

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO RALPH HACKER

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my long-time friend, Ralph Hacker, upon his induction into the University of Kentucky Athletics Hall of Fame—Class of 2017.

Ralph Hacker's voice was a colorful hallmark of the UK Radio Network for more than three decades, including three men's basketball national championships, seven Final Fours and four football bowl games. Before we could watch our beloved UK Wildcats play basketball on television, we used to "watch them on the radio," as some would jokingly say—and it was the voice of Ralph Hacker that brought the game to life, as we envisioned every block, every dunk and every heroic play on the court. Still today, the Big Blue Nation is known to turn down the audio on the television to instead listen to familiar commentary on the radio as the game plays on. It's a testament to local broadcasters, like Ralph Hacker, who attended practices and spent unmatched time on and off the court with coaches and players to learn about the passion and drive that breeds championship teams. Today, the University of Kentucky is the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) Division I Men's Basketball winningest program, and it was Ralph Hacker's voice that helped fans rejoice with every win and find solace in every defeat.

Before becoming a voice for the Wildcats, Ralph and I first met at WVLC in Lexington as young disc jockeys, where we also worked with fellow broadcasters Jim Host and Claude Sullivan. While I detoured to UK Law School and eventually, the U.S. House of Representatives, all three of my friends had tremendous broadcasting careers, pioneering advancements in communications and business. Ralph later purchased and built a prominent radio network as president of HHM Broadcasting, earning the respect of broadcasters across the country.

Aside from his broadcasting career, Ralph and his lovely wife Marilyn have generously opened up their hearts and their home to help raise support for a number of charities. Their joint philanthropic drive has made a profound impact on the lives of countless Kentucky families. Most recently, Ralph has adamantly lent his voice to raise awareness for cardiac health across the state.

Mr. Speaker, the UK Athletics Hall of Fame is filled with incredibly talented men and women from my alma mater. I'm incredibly proud that my friend, Ralph Hacker, is rightfully being added to this prestigious list of legends after dedicating his voice to the broadcasting industry in Kentucky for more than a half century. However, among all his accomplishments, I know Ralph and Marilyn are most proud of their wonderful daughter and

son-in-law, Heather and Danny Reilly, and especially their granddaughters, Collins and Gresham Jane.

IN RECOGNITION OF KANG KYUNG-WHA, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF REPUBLIC OF KOREA

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Kang Kyung-wha, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea. Foreign Minister Kang has dedicated her career to the protection and promotion of humanitarian principles domestically and around the world. On September 22, 2017, she will be honored at the United Nations by Equality Now, a non-governmental organization advocating for the human rights of women and girls worldwide, for her work on behalf of women and girls and in recognition of her appointment as the first female Foreign Minister of the Republic of Korea.

Kang Kyung-wha is a veteran diplomat, serving both the Republic of Korea and the United Nations. After beginning her career as a news producer and associate professor, Minister Kang began working in the National Assembly, serving as the Secretary for International Relations in the Office of the Speaker in 1990. Her work was focused on the promotion of human rights, women's advancement, and parliamentary diplomacy. After 8 years with the National Assembly, she began working at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the agency she now leads.

In 2005, Minister Kang was appointed Director General of International Organizations at the foreign ministry, becoming the second female diplomat to serve at that level. She was the Minister in her country's Permanent Mission to the United Nations from September 2001 to July 2005, during which time she chaired the Commission on the Status of Women for its 48th and 49th sessions. In 2006, she was appointed by Secretary-General Kofi Annan to serve as United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, the highest appointment in an international organization for a Korean woman. In April 2013 Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appointed her Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator for the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. In this position, Minister Kang oversaw the UN agency responsible for their response to complex emergencies and natural disasters, the coordination of humanitarian response, policy development and advocacy. During her tenure, she navigated many of the most substantial crises in our time, coordinating humanitarian action and support in places like Syria and South Sudan.

In December 2016, Minister Kang was appointed as a Senior Advisor on Policy by then

United Nations Secretary-General-designate António Guterres. Shortly after, in June 2017, the Republic of Korea's President Moon Jae-in appointed Kang Kyung-wha as the Minister of Foreign Affairs. She has been tasked with resolving sensitive diplomatic issues while furthering Korea's commitment to refugee and human rights. Minister Kang must help her country navigate one of the most dangerous geopolitical situations our world has seen: the nuclearization of the Korean peninsula.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Kang Kyung-wha for the work she has done to safeguard humanitarian principles and further the international community's commitment to the rights of women and girls, and to congratulate her on her appointment as the Republic of Korea's first female Minister of Foreign Affairs. Minister Kang's continued focus on the advancement of women both in the Republic of Korea and internationally has paved the way for future generations of women around the world.

RECOGNIZING CHERYL MOORE FOR HER REMARKABLE SERVICE TO VENTURA COUNTY

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Cheryl Moore, an outstanding community leader and public servant. For over a decade, Cheryl has demonstrated remarkable service to our community as the Executive Director of the Workforce Development Board of Ventura County, a strategic partner in the local skilled labor force that supports the region's business needs and economic vitality.

Prior to her role with the Workforce Development Board, Cheryl has held positions as an educator, as an administrator of educational programs, and spent more than 20 years in the private sector working for multibillion-dollar companies. This diverse background and extensive experience have played an instrumental role to the notable work ethic that she always exhibited and brought to the table.

Under Cheryl's guidance and leadership, the Workforce Development Board has been able to foster an invaluable environment of collaboration amongst an array of entities including governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, and private and public industries. As a direct result of her actions and tireless efforts, new connections and creative partnerships have grown among business and community leaders committed to strengthening and promoting the regional workforce and economy.

She has been an exceptional advocate of the development of a strong and adept workforce. Her steadfast commitment to the community has positively impacted and changed

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the lives of so many individuals including local job seekers, workers, youth, and employers. I applaud the dedication Cheryl has shown to ensuring Ventura County's workers have the resources and opportunities to obtain gainful employment and achieve professional and personal success.

For these reasons, it is with sincere appreciation that I recognize Cheryl Moore for her years of distinguished service to the Workforce Development Board of Ventura County. Her countless contributions are immeasurable, but have had a profound impact upon our community as a whole.

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

SPEECH OF

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 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. STEFANIK. Mr. Chair, today I rise to recognize and support the Environmental Protection Agency's work on acid rain.

My district is the proud home of the Adirondacks, which for decades were being destroyed by acid rain from the mid-west.

Thanks to the work of the EPA to support efforts to halt this epidemic, we are recovering in spectacular fashion.

Trout populations are returning to once dead lakes, waters and trees are getting healthier, and the park is a booming economic engine for our district.

I've visited a lab in Ray Brook where the water samples collected by the Adirondack Lake Survey Corporation are tested, and ask that you help me ensure that the grant funding for this important work is renewed.

The EPA's programs and grants have been essential in restoring this ecological gem in my district.

I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues in Congress to support these important programs.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, September 14, 2017, I was unfortunately not present for Roll Call votes 516 through 529 in order to attend the memorial service for a dear friend who passed away. If I had been present for these votes, I would have voted:

Yay on Roll Call vote 516 on the motion to recommit with instructions;

Nay on Roll Call vote 517 on passage of the Criminal Alien Gang Member Removal Act (H.R. 3697);

Nay on Roll Call vote 518 on agreeing to the amendment no. 192;

Nay on Roll Call vote 519 on agreeing to the amendment no. 195;

Yay on Roll Call vote 520 on agreeing to the amendment no. 196;

Yay on Roll Call vote 521 on agreeing to the amendment no. 199;

Yay on Roll Call vote 522 on agreeing to the amendment no. 200;

Yay on Roll Call vote 523 on agreeing to the amendment no. 201;

Nay on Roll Call vote 524 on agreeing to the amendment no. 204;

Nay on Roll Call vote 525 on agreeing to the amendment no. 207;

Yay on Roll Call vote 526 on agreeing to the amendment no. 223;

Yay on Roll Call vote 527 on the motion to recommit with instructions;

Nay on Roll Call vote 528 on passage of H.R. 3354; and

Yay on Roll Call vote 529 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the Joint Counterterrorism Awareness Workshop Series Act (H.R. 3284) as amended.

HONORING THE CROATIAN SONS
LODGE NUMBER 170

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate the Croatian Sons Lodge Number 170 of the Croatian Fraternal Union on the festive occasion of its Golden Member banquet, which took place on Sunday, September 17, 2017.

The Croatian Fraternal Union held its gala at the Croatian Center in Merrillville, Indiana. Traditionally, the celebration entails a formal recognition of the Union's Golden Members, those who have achieved fifty years of membership. This year's honorees who have attained fifty years of membership include the following individuals: Janet C. Ashby, John Karl Bednash, Dianna K. Davis, Kathleen Greenya, Joseph Michael Jandura, Georgene A. Labash, Darlene Lass, Richard Louis Mostak, Judith Ann Murovic, Roberta Ann Nicksich, Sheryl Lee Niksic, Margaret Milos Nye, Linda L. Rayakovich Skafish, Rosemary Spieth, Marilyn Svetanoff, Geraldine M. Toth, Joseph A. Vukovich, Susan L. Wardrip, and Suzanne Wellington.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Lodge President John Miksich and all members of the Croatian Fraternal Union, Lodge Number 170, for their loyalty and radiant display of passion for their ethnicity. The Croatian community has played a key role in enriching the quality of life and culture of Northwest Indiana. It is my hope that this year will bring renewed prosperity for all members of the Croatian community and their families.

LEE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS
CENTER (EOC)

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary actions of the Lee County Emergency Management Team. With Hurricane Irma hitting Lee County, the Lee Emergency Operations Center (EOC) took decisive action coordinating emergency responses and recovery efforts throughout Lee County.

The employees and volunteers staffing the EOC went above and beyond the call of duty keeping residents informed and sheltered, and are now working to clean up the damage left behind by the hurricane.

I applaud Sheriff Mike Scott, Sheriff Carmine Marceno, County Manager Roger Desjarlais, Director Benjamin Abes, Director Lee Mayfield, Chief Cochran, Chief Diggs, and all city and local officials for their tireless work in keeping our community informed and safe before, during, and after Hurricane Irma.

HONORING LUCY NOLAN, EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR OF END HUNGER
CONNECTICUT, ON THE OCCASION
OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise today and join the many family, friends, and colleagues who have gathered to celebrate with Lucy Nolan as she celebrates her retirement as Executive Director of End Hunger Connecticut. Throughout her remarkable career, Lucy has ensured that the issue of hunger and its root causes in our communities has remained at the forefront of public policy discourse, not only in Connecticut but nationally as well.

End Hunger Connecticut is a non-profit organization dedicated to ending hunger across the state and seeks to raise awareness about hunger in Connecticut, promote funding for and access to nutrition assistance programs, and advocate for policies that address the root causes of hunger. Their goal, to help low-income families move beyond the food pantry towards self-sufficiency. Through Lucy's expertise and vision, End Hunger Connecticut has successfully advocated for a number of critical legislative initiatives including increased funding for the school breakfast program that established a pilot program for in-classroom breakfast, increasing food stamp accessibility, and led the effort to pass the country's toughest school nutrition legislation which banned the sale of sugary drinks on school grounds. Lucy's tenure also saw End Hunger Connecticut implement a very successful outreach program for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and create innovative partnerships with community leaders and community-based organizations that have strengthened community efforts to address hunger at its core.

Lucy's expert knowledge and commitment has been recognized on the state and national