

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING CAROL ARENDS

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of a friend, mentor, and dedicated public servant who changed the community of Bremerton for the better: Carol Arends. As the longest serving woman on Bremerton's City Council, Mrs. Arends guided Bremerton's downtown revitalization and was instrumental to breaking down barriers for women seeking local public office.

Mrs. Arends' career path is a testament to her capabilities, innate knack for problem solving, and lifelong commitment to serving the public. Growing up in Tenino, Washington, Carol graduated second in her high school class and entered college to study business. She then embarked on a career at the Department of Natural Resources before relocating to Bremerton, Washington with her husband, John. Carol came to Bremerton ready to pull her sleeves up and get to work, and it wasn't long before she was an invaluable member of the community and serving the City of Bremerton on a number of advisory committees.

Mrs. Arends' determination and vision for the city is ultimately what led to her recruitment in 1997 to run for Bremerton City Council. After her successful bid, Carol went on to serve four terms on the Bremerton City Council, including three years as council president.

One doesn't have to look far to see the fruits of Mrs. Arends' labor. During her tenure as Councilmember, the City of Bremerton saw the approval of the Kitsap Conference Center, Harborside Fountain Park, a public safety bond, and a transit tunnel to better connect Washington State Ferries to our community. What Carol knew was that great leadership is the capacity to translate vision to reality. And with her guidance, she empowered us all to be part of that reality.

Mr. Speaker, I have been encouraged by Mrs. Arends' leadership and I am honored to have considered her a partner and a friend. During good times and during her battle with illness, she was always there with a smile, a quip, and a desire to keep at it. Our community is stronger and more vibrant thanks to her thoughtful leadership and I am honored to recognize Carol Arends today in the United States Congress.

HONORING MR. WILLIAM "BILL" TURGEON FOR HIS EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO RIVER BEND MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Bill Turgeon for his contributions to

his community both inside and outside the classroom at River Bend Middle School. The positive influences he has had in running the youth after school program on young children go well beyond the classroom in preparing children as they face the challenges of real life. Parents and others in his community are proud to call him their own and there is no question, he is very deserving of their praise.

Mr. Turgeon is a fine example to his fellow citizens of dedication, selflessness, and commitment to the common good around the world. I thank him for his devotion to above and beyond the call to mentor the youth of Sterling, Virginia.

CELEBRATING OUTGOING DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MRS. KAREN HOOVER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA VFW AUXILIARY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, It is my honor to recognize Mrs. Karen Hoover on the occasion of her departure as 2015–2016 Department President for the VFW Auxiliary Department of Pennsylvania. Spanning 31 years, Karen's countless contributions in my district and state reflect her dignity, honor, and dedication to improving her community and the lives of all Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Karen joined the VFW Auxiliary in 1985, under the eligibility of her father, who served in the Army during WWII, and subsequently became a life member in 1999. She was elected the Auxiliary President in 1988 and served a total of eight terms. Since 2000, Karen has served as a Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President, Secretary, and in her current role as Treasurer. Auxiliary chairmanship positions she has occupied include Americanism, Membership, Cancer, and Safety. Karen has also acted as the District 18 Chief of Staff, Color Bearer, Extensions Chairman, and Treasurer for the Voice of Democracy program.

Beyond her formal positions in the VFW, Karen has always understood the value of community engagement. She is a member of Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, the American Legion, Women of the Moose, Relay for Life Team, United Way Fundraising, and Valley Lanes Bowling League. Karen is a lifetime member of the National Home for Veterans Children and was a life member of the Scotland School for Veterans' Children until its closure in 2009. Additionally, Karen is a dedicated supporter of the Halifax Cat Rescue Association. Whether volunteering at the food stand during the Shippensburg Community Fair or spending valuable time with her family, Karen embodies the values and principles that are essential to the functioning of a productive community. Her departure will be accompanied by quality time with her daughter Nicole, who is also an active member of the

Auxiliary, her two stepsons, and three grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Mrs. Karen Hoover for her tireless dedication and excellence serving as 2015–2016 Department President for the VFW Auxiliary Department of Pennsylvania. Karen's career achievements have produced profound effects in our community and her example of selfless leadership will continue to inspire the next generation of Veterans advocates. It is with gratitude and appreciation that I recognize Mrs. Hoover on the occasion of her departure and wish her all the best in her next endeavor.

CONGRATULATING JOSHUA CROWNOVER ON HIS ELECTION AS SGA PRESIDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Joshua Crownover on being elected the 51st Student Government Association (SGA) President at the University of South Alabama in Mobile, Alabama.

Joshua has an impressive record, both in the classroom and in the community. He was a 2014 Valedictorian at Satsuma High School and served as a page for the Alabama State Senate.

Since arriving on campus, Joshua has been deeply involved in the South Alabama community. He served as an SGA Senator, SGA Comptroller, and a member of First Year Council. He has participated in South Alabama's Honors program, was selected a Mitchell Scholar, and is a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Mr. Speaker, I am also proud to say that Joshua interned in my Mobile office during the summer of 2015, and he was a strong asset to my Congressional team. I also want to recognize Joshua's parents, Mitchell and Angela Crownover, who have raised an outstanding young man.

So, on behalf of my constituents in Southwest Alabama, I want to congratulate Joshua once again and wish him all the best as he serves the students at the University of South Alabama.

MICHELLE MORWAY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Michelle Morway for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Michelle Morway is a 12th grader at North Valley School for Young Adults and received

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this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Michelle Morway is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Michelle Morway for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GREATER SACRAMENTO URBAN LEAGUE

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Greater Sacramento Urban League. As the Urban League's members and friends celebrate its accomplishments and its significant impact on our community at the 2016 Annual Unity Ball, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Urban League as a positive force for change in Sacramento.

Since 1968, the Greater Sacramento Urban League has been a community advocate for the underserved in our Sacramento region. The Urban League offers a wide variety of services, including youth development, tutoring, and classes. It has assisted thousands of people by giving them the tools to become more empowered and educated, which strengthens the workforce in our community and improves the bonds that tie Sacramento's neighborhoods together.

Being honored tonight with the Legacy Award is James Shelby, former President and CEO of the Greater Sacramento Urban League. Mr. Shelby is legendary among those who work for social change; for over twenty years under his leadership, the Greater Sacramento Urban League grew and thrived. Replacing Mr. Shelby at the head of the Greater Sacramento Urban League is Cassandra Jennings, a well-known community leader who I have worked with in the past. Scott Syphax, President and CEO of Nehemiah Corporation of America, receives the Community Empowerment Award; and Kathy McKim, Vice President of External Affairs of AT&T, is being honored with the Community Impact Award. Finally, Laura Murrell receives the Young Professional Award tonight. All are leaders in our community and are deserving of these honors.

Mr. Speaker, as the members of the Greater Sacramento Urban League celebrate the organization's accomplishments and value to our Sacramento community, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring its work in Sacramento.

HONORING THE PLACEMENT OF "JOSEPHINE CITY" IN BERRYVILLE, VIRGINIA ON THE NATIONAL AND STATE REG- ISTERS OF HISTORIC PLACES

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that the Josephine Street community in Berryville, Virginia, has been officially designated a place of national historical significance and that the story of this proud African-American community has now been permanently included in the history of the Commonwealth of Virginia and of our nation.

On February 9, 2015, as the newly elected member of Congress representing the Northern Shenandoah Valley, I submitted a letter enthusiastically endorsing the community's application to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources and the National Park Service, to be placed on the state and national registers of historic places, and within months I received word that both designations had been granted.

What an incredibly inspiring place the Josephine Street community has been since its establishment in 1870, when the 24 founders—former slaves and free blacks—purchased 31 one-acre lots from the Clermont Farm property owned by Ellen McCormick and turned the land on either side of the mile-long street into a thriving community.

In June of 2014, I was privileged to have been a part of an extraordinary walking tour of the community and will never forget the wonderful presentations by the elders of the community such as Viola Brown and Geneva Jackson. During this walking tour, I learned that the history of "Josephine City" is the story of a proud, resilient and resourceful people who, despite the ongoing negative effects of slavery and adversity of segregation, used their own talents, energies, and good will to build a remarkably self-sufficient and caring community that thrives to this day.

Through the amazing energy and positive attitude of those early residents, a community had been created by the early 20th century that included a grade school and a high school, two churches, two public wells, two restaurants, stables, boarding houses (including one for teachers), a barber shop and gas station, a hat shop, a slaughterhouse, a clubhouse and a baseball team.

I want to thank the many committed people who have been involved in obtaining this important historical designation, including Ms. Dee Dee Liggins, Reverend James Page, Jr. and Mr. Kenny Liggins of the Josephine Improvement Association; the leaders of the Josephine School Community Museum, including Dorothy Davis, Helen Carr, and Norma Johnson; the elected officials of Clarke County and Berryville; the Board of Directors of the Clarke County Historic Preservation Commission; and especially, Maral Kalbian, the architectural historian of Clarke County.

All of these individuals and organizations have helped to ensure that future generations of Virginians and Americans will be inspired by the hard work and indomitable spirit of the residents of Josephine City who, despite adversity, created a thriving, caring, self-sufficient community that is a model for us all.

HONORING LUCILLE LOVETTE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a driven and ambitious woman, Ms. Lucille Lovette. Lucille has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to serve others.

Lucille Lovette, a resident of Anguilla, Mississippi, is the ninth of 15 siblings born into a family who believed in hard work and didn't believe in handouts.

Lovette earned a bachelor of science in elementary education degree from Mississippi Valley State University at Itta Bena, followed by a masters degree in educational leadership and supervision and a specialist degree in educational leadership and supervision, both from Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi.

She began her career as an office manager in 1978 for the South Delta School District (formerly known as Anguilla Line Consolidated School District) under the direction of a great superintendent who encouraged her to go a little further. Lovette was employed by the South Delta School District from 1978–2009, serving as curriculum director, federal programs director and principal. During her time as principal, she led in an elementary school with a starting enrollment of some 740 students and 90 faculty members. During her tenure, the students' grade level reading score on state assessments increased more than 38.4 percent and math scores on state assessment increased more than 70 percent. The school achieved an Exemplary and High Performing School rating. Also while as principal the South Delta Elementary School received the Torch Award granted by the Mississippi Department of Education.

In 1994 she was one of 13 teachers who were chosen by the state of Mississippi for a six week study with NASA.

Prior to serving as principal of South Delta Elementary School, Lovette worked as educational technologist at South Delta Middle School, and has served as an adult education teacher at Mississippi Delta Community College in Moorhead.

From 2009–2010 Lovette served as an educational leadership consultant at Dollarway Middle School in Pine Bluff, Arkansas and Eliza Miller Junior High School in Helena, Arkansas. She was employed as school improvement coordinator with the Indianola School district from 2010 until 2011 and from 2011 until 2013; she served as educational leadership consultant for the Jackson Public School District and the Senatobia Public School District.

Among the awards she has garnered during her years in education are: the Mississippi School Board Association's School Improvement Beacon Award in 2009; the Mississippi Success for All School Reading Award in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007; the South Delta School District Administrator of the Year Award in 2007; Delta State University Educational Leadership Sabbatical in 2001; Mississippi Teacher of the Year State Finalist; Mississippi Second Congressional District Teacher of the Year in 2000; and South Delta Middle School and School District Teacher of the Year in 1998 and 2000.