

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING PRIDE MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, each June, our nation celebrates the extraordinary achievements of the LGBT community and their allies.

Thanks to the tireless activism of individuals and groups fighting for LGBT rights, we can all take pride in our nation's progress toward full LGBT equality. Just one year ago, the Supreme Court joined a growing number of Americans who recognize that love is love. Now millions have the security of knowing their rights and dignity are recognized and affirmed by our federal government.

There has never been a better time to rejoice in these hard fought victories. However, there is still work to be done.

Congress must pass the Equality Act to ensure that LGBT individuals are protected from discrimination. And we must take strong action to protect transgender Americans from an epidemic of violence, particularly transgender women of color.

All people deserve to live without fear and with dignity. We must continue the march towards LGBT equality in the United States and across the world.

I am honored to join with my colleagues in the Congressional LGBT Equality Caucus and all Americans in celebrating PRIDE month. I am confident that if we stand united, we will win the fight for equality and justice.

CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF FARM CREDIT

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, in rural communities, like those in the Sixth Congressional District of Virginia, the Farm Credit provides a variety of financial services to folks in their own communities. Since 1916, the Farm Credit System has served communities throughout the United States, playing an integral role in helping our country remain the world's greatest producer of food and fiber products while preserving our agricultural heritage.

Agriculture is by far the largest industry in the Commonwealth of Virginia, supplying nearly 311,000 jobs and making an economic impact of \$52 billion annually. The Farm Credit of the Virginias plays an important part in ensuring this industry continues to grow by pro-

viding more than \$1.5 billion in financing to rural homeowners, farmers, and landowners in 96 counties in Virginia, West Virginia, and Maryland. It has been a pleasure working with this group over the years.

Farm Credit has a decidedly local feel, and it is clear that the representatives know and understand the communities they are serving. As a cooperative, members of the Farm Credit are also the customers and borrowers. They are uniquely invested in ensuring Farm Credit is best serving its borrowers.

Whether a farmer is looking to purchase a new piece of equipment, a family is buying a new home, or a new agritourism business is trying to find the capital to take root, the Farm Credit has been there every step of the way, helping families live out the American dream. Thank you to Farm Credit organizations in Virginia and across the country for their hard work on behalf of America's rural communities. Congratulations to the Farm Credit on 100 years of promoting American agriculture.

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SPEECH OF

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, as we near its 100th anniversary, I rise today to commend the cooperative owners and the employees of the Farm Credit System for their continuing service in meeting the credit and financial-services needs of rural communities and agriculture.

I was pleased to cosponsor House Resolution 591, commending the cooperative owners and employees of the Farm Credit System for 100 years of service. The legislation was introduced by House Agriculture Committee Chairman MIKE CONAWAY, Ranking Member COLLIN PETERSON, as well as the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Subcommittee for Commodity Exchanges, Energy & Credit, Chairman AUSTIN SCOTT and Ranking Member DAVID SCOTT.

The Farm Credit System plays a vital role in the national success of agriculture and the economic vibrancy of rural communities throughout all 50 States and Puerto Rico, providing more than \$237 billion in loans to more than 500,000 customers. For example, in my home state of Mississippi, Farm Credit serves 6,379 borrower-customers, providing \$1.2 billion in credit.

Farm Credit's mission also extends to supporting rural communities by financing vital infrastructure, bringing clean water to rural communities, providing reliable energy to farms and rural towns, and offering modern high-speed telecommunications that connect rural America to the rest of the world.

CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF FARM CREDIT

SPEECH OF

HON. ANDY HARRIS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the establishment of the Farm Credit System. I was pleased to cosponsor House Resolution 591, commending the cooperative owners and employees of the Farm Credit System for 100 years of service.

The Farm Credit System was established by Congress through the Federal Farm Loan Act of 1916, signed into law on July 17, 1916, by President Woodrow Wilson, making 2016 the centennial anniversary of the founding of the cooperatively owned and operated Farm Credit System. Congress intended the Farm Credit System be designed as a permanent means to support the well-being and prosperity of the Nation's rural communities and agricultural producers of all types and sizes. It was designed as a network of cooperatives, independently owned and controlled by its borrowers, and meant to be responsive to individual needs for credit and financial services.

Since its inception the Farm Credit system has, and continues to, continually adapt in order to meet the changing needs of rural communities and agriculture. Today, the Farm Credit System plays a vital role in the success of the United States agricultural sector and the economic vibrancy of rural communities throughout all 50 States and Puerto Rico. The system provides more than \$237 billion in loans to more than 500,000 customers across the nation. In Maryland, Farm Credit serves nearly 5000 borrower-owners representing over \$1.3 billion in loan volume. In my district alone, MidAtlantic Farm Credit serves over 2000 borrower-owners, representing over \$633 million in loan volume.

The Farm Credit System actively supports the next generation of agricultural producers by annually providing billions of dollars in loans to young and beginning farmers and ranchers and through its ongoing financial support for organizations like 4-H and Future Farmers of America. In Maryland, Farm Credit serves over 3200 young/beginning/small farmers representing over \$648 million in loan volume.

For all these reasons, Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise today in celebration of the 100th anniversary or the establishment of the modern American Farm Credit System.

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ANNIVERSARY OF FARM CREDIT

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the cooperative owners and employees of the Farm Credit System for their continuing service in meeting the credit and financial-services needs of rural communities and agriculture.

Since 1916, the Farm Credit System has served rural Americans.

I was pleased to cosponsor House Resolution 591, introduced by House Agriculture Committee Chairman MIKE CONAWAY & Ranking Member COLLIN PETERSON, as well as the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Subcommittee for Commodity Exchanges, Energy & Credit, Chairman AUSTIN SCOTT and Ranking Member DAVID SCOTT.

This resolution recognizes the cooperative owners and employees of the Farm Credit System for their 100 years of service to Rural America.

Today, the Farm Credit System plays a vital role in the success of United States agriculture, providing more than \$237 billion in loans to more than 500,000 customers.

For example, in my home state of Alabama, Farm Credit makes over 7,000 loans per year. Almost 10 percent of the farmers they serve are considered Young Operators.

Since 2011, Farm Credit has returned \$10.9 million dollars back to their borrowers. I applaud the Farm Credit System's dedication to providing farmers with the means to serve America.

RECOGNIZING THE CALIFORNIA
STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD
MEN'S BASKETBALL
TEAM'S 2015-2016 SEASON

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the California State University, Bakersfield (CSUB) men's basketball team and its unprecedented success in the 2015-2016 season. I commend the hard work of the Roadrunners and strong leadership of Head Coach Rod Barnes, Assistant Coaches Jeff Conarroe, James Alford, and Mark Hsu, and Director of Basketball Operations JD Pollock. The Roadrunner men's basketball team has represented our community well, and brought national attention to Bakersfield through dedication that was always reflected in their games. I am honored—as an alumnus myself—to be able to add my voice to the chorus of praise, and to congratulate their season of accomplishment.

On March 18, 2016, the Roadrunners clashed against the number two seed in Oklahoma, on day one of the 2016 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Basketball Tournament. I witnessed firsthand the perseverance and grit they became famous for throughout the season. The Roadrunners

fiercely fought to match basket-for-basket against their heavily-favored opponents, even snatching the lead midway through the second half, but were ultimately outscored in the final few minutes.

As the Roadrunners celebrate their historic 24 victories in the Western Athletic Conference, and their first appearance in the NCAA Division I Tournament, I want to acknowledge the remarkable determination and incredible teamwork of Aly Ahmed, Jaylin Airington, Bray Barnes, Dedrick Basile, Damiyne Durham, Kyle Ferreira, Darryl Geyen, Justin Hollins, Kevin Mays, PJ Posey, Justin Pride, Matt Smith, and Brent Wrapp. A remarkable winning percentage of .727 reflects upon the immense amount of hard work they demonstrated throughout the entirety of the season.

The CSUB men's basketball team exemplifies our community's commitment to hard work, perseverance, and teamwork. The Roadrunners should be proud of their achievements this season, and I know that the community of Bakersfield joins me in congratulating them on their athletic accomplishments. My fellow Roadrunner alumni and our community look forward to watching their continued success in the seasons to follow.

IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN JEFF KUSS

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Marine Corps Captain Jeff Kuss. Captain Kuss was a native of Durango, CO where he attended Durango High School and graduated from Ft. Lewis College with a degree in economics. His life was tragically cut short during a training accident on June 2, 2016 while he and the other Blue Angel pilots were practicing for an air show near Smyrna, Tennessee. Captain Kuss was a loving family man and is survived by his wife Christina Ferrarese Kuss, their two young children Calvin and Sloan, and his parents Michael and Janet of Durango.

Captain Kuss possessed a passion for aviation which took root at a young age. After a great deal of hard work and perseverance, he became one of the Navy's most talented pilots, being selected in 2014 to join the elite Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron. The Blue Angels are one of the world's most renowned squadrons, representing the men and women who serve in the nation's Armed Forces and showcasing the incredible training, skill and capability of our nation's elite military pilots. Since 1946, the Blue Angels have inspired patriotism and wonder in millions of fascinated spectators. Each pilot is hand-picked by current members of the squadron to join—a selection process that is a testament to the respect that his colleagues had for the talent and ability Captain Kuss possessed.

The entire Durango community is incredibly proud of Captain Kuss for his service to our nation and what he was able to achieve. When he was brought home to rest in Durango citizens lined the streets to pay their respects to this fallen hero, a testament to Captain Kuss' service, deep ties to the community and a life well-lived. The host of active duty

members that have and continue to pay tribute to Captain Kuss are a tribute to the many lives he impacted over the course of his career.

Mr. Speaker, Captain Jeff Kuss exemplified the very best of Colorado's Third Congressional District and of the brave men and women who risk all in service to our nation each day. We honor his service and memory, and offer our condolences and prayers for his family and friends. May they find peace during this most difficult time.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BISHOP
SAMUEL BLAKES

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Pastor Samuel Blakes on his Episcopal Consecration to the office of Bishop. He is the loving husband of Stacy Blakes and an outstanding father to his two daughters. Bishop Samuel Blakes is the youngest son of Bishop Blakes, Sr. and has been pastoring for more than 21 years.

He and his brother Bishop Robert Blakes, Jr. serve as Co-Pastors at the New Home Family Worship Center, a ministry encompassing six locations across Louisiana and Texas. Bishop Samuel Blakes has the pleasure of serving as Pastor to both the New Orleans and Baton Rouge Ministries.

Bishop Samuel Blakes was called to ministry at a young age when he attended St. Augustine High School in New Orleans. His work in ministry began when he received his Bachelors of Theology from Christian Bible College of Louisiana and then went on to receive his Master's Degree in theology from the same institution. His dedication and love of God has allowed him to travel across the U.S. and abroad to spread the word of God. Not only does he travel to spread his message, but he and his brother, Bishop Robert Blakes, Jr. host their own weekly television show.

I join with the Blakes family in congratulating Bishop Samuel Blakes for his remarkable accomplishment.

HONORING MR. GARRY SAUNER
UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a very special and remarkable civil servant on the occasion of his retirement. After forty-one years of service to the Nation, Mr. Garry Sauner will complete a most distinguished career as a financial manager and congressional liaison for the United States Air Force. For the past sixteen years, Mr. Sauner served as the Deputy Director and Chief of the Budget and Research Branch of the Air Force Office of Appropriations Liaison. In this role, Mr. Sauner has acted as the Air Force's principal liaison to this subcommittee.

From personal experience, I can state that his tireless efforts, wise counsel, and attention to detail led to the successful completion of