

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING CODY R. MCKINNEY

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Cody R. McKinney. Cody 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 1261, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Cody has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Cody 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, Cody has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. SHETAL I. SHAH

### HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2014

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Shetal I. Shah, MD, FAAP, who has worked tirelessly as an advocate for children over the past 10 years. Dr. Shah is a noted pediatrician, neonatologist, and scientist advocate who works to provide members of the Long Island Congressional Delegation information about the practical impact of national policy decisions on the children across Long Island. He is a recognized and award-winning child health advocate, serving as both Legislative Chairman and Treasurer of the Long Island Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, as well as serving on the New York State American Academy of Pediatrics' Policy and Advocacy Committee, which advises the New York State Legislature on matters of child health and development. At the national level, Dr. Shah also serves as an appointed member of the national advocacy committee of the Society for Pediatric Research, a leading organization of pediatric scientists, researchers, and policy analysts in the Nation.

Dr. Shah's parents, Dr. Indravadan C. Shah, MD, FACS, and Dr. Saroj Shah, MD, FACOG, emigrated from India to Long Island over 40 years ago and they have worked tirelessly to provide healthcare to underserved populations. They instilled in him the personal and professional qualities we all desire in our physicians. After graduating Magna Cum Laude

from Princeton University, Dr. Shah attended Cornell University Medical College, graduating with Honors in Research prior to completing a three-year pediatric residency at Duke University Children's Hospital. He then completed a three-year intensive fellowship in neonatal-perinatal medicine at New York University. As a neonatologist, he has dedicated his life to the care of our most vulnerable and fragile citizens—critically-ill newborns.

Dr. Shah—a Fulbright Scholar—is past winner of the National Physician Advocate Award from the Institute of Medicine as a Profession at Columbia University. He also received a National Physician Leadership award from the American Medical Association and has been recognized by my colleagues in the 111th and 112th Congress for his contributions to the health of children in New York.

Over the past decade, Dr. Shah has provided my office with counsel on a host of issues related to child health, including stem cell and pediatric research funding, government appropriations for children, immunization policy, tobacco prevention, gun violence protection and child health insurance programs. Most importantly, Dr. Shah provided analysis of the local and statewide impact of the Affordable Care Act, providing a thoughtful review of the significant health improvements in the legislation and detailing areas where it can be further improved.

Mr. Speaker, as I prepare to leave Congress and transition to the next phase of public service, I wish to thank Dr. Shah for his unwavering support for our region's children. His expert child healthcare policy work has significantly informed our conversations on child health issues. He is an involved, thoughtful and forceful citizen who epitomizes the concept that a politically-engaged public promotes national progress. On behalf of New York's Fourth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Shah on his accomplishments in the field of pediatric and child health.

RECOGNIZING LIGHTHOUSE WORKS, INC.

### HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2014

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Lighthouse Works, Inc. for being selected to receive the Defense Logistics Agency's (DLA) Business Alliance Award for Outstanding Ability-One Program Vendor. As a support agency of the Department of Defense, DLA provides military, federal agencies and joint allied forces with a variety of logistics, acquisition and technical services. The Business Alliance Award recognizes businesses that have made exceptional efforts in partnering with DLA to provide supplies and services to America's defense forces.

Lighthouse Works, Inc. provides material components for the Army's Combat Life Saver Kit and other medical kits. The professionals at Lighthouse Works ensure medical material component shipments are of the highest quality, that they meet all required specifications and that shipments are delivered in a timely manner. The company is well-known for its flexibility and willingness to support the military's dynamic needs.

It is an honor to recognize Lighthouse Works, Inc. for their support of our nation's military and for their contributions to the Central Florida community.

HONORING ANDREW R. HOOG

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Andrew R. Hoog. Andrew 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 1261, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Andrew has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Andrew 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, Andrew has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

BE THANKFUL: IN HONOR OF THE MEN AND WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES THIS THANKSGIVING

### HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2014

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give thanks to the men and women of the Armed Forces and their families on this upcoming Thanksgiving Day. Let us remember all of those who are now separated by death, distance, and in hospital beds across our Nation. Say a prayer of thanks for them all. I submit this poetic tribute to them, written by Albert Carey Caswell.

BE THANKFUL

Be  
Be thankful  
Be thankful on this Thanksgiving Day,  
when with your families you sit down to  
pray  
Please, please say a prayer for all those who  
gave

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Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

All so with your families you may break this bread  
 And what their selfless sacrifice has so said  
 Who for all our freedom paid  
 All throughout the generations the ones who gave  
 And be thankful  
 Be thankful for our freedom so very bright  
 Be thankful for all of these heroes who fought the fight  
 Who all so live and died in valor's light  
 All out across the deep blue seas  
 Who all gave so selflessly  
 And now lie all in deep dark quiet graves  
 Showing us all how to behave  
 Whose families still cry still this day  
 Who live all in the kind of pain only Heaven can allay  
 Until they are all reunited one fine day  
 So be thankful to all those who gave  
 All of their strong arms and legs  
 Who must now live without them each day  
 And gave their eyesight away  
 Who'll not see another beautiful sunrise today  
 And be thankful for all those who carry the scars of war  
 Who with PTS no longer sleep peacefully anymore  
 And as you look upon your children's faces  
 And see all of their warm smiles in place this  
 Remember, remember, remember to say in your grace this  
 A prayer for all those children with tears upon their faces  
 Because their mommies or daddies aren't coming home no more  
 As each new holiday this heartache they must endure  
 And all those families separated by distance and war  
 Who on this Thanksgiving Day each other so long for  
 And all they ask  
 Is for your thanks to stand by them all steadfast  
 Be thankful this Thanksgiving Day,  
 for all of their most precious gifts the Armed Forces and families gave  
 And on this Thanksgiving sitting around the table  
 You, this Thanksgiving you for all our freedoms so bright  
 thankful for our freedom so bright,  
 be thankful for all of those heroes who fight the fight

## CONGRATULATING DIANA RUDEEN

**HON. ADAM KINZINGER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 20, 2014*

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Diana Rudeen who was elected President of the Department of Illinois' Ladies Auxiliary Veterans of Foreign Wars on June 14, 2014.

Diana joined the Ladies Auxiliary VFW in 1992 to honor her father, James Contizano, who served in the United States Army during the Korean War. Over the course of more than twenty years of service to the Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Diana has served as the Junior Vice President and President of the Clifford E. John Post in Loves Park, Illinois.

As a veteran, I especially appreciate Diana's special commitment to helping veterans coping with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury, addiction, and homelessness. As her special project she has chosen the Rosecrance Treatment Center in

Rockford, Illinois, which provides treatment for substance abuse and mental health disorders, including PTSD, and gives veterans of the U.S. armed forces priority admission status. I am incredibly proud to represent men and women, like Diana, who selflessly serve our nation's veterans and their families.

Today, I am honored to join with the members of the Clifford E. Johnson VFW Ladies Auxiliary and the VFW Post to honor Diana's many accomplishments and her election as President. Over 21,000 women are members of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW in Illinois and it is a testament to Diana's character and commitment to be chosen as their leader. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 16th District of Illinois, I wish to express our sincere thanks for all of the hard work Diana and all the women of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW have done for our veterans and our community and to congratulate Diana Rudeen on her well-deserved leadership position.

## HONORING JORDAN J. O'BRIEN

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 20, 2014*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jordan J. O'Brien. Jordan 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 1261, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jordan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jordan 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, Jordan has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in commending Jordan J. O'Brien 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  
ALICE LEE**HON. BRADLEY BYRNE**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 20, 2014*

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, there are some people you encounter in life who are just truly remarkable individuals. The first time I met Alice Lee from Monroe County, Alabama, I could tell she was one of them.

As a newly minted lawyer, I had to travel to Monroeville, Alabama, to work on a legal matter with a local lawyer by the name of Alice Lee. Ms. Lee was not just any lawyer though. As one of the few women who practiced law in Alabama before World War II, she was quite a dynamic figure.

She was an expert of the law and incredibly gracious to me. When she spoke on matters of the law, people listened. She continued to actively practice law until after her 100th Birthday, making her the oldest practicing attorney in Alabama history.

Outside of the courtroom, Alice Lee was very active in the United Methodist Church. In fact, she was the first female to lead the Alabama-West Florida Conference delegation to the church's general conference. She appropriately has an award named in her honor that is presented to other women who have shown a commitment to God and leadership.

As the years went by, on occasion I would stop by Monroeville to say hello to Ms. Lee and catch up. She was just the kind of person that you enjoyed being around.

Sadly, on November 17, Alice Lee died at the age of 103. No one will ever be able to fill her shoes as a true trailblazer and student of the law. Retired minister Thomas Lane Butts of Monroeville put it best when he said, "Whenever there was a question in the community that no one could answer, the saying was, 'Go ask Miss Alice. Her death is like the closing of a great library.'"

Mr. Speaker, I know I join with countless others throughout Monroeville and the state of Alabama in sharing our condolences with the family of Alice Lee. She will be deeply missed.

HONORING MRS. BONITA M. HERRING, INTERNATIONAL GRAND  
BASILEUS OF SIGMA GAMMA  
RHO SORORITY, INC.**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 20, 2014*

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate and honor, Mrs. Bonita M. Herring on the occasion of her re-election as the 24th International Grand Basileus of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. is a leading international, non-profit community service organization founded by seven African American educators November 12, 1922, on the campus of Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The mission of Sigma Gamma Rho is to enhance the quality of life within the community through public service, leadership development, and the education of youth. With more than 500 chapters in the United States, Bermuda, Virgin Islands, Germany, and Korea, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. has grown tremendously in Sisterhood, Scholarship, and Service.

Mrs. Herring embodies the highest ideals of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. She has served her community locally, regionally, and nationally with vigor and grace for over 40 years. Mrs. Herring's leadership and interpersonal skills are unparalleled. She has served on a myriad of boards, such as the Southeast Chamber of Commerce of Illinois and the National Coalition of Black Meeting Planners, and as Director of Recruitment for the College of Education at Chicago State University.

As the newly re-elected International Grand Basileus, Mrs. Herring represents the highest ideals of Sigma Gamma Rho which is encapsulated in the words of their motto: "Greater Service, Greater Progress." Mrs. Herring also served as the 22nd International First Grand Anti-Basileus from 2008–2012 and as Executive Director of the sorority for 23 years. She is the only Soror of Sigma Gamma Rho to hold the distinction of serving as both Executive Director and International Grand Basileus.