

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DR. STEVE KELLEY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 32 YEARS OF SERVICE AS A TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR IN THE GRANITE STATE

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my congratulations to Dr. Steve Kelley on his retirement after 32 years working in both the Inter-Lakes School District, and as the Principal at Conway Elementary School for 6 years.

Dr. Kelley's continuous progression within the education community from his time as a teacher at Inter-Lakes Elementary School, to his most recent position as Principal of Inter-Lakes Elementary School, exemplifies his dedication and professionalism, and I know he will remain an exceptional role model for students and faculty throughout New Hampshire.

The creativity, knowledge, and experience Dr. Kelley brought to schools throughout the Granite State has been invaluable, and it's clear he leaves an example of strong leadership for others to emulate in his wake.

It is with great admiration that I congratulate Mr. Kelley on his retirement, and wish him the best on all future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO PUEBLO EAST HIGH SCHOOL AND BAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAMS

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor both the Pueblo East High School and Bayfield High School football teams, who are the 2015 Colorado State Football champions of the Colorado High School Athletic Association's 3A and 2A divisions, respectively.

The Pueblo East Eagles defeated the Roosevelt Rough Riders, in a 57–30 rout in front of their fans at Dutch Clark Stadium in Pueblo, Colorado. With this victory, the Eagles are now back-to-back State champions, making them the latest in what is a long line of powerhouse high school football teams from the Steel City. The season began with East losing to a team they had beaten a year before, but their resiliency in the face of adversity saw them win 12 consecutive games en route to the state title, and making the Eagles Pueblo's only high school football team to have ever won consecutive state football championships.

The Bayfield Wolverines traveled to Kersey, Colorado and capped their perfect season with a hard fought 28–20 victory over the Platte Valley High School Broncos, winning their first state championship in football since 1996. The

last time Bayfield High School won a state championship in any sport was back in 2005, making this victory that much sweeter, and ensuring that the players and coaches of this season can look back and be proud of their hard work which ended the drought.

Mr. Speaker, the Pueblo East Eagles and the Bayfield Wolverines deserve a tremendous amount of recognition for their hard work. A football season in Colorado is filled with long trips over diverse terrain to play unfamiliar opponents, injuries, and the unpredictable elements that Colorado weather provides. With exceptional displays of grit and determination throughout their seasons, the Eagles and the Wolverines have brought an immense amount of pride to the Third Congressional District of Colorado. I am honored to represent these exceptional high schools and congratulate them for their recent accomplishments.

HONORING DR. GREGORY L. EASTWOOD

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of Dr. Gregory L. Eastwood who served as President of the State University of New York Upstate Medical University from January 1, 1993 until June 2, 2006. At the time, Dr. Eastwood's tenure was noted as one of the longest in the history of the institution and the longest of all sitting presidents of the State University of New York State Operated campuses. Dr. Eastwood kindly answered the call to return to the President's seat in October 2013 when the campus was in need of experienced and capable leadership. Dr. Eastwood will now say farewell to the presidency of Upstate Medical University as he retires this year.

Dr. Eastwood currently serves on the SUNY Upstate Medical University Foundation Board of Directors. Dr. Eastwood teaches the Ethical, Legal, and Social Issues in Medicine course and the Clinical Bioethics course in the College of Medicine at SUNY Upstate. Dr. Eastwood also teaches ethics courses for the College of Graduate Studies, College of Nursing, and College of Health Professions. Dr. Eastwood has authored over 130 articles and book chapters and has written and edited several books. Dr. Eastwood has served the Central New York community for years with distinction, holding leadership roles and partnering with many different organizations in the region.

During Dr. Eastwood's first tenure as President he advanced an aggressive vision for the Upstate Medical University Campus which has fostered the growth of the clinical enterprise through the establishment of the University Health Care Center, the Joslin Diabetes Center, and an expansion that included the Golisano Children's Hospital. He also sup-

ported the educational mission of the campus by supporting a new College of Medicine curriculum, the establishment of the Center for Bioethics and Humanities, and many other projects that supported the educational mission of the campus. During Dr. Eastwood's second tenure he revamped SUNY Upstate Medical University's relationship with SUNY Central Administration and undertook all projects with the explicit goal of leaving the institution in a better place for the next President.

Dr. Gregory L. Eastwood has had a remarkable career, serving at multiple prominent medical schools and influencing the medical community with his participation on countless organizations' boards and committees. Dr. Eastwood has served the SUNY Upstate community and the medical community honorably and he will be missed greatly. On behalf of the entire Central New York community, I would like to thank Dr. Eastwood for his passion and dedication to a community that greatly respects him and is stronger now because of his work.

HONORING PRINCIPAL STEVE HOPE FOR THE 2015 INDIANA PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Principal Steve Hope of Penn High School for being named the 2015 Indiana High School Principal of the Year. His success in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students at Penn is nothing short of remarkable.

Every year, the Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP) recognizes outstanding principals who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students. Recipients are chosen based on their performance in showing leadership at the building level, at the district and community level, and at the state level. Every one of us depends on our teachers, and because of that, they deserve our support and appreciation.

For nearly 20 years, Principal Hope has been contributing to the betterment of Indiana education. Since he became the principal of Penn High School in 2008, Indiana's Department of Education has named Penn an A-rated school and a 4-Star Award winner. U.S. News and World Report also named Penn an Outstanding High School in 2009 and 2015. Because of leaders like Principal Hope, Hoosier classrooms are filled with future doctors, scientists, and entrepreneurs.

Principal Hope's efforts have been instrumental in advancing Indiana's education system. In 2010, he initiated the reorganization of Penn from a traditional high school to personalized approach through a \$1.7 million dollar

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federal grant. This program begins with the Freshman Academy, which helps middle school students acclimate to high school, and offers six other academies which support college and career readiness. This includes Fine Arts & Communications, Management & Business, Health and Human Services, STEM, World Languages, and the Early College Academy. Contributions like these would not be possible without the efforts of passionate educators like Principal Hope.

This smaller learning community structure is successful because of Principal Hope's dedication to both the students and the teachers. As a leader, he sees that students excel when they are taught by highly engaged and trained teachers and staff. Because of this, Principal Hope's vision also focuses on professional development for teachers. Quite simply, his work is bettering the lives of Hoosiers.

I want to take this opportunity to once again thank Principal Hope for helping students and teachers at Penn develop their talents and become our future leaders. On behalf of myself and my fellow Hoosiers, I congratulate him on receiving this prestigious award.

IN RECOGNITION OF SHEA
HASSELL, PERRY ANCELL AND
CODY COULTER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank three power linemen from Coserv Electric Cooperative from the 26th District of Texas for their service and sacrifice to help three communities far away from their own.

This fall, Shea Hassell, Perry Ancell and Cody Coulter traveled to Haiti where they spent three weeks volunteering to help build the country's first electric cooperative. This work was part of a rural electrification project through the NRECA International Foundation with support from the United Nations Environmental Program and USAID.

During their time in the southwestern part of the country, they built a diesel-solar hybrid electric system which now provides safe, affordable and reliable power to 1,600 consumers in three towns. Their contributions included upgrading and installing new power lines and training locally hired linemen in proper construction methods and safety practices.

In Haiti, less than 15 percent of the population has regular access to electricity. Reliable electricity is a critical element in improving the quality of life and to providing healthcare, education, access to clean water and economic opportunity.

Thanks to the contribution of these power linemen more people in Haiti will now have electricity.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF HOWARD COBLE

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my dear friend

Howard Coble, who passed away on November 3, 2015. I join the countless North Carolinians who send our prayers and sincere condolences to his family and friends during this difficult time.

Howard was the embodiment of what it means to be a public servant and is a shining example for those who follow in his footsteps. He was a true Southern gentleman who genuinely cared about bettering the lives of those around him and dedicated his life to serving North Carolina. For his constituents, Howard spent every day of his 30 years in Congress ensuring their thoughts were clearly heard in Washington. What is even more impressive is that he consistently did so with the utmost honor, integrity and kindness.

Howard was known as a passionate leader who was guided by his conservative values and principles. He made it his purpose to serve his constituents with a steadfast commitment to ensuring that government works for the people and not the other way around. Furthermore, Howard was never afraid to reach across the aisle and had many strong friendships with Democrats and Republicans alike. A beloved son of North Carolina, he will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him, but we should find comfort in knowing Howard has found peace with our Savior.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in remembering the life of Congressman Howard Coble and celebrating his positive legacy that will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on many generations of North Carolinians.

TRIBUTE TO RYAN MOORE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ryan Moore. Mr. Moore teaches science at the Liberty Point International School in Pueblo West, Colorado, where every day he engages and motivates his students through his unique high-energy teaching style that has resulted in improved achievement scores for his students. In recognition for his hard work and dedication in the classroom, Mr. Moore was recognized recently as one of only 40 educators nationwide to receive the prestigious Milken Education Award. He was the sole recipient from Colorado this year. Mr. Moore's passion for teaching not only keeps his students engaged and interested in learning, but has also consistently improved their performance over the course of his seven year tenure.

Mr. Moore's public service extends beyond teaching. He is a former United States Army Staff Sergeant, with 10 years of service that included three deployments to Iraq. Mr. Moore credits the leadership qualities he developed in the military as helping him succeed in the classroom, earning him a reputation as a well-respected educator among both students and his peers. Mr. Moore is also active in his community, volunteering his free time with the Boy Scouts of America and the Pueblo West Department of Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Moore is an incredible individual with an exceptional history of selfless service. He has a limitless ability to inspire the

students he teaches and represents the best of educators in the Third Congressional District of Colorado. I am confident that Mr. Moore will continue to be a tremendous asset to his students and the Pueblo West community. I want to thank him for his service and wish him continued success for many years to come.

INCREASING CHARITIES' ACCESS
TO FUNDS

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, charitable remainder trusts present an opportunity for donors to transfer assets for the benefit of charity. Lack of certainty regarding the tax consequences of early terminations of these trusts has deterred early terminations, which has deferred the transfer of substantial assets to charity. Early terminations of charitable remainder trusts should be encouraged because they permit charities to access their share of the trust's assets earlier (and, in some instances, decades earlier) than otherwise would be the case. This is particularly compelling given that, under current economic conditions, many charities have been forced to cut back on many deserving programs.

My bill provides that, on an early termination of a charitable remainder trust, the donor and the charity will apportion the value of the trust using the same methodology that was used to determine the value of the remainder interest on formation. The donor will recognize capital gain on the total value received, the charity will receive its share of the trust's assets, and the early termination will not constitute self-dealing or otherwise disqualify the charitable remainder trust.

Today, Rep. RANGEL and I are introducing this bill which clarifies the tax consequences of early terminations of charitable remainder trusts and encourages the early transfer of funds in such trusts to charities. Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to support our bill to give charities earlier access to funds for use in their worthwhile endeavors.

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR
UKRAINE

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, as a proud representative of a vibrant Ukrainian community in my district, I rise to echo the requests of an extremely important and time-sensitive meeting with the administration where the Ukrainian community pleaded for necessary humanitarian assistance for Ukraine.

The global community continues to mourn the horrific terrorist attacks in Paris. These attacks remind us of the importance of our freedom and democracy in our turbulent world—these values must be actively safeguarded each day. Ukraine has been doing just that: fighting for its democracy and freedom each