

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE 10TH
ANNIVERSARY OF MARIS GROVE

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Maris Grove on celebrating its 10th anniversary this October.

Maris Grove retirement community opened in 2006 to provide an active senior living facility in southeastern Pennsylvania. It's been my privilege to visit the facility and get to know so many of its residents since then.

More than 1500 residents live at Maris Grove in independent apartments and enjoy more than 180 resident groups and clubs. This engaged resident community is supported by more than 650 employees who work tirelessly to provide exceptional customer service to all residents.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Maris Grove on its success these past ten years, and I look forward to seeing the community grow in the next decade.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN C. CARNEY, JR.

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to clarify my position on roll call votes cast on September 20, 2016 and September 26, 2016.

On Roll Call Vote Number 521, on consideration of H.R. 670 I did not vote. It was my intention to vote "Yea."

On Roll Call Vote Number 522, on consideration of H.R. 5785 I did not vote. It was my intention to vote "Yea."

On Roll Call Vote Number 523, on consideration of H.R. 5690 I did not vote. It was my intention to vote "Yea."

On Roll Call Vote Number 557, on consideration of H.R. 3537 I did not vote. It was my intention to vote "Yea."

On Roll Call Vote Number 558, on consideration of H.R. 5392 I did not vote. It was my intention to vote "Yea."

IN TRIBUTE TO CHRIS AHMUTY

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chris Ahmuty who is retiring from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Wisconsin on December 31, 2016. He has served the organization since 1982 and for 24 of those 34 years of service has been the Executive Director of the ACLU of Wisconsin.

Mr. Ahmuty has spent much of his career making an extraordinary impact on civil liberties and civil rights in Wisconsin. Over the decades he has led the organization as a tireless advocate for issues such as LGBT rights, voting rights, reproductive freedom, transit equity, environmental justice, free speech, and public access to the state Capitol. Chris Ahmuty is especially proud of the organization's success in racial discrimination cases, marriage equality, and youth leadership development. He remains a man in a hurry, ready to push back against those who would deny fundamental liberties; he truly believes that whenever society and the laws that govern society become more inclusive, everyone gains.

Chris Ahmuty was born in New York City and grew up in Derby, New York. His mother, a schoolteacher, died of cancer when he was just 15. His father, a sales manager, died when Ahmuty was in graduate school. Chris Ahmuty's grandfather Frederic P. Lee, a lawyer involved in drafting New Deal-era policies, deeply influenced Ahmuty's political and social justice positions. Mr. Ahmuty came to Wisconsin to attend graduate school at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, earning a master's degree in history, and made Wisconsin his new home.

At the helm of the ACLU, Chris Ahmuty has worked on many initiatives. Some of the most notable activities include the numerous lawsuits challenging government abuse of power, special attention to the rights of society's most vulnerable, and expansion of the affiliate's programs, especially youth development. He works daily to uphold the ACLU mission to protect and defend civil liberties in a non-partisan manner. Mr. Ahmuty's ability to keep calm, whether in victory or defeat, has served him well through his long tenure with the ACLU.

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to know and work with Chris Ahmuty for many years on issues such as voting rights, prison reform and incarceration issues, and rights of the poor. I will join with friends and his partner, Bob Schlack, to congratulate him at the ACLU Annual Bill of Rights Celebration where he will be honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award on November 19, 2016. During these decades of service to the ACLU, Chris has led the organization through troubling times for civil liberties in Wisconsin and our nation. I wish him much success as he transitions into a different phase of his life.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Chris Ahmuty and I am proud to call him friend. The citizens of the Fourth Congressional District and the State of Wisconsin are privileged to have someone of his ability and dedicated service working on their behalf for so many years. Chris, I thank you for all that you have done. I am honored for these reasons to pay tribute to Chris Ahmuty.

HONORING MR. W. THOMAS
MUSSER

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. W. Thomas "Tom" Musser on receiving the Chester County Community Foundation's Jordan Award for philanthropic leadership.

Mr. Musser dedicated his life to community service. After serving his country in the Korean War, Tom and his brother founded Tri-M to address the need for industrial electrical contracting in southeastern Pennsylvania. As his company grew, Tom took on leadership positions in the industry including serving as National Chairman of the Associated Builders and Contractors and Chairman of the Board of the National Federation of Independent Businesses. He also made sure that his company gave back by encouraging employees to volunteer and sponsoring high school students at the Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week.

Tom also continued to serve his country as Vice Chair of the U.S. Naval Institute Foundation Board of Trustees and as a member of the Department of Defense Advisory Board for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

Serving the local community was also always a top priority for Tom. He was an active Rotarian and served on the board of the Southern Chester County Chamber of Commerce. Tom also chaired a number of capital fund drives for the Kennett-Unionville YMCA and the Chester County Hospital Capital Campaign.

Mr. Speaker, Tom passed away in July, but his legacy of philanthropic leadership will continue to live on through the lives he touched and the organizations he supported.

HONORING CALIFORNIA STATE
SENATOR LOIS WOLK

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues, Congressman MIKE THOMPSON and Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI, to recognize the Honorable Lois Wolk for her long and distinguished record of service as an elected official in the state of California.

In 1990, Lois Wolk won a seat on the Davis City Council where she served until 1998, including two terms as Mayor. She went on to become a Yolo County Supervisor for four years, chairing the Board in 2000. Wolk was then elected to the California State Assembly, where she was the first woman to serve as chair of the Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee.

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Termed out of the Assembly in 2008, Wolk was subsequently elected to the California State Senate where she now serves as the Majority Whip, chairs the Select Committee on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and chairs a Senate Budget Subcommittee. In her combined twelve years in the state legislature, Senator Wolk has authored more than 100 new laws. During her impressive career in the legislature, Wolk has been honored with many awards and recognitions for her leadership in water policy and flood protection, parks and conservation, gun violence, end-of-life care, and transportation, including the safety of State Highway 12.

Senator Wolk has led an admirable career in public service, filled with policy accomplishments on behalf of her constituents and the state. Mr. Speaker, it is therefore fitting that we honor and thank Lois Wolk for her long and distinguished career and wish her the best of luck on her future endeavors.

HONORING GRAND LAKE GARDENS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Grand Lake Gardens, a retirement community in the heart of Oakland, California, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

Since 1966, Grand Lake Gardens has been providing seniors with a comfortable, safe, and convenient home near the beautiful Lake Merritt. Grand Lake Gardens' proximity to a thriving, vibrant commercial district with restaurants, parks, galleries, and more have allowed its residents to live fulfilling and active lives.

Residents at Grand Lake Gardens take an active role in shaping their own programs, activities, and clubs to fit their interests, and residents have created their own fitness classes, current news seminars, and an organic garden.

Grand Lake Gardens took shape as many Oakland-area Baptist churches searched for a way to address the need for housing and care of the elderly during the late 1950's and the early 1960's.

In 1963, the Northern California Baptist Convention appointed a Commission on Retirement Housing to come up with solutions to the need for housing for the elderly in the Bay Area. Their solution was to build Grand Lake Gardens. A location was chosen, the money was raised, and on July 2nd, 1965, construction began on a seven-story building with 103 apartments and parking.

Construction was completed by November 7th, 1966, and by Christmas of that year, there were 25 residents living at Grand Lake Gardens—enough for its first Christmas party.

When Mr. Mark Knudsen became the first full-time administrator, in 1981, Grand Lake Gardens began to truly flourish and blossom. Under Mr. Knudsen's leadership, the Grand Assembly and an activity room were added, a third-floor garden was created, and more staff was hired to provide residents with more activities, turning Grand Lake Gardens into the thriving and stimulating place it is today.

Following a fire in 1994, the kitchen and dining room were remodeled, and an additional

vegetable and flower garden for residents was added. Latex, Grand Lake Gardens added a wellness clinic and a van to provide transportation for residents, further improving the health and experience of seniors living there.

On a personal note, my late beloved mother, Ms. Mildred Massey, spent the last five of her golden years at Grand Lake Gardens. She always told me what a warm and welcoming home Grand Lake Gardens was, and how loved and accepted she felt there.

Today, on behalf of the residents of California's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Grand Lake Gardens on 50 years of providing its residents with a comfortable, safe, and convenient home. I wish Grand Lake Gardens well as it continues to help seniors live thriving, vibrant, and active lives.

HONORING DANVILLE COUNCILMEMBER MIKE DOYLE

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Mike Doyle for his lifelong commitment of public service to his hometown of Danville, California. Mr. Doyle was elected to the Danville Town Council on November 5, 1991, running as a "man of the people," advocating on behalf of youth, veterans, business, careful planning, and citizen engagement.

Mr. Doyle is known as "Mr. Danville," and his legacy will be his work to preserve Danville's genuine small-town feel. He always put the Town first and made sure it was on firm financial footing during the early days of incorporation. Known as a straight shooter and regularly expressing his feelings on the issues of the day, his passion and dedication for Danville and its residents are unrivaled.

Mr. Doyle is the first person to be elected to the Town Council six times and is the longest-serving member of the Danville Town Council since incorporation of the Town of Danville in 1982. Mr. Doyle has worked tirelessly to preserve the character of Danville while encouraging balanced economic growth.

Mr. Doyle has played an integral part in shaping the Town of Danville. During his service, the Town enjoyed the opening of a new Danville Library and Community Center complex, Oak Hill Park Community Center, and the Veterans Memorial Building and Senior Center.

Mr. Doyle served on the Board of Directors for the League of California Cities for 18 years, representing Danville and cities across California. Prior to his public service in Danville, Mr. Doyle served six years in the United States Air Force, during which time he was involved in the Berlin Airlift to carry food and other supplies into West Berlin.

Mr. Doyle and his wife JoAnne have raised five children—Michael, Mary Anne, Terrence, Celeste and John, and are grandparents to nine grandchildren.

We wish him well in his retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DON MCENHILL

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Don McEnhill, Sr., who passed away on September 29, 2016 after a lifetime of service to his community. Born February 21, 1930, in San Francisco, Mr. McEnhill attended the University of San Francisco prior to serving in the United States Air Force, and using GI Bill benefits, he graduated from University of the Pacific Dental School in 1960, going on to practice dentistry for 32 years in the San Francisco Bay Area. A 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force, Don met his future wife Mildred (Milly) Lewis, a Western Airlines stewardess, while stationed in Salt Lake City; they would go on to raise four loving children.

Mr. McEnhill's legacy of community service includes serving on the boards for the Dixie School District, Fitch Mountain Homeowners' Association, and League of Women Voters. Additionally, Don served on the Marin County Civil Grand Jury and was a staunch advocate for the Russian River. An active parishioner of St. Isabella Parish for 53 years, Don helped establish the high school faith formation Parish Youth Council (PYC) to serve the spiritual, social, and intellectual needs of high school students.

Mr. McEnhill is survived by his beloved children: John McEnhill IV, Marilyn McEnhill, Don McEnhill, Jr., and Ann Margaret McEnhill in addition to his sisters: Mary McInerney, Elizabeth Kozel and Judith Lee Jasko; his brother, Gerald; and his beloved grandchildren, Jack and Emma McEnhill, William and Joseph Simonds; and a large extended family.

Mr. Speaker, the depth of Mr. McEnhill's service to the military and his local community, as well as his commitment to his family and faith have left a positive legacy to many, and he will be dearly missed. It is therefore appropriate that we pay tribute to him today and honor his memory.

CONGRATULATING PENNY PULLEN ON HER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Miss Penny Pullen on being selected as the recipient of the Abstinence & Marriage Education Partnership's Lifetime Achievement Award. This award represents a much deserved honor for all of Penny's work fighting for the right to life and for traditional family values over the past several decades both in Illinois and across the nation.

Penny has long been considered one of the strongest champions of the pro-life movement in Illinois. She held the distinct position of emerging as the chief spokesman for the right to life during her time in Illinois House of Representatives where she served in the leadership. Upon her retirement from the General