

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE 130TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 11, 2017

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 130th Anniversary of First African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Pasadena, California, for their proud history and countless contributions to our community.

Established in 1887, just one year after the founding of the City of Pasadena, First AME Church was organized at the home of Joseph Holmes, the first black settler in the city. The church became one of the first places where African Americans in the area could come together as a community. This was not without its challenges, as the small church faced hostility and opposition from their neighbors, forcing the congregation to move frequently before finally finding a long-term home in 1913.

With this stability, First AME became a mainstay in the community and a catalyst for social change in Pasadena throughout the 20th Century. As a leader in the African American community's fight for racial equality, First AME was instrumental in efforts to desegregate Pasadena public schools, integrate the city's public workforce and main public pool, and in founding the Pasadena chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Today, First AME continues its proud tradition of service to the community—hosting events to feed the hungry, house the homeless, provide job training, and collect clothing for those in need, all while offering a safe place for congregants to come together in worship.

On this momentous anniversary, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating First AME Church of Pasadena and its congregants for 130 years of proud service to their congregants and community.

COMMEMORATING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW PARIS, OHIO

HON. WARREN DAVIDSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 11, 2017

Mr. DAVIDSON. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize and celebrate the 200th Anniversary of New Paris, Ohio. The bicentennial celebration is a historical benchmark for New Paris, as well as the State of Ohio.

In the 1800s, pioneers from Kentucky traveled north in covered wagons and settled in a valley 50 miles west of Dayton, Ohio, on the border of Indiana. There, they built family homes and a local church. In 1817, founders James Fleming and Andrew Ireland named

the town "New Paris" after the City of Paris in Bourbon County, Kentucky. Songwriter Benjamin R. Hanby made New Paris known throughout the entire country after he composed the Christmas song, "Up On the House Top" in 1864.

The first school opened in 1818, and its first newspaper was established in 1844. By 1865, New Paris' 650 residences were very involved in agriculture and developed cotton mills, tanneries, pork-packing plants and had a meat market.

Over the past 200 years, New Paris, Ohio has developed a rich heritage and a high level of community involvement that would make its forefathers proud. I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating the citizens, elected officials and businesses in New Paris on their rich history, and bright future ahead.

HONORING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STAFFORD AND FRIGO RADIO SHOW

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 11, 2017

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor the 20th Anniversary of Trey Stafford and Jim Frigo's Stafford and Frigo Radio Show on KDXY 104.9 The Fox in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

In 1971, Trey Stafford started his radio career at KPCA-AM in Marked Tree, Arkansas, and for the last 46 years he has dedicated his life to entertaining radio listeners exclusively in our home state.

Similarly, Jim Frigo started his own radio career in 1977 at KAWW-AM in Heber Springs, and this year marks his 40th year on the airwaves exclusively in Arkansas.

Back in 1997, KDXY radio station in Jonesboro changed its format to country music and became known in the community as 104.9 The Fox, and ever since the station has been a mainstay of northeast Arkansas radio.

On September 15, 1997, Trey Stafford and Jim Frigo teamed up with the late Mark Ford to form the Stafford, Frigo and Ford Radio Show on KDXY 104.9 The Fox. After Mark Ford's untimely death in November, 2004, Trey Stafford and Jim Frigo continued on with the show as Stafford and Frigo.

September 15, 2017 will mark 20 years that Trey Stafford and Jim Frigo have been on the same radio show continuously, now known as Stafford and Frigo.

In those 20 years, Stafford and Frigo has become the premiere talk show in Jonesboro, and for their commitment to each other, their city, and indeed our entire region, please join me in honoring their past two decades on the air.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2017

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3354) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes:

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Chair, thank you for this opportunity to speak in support of the Jackson Lee Amendment and to commend Chairman CALVERT and Ranking Member MCCOLLUM for their leadership in shepherding this bill to the floor.

Among other agencies, this legislation funds the U.S. Forest Service, the National Park System, and the Smithsonian Institution.

Most Americans do not know that this bill also funds a very special program, the National Recreation and Preservation.

Mr. Chair, the Jackson Lee Amendment is simple but it sends a very important message from the Congress of the United States.

The Jackson Lee Amendment provides:

Sec. . . None of the funds made available by this Act for the "DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR—NATIONAL PARK SERVICE—NATIONAL RECREATION AND PRESERVATION" may be used in contravention of section 461 of title 16, United States Code.

And 16 U.S. Code § 461 provides that:

It is declared that it is a national policy to preserve for public use historic sites, buildings, and objects of national significance for the inspiration and benefit of the people of the United States.

This is important, especially as it relates to National Heritage Areas (NHAs).

NHAs both preserve our national heritage and provide economic benefits to communities and regions through their commitment to heritage conservation and economic development.

Through public-private partnerships, NHA entities support historic preservation, natural resource conservation, recreation, heritage tourism, and educational projects.

Leveraging funds and long-term support for projects, NHA partnerships generate increased economic impact for regions in which they are located.

In 2012, a nationally respected consulting firm (Tripp Umbach) completed a comprehensive economic impact study of six NHA sites in the Northeast Region that also included an extrapolation of the economic benefit of all 49 NHA sites on the national economy.

The annual economic impact was estimated to be \$12.9 billion.

The economic activity supports approximately 148,000 jobs and generates \$1.2 billion annually in Federal revenues from sources

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

such as employee compensation, proprietor income, indirect business tax, households, and corporations.

The study quantified the economic impacts of individual NHAs based upon a case study approach and found that the economic impact of the three National Historic Areas in Arizona, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania showed:

1. Essex National Heritage Area (MA) generates \$153.8 million in economic impact, supports 1,832 jobs, and generates \$14.3 million in tax revenue.

2. Oil Region National Heritage Area (PA) generates \$21.2 million in economic impact, supports 314 jobs, and generates \$1.5 million in tax revenue; and

3. Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area (AZ) \$22.7 million in economic impact, supports 277 jobs, and generates \$1.3 million in tax revenue.

Mr. Chair, as I said there are 49 NHA across the nation but, surprisingly, none in my state of Texas.

We hope to rectify this in the not too distant future.

Texas is the largest and second most populous state in the nation and has a unique story in American history with its diverse geographic landscape, natural resources, and population.

From Galveston's port, East Texas' farms and forestry, and the Buffalo Soldiers, Texas has a rich multi-cultured heritage and history.

To honor Texas' heritage, I will be working with my colleagues to establish the "Emancipation Trail National Heritage Area Corridor" that stretches across historically significant and landmark sites from Galveston to Houston and East Texas into Central Texas.

The Emancipation Trail National Heritage Area will be a corridor focusing on and highlighting the area's rich history and culturally significant events, places, and natural sites, as well as roadways, businesses, residential and farm districts that unite Texas' heritage from the first settlers to modern times.

Mr. Chair, as we approach the 51st anniversary of the passage of the 1966 National Historic Preservation Act, we want to preserve and unite the legacy stories of some of our state's most revered sites.

Currently underway in Houston is the revitalization of the historic Emancipation Park, a pivotal site in the state's social and cultural development and African American legacy.

The future Emancipation Park, when brought to fruition and designated as a part of the proposed Emancipation Trail National Heritage Corridor, represents a unique opportunity to tell a comprehensive story about the great State of Texas.

Of course, there is much work to do to bring this project to fruition, including necessary reclamation and restoration operations in areas adversely affected by Hurricane Harvey.

That is why H.R. 3686, the Hurricane Harvey Supplemental Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2017, which I introduced earlier this week allocates \$800 million to the National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund.

To conclude, National Heritage Areas (NHAs) are both a good investment and national treasure providing economic benefits to communities and regions through their commitment to heritage conservation and economic development.

For all these reasons, Mr. Chair, I urge adoption of the Jackson Lee Amendment.

I thank Chairman CALVERT and Ranking Member MCCOLLUM for their work in putting together this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 11, 2017

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, due to the impending landfall of Hurricane Irma in Florida, I departed Washington, D.C. to be in my district during this natural disaster.

Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 467; YEA on Roll Call No. 468; YEA on Roll Call No. 469; YEA on Roll Call No. 470; NAY on Roll Call No. 471; YEA on Roll Call No. 472; NAY on Roll Call No. 473; YEA on Roll Call No. 474; NAY on Roll Call No. 475; NAY on Roll Call No. 476; NAY on Roll Call No. 477; YEA on Roll Call No. 478; YEA on Roll Call No. 479; NAY on Roll Call No. 480; YEA on Roll Call No. 481; YEA on Roll Call No. 482; NAY on Roll Call No. 483; and YEA on Roll Call No. 484.

COMMEMORATING THE 26TH ANNIVERSARY OF MACEDONIA'S INDEPENDENCE

HON. DAVID A. TROTT

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 11, 2017

Mr. TROTT. Mr. Speaker, today, I, along with Macedonian Caucus co-chairs Representatives DINGELL and BOYLE, rise to recognize the 26th anniversary of Macedonia's independence. On September 8, 1991, the people of the Republic of Macedonia voted to end their centuries-long struggle for a free, independent and sovereign Macedonian Republic in Southeast Europe. Macedonian Independence Day provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the Macedonian-American community's substantial contributions within the United States. This month will also mark the 22nd year of full diplomatic relations between the United States and Macedonia. We extend our congratulations to all of Macedonian heritage for their accomplishments as we commemorate this anniversary of Macedonia's independence. As a critical ally, we underscored the importance of supporting this young democracy. Therefore, we include in the RECORD the following letter to Secretary of State Tillerson:

DEAR SECRETARY TILLERSON:

As members of the Macedonia Caucus and friends of Macedonia, together with our partners in NATO and the EU, we have been closely watching the developing political situation in Macedonia. As Macedonia continues on a path toward a stronger future, we see a tremendous opportunity to further promote a strong relationship with this key Balkan ally.

Since the establishment of full diplomatic relations in 1995, the United States of America has readily supported Macedonia's aspirations for full integration into Euro-Atlantic institutions, and remains committed to helping Macedonia strengthen its democratic foundations. A vibrant, multi-cultural country, Macedonia has a positive future ahead, and we look forward to engaging with Macedonia to ensure that it realizes this potential.

Despite common interests and a growing security and economic partnership, the last

time a Secretary of Defense visited Macedonia was a decade ago, and it's been almost 15 years since a Secretary of State visited Skopje. With Macedonia beginning a crucial portion of its contemporary history, and non-state and state actors like Russia looking to exploit and influence vulnerable countries in the region, the dynamics in the Balkans present an exceptional opportunity to show Macedonia that the United States of America recognizes the value of strengthening this relationship.

As you work to develop the European policy of the administration, we hope that you will see it is in the best interests of the United States to further our relationship with Macedonia, as we strive for a safer and freer world. We stand ready to assist you in your efforts to actively promote this bilateral relationship.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter and we look forward to your leadership on this issue.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JOHN D. LOCKHART

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 11, 2017

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Mr. John D. Lockhart (known as Jack)—patriot and public servant, loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather—who passed away on October 24, 2015. Mr. Lockhart cared deeply for his family, friends and community. His personality and presence are sorely missed and will never be forgotten.

Mr. Lockhart was born in 1934 in Staten Island, New York. He attended Port Richmond High School where he played on the baseball team. He studied at St. John's University in Queens. He also served in the U.S. Army Reserves.

In 1959, Mr. Lockhart joined the Fire Department of the City of New York (FDNY), beginning a 24-year career as a first responder assigned to Engine Co. 10/Ladder Co. 15 in Lower Manhattan. He retired in 1983.

In addition to his public service, Mr. Lockhart was also a successful businessman who owned his own company and was the recipient of numerous building awards on Staten Island. He could build or fix just about anything. He enjoyed working on cars, a skill he spent many weekend hours passing on to his sons.

Mr. Lockhart was an avid sports fan and cheered for the St. Louis Cardinals and the New York Giants. In his free time, he played baseball and football in adult leagues and was a fixture on the FDNY championship softball team. Upon his retirement, Mr. Lockhart managed the Renaissance Knights softball team in Manchester, New Jersey.

In life, Mr. Lockhart exemplified the definition of dedication to his family. He was a constant source of love and wisdom for his family and friends.

In 1958, while spending time on the beach, Mr. Jack Lockhart spotted Ms. Joan Pucillo. Pretending to injure his ankle, Mr. Lockhart was able to chat Ms. Pucillo up when she went to check on him. They went on to fall in love and were married for 57 years. Jack and Joan raised five wonderful children—David, Deirdre, Christopher, Greg, Stephen, ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.