Lana Tobey, Nancy Tsou, Meridel Turch, Alan Turner, Wilma Turner, Sylvia Urani, Mohammad Vali, Shirley VanEss, Andrew Vani, Dianne Vaughn, Glenn Vinson, Arc Vosac, Barbara Wagner, Charlotte Walker, Lorelea Wann, Claudett Warner, Jeanne Warner, Brenda Warren, Peggy Weber, Evelyn West, George Whitfield, Joyce Wilson, Pearl Wilson, Theresa Winiesdorffer, Regeanne Woodworth, Carol Wright, Kyong Yoo, Barbara Zader, Adella Zilka.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending these dedicated volunteers. I would like to extend my personal appreciation to the men and women who participate in the Prince William County Area Agency on Aging programs and services. We all owe a debt of gratitude to these selfless community activists.

FEDERAL AGRICULTURE REFORM AND RISK MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1947) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes:

Mr. HOLT. Madam Chair, I appreciate the efforts of Chairman LUCAS (R-OK) and Ranking Member PETERSON (D-MN) to craft this year's farm bill. The FARRM Act makes many several necessary reforms to our country's agricultural policy. The bill encourages organic

agriculture, promotes specialty crops, such as fruits and vegetables, and ends direct commodity payments to farmers in favor of a more robust crop insurance program.

I support many of these reforms, but the bill that was considered in the House this week could have been much better. The FARRM Act cut conservation programs designed to reward farmers for protecting drinking water and land and reduced acreage enrollment in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). The bill failed to place caps on the taxpayer's share of crop insurance premiums and increased price guarantees for many major crops. Additionally, the bill contained a provision added by amendment in the Committee that would have prevented states from setting their own farm and food standards.

But the most outstanding issue with the FARRM Act is by far the \$20.5 billion cut to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), more commonly known as food stamps. At a time when a record numbers of families are struggling to put food on the table the House bill would recklessly cleave SNAP resulting in a loss of benefits for more than 2 million low-income individual, working families, children and seniors.

In New Jersey the number of SNAP participants over a 5 year period has more than doubled from only 431,797 participants in March 2008, up to 873,657 participants in March of this year. The Americans who rely on this program are not looking for a handout or trying to game the system, they are individuals and families who have fallen on hard times and need just a little assistance to afford the most basic of needs—something to eat.

The average weekly SNAP benefit is \$31.50 a week or about \$4.50 a day. Half of all SNAP beneficiaries are children. 1 in 5 American children live in a food insecure household and 75% of households with food insecure children have one or more adults in the labor force. Overall 76% of SNAP benefits go to households with children, 16% to households with disabled persons, and 9% to households with seniors.

I voted against final passage of the FARRM Act because we must stop trying to balance the budget on the backs of the poor and working class. A \$20.5 billion cut in SNAP would harm only poorest families in American and disproportionately affect children, seniors and people with disabilities.

As a country we must end our obsession with debt and deficits, especially when these reductions are coming at the expense of the impoverished and the hungry. We need policies that encourage economic growth which will allow for the creation of more jobs, higher incomes, and increased tax revenues that will in turn contribute to deficit reduction.

There are greater savings possible elsewhere in the farm bill, such as placing caps on insurance premium subsidies that enable some of the largest farms to receive millions of taxpayer dollars year-after-year.

Rather than cutting programs that are specifically focused on the hungry and poor, I support policies that will create jobs and improve incomes, allowing in the long-term fewer household to depend on SNAP for their next meal.

Now that the FARRM Act has failed to pass the House by a vote of 195 to 234, it should be clear to the House Majority that members