

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF CHRISTOPHER PEPLER

**HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 6, 2017*

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and life of the late Deputy Chief Christopher Pepler, who passed away on November 1, 2017 after a long battle with cancer. Pepler was a member of the Torrington Fire Department since 1999 and had served as Deputy Fire Chief. He was a beloved member of the Torrington community and a model public servant.

Deputy Chief Pepler was a Torrington native, and he dreamed of becoming a firefighter from a young age. He began volunteering with Torrington Fire Department when he was only 15, and he was hired by the Torrington Fire Department in 1999. The Department recognized his leadership and commitment to keeping the community safe, and Pepler was appointed Deputy Fire Chief in 2013.

He was an active member of the department and worked hard to support his fellow firefighters. He served as the Assistant Director of Training for the Wolcott Regional Fire School, sharing his expertise with young and aspiring firefighters. Pepler also worked on behalf of his fellow firefighters as the president of the IAFF Local 1567 prior to his appointment as Deputy Chief.

Mr. Speaker, Deputy Chief Christopher Pepler brought a passion for serving his community and helping others to the Torrington Fire Department, and his work leaves a legacy of service that will inspire future generations of firefighters in our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor his life here today. I extend my deepest condolences to his wife, Lori, and all those who knew and loved Christopher.

### RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF ELAINE ROBERTS

**HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 6, 2017*

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Elaine Roberts, who is retiring from her service to the Ohio aviation community this month.

Elaine has been a leader for Columbus, for Ohio, for the aviation industry, and for women in leadership roles in the transportation industry everywhere.

Fourteen years ago, Elaine was recruited to serve as the first ever CEO of a combined aviation authority—the passenger facility serving Columbus and Central Ohio, a dual-use freight/military facility outside Columbus, and a general aviation field.

Over the last decade and a half, she led all three with distinction and has been a catalyst

for growth at Port Columbus, overseeing a major renovation and life extension of the facility.

At Rickenbacker, our dual-use facility, she has worked with government partners at the federal, state, and local levels, as well as the private sector, to transform the area into one of the country's leading intermodal facilities.

International and domestic freight operations—served by rail, highways, and international activation—help provide a livelihood to 20,000 plus residents in our area.

Elaine has been an inspiration to her fellow executives in aviation and transportation, and the region as a whole. She was nominated and selected by the White House in 2015 as a "Champion of Change" for her work at Rickenbacker.

Elaine will be missed in the region, but I join the entire Ohio community in wishing her well.

### IN MEMORY OF SHADY SHORES MAYOR OLIVE STEPHENS

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 6, 2017*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of former Shady Shores Mayor Olive Stephens. Mayor Stephens, who passed away on October 30 at the age of 101, was known for her commitment to her family, her neighbors, and the Shady Shores community. She was a dedicated public servant who helped Shady Shores grow from a small weekend fishing and camping spot to an incorporated city with a population of more than 2,800.

An East Texas native, Mayor Stephens and her late husband moved to Shady Shores in 1956 and opened a general store. In 1963, Olive Stephens began her public service career when she volunteered to serve on the Town Council. After 10 years as a council member, she ran for higher office, and in 1973 won a successful bid to serve as the first elected mayor of Shady Shores. Mayor Stephens served her community in this capacity for almost 40 years until she retired from full time public service at the age of 94.

A pioneer of local Texas politics, Olive Stephens left a legacy of lifelong commitment to public service. We will miss her leadership and passion for her Shady Shores community and all of Texas.

### RECOGNIZING MICHELE BLAKE

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 6, 2017*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michele Blake, a proven leader in the Yuba City, California community with a

strong desire to make a difference. Michele currently serves as the Executive Director of the Sutter County Children and Families Commission, also known as First 5 Sutter.

Michele has been a strong advocate and was instrumental in making positive changes in her role as executive director. She is responsible for ensuring children ages 0–5 reach their full potential by administering and coordinating community programs and activities that have a positive effect on their development. She has collaborated with Friends of the Sutter Library to implement a program which delivers books directly to preschool children's homes to increase literacy awareness; she has worked with the Sutter Sheriff's Department to implement a children's lifejacket loaner program which increases water safety; and working alongside healthcare clinics, she was instrumental in implementing breastfeeding friendly practices in existing Commission programs. Michele is also a strong advocate for Mothers Against Drunk Drivers and, together with her family, established the Nicole Bull Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Michele's experience includes her previous work as the Health Education Director and Public Information Officer at the Sutter County Public Health Department where she planned, created, budgeted, developed, and implemented comprehensive health education programs and was instrumental in securing federal funding to develop IGNITE Yuba City, a program to help people make healthy choices.

Michele continues to support the Yuba Sutter community and as a single mom finds time to contribute to the activities of her 8 and 12-year-old children.

### IN RECOGNITION OF ARNOLD ANDREWS

**HON. MARK WALKER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 6, 2017*

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent, Arnold Andrews from Guilford County. I am honored to acknowledge constituents who selflessly answered the call to serve and defend our freedom. A United States Army veteran of World War II and member of the Greatest Generation, Mr. Andrews served his country with honor. Self-sacrifice, personal responsibility, and humility are traits this generation embodied. The tremendous strides our country has made since World War II are a direct result of these great Americans. North Carolina is truly fortunate to have Mr. Andrews, an outstanding representative of our community and country.

I join with his family, friends, and the Sixth District in thanking Arnold Andrews for his dedicated service to the United States of America.

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## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 6, 2017*

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for votes on Friday, November 3, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call vote 605 and Nay on Roll Call vote 606.

I was absent in the House Chamber due to travelling to the devastated island of Puerto Rico in the wake of Hurricane Maria. A vote was called on the floor for H.R. 3922 to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program and other public health initiatives under the Affordable Care Act. I would have voted Nay on this legislation because this bill would raise premiums for seniors, limit benefits for Medicaid recipients and slash grace periods from 90 days to 30 days, which would result in thousands of Americans losing their healthcare. Furthermore, this bill funds a mere \$1 billion dollars to Puerto Rico in the midst of a dire crisis on the island.

## RECOGNIZING DR. LAURIE GOODMAN

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 6, 2017*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Laurie Goodman of Meridian, California, who has dedicated herself to the education, health, and safety of children. As Superintendent and Principal of the Winship-Robbins Elementary School District, Dr. Goodman has worked to implement many programs designed to serve children in need. In partnership with Sutter County Public Health, she has implemented a nutrition education and obesity prevention program which aims to promote healthy eating and exercise habits in youth.

Dr. Goodman was also an instrumental partner in the effort to establish the "Food For Thought" pilot project which works to minimize child hunger by providing families with healthy foods to take home over the weekend. Her efforts on behalf of these programs make a clear positive impact in the lives of children in her community.

Dr. Goodman's passion and commitment to the students and families of Winship-Robbins Elementary School goes beyond academic success. Dr. Goodman is truly dedicated to the complete health and well-being of each and every one of her students, and never passes up an opportunity to provide them with any help they may need.

## HONORING ETHEL T. WINFIELD

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 6, 2017*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a late member of the Co-op City community, Mrs. Ethel T. Winfield, who passed away this year at the amazing age of 94 years

old. Though Ethel is no longer with us, the legacy she has left with her family, friends, and the community will last forever.

Ethel and her beloved husband, Claude, lived in Co-op City and were quite active. After moving to the area in the 1960's, Ethel, a devoted Catholic, was instrumental in establishing and building the new church, St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church. While the church was being built, Ethel held services in her home at 920 Baychester Avenue.

Professionally, Ethel worked as a Sample Hand at Vanity Fair in New York City. In 1971, she received certification at the prestigious Mayer School for Fashion Design. Amazed by her skill and talent, she rose from a Sample Hand to become an Assistant Designer at Vanity Fair; the first time anyone ever received this promotion. While at Vanity Fair, Ethel was concerned with equal rights of all workers. She was a shop steward, and as a union leader, she assisted fellow workers. Ethel enjoyed designing, draping and sewing dresses. She wanted her community residents to experience wearing beautiful fabrics and well-fitted clothes. She was committed to providing designer quality fitted clothing and often said, "The small amount I charged the bride did not yield a profit for me. However, I wanted my community to feel like they were walking down a runway."

Though Ethel's story is full of inspiration, there was tragedy. In July 1957, Claude and Ethel were driving to Virginia with their son, Willie. During the trip, the car over turned in a ditch. Willie lost his life and Claude was injured badly. He had sustained internal injuries and almost every bone in his body had been broken. Ethel visited her husband for 2 years in the Veteran's Administration Hospital and never doubted her husband would live. She encouraged him to complete his therapy which included learning to use his left hand and arm to shave and complete other tasks. It was her belief and encouragement in those terribly tragic moments that gave Claude the strength to recover.

As you might imagine from hearing that story, Ethel's true passion was her family, which includes sons, Claude L. Winfield, and Siddique Ali Shahbaaz; daughter-in-laws Michelle Deal Winfield and Cynthia Ali Shahbaaz; grand children Gary Winfield and wife Rasheed Winfield, Marie Winfield and spouse Konrad Pust, Michael C. Winfield, Nikkea Winfield, Jason Winfield and Makeda Winfield; nieces Katherine Miles and Vida Hinton with cousin Janet Baugham; and great grandchildren Sophie and Koemi Winfield-Pust. She loved each of them dearly.

Ethel Winfield lived a long and blessed life. In later years, she took art classes at the Baychester Visual Arts class on Tuesday evenings. Like many budding artist, Ethel gave away sketches and drawings, making friends along the way. That was Ethel—an artist, always thinking of others.

## IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM CAMP

**HON. MARK WALKER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Camp from Guilford County. I am honored to acknowledge constituents who selflessly answered the call to serve and defend our freedom. A United States Army veteran of World War II and member of the Greatest Generation, Mr. Camp served his country with honor. Self-sacrifice, personal responsibility, and humility are traits this generation embodied. The tremendous strides our country has made since World War II are a direct result of these great Americans. North Carolina is truly fortunate to have Mr. Camp, an outstanding representative of our community and country.

I join with his family, friends, and the Sixth District in thanking William Camp for his dedicated service to the United States of America.

## RECOGNIZING MRS. LYNN JEWELL

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 6, 2017*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Lynn Jewell of Vacaville, California, who has been a vibrant servant of our community since coming from San Antonio, Texas as one of three young daughters of an Air Force Veteran. As a youth, Lynn was active in the Girl Scouts, church groups, and the Fairfield High School Scarlet Brigade Band before graduating from California State University, Sacramento with honors. After marrying Jeff Jewell, her service member husband, Lynn became active in supporting multiple local Veteran's Groups.

Mrs. Jewell served as President of the Vacaville American Legion Auxiliary, Secretary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, and served at the Vacaville Veterans' Memorial Hall as secretary, treasurer, Bingo volunteer, and co-chair of the Annual Holiday Dinners for over 20 years.

In 2006, Lynn became involved in the North Bay Homeless Veterans Standdown writing grants, raising funds, and serving as volunteer coordinator. Her passionate commitment to this program grew and she now serves alongside her husband on the Standdown Board of Directors. Lynn is the driving force of the North Bay Standdown and most everyone would say that without Lynn, the years of providing supportive services to our homeless veterans in the form of a "hand-up, not a hand-out" would not have happened.

## 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF CLIFTON

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 6, 2017*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the outstanding achievements of the great City of Clifton as it celebrates its 100th Anniversary on November 4, 2017.

On April 26, 1917, the City of Clifton was carved out of Acquackanonk Township and incorporated by an act of the New Jersey legislature. Named after the towering cliffs of Garret Mountain, Clifton is composed of many endearing neighborhoods. They are Albion, Allwood, Athenia, Botany Village, Delawanna,