

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2017

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5293) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 5293, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2017, because it fails to support our troops serving overseas. Like the defense authorization bill the House passed last month, the bill uses a budget gimmick to circumvent funding caps passed into law on a bipartisan basis, and by doing so it not only undermines the budget process, it puts our troops at risk. The bill diverts \$16 billion from what our military says is needed to fund our military forces engaged in operations around the globe to purchase ships, planes, end strength, and other items our military didn't request. Consequently, troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan will run out of funds half way through the year and would then rely on Congress passing an emergency supplemental to fill the funding gap. We shouldn't gamble with the troops we send off to battle. It is irresponsible and reckless. They deserve predictable support for the entire year as they execute their missions, particularly in view of the dangers they face. Going forward, I am committed to work with my colleagues to eliminate this funding gimmick to ensure our troops are supported for the full year. We count on these selfless men and women who volunteer to serve in uniform to keep us safe each and every day. They only count on us to provide them the resources they need to do their jobs. That is the least we can do.

## CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF FARM CREDIT

SPEECH OF

**HON. FRANK D. LUCAS**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Farm Credit. The Farm Credit system we know today was established in 1916 under the Federal Farm Loan Act. This law aimed to increase credit to rural family farmers by focusing on providing capitol for agricultural development. This was important to our country primarily due to the fact that, at that time, families who lived and worked on farms made up the largest demographic of the country. While the demographics of our country may have changed

over the past 100 years, the important role Farm Credit plays in our rural communities has not.

Farm Credit has made it a priority over the years to invest in and support the industries and individuals that are vital to the success of rural communities across the country. By supporting the future of the agriculture industry, Farm Credit helps to insure that agriculture and rural communities will continue to be a vibrant, successful and lasting part of our country.

## RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE POLK MUSEUM OF ART

**HON. DENNIS A. ROSS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 20, 2016

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Polk Museum of Art. Located in Lakeland, Florida, the Polk Museum is a Smithsonian Institution Affiliate and, for fifty years, has brought works of art to Central Florida by artists most would see only if they could afford to travel to Paris, New York, or Washington, D.C.

The artwork exhibited throughout the Polk Museum of Art includes masterpieces by Pablo Picasso, his lesser-known contemporary and friend, Georges Braque, the renowned nature photographer Ansel Adams, the painter Henri Matisse, and many others.

Additionally, the Polk Museum is free, providing a way for everyone in the community to experience these great works of art. It offers summer camps to encourage the development of artistic skill in our community's youth, as well as classes throughout the year for children and adults alike.

I am proud to recognize the Polk Museum of Art's efforts of 50 years to make our community a place of art and culture. I look forward to supporting this institution in the years to come.

## IN HONOR OF DOMINION HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' LACROSSE

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 20, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the boys' lacrosse team from Dominion High School in my District who recently won the 2016 4A Virginia State Championship. They practiced long hours as a team, and this extraordinary achievement shows how far dedication, hard work, and commitment to teamwork can take a group as they played against some of the best competition in the nation.

Dominion's boys' lacrosse team has made Virginia's 10th Congressional District proud and they have represented us well. Winning a state championship attests to their impressive athletic ability, unselfish mentality, and determination to succeed. I commend them for their tireless dedication to both their school and their teammates, without neither of which this could have been possible. It takes a delicate combination of superior skill and many hours of practice to win a state title. The Dominion boys' lacrosse team has certainly earned this honor and the lessons learned over the years will valuably serve them as they continue on in their lives.

Dominion High School continued Loudoun's streak of dominance during their 17-4 rout of Western Albemarle during the boys' lacrosse state final. Their undefeated, 21-0 season was a fitting way for this Sterling team to win their first state title. Dominion's depth was exemplified during an impressive 11-1 second half run.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Dominion's boys' lacrosse team for their achievement and representing Virginia's 10th Congressional District with such distinction. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 20, 2016

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for roll call votes 308 and 322 on Thursday, June 16, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on roll call votes 308 and 322.

## HONORING HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY OONI ADEDEYE ENITAN BABATUNDE OGUNWUSI, OJAJA II, THE OONI OF ILE IFE

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 20, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the commitment to peace, respect and dignity by His Imperial Majesty Ooni Adeyeye Enitan Babatunde Ogunwusi Ojaja II, The Ooni of Ile Ife.

About four decades ago in the ancient city of Ile-Ife, Ooni Adeyeye was born into the Giesi Ruling House, Ojaja Royal Compound of Agbedegbede in Ile-Ife.

He was named Adeyeye Babatunde Enitan. Ooni Adeyeye Ogunwusi was quietly delivered into the humble family of Prince Ropo and Late Mrs. Margret Wuraola Ogunwusi (Soji Opa family compound, Ile Ife).

His father was a radio and television anchor and presentation star that spanned the entire

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mid-1980s to early 21st century in the South-western part of Nigeria.

Though born quietly, Ooni Ogunwusi's excellence and outstanding acumen recently announced itself for the world to behold, as he was crowned the 51st Ooni of Ife on the 7th of December 2015.

Before his emergence as the Ooni, being an astute entrepreneur, driven by turning "impossibilities to possibilities", Ooni Ogunwusi's Power of Imagination has set him aside, revolutionizing the approach to creativity and innovation, making a mark in his immediate society and beyond.

He holds HND Accountancy from The Polytechnic in Ibadan, Nigeria.

Professionally, he is a Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN); the Institute of Directors (IOD) Nigeria and the Global Real Estate Institute (GRI).

Indeed, his achievements in less than six (6) months of ascending the throne as Ooni of Ife are impressive.

This bridge builder and advocate of peace had travelled to many parts of Nigeria, preaching unity and peace among traditional rulers and promoting youth empowerment to reduce crime rate and unemployment in the society.

He engaged about 200,000 youth for empowerment through Agriculture to complement government efforts to further reduce crime rate and unemployment in Nigeria.

He has acquired 30 square miles of land in Ile-Ife for agricultural investments in cocoa, oil palm and rubber plantation which has a great potential for the diversification of Nigeria's economy.

His Majesty commenced construction work at the multi-billion naira Ife Grand Resort, spanning over 1000 acres of land in Ile-Ife, South-West Nigeria.

Over 3,000 youth are employed at the project site of the Resort.

His Majesty donated of 100 Transformers (250KVA) to various communities to improve power/electricity supply in Ife Land.

He empowered over 20,000 widows who are war victims and engaged them for palace and community sanitation with weekly benefits for their upkeep.

He has reached out to over 50 countries through their Ambassadors and country representatives in Nigeria, advocating global peace and promoting unity with a core focus on Africans and the entire black race.

He was appointed Chancellor of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, by the President, Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Prior to his ascension to the throne, he was involved in Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) locally and abroad for over 13 years.

He facilitated strong trade relationship through the Association for International Business (AIB) with presence in over 200 member countries across the globe which he set up in Nigeria.

One of the key achievements of this body is the trade facilitation between the United Arab Emirates (Jebel Ali free Trade Zone development) and the Federal Government of Nigeria through Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission (NIPC).

He developed over 2,500 housing units with various consortia of developers over the last 8 years in Nigeria.

He was also a co-organizer for Ondo State Economic Planning and Implementation Committee.

He led the Government delegation team to Canada in 2002 for strategic alliances and partnership with Ondo State Government on solid mineral potentials of the State (Bitumen, Dimension Stones, Granite, etc.) which led to the formation of Amalgamated Mining and Exploration Company Limited—wholly owned by Ondo State Government.

He was involved in the facilitation and development of Sparkwest Steel Galvanizing Plant (the only Steel Galvanizing Plant in Nigeria), National Iron Ore Mining Company Limited and Jakura Mines resuscitation projects, which has eventually become the major limestone feed stock to Obajana Cement Plant in Kogi State, Nigeria.

He facilitated the biggest Lead and Aluminum recycling plant in Nigeria by National Steel Company of India, Ota Nigeria.

He facilitated the Rice Farmers Association of Nigeria to discourage Nigerians reliance on importation of rice in 2004.

He was the initiator of Essential Homes, a real estate product launched in January 2014, formed to deliver affordable upscale homes to the middle and low income earners.

The 1st phase of the product (The Southpointe Estate, Lafajaji Road, Lekki, Lagos State) started in February 2014, and has been successfully delivered within 1 year.

He developed the beautiful North Pointe Estate Phase I, II, III and Midland Court, on Chevron Drive, Lekki, and Jacob Mews Estate, Yaba, Lakeview Park I and II Estates, Lekki, the ongoing Golden Leaf Estate Lafajaji, Lekki and Grand Lake Estate Ajah, Lagos.

As part of his commitment to provide good infrastructure in terms of access to roads and electricity for the Lafajaji community, he led the opening up and reconstruction of a 6.5 km road, with a 1.1 km green extension along the Lafajaji/Orchid Hotel road without Government intervention.

He established the multi-billion Naira Inagbe Grand Resorts and Leisure, Lagos, Nigeria.

The Resort is first of its kind in the whole of West Africa, bounded by the Lagoon and Atlantic Ocean.

He was also the Director of Imperial Homes Mortgage Bank Limited, (formerly GTHomes), a leading National Mortgage Bank and former subsidiary of one of the biggest banks in Africa, GTBank.

He was Director of FinaTrust Microfinance Bank Limited, one of Nigeria's foremost Microfinance Banks focusing on SMEs and micro credit facilities.

He is the Founder and Managing Director of Gran Imperio Group, the holding company of Real Estate and Construction, Manufacturing, Facilities Management, Leisure and Tourism companies in Nigeria.

Mr. Speaker, I have the honor of presenting to you an outstanding contributor to Nigeria's prosperity, peace and youth employment.

A man considered the custodian of beautiful and rich Yoruba culture and tradition.

He is an international business icon, a man of substance, humility, peace, public service, means and substance.

He is a great achiever and administrator par excellence, he is the reincarnation of Oduduwa and father of the Yoruba Nation.

Please join me in honoring his Imperial Majesty Ooni Adeyeye Enitan Babatunde Ogunwusi, Ojaja II, The Ooni of Ife Ife."

IN HONOR OF BRIAR WOODS BOYS' LACROSSE

## HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 20, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the boys' lacrosse team from Briar Woods in my District who recently won the 2016 5A Virginia State Championship. They practiced long hours as a team, and this extraordinary achievement shows how far dedication, hard work, and commitment to teamwork can take a group as they played against some of the best competition in the nation.

Briar Woods boys' lacrosse team has made Virginia's 10th Congressional District proud and they have represented us well. Winning a state championship attests to their impressive athletic ability, unselfish mentality, and determination to succeed. I commend them for their tireless dedication to both their school and their teammates, without neither of which this could have been possible. It takes a delicate combination of superior skill and many hours of practice to win a state title. The Briar Woods boys' lacrosse team has certainly earned this honor and the lessons learned over the years will valuably serve them as they continue on in their lives.

Briar Woods was just minutes away from its first boys' lacrosse state championship, but Atlee scored two goals in quick succession in the waning minutes to push the game to overtime. Undaunted, Briar Woods took advantage early on in overtime to score the winning goal and claim the school's first boys' lacrosse state title.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Briar Woods boys' lacrosse for their achievement and representing Virginia's 10th Congressional District with such distinction. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING COL DANIEL "LARRY" RUBINI'S 70TH BIRTHDAY

## HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 20, 2016

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 70th Birthday of COL Daniel "Larry" Rubini.

The 70th birthday of COL Daniel (Larry) Rubini, (U.S. Army Ret.) is also a tribute to many years of public and military service, and allegiance to the community of veterans.

COL Rubini was active in military and veterans affairs in Bucks County, chairing the Veterans' Advisory Committee, which was launched in 2011 to oversee the needs of veterans in the Eighth Congressional District.

It is acknowledged that his leadership and dedication played a role in one important congressional objective in this district, that is, a focus on increasing veterans' access to medical care, education, job training, and employment.

COL Rubini's legal and military background has been an asset to the effectiveness of the Veterans Advisory Committee.

He has served as a United States Administrative Law Judge in the Social Security Administration Office of Hearings and Appeals