

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING TOM WILSON

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Tom Wilson as he retires as executive director of the Canal Alliance after 24 years of service. Under Mr. Wilson's leadership, the Canal Alliance has added numerous programs and services, added more than 30 employees, and has maintained four county contracts and 400 active volunteers a year. He has expanded the organization's budget from \$350,000 to \$3.8 million today, helping to reach more residents in need.

Mr. Wilson has been instrumental in developing an organization that touches the lives of more than 3,500 people per year with educational, vocational, and legal services, as well as family support. The Canal Alliance helps to provide supplemental food distribution to 400 families every week and English as a second language instruction to 1,200 adults per year. After Immigration and Custom Enforcement officers conducted raids in the community, the Canal Alliance began talks with the Marin County Human Rights Commission, city and county officials, and ICE—conversations that ultimately helped stop the immigration raids.

As a result of the cutting-edge work done by Canal Alliance, the organization has been honored with the 2013 North Bay Leadership Council Award for empowering the Latino Community, the Heart of Marin Award for Achievement in Nonprofit Excellence, the Marin Community Foundation's Beryl Buck Achievement Award for Promoting Diversity and Inclusiveness, the Tipping Point Community Award, the U.S. Mayors' End Hunger Award, among others.

In addition to these recognitions, Tom Wilson has been awarded both the Benjamin Dreyfus Civil Liberties Award by the ACLU, and the Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award by the Marin County Human Rights Commission.

Tom Wilson's legacy is one of dedicated service to the children and families of San Rafael. Please join me in congratulating him on his retirement and expressing our deep appreciation for his long and exceptional career and outstanding contributions to the Canal Alliance.

HONORING ZANE GREEN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Zane Green. Zane is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy

Scouts of America, Troop 412, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Zane has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Zane has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Zane contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Zane Green for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING BRENDA FREEMAN

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Brenda Freeman, an individual who has been instrumental in shaping young hearts and minds as a member of the Yonkers public school system for nearly three decades.

A graduate of Yonkers Public Schools, Brenda earned her degree from Westchester Community College and has held the position of School Aide and School Number 16 since 1988. In addition to helping students in the Copy Room, Brenda has been instrumental in organizing many school fundraisers, including the Pasta for Pennies event which benefited the Leukemia Foundation and the American heart association Relay for Life. She also spearheaded the P.T.A. membership drive for her local CSEA union, for which she also served as Building Rep. Brenda also created and organized a Multicultural Food Week event for the entire School Number 16 staff, and has served as School social Committee Coordinator.

School Principal Cynthia Eisner has said of Brenda, "She is the Miss Congeniality of School 16 welcoming new staff. She facilitates our SMART Program, picking up the students for the senior citizens that volunteer in our building each week. Ms. Freeman is a well-respected member of the CSEA union and counsels her members wisely. She approaches problems with confidentiality and has a wonderful way of arranging consensus between parties. Ms. Freeman is a dependable reliable, humble person. She finds gratitude in a job done well and does everything with a pleasant attitude."

This year, the Exchange Club of Club of Yonkers is honoring Brenda as their 2016 Civil Service Employee of the Year. She is most deserving of this wonderful recognition. Congratulations to Brenda on receiving this great honor.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY IN INDIANA

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Indiana Chapter of the American Red Cross in celebration of its 100th anniversary. This dynamic humanitarian organization has made significant contributions to the state of Indiana, to the nation, and around the world. It is my privilege to honor the American Red Cross as it celebrates 100 years of excellence in Indiana. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for their exceptional service and dedication to our Hoosier community.

Inspired by the Swiss Red Cross Network, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross on May 21, 1881, in Washington, DC. The Red Cross received its first congressional charter in 1900 and the second in 1905. Shortly thereafter, the American Red Cross opened their Indiana Chapter in 1916. They have delivered aid in disaster relief, helped feed hungry children, and provided care for the sick. They provide care, shelter, service to veterans, and access to lifesaving blood. Through its strong network of volunteers, donors and partners, the American Red Cross has made a lasting impact in the lives of Hoosiers in their time of greatest need. Over 500,000 volunteers work across America, and more than 3,500 volunteers work to help their fellow Hoosiers in the face of disaster here at home. In 2015 alone the Indiana Red Cross helped 1,300 families through the aftermath of home fires. The Red Cross currently serves 6.3 million Hoosiers across 87 counties in Indiana.

The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. Born out of the desire to help without discrimination those wounded on the battlefield, the American Red Cross carries on its legacy by working to prevent and alleviate human suffering wherever it is found, both nationally and internationally. All people receive the care, shelter, and hope they need in the face of a disaster. Since 2006, the Red Cross and FEMA have worked together to help government agencies and community organizations plan, coordinate and provide feeding, sheltering and family reunification services for people affected by disasters.

Volunteers carry out 90 percent of the humanitarian work done by the Red Cross. Hoosiers and Americans across the country have the opportunity to translate their care and concern for people down the street, across the country and around the world through the American Red Cross. They not only give back to the community, but it also gives the community the ability to give back to the world.

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On behalf of the citizens of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I would like to congratulate the Indiana Chapter of the American Red Cross on the celebration of its centennial anniversary. I am proud that our Hoosier state is home to an exemplary organization such as this one. I wish the Indiana Chapter of the American Red Cross all the best as it embarks on its next 100 years of excellence in Indiana.

HONORING THE CAREER OF
PROFESSOR ANITA HILL

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give homage to the career and undertakings of Professor Anita Hill; a woman who has been at the center of American political discourse for over 25 years. Professor Hill's Senate testimony against Justice Clarence Thomas in 1991 shed light on important issues and generated significant legal change for sexual harassment protections for women and men in the workplace. For these reasons, it is both fitting and appropriate that Professor Hill is the 10th recipient of the Alice and Clifford Spendlove Prize in Social Justice, Diplomacy, and Tolerance; one of U.C. Merced's highest honors.

Professor Hill's early career was one marked by excellence. After obtaining her Bachelor's degree with honors in Psychology from Oklahoma State University, she moved on to receive her Juris Doctor degree from Yale in 1980. By 1983, Professor Hill had already served in major roles under the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). By 1986, she had executed faculty positions at Oral Roberts University and became the first tenured African American Professor at the University of Oklahoma.

Professor Hill rose to national prominence after her Senate hearing regarding the misconduct of Justice Clarence Thomas during their time working together at the Department of Education and the EEOC. Professor Hill's statements facilitated a nationwide discussion about the common experiences of women in the work place, which has empowered countless women to speak out against the injustices they have faced throughout the course of their careers. The subsequent tripling of the amount of women in the Senate, and the 60 percent increase in the number of female Representatives in the House that followed in the next election cycle are often attributed to the Senate hearings.

Professor Hill has become one of the most recognizable national voices on issues of race and gender equality. Professor Hill has been featured on numerous high profile television shows such as 60 Minutes, Meet the Press, and more recently was depicted by Kerry Washington in an HBO movie about her life and the hardships she endured during the Senate hearings. She has published a number of academic articles with profound content, and has written two books which have won national acclaim. In 2015, Professor Hill was appointed to serve as a Private University Professor of Social Policy, Law, and Women's Studies at Brandeis University.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Professor Anita Hill and the legacy she established in our country. The United States has seen a great deal of strife and conflict, but figures like Professor Hill ingrain an unshakable feeling of strength and hope for the people of this nation. As Professor Hill continues to advocate for noble causes, we hope that she can remain a stalwart figure in discourse on social justice and equality.

HONORING KRISTOPHER EVANS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kristopher Evans. Kristopher is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kristopher has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kristopher has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Kristopher has become an Ordeal Member of the Order of the Arrow and earned the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Kristopher has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Kristopher built six large bat houses for Immacolata Manor in Liberty, Missouri, to control mosquitoes and other pests.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kristopher Evans for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING REVEREND FATHER
JON E. MAGOULIAS

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Reverend Father Jon E. Magoulis from Modesto, California, for his thirty years of service to the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation.

Father Jon has followed in his father's and grandfather's footsteps by obtaining his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy of Religion and Masters of Divinity from the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology.

In addition to being recognized as a Scholar for his depth of knowledge of the Orthodox Christian Faith, Father Jon has also written extensively on his faith. "The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom" (2004) translated a compilation of the most celebrated liturgy of the Orthodox from Greek to English. His work is used by at least seventy-nine Greek Orthodox Parishes.

In 2010, Father Jon published his second book, "The Priest as a Liturgist: A Handbook

of Rubrics," which serves as a manual for priests in fulfilling their duties in celebrating the liturgies of the church. This book was written for and at the request of the ordained clergy of the Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco. In addition, the book has been requested by over 350 priests across the world.

In his thirty years of ministry as Parish Priest, Father Jon has impacted the community by conducting over 500 baptisms, 200 weddings, and 300 funerals. He has encouraged philanthropic giving not just for the ministries of the Church, but also for local charities such as Modesto Gospel Mission, Sierra Vista Home, and Habitat for Humanity.

Father Jon is married to his beloved wife, Presvytera Georgia Magoulis, and together they have three daughters, Stamatia, Maria and Anastasia, and a son named Efstratios Jon.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Father Jon E. Magoulis for his 30 years of service and outstanding contributions to the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation and the community.

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS
REGARDING H.R. 5160

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD two letters concerning Committee jurisdiction regarding H.R. 5160.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND
INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, May 27, 2016.

Hon. CANDICE S. MILLER,
Chairman, Committee on House Administration,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MILLER: I write concerning H.R. 5160, a bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to include as part of the buildings and grounds of the National Gallery of Art any buildings and other areas within the boundaries of any real estate or other property interests acquired by the National Gallery of Art. This legislation includes matters that fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

In order to expedite Floor consideration of H.R. 5160, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure will forgo action on this bill. However, this is conditional on our mutual understanding that forgoing consideration of the bill does not prejudice the Committee with respect to the appointment of conferees or to any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matters contained in the bill or similar legislation that fall within the Committee's Rule X jurisdiction. I request you urge the Speaker to name members of the Committee to any conference committee named to consider such provisions.

Please place a copy of this letter and your response acknowledging our jurisdictional interest into the committee report on H.R. 5160 and into the Congressional Record during consideration of the measure on the House floor. I appreciate the Committee on House Administration working with me to address my concerns.

Sincerely,

BILL SHUSTER,
Chairman.