

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING SUBWAY FOUNDER FRED DELUCA

#### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 2, 2015*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with the heaviest of hearts that I rise today to pay tribute to one of Connecticut's and this nation's most successful entrepreneurs and my dear friend, Fred DeLuca, who recently lost his battle with leukemia.

Born in Brooklyn in 1947 to Salvatore and Carmela Ombres DeLuca, Fred watched his father, a factory worker, work tirelessly to provide for his family. The family later moved to Bridgeport, Connecticut where Fred graduated from Central High School in 1965. Hoping to pursue a career in medicine, Fred enrolled at the University of Bridgeport. Though working at a local hardware store, his wages would not cover all of his college expenses. Fred knew he had to do something more and that's when he decided to open a sandwich shop and use his earnings to pay his college expenses.

So, with a loan from a family friend, he rented a small store for \$165 a month in downtown Bridgeport, built a takeout counter and opened his first sandwich shop on August 28, 1965. He called it Pete's Submarines in honor of his backer, but on their radio advertisements listeners misheard the name as Pizza Marines, so he changed it to Pete's Subway before settling on the simpler Subway in 1968. Though the first two shops were not a great success, the third, which opened in a better location, changed their fortunes forever.

As the growing operation gained traction, Fred received a degree in psychology but gave up plans for a medical career. The business was incorporated and in 1974, halfway to the goal of owning 32 stores in the company's first decade, the partners adopted franchises as the key to growth—and it worked. In 1978 Subway opened its 100th outlet and in 1987 its 1,000th. Since then, it has averaged 1,500 new restaurants a year, and in recent years it surpassed all competitors, establishing restaurants not only across America but throughout Europe, Asia, and Oceania.

Fred was a reflection of what we all define as the American Dream. What began as a small business to pay his way through college became one of our nation's most beloved fast food chains. Fred never forgot from where it was he started. Whether through scholarships to help young students realize their dreams, grants to local non-profit organizations, or sharing his experiences and inspiring a new generation of young entrepreneurs, Fred gave back to his community and fellow man in so many ways.

Fred DeLuca was many things—a brilliant entrepreneur, a savvy businessman, a generous philanthropist. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to know and work with him and I consider myself fortunate to call him my friend. I extend my deepest sympathies to

Fred's wife, Elisabeth and his son, Jonathan, as well as his many family and friends. He will be deeply missed and leaves a legacy that is certain to inspire many.

### CELEBRATING 55 YEARS OF NIGERIA'S INDEPENDENCE

#### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 2, 2015*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as founder and Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Nigeria, I rise in joyful celebration of 55 years of Nigeria's Independence.

I continue to have a deep appreciation of the patriotism, resilience, and commitment of the Nigerian people under the leadership of their newly elected President Muhammadu Buhari.

As an emerging democracy, Nigeria is a country that has faced its set of challenges, conflicts, and contradictions analogous to the human condition itself.

From the civil war from 1967 to 1970 that almost ripped the country apart to the current state of violent extremists' terror wreaked on the Nigerian people.

Setbacks and challenges seek to keep this bulwark of a country down.

But Nigeria has always proven itself a capable leader in the region, notwithstanding its challenges.

For example: Nigeria was instrumental in facilitating the peace process in Liberia.

Nigeria played a seminal role in reenergizing and repositioning the African Union.

Nigeria facilitated the establishment of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM), designed to promote democracy and good governance in Africa.

Nigeria was instrumental in empowering the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the Co-prosperity Alliance Zone incorporating Benin, Ghana, Nigeria and Togo.

Nigeria helped mediate conflict in the continent from Angola to Burundi to Namibia to Mozambique to South Africa and the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, to name a few.

In 2014, in the wake of the Ebola virus, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Nigeria was instrumental in containing the spread of the virus—preventing a serious public health epidemic which could have had catastrophic implications in the over 180 million person country.

Indeed, in Nigeria and in the Diaspora, we have seen Nigerians contribute enormously to the economy of the United States and across the globe.

The Nigerian economy is \$573 billion—the largest in Africa and ranked 21 in world according to 2014 GDP reports.

Nigeria is the ninth most populated country on the planet with arable land, water, forests,

oil and gas, coastline, and solid minerals, just to name a few resources.

As the most populous nation in Africa, according to archeologists, human habitation in Nigeria dates back to 9000 BC.

Nigerians have innovated in various disciplines, from the arts to the sciences and everything in between.

Nigerians are very hardworking people who through their hard work have been instrumental in helping to champion innovations, like Sulaiman Bolarinde Famro who found Farmking Mobile Multi-crop Processor to reduce both the time it takes to process tuber food such as cassava, sweet potatoes, soy, shea nuts, grains and cereals, and the amount of waste produced in processing—helping to promote food security while addressing environmental waste.

Then there is Okwui Enwezor, the first black and Nigerian curator of the 56th International Art Exhibition entitled All the World's Futures, at the Giardini della Biennale and at the Arsenale in Italy.

Resiliency flows through the veins and into the hearts of the Nigerian people.

That is why Nigeria has emerged from so many trials and tribulations stronger, more united, more focused, and committed to reestablishing the stability, peace, security, growth, and development of the country.

Indeed, October 1 is a day for joy and celebration for Nigerians.

In my view, Nigeria as the regional giant in Africa has the attributes of a great nation and with unity of purpose Nigeria's fullest potential will be achieved.

This is proven by the recent year's democratic development of free and fair elections—which is reflective of the Nigerian people's commitment to cohesion and unity of purpose.

Market women, college students, business men, teachers, doctors, and lawyers flocked to the polls to exercise their right to vote.

Notwithstanding the security issues that persisted, the citizens of Nigeria showed up to the polls because they understood what was at stake: the economic, social and political empowerment of the children, women and men of Nigeria.

With this, the country elected President Buhari who assumed power without incident—owing to his predecessor's graceful transfer of power.

Having inherited a country facing insecurity, I commend President Buhari's effort to double down on efforts to restore peace and security in Nigeria.

He hit the ground running visiting us here in the United States—an important ally of Nigeria.

He met with President Obama and Members of Congress who have been doing important work in Nigeria—myself included.

He also visited neighbors of Nigeria with the eye towards marshalling a coalition of armed forces of the five nations in the Lake Chad Basin to confront, degrade and defeat Boko Haram.

President Buhari also reached out to and met with the G-7 leaders and other friendly

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presidents with the eye towards building an international coalition against Boko Haram.

President Buhari has moved swiftly to combat Boko Haram, commenced efforts to recover the Chibok girls and address the issue of the growing number of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs).

To succeed at these objectives, Nigeria must have continued U.S. support in technical training, logistical and infrastructural capabilities and professionalizing its military force to battle Boko Haram.

And we can see substantial gains thus far, with the regional military task force and the Nigerian military closing in and killing members of Boko Haram and rescuing innocent Nigerians and other Africans who have been kidnapped and terrorized by Boko Haram.

I commend President Buhari's commitment to Nigerian security and his directive to local authorities to tighten vigilance in vulnerable places.

With oil being one of the greatest resource and cause of harm and corruption in the country, I commend President Buhari's directive to sanitize the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) in order to obliterate inefficiency and corruption in that industry and in Nigeria.

I also commend President Buhari's directive of a complete audit of the country's revenue generating agencies such as the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Customs, and the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC).

With all of President Buhari's initiatives to help get Nigeria's house in order, I implore the people of Nigeria to bear with the President even as he works to appoint his cabinet, implement the rule of law, facilitate security in the country, move the country's economy forward and empower the youth of Nigeria.

In the words of President Buhari, I encourage the people of Nigeria to "value order over speed" and precision over mediocrity, unity over division, inclusion over alienation and above all, I ask the Nigerian people to be their brother's and sister's keepers.

I urge the Nigerian people to support President Buhari in his careful strategic and deliberate decision making approach, which hopefully will have positive results on the future of Nigeria and the Nigerian people.

Mr. Speaker, looking ahead of the future of Nigeria, I encourage the Nigerian people to remain committed to visionary change, progress and empowerment of Nigeria at the backdrop of successful democratic elections, under the leadership of a President committed to transparency, peace, coalition building, addressing grievances, negotiations, clear communication, infrastructure building and political intellectual capital building.

Happy Independence Day Celebration to Nigeria and my congratulations to the people of Nigeria.

Long live the Federal Republic of Nigeria!

#### HAPPY DOUBLE TEN DAY

##### HON. DENNIS A. ROSS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 2, 2015*

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note the upcoming Double Ten Day, the Republic

of China's (Taiwan's) national day, and to extend my very best wishes to the people of Taiwan.

With population of over 23 million, Taiwan has demonstrated its commitment to democracy and is one of Asia's economic engines. Last year, Taiwan went from being our 12th-largest trading partner to our 10th, a position it continues to hold in 2015. Taiwan transformed itself into a vibrant and lively democracy, contributing not only to the global economy, but also to global culture, the exchange of ideas, and the meeting of global challenges, from fighting Ebola to helping to combat ISIS.

I believe a strong Taiwan is an important factor in the peace and security of the region, and I am proud of the role our country has played, through the Taiwan Relations Act, in making it possible for the people of Taiwan to build their strong, prosperous, and democratic society. Our relationship is as strong as ever, as I believe it will continue to be in the years and decades ahead.

Taiwan will remain one of our most important partners in the Asia-Pacific. As a friend of Taiwan, I wish its people a Happy Double Ten Day.

#### RECOGNIZING THE FRANKLIN COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM ON THE OCCASION OF THE NATIONAL HEAD START ASSOCIATION'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

##### HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 2, 2015*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Franklin County Head Start Program on the 50th Anniversary of the National Head Start Association.

Since it began as a summer program in 1965, the Head Start Program has grown and developed into an innovative early childhood experience offered to children in over 1,500 communities, including those in Franklin County. Thanks to the Franklin County Head Start, countless children and their families in our area have been empowered to reach their full potential.

As of 2013, more than 31 million preschool aged children have participated in Head Start. The continued success of the Head Start Program has been made possible by the dedicated staff and community members like those in Franklin County, who have put an inspiring amount of work into growing and improving its positive impact.

I am privileged to congratulate the National Head Start Association for achieving 50 years of service and to highlight the Franklin County Head Start Program for its commitment to improving the greater Chambersburg area.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PLYMOUTH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

##### HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 2, 2015*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Plymouth Philharmonic Orches-

tra's contributions as a major cultural influence in Southeastern Massachusetts for over one hundred years.

Established in 1913 and pausing only for World War II, the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra is now playing its 100th season. This fully professional orchestra owes its humble beginnings to G. Herbert Clarke, a violin teacher from Kingston. Mr. Clarke served as both conductor and manager of the orchestra until his death in 1932. It was not until 1973 under the conductor and former Boston Symphony Orchestra violinist Victor Yampolsky that the orchestra was chartered as a non-profit corporation and began its transition from an amateur to a fully professional orchestra.

Affectionately known as the Phil, the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra has inspired America's Hometown and the greater Massachusetts community with its commitment to artistic excellence and music education. It is dedicated to serving the wider community and expanding its repertoire to range from classical to popular music and family-oriented concerts.

To celebrate this historic event, Christopher Theofanidis, a world-class American symphonic composer, wrote a piece specifically for this occasion. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra on its 100th anniversary. May this historic Massachusetts orchestra continue to flourish for another hundred years.

#### CONCERN FOR CRITICAL NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE PROGRAMS UNDER A CONTINUING RESOLUTION

##### HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 2, 2015*

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my concern that funding for critical national security space programs will be disrupted under a continuing resolution.

Disrupting funding for essential warfighting capabilities for space protection, assured access to space, satellite communications and missile warning will weaken our national security and risk significant delays in development of these important missions.

General John Hyten, commander of U.S. Air Force Space Command, recently stated that a continuing resolution would delay several new classified and unclassified programs aimed at U.S. space protection.

He also expressed concern that failure to pass a budget would delay the development of a new rocket propulsion system prototype intended to end our dependence on the Russian-made RD-180 rocket engine.

Additionally, due to the uncertainty created by the absence of a full-year appropriations bill for the Department of Defense, the Air Force is purportedly prepared to issue stop work orders on two essential satellite communications and missile warning programs under the Space Modernization Initiative (SMI).

The overall SMI strategy is to invest in creating trade space for future decisions through investments to sustain or improve existing capabilities by exploring technology alternatives and architectures. These efforts ensure affordability, capability and resiliency of our space systems.