

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE  
OF THE HONORABLE IRA BRUCE  
RUSKIN

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 11, 2014

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and work of an extraordinary man, the Honorable Ira Bruce Ruskin. Ira was born in New York City on November 12, 1943, and passed away after a long struggle with brain cancer on July 3, 2014.

Ira Ruskin was drawn to progressive issues at the University of California, Berkeley, where he became involved in the Free Speech Movement. This began his lifelong advocacy for civil rights, women's rights and the environment. After graduating from Berkeley, he earned a degree in communications from Stanford University. He was a marketing and public relations consultant for two decades until he began his political career in 1995, serving on the Redwood City Council and as the Mayor from 1991 to 2001. In 2004, he was elected to the State Assembly, a position he held with dignity and distinction until 2010, when his illness prevented him from entering the race for the State Senate.

Ira Ruskin gave generously of his time and considerable talents to others. He helped organize and served as Chair of the Committee for Regional Water Reliability, and was Chair of the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency. He also served our community as a Director of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority and as an Advisor to the Redwood City Education Foundation, the San Mateo County Transportation Authority, the San Mateo County Joint Powers Authority, and the San Mateo County Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Advisory Board.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our condolences to Ira's beloved wife, Cheryl, to his entire family and to his many friends. It is fitting for us to honor the life of Ira Ruskin who was kind and compassionate and who will be greatly missed by all who had the good fortune to know him. He was a patriot who served his community and his country with a deep sense of dedication and integrity and his values and his life of service to others have bettered us and made our union stronger. How blessed and privileged I am to have known Ira, served our mutual constituents together, and called him my friend.

IN RECOGNITION OF CATHERINE  
CHRISTOPHER

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 11, 2014

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Catherine Christopher, a resi-

dent of Middleborough, Massachusetts, who today celebrates her 100th birthday.

Catherine was born on July 11, 1914 to Mary and Michael Vergos in Lowell, Massachusetts. The second oldest of her six siblings, Catherine, or Kay as her family and friends know her, left her junior high school to work at Giant Store to help support her family. Kay later married Harry Christopher at the Holy Trinity Church in Lowell on October 22, 1939, and they went on to raise three children together: Sandra, William, and Chris. In the early 1950's, the Christopher family opened a grocery store on Locust Street in the early 1950's, which they operated for thirty years.

Kay has been an active member of the local Greek Orthodox Church and she, along with her husband, belonged to a number of clubs and organizations within their community for many years.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Catherine Christopher on this joyous occasion of her 100th birthday. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing her continued health and happiness.

BABY BOY BORN AFTER BEING  
SPARED FROM ABORTION FOL-  
LOWING MIRACULOUS INTERVEN-  
TION

**HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 11, 2014

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following:

[From the Christian News Network, Feb. 6, 2014]

(By Heather Clark)

WEST CHESTER, PA.—A baby boy was recently born in Pennsylvania after his life was spared from abortion through a miraculous series of events.

Baby Roman was 18 weeks gestation when his parents went to Planned Parenthood in West Chester last July for an abortion.

"I went to Planned Parenthood because I was stuck in my own world doing everything that I wanted to do," Roman's mother, Cartier, who had a previous abortion in 2012, told Christian News Network. "I was going to go get another abortion."

Cartier, 21, had three other children and a stepchild, and was living in government housing, where she was limited to an occupancy of six people. If she had the baby, she and her husband feared that they might have to find housing elsewhere, but had nowhere else to go.

At Planned Parenthood, Cartier found out that she was too far along in her pregnancy to have an abortion at the facility. She was directed to go to Cherry Hill, New Jersey that day to end the baby's life.

"[Planned Parenthood] gave me this paper and said, 'Here's other places that will do it,'" she explained. "And when I left, my husband and I got in the car [and were going to drive to New Jersey for the abortion]."

That day, a number of Christian sidewalk counselors stood outside of the facility offer-

ing help to abortion-minded mothers. Mary Ellen Caris, who has been active in pro-life ministry since 1989, was one of the counselors that eventually had contact with the couple.

"They came out an hour or so after they initially went in," she stated, "They didn't look at us, and they didn't want to take any information."

DIVINE INTERVENTION

But as Cartier's husband started the car and was ready to exit the parking lot, suddenly the transmission blew—right in front of the sidewalk counselors.

"[T]he car died," Caris explained. "[The husband] tried starting it up and it just barely made it to the stop sign and died again."

Cartier's husband started the car one more time and was able to turn the corner, but the car again stalled—this time for good.

"They had just spent \$500 on the car the week before to fix it," Caris outlined, "So probably he's thinking, 'Man, I just spent \$500. Why isn't this car working?'"

Suddenly, everyone began to ask themselves whether the situation was a matter of divine intervention.

"The whole time that my husband and I were in the car, we kept saying, 'What if it's God? What if He's trying to tell us something?'" Cartier recalled.

Caris and some of the other counselors then approached the vehicle to offer help, and minutes later, worked out arrangements to take Cartier home—but with the stipulation that she first go to the local pregnancy care center.

"I said to [my husband], 'I'm just going to do whatever this lady wants me to do so that we can get home,'" Cartier explained, "and then, forget them."

But Caris said that she and the others asked God to intervene in the situation as she drove Cartier and her husband to Chester County Women's Services in Coatesville and then waited patiently for the decision.

"We were praying while they were inside," she remembered.

"I CAN'T DO IT"

As Cartier sat in the offices of the pregnancy care center and listened to the words of Medical Director Lisa Thomas, she said that she suddenly "broke down." She texted her mother to tell her about the situation, who replied by congratulating her on the pregnancy—something that stood out to Cartier as she said that her mother had never spoken to her like that before.

Minutes later, Cartier had an ultrasound, and she knew right away that she couldn't go through with the abortion.

"I'm like, 'Oh my goodness, I can't do it,'" she said. "And me and my husband were immediately like, 'Alright, we're keeping him.'"

But, Cartier and her husband still did not know how they were going to provide for their son.

"I couldn't go to work; my husband was unemployed," she explained. "So now, we don't have a car, no way to get around—nothing."

Cartier and her husband decided to pray and trust God. And that's when they began to see amazing things happen before their eyes.

"Lisa called us and said that somebody wanted to give us a van, and that we could

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ride around for free," Cartier recalled. "And we're like, 'Are you serious?'"

"They called me again and said, 'Somebody wants to give you a baby blessing.'" she continued, noting that she had begun attending Thomas' church at that time. "[They said,] 'We don't want you to buy anything at all. . . . All you have to do is be here, and people are going to buy you everything you need for the baby.'"

Each time that Cartier and her husband had a need, it was always provided for just in time.

"It was like a rush. We went through all of this—we're struggling; we didn't have anything," she said. "[But then] people came into our lives and helped us. Every time we didn't have food in our house, somebody's bringing over groceries. Every time we'd think, 'How are we going to get here?' because we didn't have any gas in the car, someone would say, 'Oh, the church gave you a gas card, so you can put gas in your car.'"

ROMAN IS BORN, AND HIS PARENTS ARE BORN AGAIN

Baby Roman was born on December 4th, and Cartier, who along with her husband have since been born again, continues to testify to the goodness of God. She shared that every detail was taken care of surrounding Roman down to even the size of the clothing that she was provided during the baby shower.

"He's two months old and he's wearing three to six-month clothes," she explained. "If they had bought everything zero to three months, I would have no clothes right now. So, it's like an act of God that even happened."

And Cartier's housing situation worked out as well as she was able to have Roman share a room with one of his siblings without issue.

She gave a word of encouragement for other mothers who might also be considering an abortion.

"Instead of being so quick about everything, sometimes you have to be so tied up in something for God to step into your life. Sometimes you've got to struggle in order to see a victory," she said. "Don't get discouraged, because maybe God is trying to show you, 'You can't do it all without Me.'"

Caris also urged Christians to get out on the streets and love and help women like Cartier who may just need some hope and support.

"We don't see behind the veil. We don't know what God is doing," she said. "While praying in our prayer closets and praying about abortion in our homes and churches is really important, being a physical presence at the gates of Hell is just undeniably one of the most most powerful things you can do."

#### TRIBUTE TO JEFFREY KUETER

### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 11, 2014*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jeffrey Kueter for being named the next President of the University of Iowa Alumni Association. Mr. Kueter will succeed current President Vince Nelson at the end of this month.

As any loyal Hawkeye knows, the UI Alumni Association is the trusted resource for more than 45,000 graduates who continue to stay involved in the university's community. The association has maintained an excellent reputation of keeping alumni engaged and united no

matter how many miles may separate them from Iowa City.

Since graduating from the University of Iowa in 1993, Mr. Kueter has maintained an unparalleled allegiance to his alma mater through the devotion of his time, resources, and efforts as an ambassador to the political science department. While in his current role as President of the George C. Marshall Institute in Arlington, Virginia, Jeffrey also has presided over the Capital Area Iowa Club of Washington, D.C. and served on the UI Alumni Association's Board of Directors for seven years. In 2011, Mr. Kueter was bestowed with the association's esteemed Distinguished Young Alumni Award for epitomizing what it means to pursue a rewarding, lifelong relationship with the university.

Mr. Speaker, I can think of no better selection than Mr. Kueter to promote the University of Iowa Alumni Association's mission of strengthening the university through alumni engagement. Jeffrey's continued commitment to his university and home state throughout his professional endeavors embody the values espoused in the lecture halls of Iowa City and all across our great state. As the next association president, there is no doubt that Jeffrey will continue to focus his efforts to further the University of Iowa and its world-class alumni. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Mr. Kueter on his new position and I wish him the best of luck as he expands his integral role in leading Hawkeye Nation.

#### HONORING THE DEDICATED SERVICE OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S HARRY WHITE

### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 11, 2014*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with great gratitude and respect that I rise to recognize Mr. Harry White upon the occasion of his retirement after a remarkable career of dedicated military and public service to our great Nation.

Born on October 22, 1942 in Robertsedale, Alabama, Harry enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1963. He excelled in his 21-year Air Force career, developing training and educational curricula for all USAF Veterinary Services. He later served as Superintendent of Training for the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine and as Senior Enlisted Advisor for Veterinary Services at Royal Air Force Base, Lakenheath, England in 1979. Harry retired from the Air Force in 1984 at the rank of Chief Master Sergeant.

After a full career of service in the Air Force, Harry joined the Central Baldwin Chamber of Commerce. Serving as Executive Vice President, he executed an industrial development program for the tri-city area in Alabama, developing and executing numerous programs to help support the local community. After five years with the Baldwin County Chamber of Commerce, Harry became the Director of Media Relations for Naval Air Station Pensacola.

Throughout the 25 years since, which he refers to as some of the best times in his life, Harry executed public affairs for the installa-

tion and proved to be a vital liaison between the military and civilian community. Harry prepared thousands of news releases to help translate issues of importance to the local communities; coordinated media relations for dignitaries, filmmakers, and writers; and served as an anchor for the community during emergencies, relaying critical information to the public during the aftermaths of Hurricanes Ivan and Katrina, the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, and the September 11, 2001 attack on our homeland.

I have enjoyed having the opportunity to work with Harry in his capacity as Public Affairs Officer and come to know him very well. Without question, Harry, always with his family and country at heart, has played an integral role in the continued development of Naval Air Station Pensacola. Looking back on his nearly five decades of service, Harry's unwavering devotion to duty, his timeless energy, and his extensive expertise will surely be missed. I am honored to call Harry my friend and I would like to thank his wife Wilma Jean, children, and grandchildren for supporting him throughout his exemplary service to our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all of Northwest Florida, I would like to thank Harry White for a five-decade job well done.

#### HONORING THE CITY OF FILLMORE

### HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 11, 2014*

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the City of Fillmore as it celebrates 100 years of incorporation. Fillmore, whose motto reads: "The Last, Best Small Town in Southern California," is truly a gem of Ventura County. This tight-knit community cherishes its history and tradition, which are rooted in long-standing community values and are preserved and showcased through its many historical landmarks.

Fillmore's history extends beyond the early days of rural Southern California with its significant role in the development of the momentous railroad industry. A stroll through the Fillmore Historical Museum retells the stories of the Southern Pacific Railroad's 19th century depots.

The residents of Fillmore live alongside grand stretches of lemon, orange, and avocado groves, and at the foot of the Hopper Mountain National Wildlife Refuge and the Los Padres National Forest, home to the Sespe Condor Sanctuary. It is an honor to be part of and serve a community with such reverence for the environment and with great devotion to local agriculture in its economy. There is much to gain from preserving California's farming tradition and much to learn from the historic pastimes of this Southern Californian municipality.

As we commemorate the city's 100th anniversary, I would like to commend the City of Fillmore and its residents, past and present, on their success of reaching this milestone. I offer my sincerest congratulations during this centennial celebration and look forward to many more years of growth and prosperity.