

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING JUDGE CYNTHIA RUFÉ ON WINNING THE 2016 BUCKS CO. WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AWARD

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2016

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, U.S. District Court Judge Cynthia M. Rufe is the recipient of the 2016 Bucks County Women's History Month Award, presented annually to distinguished women whose professional and civic achievements have "made a difference."

Her career began as a high school teacher, later an attorney, leader and mentor. Judge Rufe was a member of the panel that established a county-wide system to provide free legal representation to civil litigants and also worked with the Bucks County district attorney's office to establish safe protocols for women and child abuse victims. Prior to her appointment to the federal bench, Judge Rufe served with honor and distinction in the Court of Common Pleas of Bucks County, Pennsylvania. I had the great pleasure of working with Judge Rufe on issues of mutual concern during my years as a County Commissioner in Doylestown.

Judge Rufe continues to advocate for legal education and mentors law students and new attorneys and regularly presents legal and ethics courses to state and local bar associations. Additionally, she serves as a faculty member of the TIPS Trial Academy. As the granddaughter of immigrants, Judge Rufe takes great pride in her frequent role in naturalization ceremonies, welcoming new American citizens with sincere and inspiring words.

The Women's History Month Award presented to Judge Rufe is one page in the story of generations of women whose belief in equality and justice motivated them to make a difference in society, ultimately affecting the lives of subsequent generations. Judge Rufe exemplifies a belief in our nation's inherent values, including the rule of law and justice and, in so doing, has set an example for women who may choose to follow in her footsteps.

FEMA DISASTER ASSISTANCE
REFORM ACT OF 2015

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my strong support for H.R. 1471, the "FEMA Disaster Assistance Reform Act of 2015."

The Federal Emergency Management Act (FEMA), which was signed into law in 1979 by President Carter, provides support to improve our capability to prepare for, protect against,

respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards.

Under the Clinton Administration FEMA became the premier emergency response organization in the world.

Mr. Speaker, we all remember the disastrous response to Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, Louisiana and the management mistakes that cost so many innocent Americans their lives.

Since that time FEMA has vastly improved its organization and response protocols to disasters throughout the country.

An example is FEMA's response to the 2015 historic floods in of Houston, Texas, which helped saved countless lives.

H.R. 1471 reauthorizes FEMA through Fiscal Year 2018 authorizes millions per year up to \$947 million in annual appropriations, and authorizes the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System.

This legislation also contains several provisions intended to reduce future losses from disasters and to improve the recovery process for victims and affected communities.

In addition the bill provides for a study of disaster costs and why they have continued to increase and gives greater weight to severe localized impact and adjusts disaster relief policies to reflect this change.

To protect families and individuals H.R. 1471 prohibits FEMA from initiating new action to recover disaster assistance payments made to an individual or household more than three years after the payments were made, or to recover emergency assistance funds owed by an individual or household more than three years after the funds were determined to be owed.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1471, "FEMA Disaster Assistance Reform Act of 2015" provides many changes that will allow this vital agency to operate effectively and respond quickly to the areas in this country where its services are needed most.

HONORING THE NATIONAL CHAMPION
NORTHWEST MISSOURI
STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL
PROGRAM

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to congratulate the Northwest Missouri State University Football Program on their ninth appearance and fifth title in the NCAA Division II National Championship. It isn't every day that a team from the 6th District of Missouri wins a National Championship, but thanks to the Northwest Bearcats it is starting to become a tradition.

On December 19, 2015, the Northwest Bearcats took on the Shepard University Rams in a game at Children's Mercy Park in Kansas City, Kansas. Although the competi-

tion was undeniably tough, I never doubted the ability of our team. So when Representative Alex Mooney of West Virginia challenged me to a wager over the game—I gladly accepted. As all of Missouri cheered, the Bearcat football team, under the leadership and direction of Head Coach Adam Dorrel, defeated the Rams 34-7 and sealed their place in sports history as one of only two NCAA Division II teams to win five National Championship titles.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending the accomplishments of the Northwest Missouri Football Team for their tremendous undefeated season and title.

CONGRATULATING CAPTAIN
THOMAS ROCHE

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2016

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to Captain Thomas M. Roche on the occasion of his retirement from the Lower Makefield Township Police Department. Throughout his 42-year career in the township, Capt. Roche distinguished himself with his contributions, service and responsibilities, including oversight of the police department's internal affairs investigations, traffic safety unit, events and planning and as deputy emergency management coordinator. Furthermore, his supervisors recognized the key role he played in the Lower Makefield department's award and designation in the Pennsylvania Accreditation program. Prior to joining the department, Capt. Roche was a proud member of the United States Army in Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam and also as a member of the military police, stationed at several Army bases in the U.S. He is a decorated veteran and a dedicated member of the law enforcement community. Capt. Roche has set a fine example of public service for others to follow and begins his retirement with the appreciation of the citizens he willingly served.

RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WILLIAM FENTON HOWE FAMILY IN PORT ORCHARD, WASHINGTON

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2016

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the William Fenton Howe family for their contributions to the history of the Pacific Northwest and to recognize their 125th anniversary of calling the city of Port Orchard, Washington, home.

In 1888 the William Fenton Howe family migrated from Altoona, Pennsylvania, to Tacoma in what was then the Washington Territory.

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On March 6, 1891, William Fenton Howe moved his family to the town of Sidney, now known as Port Orchard, on the shores of the Sinclair Inlet of Puget Sound. The family, which consisted of his wife Emma and children Harry, William, Edwin, Roy, and Edith, moved into the house located at 307 Cline Street, which remains standing today.

At the time of the Howe family's arrival, Sidney was becoming known for its lumber industry, pottery works, small business, and agricultural opportunities. In 1890, Sidney became the first town in Kitsap County to incorporate and was chosen as the county seat, and later renamed Port Orchard. The Howe family was a leader in the business community and contributed to the town's growth by establishing Howe Hardware, the first hardware store in the community.

In 1895 the Howe family suffered a devastating year with the death of Emma Howe and a fire at Howe Hardware. After the losses, William Fenton Howe left his children with various families in the community and headed north to Alaska to pursue opportunities to provide for them.

William Fenton Howe, a savvy businessman, set out to make his mark in Alaska's booming mining industry. Not only did Mr. Howe know how to manage a hardware store, but he was also a skilled tinsmith and built stoves for the miners while they looked for gold. One of his sons, Edwin Scott Howe, joined in the pursuit of "mining the miner" as they built stoves that prevented the miners from facing certain death in the Arctic wilderness of Nome, Alaska.

In Port Orchard, William Fenton Howe's children continued their father's legacy in the business community. After the death of William Fenton Howe, sons Edwin and Harry opened Howe Brothers Hardware as partners. The family also owned and operated Howe Oil Company and Howe Motor Company, a Ford dealership still in operation after 103 years. Deeply embedded in the community, members of the Howe family served on town council, were engaged in civic organizations, and rallied the community to bring electric power to Port Orchard and the Washington Veterans Home Retsil to Kitsap County.

Mr. Speaker, the Howe family has a long lineage of public service in the business community as well as in local government and local organizations. In 2013, the Howe family was one of five families to be recognized for their contributions to Port Orchard and the surrounding area by the Kitsap County Historical Society. I am honored to recognize the Howe family's contributions to the community of Port Orchard and recognize their 125th anniversary on this past Sunday, March 6, 2016.

NANCY DAVIS REAGAN: TIRELESS ADVOCATE FOR DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESEARCH AND FORMER FIRST LADY OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Nancy Davis Reagan, the former First Lady of the United States, who died on March 6, 2016 at her home in California at the age of 94.

Born July 6, 1921, in New York, New York, Nancy Davis Reagan was the only child of Kenneth Robbins, a salesman, and Edith Luckett Robbins, an actress.

In 1929, Edith Luckett Robbins married a prominent Chicago neurosurgeon, Loyal Davis, who adopted young Nancy in 1931.

Nancy Davis studied drama at Smith College where she earned a baccalaureate degree in 1943.

After college, Nancy Davis followed her dreams to pursue a career in acting.

Her first role was a nonspeaking part in the touring company production of *Ramshackle Inn*.

The play eventually made it to Broadway in New York City, where Nancy Davis landed a minor role in the 1946 musical *Lute Song*, starring Yul Brynner and Mary Martin.

In 1949, Nancy Davis noticed that her name was listed on the Hollywood blacklist, which was established by the film industry to warn studios and producers of individuals suspected of being communist sympathizers.

This case of mistaken identity resulted in Nancy Davis meeting the love of her life and husband, Ronald Reagan, who at that time was the president of the Screen Actors Guild.

They were married on March 4, 1952, and within a few years daughter Patty and son Ronald were born, joining Maureen and Michael, Ronald Reagan's children by a prior marriage.

Nancy Reagan became California's first lady in 1967, when her husband was elected to Governor of California.

In 1980, Nancy Reagan became the First Lady of the United States when her husband was elected the 40th President of the United States.

As First lady she championed the "Just Say No" campaign to help dissuade youth from using and abusing drugs.

Nancy Reagan worked tirelessly to retrieve a number of White House antiques, which had been in storage, and placed them throughout the Executive Mansion.

During the Reagan Administration, Nancy Reagan was known most importantly as the president's personal protector.

After her husband's term was completed Nancy established the Nancy Reagan Foundation to support after-school drug prevention programs.

Nancy Reagan and President Ronald Reagan retired to the "Reagan Ranch" in Santa Barbara where they devoted much of their time to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

After President Reagan was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease in 1994, the couple founded the Ronald and Nancy Reagan Research Institute, located in Chicago, Illinois.

As Ronald Reagan's disease progressed, Nancy became the primary caregiver for her husband.

After President Ronald Reagan's death in 2004, Nancy Reagan became a supporter of stem-cell research.

Nancy Reagan was a true symbol of American elegance during her time as First Lady of the United States and a tireless advocate for those Americans who suffer from Alzheimer's Disease.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to take a moment of silence in remembrance of this extraordinary woman who transcended political lines.

HONORING PERCY CONWAY AND THE HI-STYLING BEAUTY CENTER ON 50 YEARS OF SUCCESS

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2016

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Percy Conway who is celebrating 50 years as owner of Conway's Hi-Styling Beauty Center in Fairmont, Illinois.

Mr. Conway has been barbering since he was ten years old on his father's porch in Canton, Mississippi. Looking for work he moved to Illinois in 1950 and settled in Fairmont, an unincorporated area between Lockport and Joliet. He got a job at Mastic Tile Company in Joliet, but was called to serve his country in the Korean War.

After his return from the Army, he saw a need for jobs and services in Fairmont so he decided to become an entrepreneur and opened the Hi-Styling Beauty Center. When he opened his shop, roads in Fairmont barely existed and some areas had no water service. While serving his customers, he frequently listened to their concerns with the state of the community.

Rather than confine himself to his barber-shop. Mr. Conway saw an opportunity to help his community. He was elected to the Lockport Township Board of Trustees where he served for twenty years.

While on the Board of Trustees he worked to secure a \$1.3 million loan from the federal government to install sewer and water services. This work opened the door to new improvements to the area including paved roads and small business opportunities.

Through his work, Fairmont has changed into the diverse community it is today. Percy Conway can still be found most days at Hi-Styling Beauty Center, imparting his wisdom. He also serves on the boards of several nonprofits and remains involved at Shiloh Baptist Church.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Mr. Percy Conway for all he has done for his community and to congratulate him on 50 years of business success.