

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING TROY SPRING

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Troy Spring. Troy 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 374, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Troy has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Troy 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, Troy has earned the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, become a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and led his troop as the Patrol Leader. Troy has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Troy led a team in removing and replacing more than 300 feet of fencing at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Kansas City, Missouri. The fenced area houses a Cars Ministry facility, which provides basic car maintenance for single mothers and low-income families.

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

### HONORING THE LIFE OF CECIL MOZEL BAILEY

#### HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life of Cecil Mozel Bailey who recently passed away on February 23 at the age of 91. Cecil was a man of God dedicated to his faith, family, and community. I consider myself fortunate to count Cecil and his family as personal friends and I know he will be greatly missed.

Cecil was born on November 11, 1922, in Grand Saline, Texas. The values of family and hard work were ingrained in Cecil from an early age as he grew up helping his parents, Harvey and Tennie Fisher Bailey, on the family farm. After graduating from Grand Saline High School, he received an offer to play football for Arlington State College. Cecil then decided to serve his country in the United States Army where he was stationed in Germany.

After returning home from war, Cecil and his wife Wanda raised their family together while Cecil worked as a warehouse superintendent with A&P Grocery in Dallas and served as a Sunday school teacher and deacon at Urban Park Baptist Church.

Following the passing of his wife Wanda, Cecil returned to Grand Saline, where he later married again. He and his wife, Irene, then moved to Canton where they retired. His faith was important to him, and together, Cecil and Irene Bailey helped start Lakeside Baptist Church. Cecil continued to actively serve the Lord as the Chairman of the deacons.

Family was always important to Cecil. The Baileys enjoyed many trips together, traveling to Israel, Hawaii, Alaska, New England, and Branson. Cecil also spent time growing large vegetable gardens, canning produce, and sharing what he grew with his family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Cecil Bailey. He was a man who fully believed in the values of faith, family, and community. I believe everyone can benefit from his example and the life he lived.

### TRIBUTE TO ASHLEY JARED

#### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Ashley Jared of the Iowa Finance Authority in Des Moines, Iowa, for being named a 2014 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2014 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of nearly 600 business leaders and growing.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Ashley in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Ms. Jared for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Ashley on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2014 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

### RECOGNIZING KENT HANCE FOR HIS DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE STATE OF TEXAS AND TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

#### HON. ROGER WILLIAMS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a good friend of mine, a great friend of Texas, and one of the finest examples of a public servant: Texas Tech University System Chancellor Kent Hance. In his nearly 8 years as head of Texas Tech, Chancellor Hance has become a staple in the community and a beloved figure on campus.

Famous for knowing every Texas mascot, a trait that he and I share, students are often greeted by him with a fist bump and a quiz on high school mascots while on their way to class. From the Itasca Wampus Cats to the Hamlin Pied Pipers, there's not a student on campus he hasn't won over with his down-to-earth demeanor and palpable dedication to the students.

Under Chancellor Hance's leadership, Texas Tech has repeatedly broken its enrollment records for the last five years, with more than 33,000 enrolled in the fall of 2013. The university has grown, expanded, and renovated, putting it on track to reach the university's milestone goal of 40,000 students by 2020. With the incredible achievement of not only reaching, but surpassing the \$1 billion goal during the most ambitious fundraising effort ever undertaken by Texas Tech, Chancellor Hance has certainly set the stage for success in Lubbock, TX. His quick wit, famous stories and steadfast dedication to his alma mater will certainly be missed upon his retirement.

I wish my friend Kent Hance the best of luck in his next endeavor and thank him for the tremendous legacy he is still creating. From his early days in Texas politics, to his service in the U.S. Congress, to his successful law firm, Chancellor Hance makes a difference everywhere he goes. He lives by his own motto to "dream no little dreams," and I look forward to seeing what his dreams have in store for him, and for us, next.

### TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT AFFIRMATION AND NAVAL VESSEL TRANSFER ACT OF 2014

SPEECH OF

#### HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 7, 2014*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the passage of this reaffirmation of the Taiwan Relations Act and to the longstanding relationship between the United States and Taiwan. The Taiwan Relations Act,

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TRA, helped codify our pledge to the people of Taiwan and serves as a reminder that the continued support and strengthening of U.S.-Taiwan relations aids our mutual interests and shared values.

Over the last few decades, Taiwan has emerged as a global leader in innovative technology and the heart of Asia's IT and Knowledge Economy sectors. Through the implementation of sound free-market policies and promotion of democratic ideals, we have seen a small agrarian economy transform itself into a growing global leader in the technology sector. Taiwan is now the world's second largest producer of ICT goods, and companies like Acer and HTC are now household names.

Our mutually beneficial cooperation and exchange with Taiwan has helped dozens of American companies meet their ever-growing demand for equipment and expertise. The partnerships between American and Taiwanese innovators and job creators ensured a virtuous cycle of economic development in Taiwan and lower costs for American consumers.

The U.S. should welcome Taiwanese participation in efforts to advance regional economic integration, such as the Trans Pacific Partnership. Taiwan is one of the region's most dynamic economies and its entry into the TPP will substantially expand the market encompassed by the agreement. Additionally, Taiwan's recent experience transitioning from a developing, domestically focused economy to a globally integrated economy will be invaluable as TPP partners make difficult choices and reforms to comply with higher standards set by TPP.

As a longstanding friend of Taiwan, I am proud to voice my support for this resolution today. Few could have foreseen the political and economic progress that Taiwan has undergone since 1979. Our commitment to broadening and deepening our commercial and investment linkages with Taiwan will ensure that the spirit of the TRA endures and contributes to mutual prosperity on both sides of the Pacific.

#### A TRIBUTE TO BRENDA LEVIN

### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Brenda Levin of Los Angeles, upon receiving the 2014 Rose Award from the Los Angeles Parks Foundation. The Rose Award is being given to Ms. Levin for her extraordinary contributions to the quality of life in Los Angeles.

Ms. Levin received her education in graphic design at Carnegie Mellon and New York Universities and in architecture at the Harvard Graduate School of Design. Born in New York, Ms. Levin moved to Los Angeles in 1976 and worked for architect John Lautner for two years. Ms. Levin's first project in Los Angeles with the firm Group Arcon was renovation of the James Oviatt building. She then established her own architecture and urban planning firm, Levin & Associates Architects, in Los Angeles in the year 1980.

In the 1980s, Ms. Levin connected with the urban revitalization pioneers, who successfully

revived segments of the city that had been disregarded. Ms. Levin is known for revitalizing Los Angeles's urban, historic, and cultural forum and pioneering in the preservation of significant historical landmarks. Noteworthy examples of her historic preservation and adaptive re-use work on Los Angeles's most valued icons include: the Bradbury Building, Grand Central Market, Wilton Theater, Los Angeles City Hall, and Griffith Observatory.

Ms. Levin's portfolio also incorporates designing new institutional, commercial, and multi-family housing facilities. In addition, she has been involved in the design of cultural buildings such as: The Boone Gallery at the Huntington Library, National Center for the Preservation of Democracy, the Autry National Center and Southwest Museums. More recent projects include Dodger Stadium, Wilshire Boulevard Temple, the Hercules Campus at Playa Vista, and Los Angeles County's Ford Amphitheatre.

Ms. Levin's exceptional work has been recognized with numerous awards. She is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects and the AIA/Los Angeles selected her recipient of the 2010 Gold Metal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual. A significant virtue of Ms. Levin's work has been the preservation of historical sites for generations to come.

I hereby ask all Members of Congress to join me in honoring Brenda Levin for her exemplary service and commitment to the Los Angeles community.

#### TRIBUTE TO JASON KIESAU

### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Jason Kiesau of Merit Resources in Urbandale, Iowa, for being named a 2014 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2014 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of nearly 600 business leaders and growing.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Jason in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mr. Kiesau for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Jason on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2014 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

#### INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING A DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM AT THE FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

### HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is critical that we continue to improve access for women and minorities to jobs and contract opportunities in the field of transportation.

As the Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials I am introducing legislation today establishing a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program at the Federal Railroad Administration so that women and minority owned businesses will be guaranteed participation in any new passenger and high speed rail initiatives.

The U.S. Department of Transportation has been the leader in ensuring minority and women owned participation in transportation projects, advocating for a reasonable 10% set aside for businesses that often struggle to compete on an uneven playing field with larger firms. Currently, each of the other modes of transportation have a successful DBE program, and it is critical that the Federal Railroad Administration develop a program for these same businesses.

The Congressional Black Caucus has made strengthening Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) programs at the Department of Transportation a top priority, and will continue to push to ensure that these worthy goals are being met.

This legislation will keep the American Dream alive for many women and minority owned companies and I encourage its swift passage and implementation.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE LUZERNE COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS

### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the men and women of Luzerne County Emergency Responders and Public Safety Telecommunicators, who on April 12, 2014 will hold a Public Safety Open House to celebrate National County Government Month and National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

Emergencies that require police, fire, or emergency medical services can occur at any time. When an emergency occurs, the prompt response of police officers, firefighters, and paramedics is critical to saving lives and protecting homes. The safety and success of our police officers and firefighters depends upon the quality and accuracy of information provided through the Luzerne County 911 communications center.

Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services. They serve as the