

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

BEVERLY O'NEILL, A LONG BEACH
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HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 1, 2014

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, as Women's History Month comes to a close for 2014, I think it is appropriate to highlight the life and work of one of the most influential and iconic women from my district: Beverly O'Neill.

She was an educator, a mayor, and a leader. She remains a dear friend to me and an icon to a huge portion of Long Beach.

Her determined guidance, over an unprecedented three terms as Mayor from 1994 to 2006, led the City of Long Beach through a transformation from "the smallest big city" on the West Coast to a thriving international destination and gateway known throughout the world.

Born in Long Beach as Beverly Joy Lewis before the city became a World War II Navy boomtown, Beverly attended Polytechnic High School and went on to graduate from California State University, Long Beach. She eventually earned not one, not two, but five different teaching credentials and spent 31 years as an educator at Long Beach City College before becoming the college's President in 1988.

Shortly after being elected as mayor of Long Beach in 1994, as only the second directly elected mayor in city history, she and the city faced the closure of the Long Beach Naval Shipyard and the tens of thousands of city jobs connected to it. Her resolute determination and leadership to keep the city on an even keel during this difficult time and her empathy and compassion for those impacted by the job cuts endeared her to many in the city.

In her election to a second term in 1998, she received 80 percent of the vote. She continued to guide the city past its reliance on a single industry as the core employer in the city, focusing instead on a diversified economic base.

Termed out in 2002, Beverly decided to run for a third term as a write-in candidate. The citizens of Long Beach gave her a third term and made her the first mayor of a major U.S. city to be elected in a write-in campaign.

By the time she stepped down in 2006, Long Beach had made the difficult economic transition from Navy town to an international gateway and home to one of the busiest maritime ports in the Western Hemisphere.

Still a powerful force for good in the city, Beverly remains busy with numerous civic boards.

Her disarming and unshakable positivity for the city she loved, her compassion for the people she served, and the incredible leadership with which she inspired a generation of citizens has left an indelible mark on the history and the future of Long Beach.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF HEIDI CUSICK DICKERSON

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague MIKE THOMPSON to honor Heidi Cusick Dickerson, who is transitioning from her position as Congressional Representative after nine years of service and dedication to the people of Mendocino County.

Heidi served as Mendocino District Representative for Congressman MIKE THOMPSON for eight years, and has served as a District Representative in my Ukiah office since the beginning of the 113th Congress. Heidi is a recognized leader in the county. The residents of our Congressional Districts are better off today thanks to the work of Heidi Cusick Dickerson. Her passion for advocating for individuals in need of federal assistance as well as for championing community issues is unparalleled.

Throughout her time working on behalf of the people of Mendocino County, she has championed many successful projects, ranging from saving the Anderson Valley Health Clinic to ensuring that the Veterans History Project was a success each year. A dedicated public servant, Heidi coordinated a housing foreclosure conference to benefit the people of Mendocino and honored countless deserving citizens by presenting them with certificates of recognition on behalf of their Representative. A passionate advocate for Mendocino, Heidi continuously promoted the county's food and wine industries. Heidi worked tirelessly to secure appropriations for the Fort Bragg Coastal Trail and played an instrumental role in bringing the Point Arena-Stornetta public lands on the Mendocino coast into National Monument status this March. In addition, Heidi forged an historic partnership between tribal, state and federal agencies to protect salmon from poaching on the Garcia River.

Heidi's unyielding dedication to advocating on behalf of the people of our beloved county is greatly appreciated by the entire Mendocino community. We know that she will continue to be an ardent advocate for all things Mendocino and we wish her continued success in the future. Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor and thank Heidi for her nine years of invaluable service to the people of Mendocino County.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 1, 2014

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote No. 141, I was unable to attend. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

CALLING FOR DEPORTATION RELIEF AND FOR THE SWIFT ENACTMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 1, 2014

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call on my colleagues to expand the deferred action guidelines to provide deportation relief for the immediate relatives of U.S. citizens, Legal Permanent Residents and DREAMers. Earlier this month, I joined some of my colleagues in asking President Obama to use his prosecutorial discretion at all levels of immigration enforcement proceedings.

A majority of my colleagues and I are committed to comprehensive immigration reform and have demanded a vote on the House Floor. It is imperative that the House put politics aside and work together to reach a compromise that will benefit our country, strengthen our economy, and allow 11 million people to step out of the shadows. The House must enact immigration reform that is fair and reflects the highest values of our nation. We are a country of immigrants and how we treat those who aspire to be citizens reflects our democracy's commitment to uphold the moral principles upon which our nation was built.

As we continue to fight for comprehensive immigration reform, we cannot ignore the fact that families and communities are being torn apart on a daily basis. The impact of watching a parent, sibling or child being ripped away from the family unit is crushing and causes untold damage. We must restore judicial discretion and expand deferred action guidelines to provide deportation relief to immigrants who have done nothing wrong but seek a better life for their children, their families, and themselves.

TRIBUTE TO SUSAN BRITA

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 1, 2014

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a distinguished, dedicated and tireless civil servant, Susan Brita. Over 31 years, she has been a woman of unique and unmatched talent and expertise serving our government.

Ms. Brita is a 25 year resident of my congressional district, living in the City of Alexandria. She has held many high level positions over the years, as a chief of staff, Staff Director of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and most recently, Deputy Administrator at the General Services

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Administration. An invaluable champion for good governance, she is widely admired and deeply respected by countless colleagues and friends in the federal agencies and the U.S. Congress. Susan is a problem solver, tenacious ally, tough advocate and I'm proud to call her a friend.

Susan's expert work and support for managing federal facilities around the country has made our country stronger. She has been the author of legislation to develop highly visible projects in our nation's capital, such as the Old Post Office, the Southeast Federal Center, and the International Cultural Trade Center. These buildings will have an enduring influence on the topography of Washington, DC for centuries to come. As a dedicated civil servant and true patriot, Ms. Brita's leadership has set the bar high for those to come after her, and she will be solely missed.

Mr. Speaker, congratulations is in order for a job well done!

IN RECOGNITION OF THE EASTERN
KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY BASKET-
BALL TEAM

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 1, 2014

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts and accomplishments of the Eastern Kentucky University basketball team.

Throughout this season, these young athletes have shown a tremendous commitment to their team, ending their regular season with a record of 24 wins and 10 losses. Although everyone who is part of an athletic team shares in its ups and downs throughout the season, the leadership shown by Eastern Kentucky's seniors is commendable. In my opinion, there is no greater way to be an example of leadership than to lead by example. This was proven throughout the Colonels' season.

As one of only eight teams to represent East Kentucky in the school's history, their appearance in the NCAA tournament is a testament of their unity and drive as a team. During the tournament, they played valiantly in a close game against the Kansas Jayhawks. I am happy to see this type of dedication being applied by the students of the Sixth District, and I know their drive and determination will serve them well in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF CHRISTINE ANDERSON

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 1, 2014

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleague MIKE THOMPSON today to recognize Christine Anderson, who is transitioning from her position as congressional representative after nine years of service and dedication to the people of Mendocino County.

Christine served as a Mendocino Constituent Services Representative for Congressman MIKE THOMPSON for eight years, and as a Field Representative for Congressman JARED HUFFMAN since the beginning of the

113th Congress. She is renowned in the county for her exceptional management of constituent services as she helped countless individuals throughout the region tackle challenging issues. From veterans services to homeowners facing foreclosures to senior citizens, Christine has worked tirelessly to improve conditions for others. Her work with the Congressional Art Competition and Veterans History Projects touched many students and community members, promoting educational and cultural experiences of the highest quality. Christine's sense of grace, professionalism, and compassion provided many Mendocino residents with the highest level of care and positive problem-solving on a variety of difficult issues, and she will be missed.

The residents of our congressional districts are better off today thanks to the work of Christine Anderson. Her commitment to advocating for individuals in need of federal assistance is appreciated and we wish her continued success in the future. Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor and thank Christine for her nine years of invaluable service to the people of Mendocino County.

2014 MAYORS DAY OF RECOGNITION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 1, 2014

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support the 2014 Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service. The service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges. The nation's Mayors are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet city needs.

They address the most pressing challenges facing our cities and nation, from educating students for jobs of the 21st century and supporting veterans and military families to providing health services and helping communities recover from natural disasters. National service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities and providing education, career skills, and leadership abilities for those who serve.

National service participants serve in more than 60,000 locations across the country, including ninety service locations in Tucson bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our city's economic and social well-being. More than five hundred national service participants of all ages and backgrounds serve in Tucson, providing vital support to city residents and improving the quality of life in our city.

National service represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; including more than \$3,439,824 in Tucson. They demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors.

The Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with mayors nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities. They are joining with the National League of Cities, City of Service,

and mayors across the country to recognize the impact of service on the Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service on April 1, 2014.

We commend all of those who participate in national service for their dedication to the betterment of their communities.

HONORING PEGGY KIRK BELL,
FIRST FEMALE CPGA HALL OF
FAME INDUCTEE

HON. RENEE L. ELLMERS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 1, 2014

Mrs. ELLMERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great pride to extend sincere congratulations to Southern Pines' very own Peggy Kirk Bell. On February 16, Peggy made history as the first female inductee into the Carolinas PGA Hall of Fame. For 33 years, the CPGA Hall of Fame has honored and praised individuals living within the Carolinas for their remarkable contributions to the game of golf, and Mrs. Bell's induction is long overdue.

Peggy is a golf legend with numerous accomplishments. She has shepherded the way for women golfers by being known as the first widely acclaimed teacher of women's golf, serving as a Charter Member of the LPGA, and also as chairwoman of the largest girl's golf tour in the country. Through the Peggy Kirk Bell Girls Golf Tour, she has provided top-level competitive golfing opportunities to thousands of girls across the Carolinas.

In 1949, Peggy won the North & South Amateur Women's title at Pinehurst No. 2 and was selected to become a member of the 1950 USGA Curtis Cup Team. She was the winner of the first LPGA Senior Championship, and the first woman inductee into Golf Magazine's World Golf Teacher Hall of Fame. In addition to her personal accomplishments, Bell has advocated to have major golf championships played in the Carolinas, several of which were hosted at her own resort: The Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club.

The second district of North Carolina is fortunate to have someone who has dedicated their lifetime to promoting the game of golf and expanding opportunities to young girls across the state. She is an inspiration to all within the golf industry, and her induction into the Carolinas PGA Hall of Fame rightfully cements her place in history.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
METROPOLITAN PHILIP SALIBA

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 1, 2014

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Metropolitan Philip Saliba. His Eminence Metropolitan Philip was the Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America since 1966.

Born in Lebanon, Metropolitan Philip led the American Antiochian Orthodox church through the latter half of the twentieth century and ushered the church into the new millennium before passing away this past March. Throughout his life, he continually ministered to the