

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE SACRIFICE OF WWII SAILOR ALBERT MARTIN

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to honor the life and sacrifice of a World War II sailor, Petty Officer Second Class (PO2) Albert Martin, of Morris Creek, Kentucky.

During World War II, PO2 Albert Martin served as a member of the United States Navy and was assigned to the USS *Indianapolis*. On July 30, 1945, while sailing in the Philippine Sea, multiple torpedoes fired from a Japanese submarine struck the USS *Indianapolis*. This caused catastrophic damage to the hull of the U.S. naval vessel, which resulted in its rapid sinking.

Sadly, PO2 Martin was among the roughly 800 officers and sailors that day who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and perished while defending freedom. At the time of his passing, PO2 Martin was survived by his wife, Ruth Faulkner, and their three children, C.B., Danny, and Carol Jean.

PO2 Martin served this nation proudly, answering the call of duty in order to defend liberty and prevent the Axis Powers threat from arriving on our shores.

Because of PO2 Martin's sacrifice and that of his fellow men and women in uniform, our American freedoms have been protected for many generations. He was truly an outstanding American and endures as an inspiration to us all.

RECOGNIZING GUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Gustine High School in celebration of its 100th anniversary. Gustine is a small, rural community located in the heart of California's San Joaquin Valley. For ten decades, the teachers and faculty at Gustine High School have enriched the lives of thousands of students. Many graduates have found success in careers in various fields.

In 1912, due to the growing population and inefficient school system, The Gustine Chamber of Commerce petitioned to have a high school established in Gustine. While the population in the area was small, demand for a more accessible high school was high. On July 26, 1913, the elementary schools in Gustine, Enterprise, Occidental, Cottonwood, Canal, Romero, and Ingomar voted to form a school district and build Gustine High School.

A small building was erected on Main Street, and Gustine High School officially

opened on September 8, 1913. During that first school year, there were twenty students and two teachers, with C.R. Perrier serving as Principal. In the next month, a basketball team was formed and their first game was lost to Newman High School, thus beginning a great rivalry between the two schools.

The new high school was a success, and on March 14, 1914, a bond was passed to allow for further construction to expand. By 1916, the school was completed with new buildings, a gym and its first graduating class of two, Rosalie Bizzini and Rose Williams. Since the 1920s, agriculture has been a main focus at Gustine High School. In 1922, agricultural and mechanic courses were offered, and the school held its first Stock Show in the spring of 1927. Still, the indoor Stock Show is the oldest of its kind in California. In the 1938–1939 school year, Gustine High officially began their participation in the Future Farmers of America (FFA) program.

In 1944, an invitational basketball tournament was sponsored by the Gustine 20–30 Club, a service organization dedicated to serving youth. Under sponsorship of the Gustine Rotary Club, this tournament continues today as the longest running invitational basketball tournament operated by a high school in the state of California.

In the past 100 years, Gustine High School has gone through changes. Notably, in 1953, a new gymnasium was built to accommodate the larger number of students and the community's growing interest in basketball. In 1962, the original mission style of the school, designed by Trewhill and Shields, was remodeled in favor of a more modern design. Over the years, Gustine High School has seen thousands of students walk through its halls with a number of those students returning as teachers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Gustine High School for their 100 years in providing quality education to the students of the San Joaquin Valley. The education that students receive at Gustine Union High School has enhanced many lives and created endless opportunities for achieving success.

BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take the time to recognize the Borough of Ogdensburg in Sussex County, New Jersey as it celebrates its Centennial Anniversary.

This beautiful community was originally part of Sparta Township until it became its own self-governing community in 1914. Ogdensburg acquired its name from its first settler, Robert Ogden. When the borough first

formed, the population was less than 1,000 citizens. Now, Ogdensburg is home to more than 2,000 citizens and stretches across 2.3 square miles of land. New Jersey Monthly magazine ranked Ogdensburg 27th in its 2008 rankings of the "Best Places to Live" in New Jersey.

Ogdensburg provides public education from Kindergarten to eighth grade through the Ogdensburg Borough School District. For ninth through twelfth grades, public school students attend Walkkill Valley Regional High School, which also serves students from neighboring boroughs.

The National Register of Historic Places recognizes multiples locations in Ogdensburg. The Ogdensburg Railroad Arch, also known as the "Backwards Tunnel," was built in 1871 on Cork Hill Road. Its beauty is only matched by its historic value. The double arch tunnels extend over half an acre and were designed by architect Justin Arnold. The tunnel was nicknamed the "Backwards Tunnel" because it was thought that the tunnel should have been wider over the road than over the river.

Another recognized site in Ogdensburg is the Sterling Hill Mining Museum. This historic zinc mine provided minerals and jobs to the people of the region until it officially closed in 1986. It now serves as a reminder of Ogdensburg's history and prosperity and as a destination for tourists.

The people of Ogdensburg are equally as notable as its sites. Some of the residents go above and beyond the call of public service. Among them was Joseph "Muzzie" Masar, a recently deceased decorated World War II veteran, who will be remembered by the people of Ogdensburg as a dedicated member of the community. He worked as an Ordinance Engineer at Picatinny Arsenal, was a founding member of the Ogdensburg First Aid Squad, and served as a member of the Ogdensburg town council. Mr. Masar was also a member of the VFW Post 10152–Ogdensburg and a proud firefighter for the Ogdensburg Volunteer Fire Department. Residents such as Joseph Masar exemplify the truly proud and civic-minded people of the borough.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Borough of Ogdensburg as it celebrates its Centennial Anniversary.

HONORING THE WAPAHANI HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishment of the Wapahani High School boys baseball team.

The Wapahani baseball team recently made school history by capturing its first ever baseball state championship. The Raiders won the Indiana Class 2A State Baseball Championship 2–0 over Evansville Mater Dei at Victory

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Field in Indianapolis. This victory is Wapahani High School's fourth state championship. The state championship victory marked the team's 17th straight win. They finished the season with a record of 30–4.

I want to congratulate this team for performing with extraordinary dedication and teamwork for the entirety of their season and throughout the State Championship. I also want to commend the team for representing themselves with class throughout the season, the tournament, and the remainder of the year.

Congratulations on the achievement go to team members Drew Brant, Zack Thompson, Luke Snider, Bret Lawson, Talon Craycraft, Kyzer York, Collin Hoots, Jacob Walters, Grant Thompson, Hunter Stanley, Taylor McKee, Austin White, Jourdan Hill, Hayden Castor, Austin Martin, Jared Coats, and Alex Summers. In addition, senior team member Collin Hoots was named the winner of the L.V. Phillips Mental Attitude Award for Class 2A Boys Baseball for his demonstrated excellence in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership, and athletic ability.

For the continued leadership of this championship team, congratulations and accolades go to the head coach, Brian Dudley, who led the team through their most successful season yet.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in congratulating the Wapahani High School varsity baseball team for their dedication, execution, and excellence this season.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, July 8, I missed a series of rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on No. 369 and No. 370.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed two votes on July 8. Had I been present, on rollcall No. 369, H.R. 4263, the Social Media Working Group Act of 2014 I would have voted "aye." On rollcall No. 370, H.R. 4289, the Department of Homeland Security Interoperable Communications Act I would have voted "aye."

IN HONOR OF MR. TIMOTHY J.
ELVERMAN

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise on this occasion to honor Mr. Timothy J. Elverman as he celebrates 40 years of achievement. It is

truly an honor for me to pay homage to someone who has contributed so much to Milwaukee and the State of Wisconsin.

I have known Tim Elverman for over 30 years, well before I began my legislative career in the Wisconsin State Assembly. Mr. Elverman is a graduate of Marquette University Law School.

Tim has enjoyed an illustrious and diverse career. After law school his first job was Director of the Student Legal Assistance Center at Bemidji State University in Minnesota. He returned to Wisconsin to serve as Home Secretary/Ombudsman for Congressman Les Aspin in his Janesville office.

After leaving public service, Tim was the Wisconsin Director of Government Relations at Bank One Corporation (now JPMorgan Chase & Co.) for 14 years. While at Bank One, Tim was also responsible for the bank's Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) compliance, and was on the bank's foundation board. While serving in that capacity, Tim was actively involved in a variety of organizations in the community including Chairman of the following organizations: New Opportunities for Home Ownership in Milwaukee (NOHIM) lenders' consortium, the Board for the 16th Street Community Health Center, and the Advisory Committee for the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Counsel. He also served on the advisory board for the Local Initiatives Support Corporations (LISC) and on the advisory board for the Mid-Town Credit Union which I established as a Vista volunteer.

Tim Elverman joined Broydrick & Associates and later Hubbard Wilson & Zelenkova as Senior Counsel. He is now retiring from Hubbard Wilson & Zelenkova, after a long and productive career.

Tim Elverman is a strong example of leadership and excellence for the Milwaukee community. He is a Milwaukee and Wisconsin treasure. I value his service and I am proud to call him friend. Timothy J. Elverman, thank you for your service to the 4th Congressional District.

HONORING THE LIFE OF KAREN S. TUFTS

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to recognize the life and legacy of an inspirational woman, Ms. Karen Tufts. Ms. Tufts passed away in Lexington, Kentucky on April 6, 2014 at the age of 80 but still lives inside the hearts of the many individuals she touched.

Ms. Tufts dedicated her life to helping others. As a Military Sexual Assault Therapist at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky, Ms. Tufts treated numerous survivors of military sexual trauma (MST). Even after retirement, Ms. Tufts continued to follow her passion to help survivors of MST by opening up her home to counsel men and women known affectionately as "Karen's Survivors."

It was these survivors' stories about the positive impact her care had on their lives that led me to introduce H.R. 3775, the Karen Tufts Military Sexual Assault Victims Em-

powerment Act, also known as the Karen Tufts Military SAVE Act. This legislation follows the example set by Ms. Tufts, which would empower survivors of military sexual trauma to select their own care providers and provide the support these brave service members have earned.

While we grieve the loss of this great American, we also honor her life and her devotion to helping others by continuing the important work of supporting survivors of MST.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHAIRMAN ASHOK KUMAR MAGO

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chairman Ashok Kumar Mago receiving the Padma Shri Award and to congratulate him on this honor.

As Chairman and CEO of Mago and Associates and Founder of the Greater Dallas Indo-American Chamber of Commerce, Chairman Mago's accomplishments are outstanding and he is truly deserving of this prestigious award. By focusing on networking, expanding business opportunities, and fostering trade between our two nations, the chamber has grown into an influential organization in Texas. I want to commend Chairman Mago on his leadership and dedication to the chamber and giving the local Indian community a united voice. His belief in giving back to his community is admirable and evident in his actions, such as raising hundreds and thousands of dollars for charities and generously devoting his time to serve in numerous civic organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in expressing our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Chairman Ashok Kumar Mago as he continues to encourage trade and business relations between the United States and India.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF RANGER THOMAS E. COWPER

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ranger Thomas E. Cowper, who recently retired from the Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation after 25 years of service.

In 1989, Thomas began his career in Snohomish County as the first Off-Road Vehicle Coordinator and then became a Park Ranger in 1991. Working at Flowing Lake Park for many years, he ensured quality camping, boating, fishing and picnicking for Washington families and enhanced the recreational opportunities in many parks for the entire community.

Throughout his career, Ranger Cowper spread his passion for nature to those around him. As a park ranger, he guided children in nature interpretation through live birds of prey programs and he mentored hundreds of Boy Scouts in their Eagle Scout service projects.