

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ADOPTIVE FAMILY RELIEF ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this legislation and appreciate Chairman GOODLATTE's work to bring it to the floor.

Mr. Speaker, all of us have had constituents who have adopted children internationally. These families go through a long, complex and very emotional process as they wait on legal decisions and government reviews.

Along with the emotional stress can come financial stress too. In a number of cases, as wait times lengthen and lengthen, an adoptive child's American visa will expire before they are able to leave their home country. This means the American parents adopting this child have to reapply and repay hefty fees.

But under this legislation, that reapplication fee can be waived if a family is faced with extraordinary circumstances outside their control.

This is common sense.

Mr. Speaker, passage of this bill—and the President's signature—means immediate help for hundreds of American families seeking to adopt children from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The Foreign Affairs Committee has been particularly focused on this tragic and frustrating situation.

These American families have been unable to bring their legally adopted children home from the DRC because of a bureaucratic chokehold by the Congolese government. In some cases, some children who had a loving home ready and waiting in the United States died in Congo's orphans. Yes, died.

Nearly every congressional district has a family impacted by this tragic policy of the Congolese government.

I have met with a number of families from Southern California, who have adopted children from the DRC that they now cannot take home. Some of these families have paid over \$1,000 in fees to the U.S. government—and will continue to pay more—to keep their adoptive child's visa active, while they wait in limbo for the Congolese government to do the right thing.

Mr. Speaker, last month marked the two-year anniversary of the DRC suspending international adoptions. For two years these families have been hurting. The Congolese system is failing these children, for sure. But today, the American system will respond to give these families some relief during this time of distress. We are doing all we can to see that these legally adopted children are allowed into loving American homes, but for now, we can all feel good about relieving this financial burden.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN ON DOUBLE TEN DAY

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, as the people of Taiwan celebrate their national day, Double Ten Day, on October 10th, I would like to extend my congratulations and best wishes to them.

The United States and Taiwan enjoy a long-standing relationship that stems from our shared values: democracy, the rule of law, and free enterprise. Not only an important security partner, Taiwan is also a strong economic partner—in fact, our 10th—largest trading partner now almost two years running. In 2014, Colorado's exports to Taiwan reached \$191.5 million, a 32.6% increase from 2012. Taiwan is Colorado's 7th largest export market in Asia, and 14th largest export market in the world. Colorado companies have substantial opportunities to expand their business and cooperation with Taiwan. These accomplishments have been greatly aided by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office and I am proud that it now calls Denver home. Equally important are the Taiwanese-Americans living in Colorado and the wealth of knowledge and entrepreneurial energy they bring to Colorado. The Taiwanese-American community has thrived in the Centennial State and has served as an economic engine for the 6th Congressional District. Furthermore, our students represent a bright future and it has been my honor to work closely with the Colorado Chinese Language School, which is organized by the Taiwanese community, by presenting certificates to excelling students at their "Year-End" celebration.

Given the increasing importance of Taiwan's trade with the rest of the world, it is in our best interest to see Taiwan and its 23 million people enjoy a balanced trade partnership that is fully integrated in global and regional trading regimes. Taiwan should be allowed to join the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), as it is a close ally and an important economic engine of Asia-Pacific. Additionally, I support a Bilateral Investment Agreement between the United States and Taiwan to provide greater protections for investors, while fostering confidence and encouraging movement in other items on the trade agenda.

I believe the United States should continue to enhance our friendship with Taiwan and we in Congress must do everything in our power to enrich this valuable relationship.

HONORING THE LIFE OF COACH ANTHONY "TONY" NAPOLET

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a dear friend and mentor. A devoted family man, a respected teacher and coach, Anthony "Tony" Napolet, passed away Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015, at the age of 77, surrounded by his loving family. Tony was born July 4, 1938, in Warren, the son of Harold and Lucy (DiPaolo) Napolet.

Tony was a 1956 graduate of St. Mary's High School. Tony also received his Bachelor's Degree in Education from Marquette University in Milwaukee, where he played and lettered in football. Following graduation, Tony coached the freshman squad at Marquette while attending Marquette University's School of Law. Tony returned to the Warren area, where he would begin an illustrious coaching career that would span five decades.

Tony coached football for more than 50 years with over 35 years as a head coach. He took pride in all his teams and his kids. His overall record was 214–104–3. Tony won many championships, to include two state runner-ups, three regional championships, five state semi-finals, and a 1991 state championship.

Coach Napolet was recognized with many honors from countless organizations which included Coach of the Year in 1991, the 1995 John F. Kennedy Golden Eagle Award, the 2004 Mahoning Valley Italian-American Sports Hall of Fame Man-of-the-Year, the 2006 Associated Press Coach of the Year, the 2011 Kennedy Sports Hall of Fame, Warren Sports Hall of Fame, and the 2013 Ohio High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He was a past member of the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association and Trumbull County Coaches Association.

Although Coach Tony Napolet's football career is impressive, his greatest success is the impact he has made on his family, friends, players, fellow coaches, and community. You will never find a more compassionate, generous, and loving person than Tony Napolet, a proud Italian American, a loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. Tony always lived by his lifelong mantra, God, family, Catholic education, and football.

Tony was a man of strong faith. He was an active member of St. Mary's Church in Warren.

Tony will be deeply missed by his two sons, Harold J. and Mario R. (Paula) Napolet of Pickerington; and his loving daughter, Natalie A. (Greg) Hoso; his beloved grandchildren, Aarika and Anthony Napolet, Mario, Olivia, and Ella Napolet, and Ambrose, Ava and Gennaro Hoso.

Tony is also survived by his two sisters, Norma Napolet and Marie Guanciale; his brother-in-law, Manlio Guanciale; and his

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nephew and niece, Christopher and Joanna Guanciale. He is also survived by his former wife and dear friend, Mary Jo Napolet.

Tony was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Lucy (DiPaolo) Napolet.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. MARK ISAACS

HON. JOHN C. CARNEY, JR.

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Mark Isaacs and his work on behalf of Delaware farmers. This weekend, Mr. Isaacs' work was acknowledged by the Sussex County Farm Bureau with the Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award. Mr. Isaacs is a lifelong resident of Delaware—born and raised in Sussex County. He received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Clemson University, and a Doctorate from Virginia Tech.

In 1986, Mr. Isaacs began his career at the University of Delaware. Since then, he has contributed to UD, and Delaware's agriculture community, in innumerable ways. Mr. Isaacs now serves as the Director of the Elbert N. & Ann V. Carvel Research and Education Center. He oversees, directs, and supports research in addition to teaching students in several subject areas.

Mr. Isaacs not only plays an active role at UD, he also has given back to our community in many other ways. He has worked with high school students on special projects and with local high schools to improve their agriculture and environmental programs. He has also served on boards of education, agriculture task forces, and policy and scholarship committees.

I want to thank Mr. Isaacs for his dedicated service to the Delaware farm community, and commend him on his well-deserved Distinguished Service Award.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JOSE M. TORRES

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of the late Jose M. Torres. Jose Torres was a son of Guam and a member of our greatest generation who suffered the occupation of Guam during World War II. Jose passed away on September 28, 2015 at the age of 88. He was also an author, radio show host and medical researcher who shared his deep love for Guam and our people.

In February of 2015, Jose's memoir of his World War II experiences was published by the University of Guam Micronesian Area Research Center. His book, "Massacre at Atâate", tells the story of a brave battle he fought in against the Japanese during the Japanese occupation of Guam.

Jose wrote the story and had it published to preserve a very important part of Guam's history and have it shared with future genera-

tions. He had joined a group of men from the village of Merizo who lost their families when Japanese soldiers massacred them in nearby caves. Jose was the youngest of the group and joined the men in helping the U.S. Navy by providing intelligence on the Japanese occupiers and giving updates on the situation facing the Chamorros. The battle demonstrated the strength and perseverance of the Chamorro people, especially during such a difficult time and with barely any weapons.

Jose also served the island as a medical researcher with the National Institutes of Health. Jose's team studied the high rates of Parkinson's disease, Dementia, and Lou Gehrig's disease on Guam. Additionally, Jose will be remembered fondly for his love of classical music which he demonstrated through hosting the two-hour radio program "Classical Concert" on Guam's public radio.

I am deeply saddened by the passing of Jose M. Torres, and I join the people of Guam in celebrating his life and recognizing his dedicated service to Guam. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, loved ones and friends. He will be missed, and his memory will live on in the hearts of the people of Guam.

IN RECOGNITION OF HOYIN YUEN, MIDDLE SCHOOL ART EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of HoYin Yuen, who was named the Middle School Art Educator of the Year for 2016 by the Massachusetts Art Education Association.

Every year, the Massachusetts Art Education Association recognizes outstanding educators, like Yuen, who set an example in providing quality art education to students while also contributing to their profession. Yuen became an art teacher because he knew it would always be a fulfilling vocation. A native of Cape Cod, Yuen pursued an undergraduate degree at Emmanuel College and a Master's in Art Education from the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, but he always wanted to return to his community to teach and impact young minds. He takes particular interest in teaching middle school students, where he finds the age group both challenging yet rewarding.

Yuen employs a variety of creative mediums to teach a broad curriculum over the course of the school year. His enthusiasm for art and passion for teaching has not gone unnoticed by his colleagues. Many have admired his ability to adapt his assignments to address the needs of all his students and his teaching style leaves his students, parents and other teachers alike at ease.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring HoYin Yuen for receiving this prestigious recognition. I know all my colleagues in the House join me in wishing him nothing but success in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE YMCA OF CENTRAL FLORIDA AND THE ROPER FAMILY YMCA COMMUNITY IMPACT

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the YMCA of Central Florida and the good work they do in our community.

With its focus on Youth Development, Healthy Living and Social Responsibility, YMCA of Central Florida is helping us change our approach to community health and chronic disease prevention. Today, I bring to your attention how this is happening on a local level through public private partnerships.

In West Orange County as part of Metropolitan Orlando, the Roper YMCA Family Center is expanding to become the community's destination for healthy living, made possible in partnership with its local healthcare system and healthcare district. Leveraging each organization's strengths and resources, the Roper Y will be making health education more accessible to thousands more residents, offering more Y Diabetes Prevention programs, and helping residents of all ages and incomes start and stick to healthier lifestyles.

On behalf of the citizens of Central Florida, I wish to thank and congratulate the Roper YMCA Family Center and its partners, the West Orange Healthcare District and Health Central Hospital—Orlando Health, for their commitment to improving the health of Central Florida.

REMEMBERING LEON FRANKEL

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a remarkable hero of the United States and Israel, Leon Frankel. I would like to recognize his heroic efforts and remarkable sacrifice in defending both countries during World War II and Israel's War of Independence.

Leon was born in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1923 and, at a young age, he was fascinated with the thought of flying. After he graduated high school, he pursued his dream and was accepted into the V-5 Naval Aviation Program. After completing the program, Leon joined Air Group 9, and as a pilot in Torpedo Squadron 9 he flew 25 missions while aboard the USS Lexington and the USS Yorktown. In February of 1945, Leon took part in the first Navy raid on Tokyo.

After the War, Leon returned to his native Minnesota and served in the Navy Reserves. In May of 1948, he was recruited by the newly-founded State of Israel to become a member of their first Fighter Squadron, the 101. He fought bravely for the nascent nation against almost impossible odds, flying 25 missions during Israel's War of Independence.

After returning to the United States, Leon rejoined his Navy Reserve Squadron, and served until 1959 when he was honorably discharged. As a testament to his exemplary