

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, the evening of November 30th, I am not recorded on two votes because I was absent due to illness.

If I had been present, I would have voted: Yes, on rollcall 644, to remove the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham County, Virginia, and for other purposes; and Yes on rollcall 645, the Billy Frank Jr. Tell Your Story Act.

HONORING THE JOHNSON-PHELPS VFW POST ON THEIR 80TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Johnson-Phelps Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5220 of Oak Lawn, Illinois, on its 80th anniversary. Through the work of its members, the Johnson-Phelps VFW has made a difference in the lives of countless people and has had a tremendous positive impact on the community. The post is an exemplary organization in the Third District and its members exemplify the unyielding bravery, courage, and perseverance of America's Armed Forces.

In 1945 a group of veterans returning from the Second World War formed the post and named it for Mr. Raymond Johnson and Mr. Leslie Phelps, both killed in action during WWII. Mr. Johnson's and Mr. Phelps' names were chosen from a hat that included the names of all 23 men from the Oak Lawn area that were killed in the war. The current post building was completed in 1951, built in large part by the post's own members. Johnson-Phelps later merged with six other posts in Southwest Chicagoland, the oldest of which was chartered in 1935.

Johnson-Phelps VFW Post 5220 is led today by Commander Richard Bukowski, Sr. Vice Commander Thomas Krone, and Jr. Vice Commander Bryant Reed. Their dedication to serving the community is shown through programs such as the well-known Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Scholarship Competitions. They also provide for the public by hosting and sponsoring important events in the community such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day services.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the members of the Johnson-Phelps VFW Post of Oak Lawn, Illinois, for all they have done for our nation and the community over the past 80 years.

HONORING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ZONTA CLUB OF KENMORE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to honor the Zonta Club of Kenmore on the occasion of their 90th anniversary. Their service and advocacy is deserving of recognition and gratitude.

Nine decades ago, several Kenmore women met with Marian DeForest; past Chairman of the Confederation of Zonta Clubs, Ellen Bixby; then Vice-President of the Zonta Club of Buffalo, and Florence Fuchs, at the home of Jessie E. Webster on LaSalle Avenue in Kenmore. The Club was formally organized on December 2, 1925 at the home of Mrs. Aurelia Opperman.

On December 7, 1925 the Zonta Club of Kenmore received its charter—Charter #38, with fifteen members. Their first weekly luncheon meeting was held on Wednesday, December 9, 1925 at the Kenmore YWCA. Since its inception, the Zonta Club of Kenmore has dedicated itself to service work and commitment to the community.

In their first year of service work, the members decided to help further the education of a girl or woman in need, to provide her an opportunity to earn a living. Fundraising projects, such as Monster Theater parties at the Kenmore Theater, Annual Stunt Days, book reviews, card parties, bake sales, and rummage sales all helped to accomplish this noble objective.

On April 19, 1975, the Club celebrated their 50th Anniversary at a dinner held at the Pack-et Inn, in Tonawanda, New York. Some of the organizations that have benefitted from the good efforts of the Zonta Club over the years are the Girl Scouts of America, The American Red Cross, Kenmore Mercy Hospital, and many more.

Today, with a membership of 20 dedicated women, the motto of the Zonta Club of Kenmore is "Small but Mighty."

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few moments to honor and recognize the Zonta Club of Kenmore. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Zonta Club on these accomplishments and their continuous contributions to the community.

HONORING MARY ELLEN ORMOND ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER 33 YEARS IN THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my congratulations to Ms. Mary Ellen

Ormond on her retirement after 33 years in the New Hampshire Public School System, and thank her for the outstanding work she did during her career.

Ms. Ormond's continuous progression within the education community from her time at Grinnell Elementary School, to her most recent position as superintendent of the Inter-Lakes School District, exemplifies her dedication and professionalism.

The creativity, knowledge, and experience Ms. Ormond brought to classrooms throughout the Granite State has been invaluable, and it's clear she leaves an example of strong leadership for others to emulate in her wake.

It is with great admiration that I congratulate Ms. Ormond on her retirement, and wish her the best on all future endeavors.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF DR. H. GILBERT MILLER

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and Congressman ROBERT HURT, I submit these remarks in remembrance of Dr. H. Gilbert Miller, an enthusiastic innovator, a champion of technology, and a good man. We join the Miller family to mourn his loss, which is felt by all who knew him, and celebrate his life, which has left an indelible impact on many in our districts and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Dr. Miller was a visionary—a gifted engineer who spent his career supporting the development and innovation of cutting edge technology into our federal government programs most recently as Chief Technology Officer of Noblis, Inc., a non-profit science, technology, and strategy organization. At Noblis, he was the champion behind the development of the Noblis Innovation and Collaboration Center—the NICC—a place where great minds had room to grow and an incubator for transformative collaborations that yielded innovations and discoveries. Dr. Miller's mission was to help solve the world's toughest big data and analytic challenges by seeding and developing the nation's best minds and supporting their efforts with the power of technology. His leadership brought one of the world's largest and most dynamic supercomputers to Danville, Virginia for private sector use.

But Dr. Miller's love for technology and innovation went far beyond the walls of Noblis. He was a passionate supporter of STEM educations. Dr. Miller chaired and served on numerous volunteer, educational advisory boards, including most recently as Vice Chairman of the Dean's Advisory Board for the Volgenau School of Engineering at George Mason University and on the advisory board for the Data Analytics Engineering Program at George Mason University. In recognition of his many accomplishments, his leadership role in

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advancing science and technology at Noblis and in support of Noblis' federal government clients as well as advancing the public-private partnership with the Commonwealth of Virginia, in 2011 Dr. Miller received the CTO Innovator Award from the Northern Virginia Technology Council.

But more than his extensive list of professional accomplishments, Dr. Miller was a loving husband, a caring father and a devoted grandfather. His greatest joy was in spending time with his family. We extend our deepest sympathies to Gil's wife, Dot, and three children Ryan, Matthew, and Kristen, his grandchildren, and the entire Miller family. We hope that they can take comfort in the love they share and the knowledge that they do not walk alone in their grief. We have lost Gil far too soon, but his legacy lives on. Thank you for sharing him and his talents with us. We are forever grateful.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 2967 THE VOTING RIGHTS ADVANCEMENT ACT

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of H.R. 2967 the Voting Rights Advancement Act and to recognize today as Restoration Tuesday.

Our sacred right to vote has come under attack in numerous states across the country in the aftermath of the Supreme Court's ruling in *Shelby County v. Holder*. Many states, including my home state of Alabama, have enacted pernicious and burdensome voter ID laws that have the practical effect of restricting access to the polls for low income and minority voters.

Recently, Alabama closed 31 DMVs, leaving 29 Alabama counties without a DMV. Fifteen of those counties are located in rural Black Belt communities. Driver's licenses are the most popular form of photo identification used to vote. The heart of the problem lies with access. How can Alabama require a photo ID to vote, and then limit access to the most popular form of ID used? It is unconscionable that my constituents will be denied their constitutionally protected right to vote because they do not have access to a valid photo ID.

Despite the Governor's recent decision to reopen these DMVs once a month, critical access to these commonly used forms of photo IDs is still an issue for far too many minorities, senior citizens, and those living in rural communities. The reality is that opening these offices for once a month provides only bare minimum access, and that is unacceptable. Had the preclearance requirements of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 still been in place, Alabama's decision to close these DMVs would have likely had to have been reviewed by the Department of Justice.

In Alabama, the DMV closures occurred under the guise of budgetary concerns. Any budgetary savings are far outweighed by the discriminatory impact these closures will have on my constituents' ability to access the polls. But these types of discriminatory decisions are not exclusive to Alabama. These DMV closures are indicative of a broader and systematic effort that threatens to undermine our most basic right as Americans—the right to vote.

Protecting the right to vote for all Americans, especially those traditionally excluded from the democratic process should be top priority for us all. Every eligible voter must be allowed to cast his or her ballot unhindered by laws that deter participation in our democracy.

As Members of Congress, we must speak up for the voices of the excluded. If we do not act then we risk silencing these voices forever. We must fight to restore the critical protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 that were struck down in the *Shelby vs Holder* case. Now is the time to restore the vote.

CONGRATULATING THE ELDON HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADING SQUAD FOR THEIR 2015 MISSOURI CHEERLEADING COACHES ASSOCIATION CLASS 3 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Eldon Mustangs for their first place win in the 2015 Missouri Cheerleading Coaches Association Class 3, Large Division, State Championship.

This cheerleading squad and their coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home this first place state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing the Eldon Mustangs for a job well done.

IN OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL IBD AWARENESS WEEK

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in observance of National IBD Awareness Week, which brings attention to over 1.6 million Americans affected by Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, collectively known as inflammatory bowel disease, or IBD.

These disorders impact the gastrointestinal tract, the area of the body where digestion takes place. They cause inflammation of the intestine, which leads to ongoing symptoms and complications. There is currently no known cause or cure for IBD, and individuals with IBD may suffer from various symptoms from mild to severe abdominal pain, diarrhea, fever, and intestinal bleeding. The impacts are devastating to both patients and their families.

Unfortunately, IBD can affect anyone, though it is most commonly diagnosed in adolescents and young adults between 15 and 25 years old. And though we still do not have all the answers, there is hope. An increasing number of genes have been identified—over 100 today—that may cause an increase in the risk of developing IBD, confirming that IBD has a strong genetic component. With these discoveries and new technological advances, researchers are working furiously to find cures. Despite this, the unpredictable nature of

these painful and debilitating digestive diseases creates a significant burden on the community and economy. Every year, there is more than \$1.26 billion in direct and indirect costs to the United States healthcare system due to surgeries and hospitalizations as a result of IBD complications.

This week, patient advocates from the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA) are marching on Washington to meet with their Representatives and ask them to be a part of the movement and join the bipartisan Crohn's and Colitis Congressional Caucus. I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Michael Osso, as CCFA celebrates the foundation's newest President and CEO. Mr. Osso is taking over from recently retired Mr. Richard Geswell, who in his turn has dedicated 10 years of remarkable leadership and service for patients with IBD. I am confident that Mr. Osso will continue Mr. Geswell's legacy of remarkable vision and drive on the journey forward towards a cure.

As co-chair of the bipartisan Crohn's and Colitis Congressional Caucus, a group of dedicated Members educating the public and other Members of Congress on IBD, I am grateful for the opportunity to raise awareness for IBD as well as improve patients' access to treatments. Let us use this week, IBD Awareness Week, as a call to action for all Americans. Together, with the help of researchers, educators, medical professionals, patients, and families, we can find a cure and end this devastating disease for millions of people around the world. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate CCFA on their efforts to bring awareness to this awful disease and I urge my colleagues to recognize Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Week as a way to build upon our efforts for the IBD patient community and to join the Crohn's and Colitis Congressional Caucus.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF GENERAL JOHN ROGERS GALVIN

HON. SETH MOULTON

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Mr. MOULTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of General John Rogers Galvin, who died on September 25 of this year at the age of 86.

Born in Wakefield, Massachusetts, General Galvin committed his life and career to defending and serving our country. As a child, he created the Pleasant Street Army to protect his neighborhood during World War II, served four years as an enlisted soldier in the Massachusetts Army National Guard, graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1954, and served two tours in Vietnam as a brigade operations officer and battalion commander.

General Galvin's forty-four year military career culminated in his service as the Supreme Allied Commander in Chief of U.S. European Command and NATO Commander in 1987 during the collapse of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War. During his tenure, General Galvin confronted the breakup of Yugoslavia, provided vital protection to Kurds in northern Iraq during the regime of Saddam Hussein, and transitioned NATO's military strategy from large-scale containment to