

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call upon the people of our nation to re-double the effort to pass the Equal Rights Amendment—an amendment to make real the promise of equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for women. Given the continuous assaults on women's health care and reproductive rights and the persistent wage gap, there is no better time for this Amendment to become enshrined in our constitution. This is long overdue and it is shameful that we continue to be three states short of ratification. The Constitution must guarantee and protect women's rights.

In recognition of Women's History Month, I encourage my colleagues to take up this issue and fight for the Equal Rights Amendment.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARCH AS BLEEDING DISORDERS MONTH

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 3, 2016

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize March as the first Bleeding Disorders Awareness month. As my colleagues may know, bleeding disorders are a group of diseases which affect more than three million Americans and which have no known cure. These diseases, which include hemophilia, Von Willebrand disease or VWD, and other rare disorders, can take a heavy toll on their sufferers' standard of living and finances. However, despite these troubling realities, by raising awareness, it is my hope that through earlier diagnosis, we might prevent more complications, unnecessary procedures, and disabilities so often caused by these diseases.

The most common bleeding disorders, hemophilia and VWD, are hereditary and caused by disorders in blood proteins meant to clot and stop bleeding. According to the Centers for Disease Control, as many as 400 babies are born with hemophilia each year. For hemophilia sufferers, their illness means that they require lifelong infusions of replacement clotting factor therapies. The financial burden for individuals with severe hemophilia are often \$250,000 a year or more. While the affordable care act limits annual out-of-pocket expenses to \$6,850 for individuals and \$13,700 for families, the high cost of clotting factor therapies means that those afflicted with the disease often pay these full amounts each year.

In the past we have seen just how vulnerable sufferers of bleeding disorders are to

complications. When the nation's blood supply became contaminated with HIV during the 1980's, almost 90% of severe hemophilia sufferers became infected. Of those cases of HIV transmission, over 50% have since died of the disease.

Despite these tragic outcomes, there is reason for optimism. Thanks to federally funded Hemophilia Treatment Centers (HTCs), originally authorized by Congress in 1974, as many as 70% of hemophilia sufferers take advantage of specialized treatment through the multidisciplinary, comprehensive care in a network of HTCs. According to the CDC, mortality rates and hospitalization rates for bleeding complications from hemophilia were 40% lower among Americans who received treatment at HTCs. I am proud to say that Georgia hosts a total of four HTCs.

In addition, organizations such as the National Hemophilia Foundation have made it their mission to continue to raise awareness about rare bleeding disorders in the United States and abroad. So Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize those who suffer from bleeding disorders and those who continue to work to create greater awareness of bleeding disorders.

HONORING A CHAMPION FROM THE STATE OF HOCKEY

HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 3, 2016

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend, and Elyite, Lt. Col. David Merhar for his many athletic achievements, service to his country, and passion for helping others pursue their goals.

On February 6th his West Point number 7 jersey was retired—one of the first three jerseys to ever be raised to the rafters of Tate Rink—in honor of his many accomplishments while playing for West Point's hockey team. During his senior season, he became the first NCAA hockey player to surpass 100 points in a season. The 57 goals and 50 assists that season made him the highest scoring NCAA hockey player at the time and today his 107 points in one season remains 6th all-time in NCAA history.

After graduating from West Point, Dave went on to a fulfilling 35 year career in government service, including 23 years in active military duty and serving as a special assistant to then General Alexander Haig stationed at NATO headquarters in Belgium. Dave's hard work and dedication helped to keep our country safe.

Today Dave continues in public service by helping me select candidates for service academy nominations. I truly appreciate the time he sets aside every year to help me nominate students to service academies, such as West Point, so they can pursue their goals just like Dave.

Once again thank you Dave for your service to our country, and congratulations on this historic achievement.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST PARLOR 210 IN FORT BRAGG, CALIFORNIA

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 3, 2016

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of the Native Daughters of the Golden West Parlor 210 in Fort Bragg, California.

On March 2, 1916, twenty-seven women were initiated as charter members of the newly formed parlor of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, a statewide fraternal and patriotic organization that has served the community and helped preserve the town's history for one hundred years.

Over the years, the Native Daughters of Fort Bragg Parlor has played an important role in raising awareness of Fort Bragg's unique history and in honoring important historical locations through plaques, volunteer work, and sharing the living history of the town with visitors and locals alike. They have helped Fort Bragg students further their education as well as countless other philanthropic efforts.

The longstanding dedication and commitment of the Fort Bragg members of the Native Daughters of the Golden West has created a legacy of service and historic preservation in Fort Bragg and Mendocino County. Please join me in acknowledging and expressing gratitude to the Native Daughters of the Golden West Parlor 210 in Fort Bragg, California, for a century of service.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DORIS YOUNG HURLEY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 3, 2016

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of Mrs. Doris Young Hurley. A beloved wife, sister, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, as well as an irreplaceable member of the community, Mrs. Hurley passed away on February 28th, 2016 at the age of 94.

Born in Buffalo, New York on May 27, 1921, Mrs. Hurley was raised on Humboldt Parkway on the East Side of Buffalo. One of nine children, she was a graduate of St. Mary Magdalene as well as St. Mary's Seminary. In her scholastic career she was extremely proud of an essay she wrote in 1933 titled "Why I am Proud to be an American" which won an Americanism Essay award.

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Mrs. Hurley worked for American Airlines in the Buffalo airport after high school and during World War II, where she met her future husband Paul Bishop Hurley of Belmont, Massachusetts when he was transferred to Buffalo. They were married in January 1944, and were together sixty-two years until his passing in 2006.

In her spare time, Mrs. Hurley enjoyed many activities including sewing, crafts, dancing, and music. She was a dedicated fan of the Buffalo Bills.

A devoted mother, Mrs. Hurley's family brought her great joy. She is survived by her daughters, Mary Ann Tanski, Barbara Pacitti, Colleen Argus; sons Paul Jr., John, Daniel, Michael, William, and Timothy; 25 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Paul Jr. served as President of Trocaire College from 1998 to 2012, and John has held the position of President of Canisius College since 2010.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor the memory of Mrs. Doris Y. Hurley, an adored mother, sister, and grandmother. I offer my deepest condolences to her family, friends, and loved ones.

HONORING MORGAN PARK HIGH SCHOOL

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 3, 2016

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Morgan Park High School in Chicago, Illinois as it celebrates its 100th Anniversary.

The centennial celebration is a highly anticipated milestone for most organizations. However, only a select group gets the honor of actually celebrating one hundred years of existence and Morgan Park High School is now among them. Since its inception in 1916 when it opened its doors to less than 300 students, Morgan Park has been a champion for educational exceptionalism. Morgan Park is set apart during this momentous occasion as a bearer of academic excellence, a laboratory for stellar educators, and the training ground for talented and intellectually-stimulated students.

Mr. Speaker, the Mustang family is also a clan of notable alumni. Among them is physician, NASA Astronaut, and the first African-American woman in space Mae Jemison; Singer, songwriter, and record producer Jeremih; Actor Michael Colyar; Chicago Teachers Union and American Federation of Teachers leader Jacqueline B. Vaughn; Inventor James C. Bliss; and NFL Player Corbin Bryant—to name a few. Mr. Speaker, I would be remiss if, amongst this list of notable alumni, I did not mention my dedicated and diligent Chief of Staff, Reverend Stanley Watkins.

The list of prestigious accomplishments that have emerged from the Mustang family is a testament of why Morgan Park High School is still standing 100 years strong. Mr. Speaker, 100 is a special number because it marks two significant transitions: the conclusion of one century and the beginning of a new one. While this is a time to celebrate the many victories and cherished moments of the passing century, it is also the moment in which we pause to reflect upon it critically to identify our short-

comings so that we can learn from them and better shape our future.

So, Mr. Speaker, this year we celebrate both our beginning and our becoming. We celebrate the struggles of the past 100 years and we embrace the challenge of the next 100 years. We commend the triumphant strides of the many leaders that have been birthed from this rich Mustang blood. We unleash the unbridled Mustang spirit upon those who are being groomed now and those who are still to come.

Mr. Speaker, therefore, we recognize this great achievement and commend Morgan Park High School for bestowing upon so many the opportunity of a lifetime; to pass through its halls, to sit in its classrooms, and to play on its courts.

Go Mustangs and congratulations on reaching your centennial.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF M&Ms

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 3, 2016

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Mars, Incorporated as they celebrate the 75th anniversary of M&Ms today, March 3, 2016.

Forrest Mars Sr., son of Mars founder, Franklin Mars, got the inspiration for M&Ms while running the family candy business in the United Kingdom. Mars encountered soldiers eating small chocolate candies encased in a hard shell as part of their rations. These hard shell chocolate candies resisted melting. Forrest Mars turned the concept into M&Ms and a world-renowned brand of candy. By the mid-1950s, M&Ms had become the number one candy in the United States.

Mars, Incorporated has five governing principles that deserve our recognition. First, they establish quality of their work as their first goal. Second, they require total responsibility from every member of their organization. Third, they seek out how to mutually serve everyone in a business relationship with them. Fourth, they strive to never waste resources. Fifth, as one of the world's largest family-owned companies, they embrace the freedom to do business with high standards.

After visiting M&Ms and Mars facilities in Central Florida and learning about their principle-based business model, I have come to respect this company. Mars is a quality, family-owned organization, and I wish M&Ms a happy 75th anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RENEE L. ELLMERS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 3, 2016

Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on March 2, 2016, H.R. 3716, the Ensuring Access to Quality Medicaid Providers Act, passed the U.S. House of Representatives with an overwhelming 406 "yea" votes. Had I been I present, I would have voted in favor of this legislation.

IN HONOR OF LIN SCHMALE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 3, 2016

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lin Schmale, who recently retired from The Society of American Florists where she was senior director of government relations and an advocate for flower and plant growers across the nation. Lin is someone known for tenacity and fearlessness—as well as collaboration and kindness. A walking encyclopedia of the federal bureaucracy, she has a long and well-documented history for promoting teamwork and partnerships to accomplish the sometimes seemingly impossible.

For 22 years, Lin fought for the floral industry on Capitol Hill and throughout countless federal agencies, bringing together diverse people, groups and agencies, and standing her ground on issues that directly affect the livelihood of growers, wholesalers, retailers and suppliers.

Known for her sharp intellect and her ability to grasp and then distill complex issues, Lin has played a lead role in two critically important areas: first, through her efforts, federal funds are now available to conduct important research on floral and nursery crops; and second, she has dedicated countless hours to ensure safe and efficient transportation of flowers and plants within the United States and across international borders.

When Lin started working at SAF, the Floral and Nursery Research Initiative (FNRI) had been created and was poised to be a source of needed funding for research across the country. While the structure was in place, and there was support in Congress and the USDA, the Initiative needed more visibility. However, putting her knowledge of the federal and political bureaucracy to work, and calling on a vast network of colleagues and peers on the Hill, Lin soon helped take the Initiative to the next level. What was initially a glimmer in the eyes of the industry soon became a multi-million dollar annual USDA research program that today funds a wide variety of research benefiting not only the floral and nursery industries but literally all of agriculture. And the U.S. Department of Agriculture has called the Initiative a model program for private and public sector collaboration.

As the international movement of floral products has increased, Lin's role in addressing pest and disease issues took on more importance.

When the pathogen *Ralstonia* first threatened to disrupt the country's supply of geraniums, Lin made sure the industry maintained a respectful yet loud voice in often difficult negotiations between the USDA, the Department of Homeland Security and other agricultural groups. Leveraging her deep connections in Washington, she brought interested parties together to craft a realistic and workable solution that protected the geranium industry first and foremost, but also addressed the needs of other agricultural groups and the federal government. That was no small feat, and some people have said, without exaggeration, that Lin saved the geranium industry in the United States.

Over the years, Lin has been a strong industry advocate and negotiator in many other