

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AMILCAR CORDOVA

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize Amilcar Córdova. Mr. Córdova hails from the "City of Giants," Carolina, Puerto Rico. He persuaded his mother to move to the United States after his graduation from high school in 1985. His family moved to Pennsylvania, where he began working at a national insurance company as a mail clerk. He slowly started moving up the ranks within the industry until he became a Health Claims Supervisor.

In 1994, Mr. Córdova moved to Orlando, FL this time with his own family. After moving, he left the insurance industry for a sales career in advertising. In 2008, Mr. Córdova co-founded Amigos Profesionales Business Network, an organization that focuses on introducing and showcasing Hispanic professionals and business owners to the general market. Inspired by both his new profession and having an in-depth understanding of the growing vibrant and thriving Hispanic demographic, in 2010 he founded his own advertising agency, Córdova Marketing Solutions, which specializes in the development of small businesses by providing consulting, marketing, and advertising services.

In 2010, he also joined the Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce of Central Florida as its Executive Director and in 2013 he was elected President. In this capacity, he has organized trade mission trips to Puerto Rico to help establish connections between businesses in the Commonwealth and Central Florida.

He has also been a member of Hispanic Young Professionals and Entrepreneurs (HYPE), an organization that strives to provide guidance and support to Hispanic youth in middle and high school. HYPE promotes higher education and vocational training in order to prepare youth for their future careers so that they can advance our economy and improve our community.

Mr. Córdova is the Marketing and Public Relations Director of The Valle Law Firm. He recently became an Authorized Local Expert for Constant Contact, a company that provides tools to empower small businesses to grow customer relationships and level the playing field.

Mr. Córdova has two sons, Amilcar Córdova II and Schavier Córdova, and three grandchildren, Yamilette, Gabriel, and Isabella. His mother, Aida I. Cruz lives in Orlando, FL, and his father, Gypsy M. Córdova, still lives in Puerto Rico.

I am happy to honor Amilcar Córdova, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for his contributions to the Central Florida community.

HONORING PEGGY KIRKPATRICK FOR OVER 22 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE FOOD BANK FOR CENTRAL & NORTHEAST MISSOURI

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize Peggy Kirkpatrick who has served the needs of Missouri citizens for over 22 years as the Executive Director of the Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri and will be retiring at the end of this year. This incredible woman has cared for and made a resounding difference in the lives of thousands of families in Missouri's 4th District and beyond.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick began her career at the Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri over two decades ago. Transforming a nearly-shuttered program into one of the most prominent food banks in the United States, Peggy's legacy will continue long after her retirement. Under Mrs. Kirkpatrick's leadership, the Food Bank went from distributing about 3.4 million pounds of food in 1992 to over 36 million pounds in 2013. She was also instrumental in making the Food Bank one of only two in the entire nation, at that time, to not charge client agencies for their products and services. I rise to recognize Mrs. Kirkpatrick's passion for her tireless work to better the lives of those in her community.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I call all my colleagues to join me in applauding the service and commitment of Mrs. Kirkpatrick. Her steadfast and enduring service is a shining example for all. We are blessed to have such dedicated citizens like Peggy serving us, and we wish her the best in the years to come.

CELEBRATING 160 YEARS OF THE DEKALB MUNICIPAL BAND

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise today in celebration of the DeKalb Municipal Band as they celebrate 160 years of concerts this December.

From humble beginnings as the Silver Cornet Band in 1854, the DeKalb Municipal Band has a history as interesting and unique as its many members. In its early years it was the official band of the Third Regiment of the Illinois National Guard, and was later renamed the DeKalb Military Band following the return of musicians who served in World War I. In the 1930s, Hopkins Park was built and the band found a permanent home for concerts. Since then, Hopkins Park has been outfitted with a wooden shell, funded by the band members themselves, which was eventually

upgraded to the current concrete and steel band shell that includes seating for 3,000 to enjoy today's concerts.

As one of the most historic bands in the Midwest, the DeKalb Municipal Band keeps the tradition of providing music and entertainment to DeKalb and the surrounding communities alive with their annual summer concert series, including their July 4th Fireworks Spectacular. The commitment of the musicians, conductors, and volunteers who have helped the Municipal Band survive and thrive for 160 years is to be commended. DeKalb and the surrounding communities can take pride in the Band's historic traditions and I know we can all look forward to many more decades of music in Hopkins Park.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Illinois' Sixteenth District of Illinois, I wish to express our appreciation and sincere congratulations to all those who have helped make the DeKalb Municipal Band a success over the past 160 years.

SCOTLAND

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is an exciting and historic time for self-determination in Scotland. Scots (and others) are voicing the pros and cons for Scotland's vote this week on independence. To go it alone or not from the United Kingdom is the question before the feisty Scots.

Thousands of Scots came to the United States for a new life over 300 years ago. My own family line traces back to Scotland and the Weems (Wemyss) clan. (Some would say it explains my personality.) The Weems castle, built in the 15th Century, still proudly stands in the town of Fife, Scotland.

My ancestors fought with Robert the Bruce in the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314. The King of England, Edward II, invaded Scotland with the largest English Army to ever attack Scotland. His army outnumbered Robert the Bruce's common Scot army 4 to 1. But the Scots are fearsome warriors. After days of hand to hand combat, the Scots beat the English and declared Scotland's de facto Independence.

However, Scotland and England were joined under the United Kingdom 400 years ago.

Texas Weems came by way of the Carolinas in the 1700s then they moved to Tennessee and finally settled in early Texas in the 1800s.

From America's struggle for Independence and Texas's successful fight for Texas independence from Mexico (Texas was a sovereign republic from 1836–1845), such causes are noble but difficult. During the Texas War of Independence, at least four Scots fought and died at the cradle of Texas liberty—The Alamo.

If government truly is of the people, by the people and for the people, then people that

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are ruled over by a government should be the ones to choose that government. Self-determination is a natural right.

Scotland will have that peaceful choice this week, and do what is best for "Scotland the Brave."

And that's just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF RYLAND KELLEY

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an extraordinary American, Richard Ryland Kelley, who was born on October 2, 1925, in Palo Alto, California, and died on August 30, 2014. He was an energetic, creative, generous and poetic man, and was a central figure in the development of Silicon Valley.

Ryland Kelley was a graduate of Stanford University and served his country in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He joined his father in forming a real estate firm that became known as Hare, Brewer and Kelley (HBK). The firm developed many San Francisco Peninsula communities, including Ladera, Lindenwood, Atherton Heights and Hidden Valley in Woodside. HBK also built the Palo Alto Office Center, Mayfield Mall, Webster House, a retirement community in Palo Alto, and the Pajaro Dunes resort in Watsonville.

Ryland Kelley was a writer and a poet, who at the time of his death was planning to produce six one-act plays. He wrote seven plays and published three books of poetry. He was deeply involved in athletics since his days on the Stanford football and basketball teams, and tasted politics while helping Paul N. "Pete" McCloskey in his successful campaign against Shirley Temple Black for an open seat in Congress. He was a true renaissance man. Realizing that he was near death, he held a poetry reading for his closest friends at his son's home in June.

Ryland Kelley leaves his devoted wife of 65 years and my precious friend, Shirley Sneath Kelley; his son Rich and his wife Gina of Woodside; his son Tom of San Francisco; and his son Bruce and his wife Susan, of West Hartford, Connecticut; and four grandchildren.

I had the privilege of knowing Ry for over three decades. His friendship, sage advice and counsel, and keen observations enriched my life immeasurably. Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in expressing our deepest condolences to Ryland Kelley's family and to all those who knew, respected and loved him. I consider it a great blessing to have called him my friend, and his countless contributions to our community are eloquent statements about this uniquely gifted and giving man. Our country and our community were blessed by his life, and we are bettered having known him.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JOHN HEUBERGER, DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY DISTRIBUTION CENTER IN TOBYHANNA, PA

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. John Heuberger, who will retire on Friday, October 3, 2014 from his position as the Deputy Commander of DLA Distribution in Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Heuberger is a Vietnam Era Veteran, having served in the United States Navy from 1971–1974 as a Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class. He later spent three years in the Naval Reserve and began his career as a federal employee, where he continued to proudly serve our country.

As a federal employee, Mr. Heuberger worked at a wide range of facilities across New York and Pennsylvania. His assignments included the Veterans Administration Extended Care Center in St. Albans, New York, the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York, the Veterans Administration Center in Northport, New York, and as a General Supply Officer at Tobyhanna Army Depot in Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania.

Since 1992, Mr. Heuberger has served as Distribution Facilities Manager, DLA Distribution at Tobyhanna Army Depot.

Mr. Heuberger is the recipient of the Army Award for Civilian Service, the Department of the Army Certificate of Appreciation, numerous other awards, and has been honored by Vice-President Al Gore with the National Partnership for Reinventing Government Award.

Mr. Heuberger is a role model in the workplace—truly an individual other federal employees should seek to emulate. His hard work and dedication to all facets of our making our military the best it can be are overly commendable. During his Tobyhanna years, he drew on past experiences and relationships to hone his leadership skills, consistently sought to promote positive thinking, and provided invaluable guidance to his colleagues and fellow employees. The role Mr. Heuberger played in his years of service at DLA is an integral part of the critical mission to supply and equip our military. I am honored to recognize outstanding individuals engaged in this mission.

I extend my congratulations to Mr. Heuberger for a job well done in service to our nation. The Department of Defense and everyone at Tobyhanna will miss him, I'm sure, but I wish him well in retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF JOSE R. BALASQUIDE

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize Jose Balasquide. Born in Puerto Rico, Mr. Balasquide has been residing in Central Florida since 1993.

Mr. Balasquide has been active in the political, civic, and business communities in Cen-

tral Florida. As Governmental Affairs Director for the Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce of Central Florida, he worked to promote the region's economic development.

A former Legislative Assistant to a Florida State Senator, Mr. Balasquide has remained politically active. He served as the Florida State Director of the Mi Familia Vota Educational Fund (MVEF), where he led campaigns to help increase civic engagement in the Latino community and build a new, influential community of voters. He has also directed Latino civic engagement efforts, and mobilized over 75,000 Latinos in Florida during the 2012 elections.

Mr. Balasquide is also a Member-at-Large for the Executive Board of the Central Florida Redistricting Council. In this capacity, he has been battling for the fair redistricting of the state of Florida.

Mr. Balasquide served as the Director of the Latino Civic Engagement Working Group, a platform for Latino civic organizations to develop a regional and state progressive civic engagement plan. In 2013, he served as the President of the Florida Democratic Hispanic Caucus and he is currently the President for its Osceola County Chapter. He is also a Partner at Business Entities Advisors LLC., a consulting company, and a Consultant with Beacon Solutions, LLC.

A graduate of the Interamerican University of Puerto Rico, College of Business Administration, Mr. Balasquide is a licensed insurance adjuster and a financial advisor.

I am happy to recognize Jose R. Balasquide, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for his contributions to the Central Florida community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE UNITED STATES-CARIBBEAN PARTNERSHIP ACT OF 2014

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, today, I am pleased to introduce the United States-Caribbean Partnership Act of 2014.

I ask my colleagues to imagine countries where tens of thousands of American citizens travel for pleasure or business; where thousands of American citizens go to school; where there is a constant concern about drug trafficking to the United States; but where the United States has no U.S. embassies. Surprisingly, there are five countries in the Caribbean—only a few hundred miles from the United States—where we have no physical diplomatic presence. My legislation will correct this problem by establishing U.S. embassies in the five countries in the Caribbean with which the United States has diplomatic relations but no permanent diplomatic presence: Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Currently, all diplomatic relations with these countries are run out of the U.S. embassy in Barbados.

While these countries are small, they must not be taken for granted. They are key voting members of the United Nations and other international organizations. As members of the Organization of American States (OAS), their