

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE  
OF KATHERINE AGNES McMILLAN

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2014*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of an extraordinary woman, Katherine Agnes McMillan, who passed away at the age of 89 on December 10, 2013. She was the youngest of nine children born to Irish immigrants, John Patrick and Margaret Kearns Trumble, and was the Valedictorian of her graduating class at Sacred Heart Academy.

Katherine McMillan served in the Navy as a nurse, and went on to serve her community uncommonly well as a devoted RN for 37 years at Sequoia Hospital where she worked in the Emergency Room and was a legend there.

After retiring from the nursing profession, Katherine launched a 'latchkey' day care program at St. Pius Catholic Church in Redwood City, the first of its kind in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. She provided quality child care for school age children with her trademarks of professionalism, discipline and caring.

Katherine gave generously of her time and considerable talents at Serra High School in San Mateo, the school her son Robert attended and she loved. She became the first woman to earn and be honored with the "In Via Award" by this all male school.

Katherine is survived by her beloved daughters, Katherine and Mary, her son Robert (Julie) and her two adored grandsons, Sean and Kenny.

I had the privilege of knowing Katherine McMillan for over three decades. With her Irish pride and her Boston accent, she was a force of nature, a loyal and loving friend, an extraordinary mother, and a woman of great faith. She lived her faith in all she did, and every day of her life was guided by it.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of a woman who will be greatly missed by all who had the good fortune to know her and never be forgotten. Katherine McMillan was a true patriot, a woman who loved her family deeply and served her community, her church and her country with great dedication and joy. For this, the entire U.S. House of Representatives extends its condolences to the McMillan family.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FRIDA  
BAZAN, WINNER OF 1ST HIS-  
PANIC HERITAGE MONTH ESSAY  
CONTEST

**HON. BLAKE FARENTHOLD**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2014*

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the winner of the 1st Annual

Hispanic Heritage Month Essay Contest for the 27th Congressional District of Texas.

Ms. Frida Bazan, from El Campo High School, in El Campo, Texas wrote the winning essay, entitled "Honoring My Hispanic Heritage." I ask that Ms. Bazan's essay be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. It reads as follows:

Hispanic Heritage makes a great influence in my life because it is a way of life. This culture is deeply important to me because it represents who I am, how I live my life, and how I view the world. All these characteristics form part of my life and personality, which I love, and lead me to proudly say that I am honored to be Hispanic.

Hispanic Heritage Month means celebrating our heritage by sharing stories and informing others of our traditions and customs, while honoring where we came from. As we share stories about the traditional Christmas posadas, Día de los Muertos celebrations, and the famous Grito de Independencia, we let others know more about our lives and at the same time spread our culture.

As a Hispanic, I have strict, conservative parents who have made me the person I am today. I have inherited ideas such as being respectful to our elders, the willingness to work, attending church, dedicating myself to help others, and above all being a strong person who overcomes obstacles I may face; these are important Hispanic characteristics that have been enforced to me by my parents and grandparents. All this has helped me during my lifetime and will continue to lead me in the correct path as I aspire for my life goals. I have many goals for my future, and my biggest dream is to one day become a physician assistant and make a difference in people's lives by helping those in need. My parents have taught me to use perseverance and never stop fighting for what I want because I can reach anything I put my mind to, and I know that with their advice and my hard dedication I can get very far in life. Hispanics are people who never give up when it comes to accomplishing their life goals and will face sacrifices and have dedication to reach their goals and persuade others to do the same.

Hispanic Heritage may fade away in families who move to live in the United States and adopt another culture. As a Hispanic, I consider it my duty to make sure that my heritage is not forgotten. As my parents have done with our family, I will ensure that our heritage is protected for generations by telling others about our traditions and customs. When I have a family of my own I will tell them all the memorable stories my parents told me about our family traditions. I will continue to use traditions, such as the piñatas, language, posadas, dances, and foods, to keep the Hispanic heritage alive in my life and inculcate those values to my descendants.

As a proud Hispanic I will never forget where my family's roots initiated. Even though I live in a different country with a different type of life and traditions, my Hispanic heritage will always remain in my memories and deep in my heart.

Congratulations to Frida Bazan for writing the winning essay. Thank you also for your participation in this contest and for sharing some of your traditions and customs. Best of luck to you in all your future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF MR. MARCUS  
KAUFFMAN

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2014*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Marcus Kauffman, a young man who tragically lost his life after being shot by home intruders on December 2nd of last year. He fought courageously to survive for three weeks before succumbing to his injuries.

Marcus Kauffman, often called Marco by friends and loved ones, was an outstanding citizen. He selflessly served as a volunteer firefighter with the Scotch Irish Fire Department in Woodleaf, North Carolina. As a firefighter, Marco heroically put himself in harm's way and displayed immense dedication to the safety of others. We are fortunate to have brave men and women like Marco who dedicate and risk their lives as firemen for our well-being and security.

Marco's life was taken much too soon. He will be remembered for his extraordinary heroism and devotion to his family in the face of danger. I applaud Marco for his bravery, and I thank him for his heroic and selfless actions.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Kauffman was a proven leader in our community, but he was also a loving husband, a soon to be father, and a faithful friend to many. My wife Renee and I will continue to pray for the family and loved ones of Marco, including his wife Maryann and their unborn child. I hope that they find peace in this troubling time.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SHINER  
HIGH SCHOOL COMANCHE  
MARCHING BAND

**HON. BLAKE FARENTHOLD**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2014*

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Shiner High School Marching Band on an outstanding accomplishment. On Monday, November 4, 2013, the 70-member Shiner High School marching band took first place in the 1A division of the state UIL marching contest at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas.

It was the first time in Shiner High School history that the marching band won the state championship. The band has come close to winning in the past, placing second at the state level in 2011, and fifth at the state level in 2007.

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Mr. Stephen Krupicka, the Comanche Marching Band director, should be honored for such extraordinary commitment to these students, leading the band to such an outstanding victory. To the members of the band, Congratulations on a job well done! Your hard work and dedication certainly paid off.

It should also be noted that I am nominating the Comanche Marching Band to perform at the National Memorial Day Concert Series in Washington, D.C. in May, 2014. The concert series will commemorate the 70th Anniversary of D-Day May 24th-26th.

Again, Congratulations to the Shiner High School Marching Band. The community stands behind you in all your future endeavors!

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR RONALD T. RILING II

**HON. MO BROOKS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2014*

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor Command Sergeant Major Ronald T. Riling II, the 14th Command Sergeant Major of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, on the occasion of his retirement following 31 years of exemplary service to the United States Army. He is one of only four Command Sergeants Major of Four Star Commands in the United States Army.

Command Sergeant Major Riling began his Army career in February 1983 as a 19D Cavalry Scout, completing his One Station Unit Training at Fort Knox, KY and will conclude his career as the personal advisor to the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Materiel Command on all enlisted-related matters; primarily focusing on the quality of life for Soldiers, Civilians and Families across the command; and Command Sergeant Major Riling has performed admirably and honorably at home and abroad.

His career achievements include three successful combat tours, two in Iraq and one in Haiti. CSM Riling's awards and decorations include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit (2nd OLC), Bronze Star (1st OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (Silver OLC), Army Commendation Medal (3rd OLC), Army Achievement Medal (4th OLC), and many other awards; and as Command Sergeant Major Riling's career winds down, he will be remembered for many of his attributes—strength of character, steadfast courage and superior and compassionate leadership. He will also be remembered and admired for being a "Soldier's Soldier".

As Command Sergeant Major Riling and his wife, Melinda, begin the next phase of their lives, I am pleased that they are retiring in my Congressional district. I want to express the warmest regards and heartfelt gratitude of the Nation for all that they have done and all that the Riling family has sacrificed to support the defense of the United States of America.

On behalf of all those touched by his service, we wish Command Sergeant Major Riling good luck, good ground, and Godspeed. Army Strong!

HONORING A-10 PILOTS BRIGADIER GENERAL MACKEY AND LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROE

**HON. VICKY HARTZLER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2014*

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the brave airmen of the 442d Fighter Wing of Whiteman Air Force Base.

Specifically, I want to commend the A-10 pilots who courageously protected Sergeant Mauricio Alejandro Arias and 16 of his fellow soldiers as they came under fire while serving in Afghanistan.

I sincerely applaud Colonel James Mackey (now Brigadier General Mackey) and Lieutenant Colonel Tony Roe for their actions of June 5, 2008, as they provided close air support for 17 soldiers of the 201st Engineer Battalion of the Kentucky National Guard. The soldiers were pinned down for a lengthy time by enemy heavy-arms fire and running low on ammunition when these pilots intervened and suppressed the enemy threat. Sergeant Arias credits these pilots for saving his and the lives of 16 fellow soldiers that day and I stand with him in recognizing the heroic acts of these two pilots.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in applauding the bravery and commitment to service that General Mackey, Lieutenant Colonel Roe and the airmen of the 442d Fighter Wing exemplify. In doing so, they ask for no recognition, yet they protect our way of life while risking their own and are very deserving of such recognition.

TRIBUTE TO GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2014*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the 2013 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Football Champions, the Grand View University Vikings.

Grand View University is one of eighty-five football programs across the country that compete in the NAIA. Each year, the best teams in the association qualify for the post-season playoffs to determine a national champion. Only six years after establishing a football program, the Grand View University Vikings have expertly developed a top-tier football team. On December 21, 2013, Grand View obtained its first-ever national football championship by defeating the top-ranked University of the Cumberland by a score of 35-23. The Vikings finished the 2013 season with a perfect 14-0 record and the top NAIA ranking.

Grand View University's recent success on the football field is emblematic of its long-held mission for both academics and athletics. Since its founding in 1896, Grand View has instilled its students with an uncompromising focus on the traditional Danish perspective of the "whole person." Through this perspective, each of Grand View's 2,300 students is uniquely enabled to reach their potential through high expectations, smaller class sizes,

and greater individual attention from professors and coaches. It is through this winning formula that Grand View University has positioned itself among our state's premier universities.

Mr. Speaker, the pride and excitement that this team has brought to their campus and to the state of Iowa cannot be understated. The unrelenting commitment of these coaches and players speaks volumes about the Iowa work ethic and the rewards of working together. It is truly an honor to represent the players, coaches and families of this team in the United States Congress and I invite my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating our 2013 NAIA National Champions. I wish President Henning, Coach Woodley, and all the students of Grand View University continued success, both on and off the field, for many years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF THE HONORABLE HOWARD M. HOLTZMANN

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2014*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of an extraordinary man, Judge Howard Holtzmann, who passed away hours before his 92nd birthday on December 9, 2013.

Howard was the son of the late Lillian Plotz Holtzmann and Jacob L. Holtzmann. He attended the Poly Prep Country Day School, Yale College and Yale Law School. He loved all things 'Yale' and served it in many ways for seven decades, earning the prestigious award of the Yale Medal in 2006. Yale was one of many beneficiaries of Howard Holtzmann's legendary philanthropy. He endowed the Jewish Chaplaincy at Yale, the first such position at an American college campus. He also endowed a professorship in international law and established fellowships in that field.

Judge Holtzmann, a brilliant attorney, was an original member of the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal and served as a member of the United States Delegation to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law. An acknowledged expert in arbitration, he wrote and edited many books and treatises on the subject. He held leadership positions as a trustee or member of many organizations, including the Jewish Theological Seminary, St. Bonaventure University, the American Foreign Law Association, the Environmental Law Institute, Pace Law, the American Arbitration Association and the New York Weill Cornell Council.

Judge Holtzmann is survived by his beloved wife, Carol, and his devoted daughters, Susie and Betsey. He also leaves his grandsons, McLaren (Jodi), Anthony (Erin) and Abe Noyes, and Jill van Berg (David Manella), Elizabeth van Berg and Allison van Berg. He also leaves five great-grandchildren, and at the time of his death was aware that a sixth was due within days. He also leaves his stepdaughter Louise Mullen (Henry) and his stepson William van Berg. He was preceded in death by his first wife Anne Fisher Holtzmann and his step-son, Peter van Berg.

I have the privilege of knowing Judge Holtzmann's daughter, Susie Richardson, a