

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFI-
CER RICHARD G. FERRARO, JR.

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of a sailor and dear patriot, Senior Chief Petty Officer Richard G. Ferraro, Jr., of Youngstown, OH who passed away on May 28, 2014.

Richard was a natural, who served honorably in the United States Navy for twenty-six years. He was one of the most dedicated and proud members of the United States Navy, having served on nine commands throughout his career. For his outstanding service and leadership, Senior Chief Richard Ferraro was the recipient of many prestigious decorations, including the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. Richard was a selfless and good hearted man, who always put others before himself. He enjoyed cheering on the Steelers and was known for the consistent love he held for his family as well as the United States Navy.

Richard is survived by his wife Leny Escobonas Ferraro, parents Richard G. Ferraro, Sr. and Mary "Jackie" O'Brian Ferraro; his sister Angela R. Gonzalez; his niece Grace E. Edwards; and her children Mayann and Jessica. It gives me great pride to honor the life of Richard Ferraro, Jr. I am deeply saddened and I extend my condolences to his entire family. Our country is a much better place because of Richard's service. He and his service to our country will never be forgotten.

HONORING THE BLOOMINGTON
MASONIC LODGE

HON. TODD C. YOUNG

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the Monroe Lodge 22 F. & A. M. in Bloomington, Indiana.

I want to congratulate this organization on their 175th year rededication. I appreciate the fellowship and community participation these Freemasons have facilitated during their tenure in Bloomington.

These Freemasons are outstanding citizens of the Bloomington community and deserve our respect and admiration. Their membership boasts a diverse range of people including professionals, students and retirees. The values they uphold serve as an example to their local community. Years of service, religious piety, leadership, and outstanding morality compose the statutes to which all Freemasons adhere. By necessitating hard work and com-

mitment to values, the Freemasons create a hierarchy of accomplishments which inherently build character and contribute to the local community.

As the longest standing institute of fraternity, the Freemasons provide a model of citizenship unlike any other. I am proud to support the Bloomington Masonic Lodge for its many years of encouraging brotherhood among men, and I look forward to applauding the Bloomington Masonic Lodge for their future endeavors. Finally, I join the Bloomington community and Freemasons everywhere in congratulating them on this landmark rededication and reaffirmation of service and community.

HONORING DALTON M. ARCHER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dalton M. Archer. Dalton is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 206, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Dalton has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Dalton has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Dalton has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Dalton constructed a military honor board that will be a permanent fixture at Fort Osage High School in Independence, Missouri, to distinguish the graduates who have served or are currently serving in our nation's armed forces.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Dalton M. Archer for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING COL CHARLES POW-
ELL'S AND MS. JOANNE POW-
ELL'S 60TH WEDDING ANNIVER-
SARY

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Colonel Charles Powell and Mrs. Joanne Powell on celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. It is an honor to recognize the lives of two distinguished citizens in San Angelo, Texas.

The Powells first met when they were in the same preschool class in Nashville, Arkansas

and their love for each other grew throughout their grade school and high school years. Shortly after completing his appointment at the Naval Academy, Charles commissioned into the Air Force as a pilot, while Joanne completed her degree at Southern Arkansas University. Shortly after, the couple wedded on December 21, 1954.

Charles' decorated career in the Air Force eventually led the Powells to San Angelo. Charles served as the base commander of Goodfellow Air Force Base from 1980–1984. Soon after their arrival, the Powells' impact could be felt by the communities of San Angelo and Goodfellow. When they moved to San Angelo, Charles was ordered to help Goodfellow avoid closure and the displacement of many service members from the community they had grown to love. The impacts of Charles' career can still be felt today at Goodfellow Air Force Base, as it serves as a training school for thousands of service members from across all branches to train in cryptology, intelligence, and firefighting. After his retirement from the Air Force, Charles went on to serve as vice president of Southwest Bank, known today as First Financial. Along with serving the community as a banker, Charles, as well as Joanne, sit on several different boards that help San Angelo continue to be a model community in our nation.

Joanne has assisted constituents in my district office my entire tenure, a service that started long ago while working for both Rep. Tom Loeffler and Rep. LAMAR SMITH. One of the several duties Joanne has helped with is our annual military service academy nominations, which is a year round process for her. With Joanne's assistance, many of the young men and women in our district go on to serve our nation and attend one of our distinguished service academies. Her compassion and dedication has made her a special piece of my team. Words cannot express how grateful I am of her dedication to the community.

Charles' and Joanne's love of San Angelo has made them institutional figures in the community. In numerous initiatives to help the community, they have often been the bridge joining San Angelo and Goodfellow. Joanne and Charles' commitment to San Angelo, the state of Texas and this nation is the same commitment that they show to each other, and that is what makes their relationship with the community special.

Along with San Angelo, Suzanne, and I hold a special place in our hearts for the Powells. The Powells' commitment and faith to each other has set an example for all of us to be inspired by. I am happy to have the opportunity to help celebrate this special day. Their love for one another and their community represents an important part of the San Angelo story. Again, I offer my congratulations to Joanne and Charles—Happy 60th Anniversary!

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HONORING DAVID ELBAUM FOR
BEING NAMED THE 2014 ILLINOIS
HISTORY TEACHER OF THE
YEAR

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to honor David Elbaum, an exceptional educator at Stevenson High School who was recently named the 2014 Illinois History Teacher of the Year.

The child of a teacher and a social worker, David embraced his parents' commitment to dedicating themselves to careers that help and inspire others. David is currently in his 11th year as a teacher, having joined Stevenson High School after three years at Aptakisic Junior High School in Buffalo Grove. A member of Stevenson's highly collaborative U.S. history team, David received this distinction because of his tremendous achievements in education and his outstanding ability to motivate his students to excel both inside and outside the classroom.

David hopes to instill in his students an appreciation of the tremendous importance and power of history. Studying American history provides us with both an understanding of our nation's past—our challenges and our successes—and a roadmap for the future. By educating his students on the extraordinary accomplishments that seemingly ordinary people have been able to achieve throughout American history, David empowers his students to pursue their passions and helps them recognize that they too have the capacity to do extraordinary things.

Passionate and effective teachers have the capacity to shape the perspective and cultivate the talents of our nation's young people. This award is an appropriate recognition of David's indelible impact on the lives of his students, and his commitment to helping develop informed citizens and future leaders.

LYDIA MEDRANO

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and to honor an extraordinary leader and champion of human rights, Dr. Lydia Medrano. Her remarkable career in public service has had a tremendous impact on the Tampa Bay community.

Dr. Medrano's career has been devoted to healthcare and human rights. Dr. Medrano came to Florida from Puerto Rico. She received her doctorate degree in Sociology and Certificate in Latin American Studies from the University of Florida. Her devotion to her community led her to serve as associate director for the international division of Planned Parenthood of America in the Latin American Regional Office. Later she worked as a researcher and evaluator at the Children's Board of Hillsborough County, an independent taxing authority that funds dozens of specialized programs geared towards improving the health

and well-being of Tampa Bay's children and families. Dr. Medrano joined the Children's Board almost from its inception and, during her tenure, she helped ensure an accessible community system of care and successful outcomes through her array of responsibilities, including evaluation, contract management, research ethics and community engagement activities. After 22 years, she retired this year.

In addition to dedicating her career to healthier children and families, her passion for healthcare and human rights has driven her to lead and support numerous local initiatives. She was cochair of the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute's Hispanic Advisory Council and the USF ACSSP (Hispanic Health) Research Project. She is also a past member of the Board of the Hispanic Professional Women Association and a member of the Hillsborough County Commission on the Status of Women. Dr. Medrano's outstanding contributions to the community has led to her being recognized with numerous awards including the 2009 Human Rights Award by the Tampa Hillsborough Human Rights Council and the 2004 Hispanic Woman of the Year by the Tampa-Hillsborough Hispanic Heritage.

Dr. Medrano has retired but she has not stopped working for our Hispanic community and civil rights. She continues to serve as Florida State Director for the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the nation's largest and oldest civil rights volunteer-based organization that empowers our Hispanic Americans. LULAC was a strong partner in helping Spanish-speaking residents learn about their options under the Affordable Care Act Education and enroll in the marketplace. Moreover, LULAC is educating communities in our state and across the country about the need for comprehensive immigration reform. Dr. Medrano serves on my roundtable for comprehensive immigration reform and has been an invaluable partner in fighting for this crucial cause—we will not give up. Twenty councils across Florida trust and depend on Dr. Medrano's leadership to build strong Latino communities through advocacy and education. Her enthusiasm is truly an inspiration.

Dr. Medrano's tireless and selfless advocacy efforts have helped to create a better Tampa Bay community. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Dr. Medrano for her outstanding service as a researcher, mentor and community leader.

**HONORING HENRY SAMUEL
GRAVES**

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Henry Samuel Graves. Hank is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 714, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Hank has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Hank has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous

merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Hank has become a Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say while also attending the National Youth Leadership Training, the 2013 National Boy Scout Jamboree and High Adventure at Philmont Scout Ranch. Hank has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Hank restored and documented the grave markers, some dating back to the 19th century, in a family cemetery outside of Edgerton, Missouri, that had been abandoned and neglected for years.

As Hank's uncle, I am proud of the young man he has become. As an Eagle Scout, I admire the determination he has shown in completing his path to Eagle.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Henry Samuel Graves for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

**REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
WILLIAM CAMPBELL**

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of William Campbell, of Belvidere, Illinois, who passed away November 3, 2014 at the age of 67.

Bill Campbell, as he was known, touched thousands of lives through his work as Financial Secretary of UAW Local 1268 for over 30 years. He began work at the Chrysler plant in Belvidere in 1965 and served as Financial Secretary of Local 1268 from 1981 until his retirement in 2013. The UAW was his true passion in life.

Bill received the Walter P. Reuther Distinguished Service Award in 2013, the highest honor bestowed by the International UAW. His life was finally taken by cancer in November after an 18-month battle. He is sorely missed by his extended family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to give my sincere condolences to Bill's family and friends in Belvidere and honor his years of dedicated service to the UAW and his community.

**RECOGNIZING COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION WEEK**

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I stand before you in recognition of Community Foundation Week. Since 1989, the week of November 12–November 18 has served as a reminder of the outstanding work of community foundations throughout the United States. This year also marks the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the first community foundation in Cleveland, Ohio.

Community foundations epitomize the philanthropic culture of the United States. They hold a unique place in American society and provide hope and opportunity to millions of