

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MARCELLA BARNES

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2017

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the achievements of Marcella Barnes, the CEO and founder of Pink Hardhat Construction, LLC.

Ms. Barnes, who was raised in New York, began her career immediately after she graduated from high school and went on to attend college in California. Once she moved to California, she had a dream to enlist in the military and make a difference in people's lives. Upon enlisting, she was then stationed in Maryland, which is also where she opened her first business, Pink Hardhat Construction, LLC. However, once her construction business started to gain traction, Ms. Barnes also noticed a need for providing housing to homeless veterans. As a veteran herself, she recognized and understood the challenges that homeless veterans face in obtaining quality, affordable housing. Ms. Barnes decided to do something about it and opened another business, Our Pink Doors, LLC, which provides shelter for homeless veterans. On July 9, 2017, she held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the grand opening of her first veterans' home.

Ms. Barnes is also a member of the National Congress of Black Women and the Maryland Minority Contractors Association.

Therefore, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Marcella Barnes for her work.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SAFE COMMUNITIES ACT OF 2017

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2017

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, more than 10 years ago, following Hurricane Katrina, then-Rep. Curt Weldon and I introduced the bipartisan Safe Communities Act. Today, with wildfires burning in my state and Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and José ravaging the Southeast, the ability to prepare for, withstand, and quickly recover from disasters is an essential component of livable communities. That's why I am reintroducing the Safe Communities Act, which will give state and local governments the tools to help them plan for and reduce the impact of these events.

Federal investments in natural disasters should include prevention and mitigation as well as response and recovery. In fact, investment in prevention can save money in the long-term. Research by an independent group of experts in 2005 found that every dollar invested in actions to reduce disaster losses saves the nation about \$4 in future costs. We

all agree that by planning for the future communities can help prevent damage and save money, but rarely do we do it.

The Safe Communities Act will create a new grant program to support state, local and regional planning activities aimed at reducing threats posed by natural and human-caused disasters. Grant-eligible projects under this program include comprehensive risk assessments and inventories of critical infrastructure, land-use planning for natural hazards and terrorism security, updates to building codes and development of new urban design techniques for risk-reduction. The bill will also create a research program to investigate the best practices in comprehensive land use and community planning aimed at reducing threats posed by natural hazards and acts of tenor.

The number of people who live in harm's way is expanding dramatically, and more properties and more lives are at risk from both natural and human-caused disasters. The associated increases in rising disaster recovery costs impact us all. I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure communities have the resources they need to help prepare for future natural disasters.

WISHING A HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO MS. PEARL GENEVIEVE MOORE

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2017

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Ms. Pearl Genevieve Moore of Preston, WA on her 100th birthday today.

Pearl was born in Washington State on September 18, 1917 to parents Hulda and Olaf Carlson, who immigrated to Preston, Washington from Varmland, Sweden. Pearl graduated from Broadway High School in 1935.

In 1941, Pearl married the love of her life, Mr. Marshall Moore. They were married for 56 beautiful years.

Pearl credits her wonderful life to God's grace, her ancestors, and a busy social life. She is actively involved in her church community and many have been blessed by her hospitality and care over the years. Pearl also loves to garden and enjoys eating lots of vegetables, peanuts, and chocolate.

Through her big heart and dedication to her community, Pearl has continued to make Preston a better place throughout her lifetime. I join with her family, friends, and the Eighth District in congratulating her on this special occasion and wishing her a wonderful birthday.

16TH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2017

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fire and Rescue and EMS personnel who have provided distinguished service to the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District.

As first responders, fire departments and emergency medical service teams are summoned on short notice to serve their respective communities. Oftentimes, they arrive at scenes of great adversity and trauma, to which they reliably bring strength and composure. These brave men and women spend hundreds of hours in training so that they are prepared when they get "the call."

In 2012, I established the 16th District Congressional Fire and Rescue and EMS Awards to honor officers, departments, and units for outstanding achievement.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 16th District, it is my privilege to congratulate the following winners, who were selected this year by an independent committee comprised of a cross section of current and retired Fire and Rescue personnel living in the district:

Manatee County Community Paramedicine Program was chosen to receive the Congressional Unit Citation Award;

Training Officer Christopher Stark of the Hillsborough County Fire Rescue was chosen to receive the Congressional Dedication and Professionalism Award;

Chief Dennis Jones of the Hillsborough County Fire Rescue was chosen to receive the Congressional Career Service Award; and

Division Chief-Fire Marshal Tammy Zurla was chosen to receive the Congressional Dedication and Professionalism Award.

CONGRATULATING THE MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID PERSONNEL

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2017

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Missouri Association of Student Financial Aid Personnel (MASFAP) on their 50th Anniversary on November 7, 2017. The Missouri Association of Student Financial Aid was founded on April 3, 1967, starting with a steering committee of only five members. Today, MASFAP has grown to 83 schools and over 790 members. This anniversary will provide an opportunity to recognize their continued partnerships and highlight the need for affordable post-secondary education.

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Since its founding, the MASFAP has and continues to be a dynamic association dedicated to serving and advocating for practitioners, users, and providers of student financial aid programs. Many students depend on financial aid programs to assist them through their post-secondary education, providing many students with the means to continue their education. Missouri is home to many institutions of post-secondary education that serve students from Missouri and abroad. Obtaining a higher education opens doors for students, develops their individual skills and knowledge, and makes them invaluable resources to our communities, state, and nation.

MAFAP is ready and willing to assist students who need help or information. The financial aid programs provided to students assist with tuition, fees, housing, food, books and supplies, transportation and personal expenses. Additionally, millions of dollars in grants, scholarships, and student loans allow students to continue pursuing their professional goals.

Every day, student financial aid administrators throughout Missouri do their best to assist students in identifying the resources and options they have regarding the cost of their education. These administrators work at removing barriers so students can be successful in choosing the appropriate assistance program. The dedication these administrators show to the students and their future is appreciated.

I ask you to join me in recognizing the Missouri Association of Student Financial Aid Personnel on their 50th Anniversary Celebration.

HONORING MARY "EDITH"
LOCKARD

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2017

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, communities thrive when hard work, dedication, and sacrifice are set by the example of its residents. In Yonkers, no one has set that example better than Mary "Edith" Lockard.

Edith was born in Yonkers in 1924 to Andrew and Mary Lena Deloatch. She was the youngest of 6 and the only girl. After graduating from Yonkers High School, Edith earned her Associates Degree in Early Childhood Development from Pace University.

Edith has been the life-blood of Messiah Baptist Church for over 76 years. In April of 1940 she was baptized on Easter Sunday at the church, and has remained an active member serving the parish in any capacity needed.

Following high school, Edith focused on raising her family with her husband, Wilfred Lockard. She got involved volunteering in the Yonkers school district and eventually served as the Vice President of the Parents Teachers Association (PTA). She also served at the South Yonkers Youth Council, an organization dedicated to fostering growth and development for the youth in the community through after school care and activities. They also held summer day camps which exposed the youth to cultural and sporting events, positive role models, and educational opportunities.

After her beloved husband Wilfred passed away, Edith began volunteering at St. John's

Hospital. She faithfully served in the mailroom on Thursdays from 1995 to 2001. In 1995 she also became a member of the Nepperhan Senior Center—Senior Group No. 15—located on Warburton Avenue. For over a decade, Edith has faithfully worked for the Yonkers Parks and Recreation.

For as active as Edith is in the community, her true passion has always been her family. She is the proud mother of her four children: Juanita, Tyrone, Lindsay, and Lila, she has eight grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and, remarkably, 9 great-great grandchildren.

Edith's commitment to helping others has been an inspiration to those in her community and beyond. I want to congratulate Edith for all of her hard, selfless work, and I want to wish her a very happy 93rd birthday on September 9, 2017.

BERT HACK

HON. MIMI WALTERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2017

Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California. Mr. Speaker, on March 24, 1999, Laguna Woods, California officially became Orange County's 32nd city.

A great deal has changed in the last 18 years, but Laguna Woods Councilman Bert Hack has remained a constant in our community.

Since taking office in 1999, Bert served as Mayor five times and sat on numerous boards throughout Southern California.

Bert's deep knowledge of local history and passion for service to others has made him a beloved fixture in Laguna Woods.

Bert's presence on the City Council will surely be missed, but he will undoubtedly continue to serve as an inspiration for all who follow in his footsteps.

I wish Bert well in retirement, and thank him for his many years of service to Laguna Woods and Orange County.

HONORING SADIE M. MACCHIA

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2017

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sadie Macchia, who celebrated her 100th birthday on July 6th,

Born on July 6, 1917, in the Bronx, New York, Sadie came into this world with a remarkably low birth weight, and was the surviving child of a set of twins, the other of whom was born prematurely and sadly passed away shortly afterward. Sadie was so small that her mother used a shoebox as a cradle, and could not even properly wear a bonnet. With such a low birthweight, her chances for survival seemed slim. Yet, with incredible strength, this miracle baby pulled through infancy and is still here with us today, 100 years later.

As an adult, Sadie spent many years working as a seamstress in the Bronx while living in her own apartment above her brother,

Dominick, and his wife, Angelina. In those days, Sadie was renowned for her hospitality and insatiable laughter, always happy to have friends and family over to share a meal, reminisce over old photos, or simply spend time with those dearest to her. A kind and generous soul, she is truly loved by all who know her.

To commemorate her 100th birthday, two of her brothers, Guy and Nick, threw her a birthday party where she was able to celebrate with her extended family. The look on her face to see so many loved ones gathered together to celebrate her birthday was said to be that of pure joy.

This miracle baby fought all the odds and is now one of America's great centenarians. It is a privilege to honor Sadie Macchia, who has brought joy and laughter into the hearts of so many others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2017

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, September 14, 2017 I was absent due to Hurricane Irma relief efforts. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call No. 516 on the motion to recommit with instructions—Nay; Roll Call No. 517 on the passage of H.R. 3697—Aye; Roll Call No. 518 on the Palmer amendment to H.R. 3354—Aye; Roll Call No. 519 on the Gohmert amendment to H.R. 3354—Aye; Roll Call No. 520 on the Norton amendment to H.R. 3354—Nay; Roll Call No. 521 on the Ellison amendment to H.R. 3354—Nay; Roll Call No. 522 on the Ellison amendment to H.R. 3354—Nay; Roll Call No. 523 on the Ellison amendment to H.R. 3354—Nay; Roll Call No. 524 on the Mitchell amendment to H.R. 3354—Aye; Roll Call No. 525 on the Huizenga amendment to H.R. 3354—Aye; Roll Call No. 526 on the Jackson Lee amendment to H.R. 3354—Nay; Roll Call No. 527 on the motion to recommit—Nay; Roll Call No. 528 on the passage of H.R. 3354—Aye; Roll Call No. 529 on the passage of H.R. 3284—Aye.

CONGRATULATING THE MOY FAMILY ASSOCIATION U.S.A. NATIONAL CONVENTION

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2017

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the Moy Family Association U.S.A. National Convention on their 27th Annual event and to recognize past and present members. I commend their community service and civic engagement that benefit not only the local Asian community in New York City but also the national and international community.

The Association is a charitable organization with a focus on community, education, civic engagement and social welfare. Since its inception over 125 years ago, the Moy Family Association has played a key role in community building efforts, particularly in the vibrant Chinatown communities I represent.