

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF MR. EDWARD H. ZIPPERER

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Edward H. Zipperer of Savannah, GA. Mr. Zipperer's ancestors immigrated to Savannah in 1734 from Salzburg, Austria, after the Trustees of the Georgia Colony invited the Zipperers from Salzburg to become part of the colony, which was settled only the year before.

Edward Zipperer was born in Savannah, GA, in the year 1931. He was raised on a farm on U.S. 17 South, adjacent to the Bamboo Farm. He went on to play football at Savannah High School and earn a degree in agricultural engineering from the University of Georgia in 1954.

In 1965, a few friends asked Edward to coach the Richmond Hill High School basketball team, one of only 16 integrated basketball teams in the state. While he had never played much basketball, his biggest concern in taking over was how to feed an integrated team on the road. His solution? He bought a hot dog machine with his own money and enlisted his wife to cook hot dogs for the team. Edward led the team to finish 10th in the state that year.

Edward served in the Georgia State Senate from 1967 to 1975 and was on thirteen separate committees during his tenure. He says his experience in the Georgia State Senate was "a great education for a little ole country boy." Some highlights of his career as a State Senator are the constructions of Skidaway Island State Park, Fort McAllister State Park, and King's Ferry Ogeechee River public recreational area. It is obvious that he was truly committed to conserving and protecting the rich land of south Georgia for future generations.

Edward H. Zipperer has been an outstanding citizen and public servant for the great state of Georgia. Although he has been out of office for some time now, Mr. Zipperer is still very involved in public affairs and is a frequent visitor to my office in Washington, DC. I am proud to call him a close friend of mine and of the city of Savannah.

TO ACKNOWLEDGE VOLUNTEER FAIRFAX AND THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2014 SERVICE AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise to commend and express my sincere appreciation to Volunteer Fairfax and the extraordinary honorees of the 22nd Annual Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards.

Volunteer Fairfax matches the skills and interests of volunteers to the needs of local non-profit organizations. In a single year, more than 18,500 volunteers contributed a total of 55,683 service hours valued in excess of \$1.2 million. This outpouring of generosity enables hundreds of public and private non-profit agencies to meet crucial community needs.

Each year from this group of extraordinary volunteers, Volunteer Fairfax selects a few exceptional individuals to be honored. It is my great pleasure to submit the names of the 2014 Service Award honorees into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Community Champions: Cheryl McDonald, Braddock District; Margaret Malone, Dranesville District; Amy's Amigos, Hunter Mill District; Bill Shuttleworth, Lee District; Mary Patricia Daniels, Mason District; Louise Cleveland, Mount District; The Oakton Virginia Stake, Providence District; Jim Kirkpatrick, Springfield District; Amrit Daryanani, Sully District; Scott Wheatley, At-Large.

Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Over: Ahsleigh Soloff.

Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Under: Patti Schule.

Adult Volunteer Group: Friends of Richard Byrd Library.

Corporate Volunteer Program: BB&T.

Fairfax County Volunteer: John Bauer.

Fairfax County Volunteer Program: Ready to Read.

Family Volunteer: Anna and Kat Hayes.

Lifetime Achievement: Ramona Watson Morrow.

Rising Star: Nicholas Hartigan.

Senior Volunteer: Doris Crawford.

Volunteer Program: Food for Others.

Youth Volunteer: Jonah Basl.

Youth Volunteer Group: National Charity League—Cherry Blossom Chapter.

Integrate Individual: Roberto Quinones.

Integrate Group: St. Stephen's United Methodist Church.

RSVP Northern Virginia: Sharon Page.

In addition, Benchmark Honors will be awarded in four different categories to commend those who have contributed 100, 250, 500, or 1,000 hours of volunteer time to our community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in acknowledging Volunteer Fairfax for its decades of outstanding community service and in thanking the 2014 Service Award honorees for their incredible contributions to our community.

HONORING GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Hannah Luce, Samantha Plouviez, and Meredith Waites on receiving the Girl Scout Gold Award.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award in Girl Scouting. Being honored with the Girl Scout Gold Award is the culmination of a lot of hard work, dedication, and a commitment to serving others. Through their efforts, Hannah, Samantha, and Meredith have made our communities a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Girl Scouts today benefit from tangible outcomes such as a strong sense of self, practical life skills, healthy relationships, and feeling empowered to make a difference. In Southwest Missouri, Girl Scouts give back to their community with thousands of hours of community service each year.

Folks in Southwest Missouri should be proud to know that the Girl Scout program remains strong and provides a significant opportunity for girls today to learn and grow. I too am proud and honored to know that young girls like Hannah, Samantha and Meredith in the 7th District of Missouri are demonstrating positive values and strong leadership skills—and will continue to do so for years to come.

I again want to congratulate Hannah Luce, Samantha Plouviez, and Meredith Waites on receiving the Girl Scout Gold Award.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DOWNTOWN EAST HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC TEAM

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the members of the Downingtown East High School Academic Team of Chester County, Pennsylvania on winning the Pennsylvania state academic competition on Friday, May 2, 2014.

This year marked the first time a Downingtown high school academic team has made it to the state competition since 2003 when the senior high school was split into two schools, Downingtown East and Downingtown West High Schools. Downingtown East advanced to the state competition following a thrilling first place victory in the Chester County Academic Competition. With this state championship win, the Team is now eligible to participate in the National Scholastic Championship held in Washington, D.C. on May 24th and 25th.

The Downingtown East High School Varsity Team includes: Neel Alex, Angela Cai, Varun Giridhar, Vis Lanka, Victoria Pan, Sarah Schieferstein, Neil Vinjamuri, Zack Weber and Nicholas Wu. The Junior Varsity team consists of: Erin Breslin, Nellie Butler, Megan Harley, Kaushik Manchikanti and Matt Roberts. The Teams are ably led by coach Daryl McCauley.

Mr. Speaker, in light of their outstanding accomplishment and commitment to academic excellence, we ask that our colleagues join me today in recognizing the members of the Downingtown East High School Academic Team of Chester County, Pennsylvania.

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2014 CONGRESSIONAL LAW
ENFORCEMENT AWARDS**HON. VERN BUCHANAN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to law enforcement men and women who have provided distinctive service to the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District.

Law enforcement is a demanding profession that requires sacrifice, courage and a dedication to serve others. Every day, brave men and women put themselves in harm's way to enforce the laws of our society and protect public safety. They deserve our gratitude and respect.

Three years ago, I established the 16th District Congressional Law Enforcement Awards, CLEA, to give special recognition to law enforcement officers, departments, or units for exceptional achievement.

This year, I will present congressional law enforcement awards to the following winners chosen by an independent panel comprised of current and retired law enforcement personnel representing a cross-section of the district's law enforcement community.

Detective Jake Barlow of the Venice Police Department will receive the Dedication and Professionalism Award.

Corporal David Brunner of the Florida Highway Patrol will receive the Career Service Award.

Corporal Edward Kish of Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority Police Department will receive the Preservation of Life Award.

Sergeant Michael Laden of the North Port Police Department will receive the Dedication and Professionalism Award.

Investigator John Morningstar of the Bradenton Police Department will receive the Dedication and Professionalism Award.

Detective Joseph Rogers of the Palmetto Police Department will receive the Dedication and Professionalism Award.

Deputy Joseph Scott of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office will receive the Preservation of Life Award.

Task Force Officer Michael J. Skoumal of the Bradenton Police Department, assigned to U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration Tampa Office, will receive the Career Service Award.

Sergeant Randy Thompson of the Longboat Key Police Department will receive the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award.

Investigator Lynn Thomson of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office will receive the Dedication and Professionalism Award.

Detective Miguel Torres of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office will receive the Dedication and Professionalism Award.

Lieutenant Tom Ware of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will receive the Career Service Award.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
JUDGE HUEY RONALD HAM**HON. JACK KINGSTON**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of the late Judge Huey Ronald

Ham. Judge Ham was a dedicated public servant, a loving husband, and a wonderful father. He devoted his life to serving the greater good of our community. He was a high school teacher for Vocational Agriculture for thirty years at Brantley County High School. He was also the Chief Magistrate Judge from 1984 to 2000.

Judge Ham was born in Lulaton, Georgia, on October 2, 1937. After graduating from Nahunta High School, he attended Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, GA. Following Junior College, he attended the University of Georgia before joining the U.S. Army. After his honorable service to our country, Judge Ham returned to the University of Georgia and earned his degree in Vocational Education in Agriculture.

In addition to his professional success, Judge Ham was also considered a local history expert. He was the driving force behind the Geortner Mumford Library and the Confederate Wall in Waynesville. He helped locate a Confederate Army cemetery where forty soldiers are buried. Judge Ham also served on the 6th Senatorial District for the Democratic Party, the Airport Advisory Board, and a volunteer EMT. He was also appointed by Governor Zell Miller in 1994 to the Coastal Zone Advisory Board.

Judge Huey Ronald Ham passed away on April 7, 2014, at his residence following an extended illness. Judge Ham will be remembered as not only a great family man, but also as an outstanding public servant. I am truly honored to be able to call Judge Huey Ronald Ham a friend. He was a straight shooter who was always looking out for his community. He will be deeply missed by his community, family, and friends.

IRENE WRIGHT TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Irene Wright from Pueblo, Colorado. After 35 years of service to Pueblo Bank & Trust, Ms. Wright is retiring to spend time with her husband, two sons and three grandsons.

Ms. Wright followed in her mother's footsteps and began working at Pueblo Bank & Trust 35 years ago. Through hard work and dedication, Ms. Wright moved her way up in the organization, starting out on their cleaning crew, moving to the kitchen staff, and becoming a teller in the mid-1980s. Since then, she has been promoted to a supervisor, and has helped the bank open many Colorado branches. For sixty years, someone from the Wright family has been a part of PB&T.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Wright's hard work and dedication serve as an example to us all. I know I speak for every customer and employee at PB&T when I say we will miss seeing her cheerful face, but I wish her all the best as she moves into a well-deserved retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF U.S. DISTRICT
OF ARIZONA CHIEF JUDGE JOHN
ROLL**HON. PAUL A. GOSAR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, on April 24, 2014, I was honored to speak at the dedication of the new John M. Roll United States Courthouse in Yuma, Arizona. I joined former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, Senators MCCAIN and FLAKE, Mayor Nicholls of Yuma and others at the ceremony.

I was able to take a tour of this new courthouse and it is remarkable. It is filled with natural light and the carpets look like an aerial view of Yuma County's agricultural fields. It's fitting that this impressive U.S. Courthouse is named after an impressive man, one who dedicated his life to justice and to upholding the rule of law.

U.S. District of Arizona Chief Judge John Roll, who was killed by a gunman at Congresswoman Giffords's event outside Tucson in 2011, served Arizona and our nation honorably for four decades. He was a wise and gracious man, who not only talked the talk but walked the walk. I hope that all those who work in the courthouse in the years to come will honor the legacy of Chief Judge Roll by executing the law with Lady Justice in mind: impartially, fairly and objectively—just as Chief Judge Roll did.

RECOGNIZING SCORE ORLANDO

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize SCORE Orlando on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. Since 1964, SCORE has helped more than 10 million Americans on their path to entrepreneurship.

SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to helping small businesses get off the ground, grow and achieve their goals through education and mentorship. Thanks to dedicated volunteers, the Small Business Administration, and other partners, SCORE Orlando is able to offer its services at little to no cost to their customers.

In 2013 alone, SCORE volunteers donated over one million hours nationwide. These volunteers helped start up more than 38,500 companies, create over 67,300 jobs, increase revenue for 40,000 clients and mentor and train more than 124,600 business owners and entrepreneurs.

I am pleased to recognize SCORE Orlando for its dedication to equipping entrepreneurs with tools for fulfilling and successful careers, and I thank the SCORE Orlando volunteers for continuing to bolster the economy as well as the passions of people who are driven by new ideas, hard work and the desire to succeed.