

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF FARM CREDIT

SPEECH OF

**HON. BRAD ASHFORD**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 14, 2016*

Mr. ASHFORD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer my congratulations to the Farm Credit System as its cooperative owners and employees celebrate one hundred years of service. The Farm Credit System has provided a dependable source of financing for farmers, ranchers, and farm cooperatives throughout the years to ensure the agriculture industry can continue to feed America and serve as the backbone of our economy. I am also honored to serve as a cosponsor of House Resolution 591 to formally commend the Farm Credit System for their one hundred years of service to America's farmers and ranchers since the Federal Farm Loan Act of 1916 was signed into law by President Woodrow Wilson.

Today in the second district of Nebraska, Farm Credit Services of America has been actively supporting the next generation of the agriculture workforce through its ongoing financial support for organizations like 4-H and Future Farmers of America. In addition to these groups, they are a key player in an industry-wide partnership to support Omaha Bryan High School's Urban Agriculture Academy. This innovative and important program allows students to study leadership skills, explore agriculture related careers, and gain a sense of community in the agriculture industry. One in three jobs in Nebraska is agriculture-related, and there is a strong demand for skills suited to those industries. Omaha Bryan is filling this demand with students who would otherwise not be aware of what a job in the agriculture industry can look like. Investment in the Omaha Bryan program by Farm Credit and many other Omaha businesses has been instrumental in getting the program, now in its fourth year, through the crucial, early development stages.

Thank you, Farm Credit, for your leadership and support of Nebraska agriculture and rural communities.

### REMEMBERING COL. WILLIAM BREEZE

**HON. DAVID E. PRICE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 16, 2016*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and memory of Col. William Breeze of Cedar Grove, North Carolina, a dear friend, dedicated patriot, and one of the most civic-minded individuals I have ever known. Col. Breeze died on June 7 at the age of 97 at the Croasdaile Retirement Community in Durham. My wife Lisa and I remember Bill

fondly and want to extend our best wishes to his family.

Bill grew up in northern Orange County and studied agriculture at the North Carolina State University—the start of a lifetime of loyalty and support (Bill had a full supply of red NCSU blazers.). In 1943, he married Elizabeth McKnight, beginning a sixty-year partnership that ended with her death in 2003.

Bill joined the Army Air Corps during World War II, serving as a skilled bomber pilot, and completed his career in the Air Force thirty years later. He was awarded the Legion of Merit and Distinguished Flying Cross.

I first got to know Bill when he returned to North Carolina after his military retirement, becoming a highly successful farmer and taking on one civic, church, or political leadership role after another. For years, he was Governor Jim Hunt's main liaison in northern Orange County, and when I first ran for Congress in 1986, Bill helped me immensely in getting around that territory. He made politics personal and enjoyable. It was quite an experience going to a rural church supper with Bill Breeze: he knew everyone, and could engage people from all walks of life with wit and warmth. Beneath it all, he was a committed citizen who looked at personal engagement and community betterment as the heart of politics. My admiration for his generosity and dedication knows no bounds.

As Bill eased out of active farming, he donated a portion of his land to North Carolina State University to be used as an incubator for young farmers, encouraging them to pursue sustainable farming—the Breeze Farm project. He also established a scholarship program for agriculture students at NCSU.

As Bill Breeze's full, rich, and caring life comes to an end, many North Carolinians have reason to give thanks for his many contributions and the lives he has touched. I am pleased to join in this tribute, for Bill Breeze exemplified love of country, service to community, and politics at its best in ways that will inspire me and many others for the rest of our lives.

### RECOGNIZING HAYNIE JOAQUIN JACKSON

**HON. WILL HURD**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 16, 2016*

Mr. HURD of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. H. Joaquin Jackson of Alpine, Texas.

It saddens me to share that Mr. Jackson passed away in the early morning of June 16th, 2016, leaving behind family, friends, and all those who had the fortune to cross paths with him. I extend my condolences to the loved ones who will mourn his passing, but also would like to take the time to recognize the life of this extraordinary Texan. Mr. Jackson was born in 1935 in the Panhandle on his

grandfather's farm, was married for nearly 50 years, and was a proud father to two sons. He led an extraordinary life, most notably serving as a Texas Ranger for 27 years, with postings across the West Texas desert, including 21 years at his first post in Uvalde, Texas.

Mr. Jackson personified the Texas spirit of rugged resilience. As a Texas Ranger, Mr. Jackson was tasked with protecting citizens from serial killers, drug smugglers, international gangs, prison revolts, and thieves. Mr. Jackson became a legend among law enforcement officials due to his exceptional investigative abilities, innovative approaches to law enforcement, and tremendous commitment to enforcing the law. Mr. Jackson served for 27 years as a Texas Ranger, served on the Board of Directors for the National Rifle Association, served his community as a private investigator, and even acted in several movies. Mr. Jackson leaves behind two sons, Don Joaquin and Lance, and grandchildren. While Mr. Jackson is no longer with us, his spirit will live on in West Texas.

### IN HONOR OF COLONEL PAUL W. FELLINGER

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 16, 2016*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of an outstanding soldier and public servant, Colonel Paul W. Fellingner. On June 23, 2016, he will relinquish his command of the United States Army Garrison, Presidio of Monterey, and retire from the Army later this year.

I have had the great pleasure of working with Colonel Fellingner during his tenure as the Garrison Commander of the Presidio of Monterey beginning in 2013. The Presidio garrison plays host to several thousand students and faculty of the Defense Language Institute as well as several other Army missions. Paul effectively served as the city manager of these dynamic communities. And it is in that capacity that I and my staff came to understand and rely on Paul's deep professionalism and problem solving skills in many different instances. He was the driving force behind gaining approval of an Intergovernmental Service Agreement, which was the first of its kind and set the standard for the Department of Defense. He was always highly involved in developing and maintaining partnerships with local organizations and immersed himself in the community. He helped steer several significant new construction projects to completion and has deftly managed his facilities relationship with the surrounding communities. He never failed to combine an understanding of the issue at hand with a deft personal diplomacy. It is a testament to his superlative leadership skills that Colonel Fellingner could perform so well both on the battlefield and in the base operations world.

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Colonel Fellingner was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. As part of a military family, he moved often during his childhood. Commissioned into the infantry from Xavier University in 1990, his first duty assignment was as platoon leader and company executive officer in the 3rd Battalion (Mechanized), 15th Infantry at Fort Stewart, Georgia. During his next operational assignment he served as a company commander and assistant operations officer in 2nd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. During command, he deployed the company to Haiti in support of the United States Support Group—Haiti.

He later returned to the 82nd Airborne Division, where he served as a battalion operations officer and executive officer during Operation Iraqi Freedom I. He then served in the newly formed Asymmetric Warfare Group as a Troop Commander deploying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He later assumed command of 1st Squadron (Airborne), 91st Cavalry, Schweinfurt, Germany, and deployed the unit to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House in extending our most sincere gratitude for Colonel Fellingner's service to our Nation. The United States is a more secure and fruitful place as a consequence of his efforts. I want to wish Colonel Fellingner all the best as he transitions from active duty to a new career, in what will surely be an active and fruitful retirement.

**SUPPORTING THE GOAL OF ENSURING ALL HOLOCAUST VICTIMS LIVE WITH DIGNITY, COMFORT, AND SECURITY**

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 16, 2016*

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 129, which passed the House of Representatives earlier this month. This resolution urges the Federal Republic of Germany to reaffirm itself to its goal of guaranteeing that all Holocaust victims live with dignity, comfort, and security throughout the rest of their lives. The tragedies and hardships that Holocaust survivors have endured in their lifetime are undeniable and we should do everything in our power to ensure they should face no such hardships again. But, despite this, many survivors throughout the country and world are living in poverty and require assistance and specific services that they cannot afford on their own.

There are approximately 500,000 remaining Holocaust survivors today, and more than 60,000 of them are in need of home care services. The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference) has devoted itself to negotiating with the German Government to provide payments to assist these survivors. Since its first agreement in 1952, \$70 billion has been distributed to more than 800,000 Holocaust survivors and the 60,000 survivors still in need of care today means these efforts must continue. That is why I support the work of the Claims Conference, why I co-sponsored and voted in favor of H. Con. Res. 129, and why I will con-

tinue to support such efforts to ensure survivors have the support and financial assistance to live out their lives with dignity, comfort, and security.

**SYLVIE LAMONTAGNE**

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 16, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Sylvie Lamontagne for her fourth place finish at the 2016 Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Sylvie Lamontagne is an 8th grader at Creighton Middle School in Lakewood, Colorado. She is the first back-to-back winner of the Colorado State Spelling Bee in decades—a tremendous feat. Last year, she finished ninth place at the 2015 Scripps National Spelling Bee and returned this year by spending countless hours preparing for the competition.

The dedication demonstrated by Sylvie Lamontagne is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. Sylvie is a role model for other students to strive to make the most of their education and develop a strong work ethic.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Sylvie Lamontagne for her fourth place finish at the Scripps National Spelling Bee and for proudly representing the great State of Colorado on a national level. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

**TRIBUTE TO CAROL FULTON YEATES**

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 16, 2016*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Carol Fulton Yeates, a remarkable woman in California to whom we all owe a deep gratitude for her leadership in protecting California's wildlife.

Because of her tireless work, California sea otters and mountain lions are protected.

With wildlife advocates, like the late Margaret Owings and my late father, California Senator Fred Farr, Carol helped launch "Friends of the Sea Otter."

Carol became the executive director of Friends of the Sea Otter in 1981, a role she would lead with distinction and accomplishment until 1989.

During that period, sea otter population went from near extinction to numbers in the thousands.

Because of Carol's passionate management it has become a great success with global attention.

Soon after the sea otter effort, Carol turned her attention to protecting the California mountain lion.

Like her work on protecting sea otters, Carol achieved success in safeguarding mountain lions.

Carol is one of the brightest, most creative and charming activists to grace California. She

won over elected officials on both sides of the aisle and from across all levels of government, and often was the only woman in the room.

Her voice remains heard above others because of her extraordinary ability to build consensus and her ability to drive a compelling narrative based on facts.

During her work, she met my friend, Bill Yeates of Sacramento State Capitol fame.

It was said by all their many friends on both sides of the wedding aisle, that their marriage was made in heaven by all God's creatures who they both worked so hard to save.

Carol and Bill raised their son Zachary to follow in their footsteps into political advocacy for animals. He is now heavily engaged in local politics in Sacramento.

Carol's legacy is grounded in empowering women to speak out for the humane treatment of wildlife and pioneering advocacy strategies.

She supported women like Margaret Owings in carrying out her dreams.

And Carol incorporated women into organizations like Defenders of Wildlife, the Humane Society of the United States and the ASPCA.

While her work has helped wildlife and communities throughout California, a major part of her legacy is in Big Sur, protecting wildlife on the wild coast.

The Sea Otter, the California Condors, the mountain lions—the wonders of the wilderness.

I know the whole House joins me in saluting the great work of a great woman in a great state to protect and preserve the wonders of land and sea.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Carol Fulton Yeates and her family during this challenging time.

**HONORING COMMUNITY CHAMPION J. GARY DECOMO**

**HON. MIKE KELLY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 16, 2016*

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize one of my constituents from Western Pennsylvania, Mr. J. Gary DeComo. Since 1994, Gary has honorably served as Magisterial District Judge for the 33rd District in Armstrong County. However, his dedication to the community goes far beyond the judicial system.

Also in 1994, after seeing and sentencing countless drug offenders, Judge DeComo began his crusade against drug use and established the Drugs Kill Dreams program, in order to educate and distribute his drug prevention messages. The mission of the Drugs Kill Dreams program is to make our youth and community aware of the dangers and destruction of drug usage.

Driven by the belief that if we increase prevention we will decrease addiction and crime, Judge DeComo strives to reach as many individuals as possible. Remarkably, the Drugs Kill Dreams program has become a collective effort throughout the entire community. This success can be attributed to Judge DeComo's dedication to creating partnerships that promote the Drugs Kill Dreams mission and contribute to its overall success. Drugs Kill Dreams has flourished due to collaborations