EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE FRIENDSHIP CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPIS-COPAL CHURCH AS A NATIONAL HISTORIC PLACE

HON. MIKE JOHNSON

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise and honor the Friendship Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (CME) of Lisbon, LA, for its historic impact upon our nation and to the State of Louisiana. Friendship CME Church helped to unify the Claiborne Parish community around faith and family during the most trying times of our history.

At the height of the civil rights movement from 1965 to 1974 and beyond, Friendship CME Church served as the heart of the African American community and opened its doors for the meetings of local civil rights leaders. Many of the major contributions to the Claiborne Parish civil rights movement were conceptualized within Friendship CME Church, and the church played a central role in the community as a safe haven for those working to protect the dignity of every human life.

Friendship CME Church was founded between 1900 and 1915. The current structure was rebuilt by the congregation in 1933, after the original church building was destroyed by a violent tornado that tore through Claiborne Parish in 1932. With only a few modifications, today's building largely resembles the original structure. This 1933 building still stands to this day as a testimony to the resilience and fortitude of the Friendship CME community. In recognition of the church's integral contributions in advancing the Claiborne Parish civil rights movement, the National Park Service listed the Friendship CME Church in the National Register of Historic Places in May 2016.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress and the people of Northwest Louisiana, I am honored to recognize the Friendship Christian Methodist Episcopal Church for the exceptionally important role it played during the civil rights movement in our region and in our nation. I, along with my wife, Kelly, pray the Lord continues to use this congregation as a beacon of hope for generations to come.

MARY ANN BARWICK

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mary Ann Barwick for being honored by the West Chamber of Commerce.

As the Healthcare Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator at the Rocky Mountain Down Syndrome Association, Mary Ann Barwick works

with hospitals and doctors to help assure inclusion and enhance the independence of people with Down syndrome.

After many years in the financial industry, Mary Ann stayed home to raise her two boys. While staying home she held several volunteer positions, including President and Treasurer of the PTO, Treasurer of Foothills Swim Team, Destination Imagination Coach, and religious education teacher and board member of the Denver Ballet Guild and Bear Creek Swim and

She re-entered the workforce when her oldest son went to college, and began her stint in the nonprofit world. She believes in mission-driven work and loves to recruit volunteers. Mary Ann continues her volunteer work and currently serves as an Affiliate Challenge Master for Destination Imagination Colorado. And she and her husband have been running the Lunch Bunch program at their church which makes lunches for the homeless in Denver for the last 24 years.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Mary Ann Barwick for this well-deserved honor from the West Chamber of Commerce.

TRIBUTE TO MARY
DEVEREUX-TAYLOR
CARROL TAYLOR

ELLEN AND

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mary Ellen Devereux-Taylor and Carrol Taylor of Mount Ayr, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 55th wedding anniversary. They were married on August 25, 1962 at the Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell, Iowa.

Mary Ellen and Carrol's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies our lowa values. As they reflect on their 55th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 55 years together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion and in wishing them both nothing but continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF NORTH-AMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, $November\ 29$, 2017

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Northampton Community Col-

lege (NCC) as it celebrates its 50th anniversary. It was founded in 1965 by twelve Northampton County school directors who were committed to providing an affordable, comprehensive community college education where adults could develop critical skills for a shifting regional economy. In 1967, it opened its doors to 404 students. What started as a singular campus with trailers for laboratories has since expanded into two beautiful campuses with state-of-the-art facilities.

Today, NCC offers degrees to over 14,000 students. An additional 17,000 students enroll in workforce training, adult literacy, and youth classes. Alumni have gone on to further their education through partnerships with colleges and universities. Many alumni have become known as masters in their trade with some recognized as Pulitzer Prize winners and Academy Award winning directors.

Northampton Community College remains committed to providing a quality college experience regardless of socioeconomic status. Federal grants have supported this good work, including a \$10 million grant from the Department of Labor in 2014. The College's innovation and drive will continue to produce talented graduates and contribute to the region's economy. I ask my fellow Members to join me in recognizing Northampton Community College for 50 years of excellence and service to the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for Roll Call votes 638 and 639 on Tuesday, November 28, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call vote 638 and Nay on Roll Call vote 639.

MARY ANNE FLEET

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mary Anne Fleet for being honored by the West Chamber of Commerce.

Mary Anne Fleet received her bachelor's degree in music education from Temple University where she studied bassoon with members of the Philadelphia Orchestra. After moving to Colorado, she worked as a freelance musician with the Central City Opera Company and other professional musical ensembles while teaching woodwinds privately.

Mary Anne later moved to the nonprofit sector and earned her Master's degree in non-profit management from Regis University. She

• 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. worked as Development Director for Hear Now and as Executive Director for Caring Connection. For the last 21 years, she has been a member of the bassoon section of the Lakewood Symphony. In 2010, she became the symphony's first Executive Director and has helped the symphony become a major force within Lakewood's performing arts community.

Mary Anne maintains an active woodwind teaching studio at Music & Arts in Littleton, and has served as president of the South Lakewood Business Association, past president of the Rotary Club of Lakewood, and is currently a member of All Comforting Things, which provides hand-crafted items to people in need. She is also a proud mother of three and the grandmother of four. She and her husband recently celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Mary Anne Fleet for this well-deserved honor from the West Chamber of Commerce.

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HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Columbus East High School football team on winning the 2017 IHSAA Class 5A State Championship.

The Olympians faced off against the Kokomo Wildkats at Lucas Oil Stadium, on Friday, November 24, 2017. They led early in the game and won 42–28, securing their third state title in school history.

I am proud of these young men for this remarkable achievement and for the sportsmanship they displayed throughout this exciting season. I want to commend Coach Bob Gaddis as well as all of the assistant coaches who led these young men to victory.

Congrats, Olympians.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF JAMES SALVATORE "DOC" PIPINO

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember the life of James Salvatore "Doc" Pipino who died on November 21, 2017 at his home, surrounded by his family.

Doc was born on July 30, 1934 to Salvatore Rock and Mary Frances (Rizzi) Pipino. He graduated from St. Mary's High School in Warren, Ohio. After playing collegiate football and graduating from John Carroll University, he became a teacher and coach at St. Mary's High School. In 1960, he joined his brother, Don, in the insurance industry, where he spent the remainder of his professional career, earning multiple professional insurance designations along the way. He was also involved in a variety of business ventures, including his ownership of Fonderlac Country Club and Niles Restaurant Business, Inc., a local Arby's franchisee, of which Mr. Pipino was chairman of the board at the time of his death. He also served as a member of the Board of Southwoods Surgery Center.

Outside of his professional life, he was an active participant in a variety of civic, community, and faith activities. He was a member of the Boards for the Easter Seals and Niles Community Services. He also served as the president of the Trumbull Country Club, chairman of values and visions for John F. Kennedy Catholic Schools, and president of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Council (Niles, Ohio). In addition, he enjoyed volunteering as a basketball coach of boy's and girl's teams for Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Blessed Sacrament, and St. Mary's schools. Lastly, Doc was recognized for several honors and awards including the Golden Eagle Distinguished Alumni Award from St. Mary's/John F. Kennedy Catholic Schools, the Mahoning Valley Italian American Sports Hall of Fame Man of the Year, and he was inducted into the Warren Sports Hall of Fame.

He will be dearly missed by his wife of 58 years, Patricia Ann; his sons, Atty. James D. (Mary Jeanine), Theodore S. and Atty. Samuel M. (Kimberly Kirtland) and his daughter, Mary F. "Mimi" Pipino, Ph.D.; grandchildren, James A. (Lynsey Harris), Elena Dean (Michael), Marisa, Dana, Matthew, Daniel, Camille and Lorenzo Pipino, and Cailin Jaspers; his brother-in-law, Dr. Theodore (Cheryl) Gabig, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Donald P.; his sister-in-law, Delores, and many beloved aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Doc was a valued member of the community and will be deeply missed. I extend my sincerest condolences to his family and friends.

HONORING NANCY WARE, DIRECTOR OF THE COURT SERVICES AND OFFENDER SUPERVISION AGENCY FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the contributions of Nancy M. Ware, who served as the Director of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia (CSOSA) for the past six years.

A native Washingtonian, Director Ware has been tireless in her fight to improve public safety and the quality of life in neighborhoods throughout the District. She began her educational pursuits in District of Columbia public schools, ultimately graduating from Coolidge High School and then going on to earn her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Howard University. Early in her career, Director Ware served in various leadership positions for a number of organizations and government agencies, including the Rainbow Coalition, the Citizen Education Fund, the District of Columbia's Mayor's Youth Initiative Office and the Department of Justice's Weed and Seed Program as well as its Bureau of Justice Assistance. Office of Justice Programs.

Of Director Ware's many accomplishments, her work as the first Executive Director of the District of Columbia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) stands out. The District's criminal justice system is a complex web of federal and local jurisdictional authorities. Director Ware led the development of the infrastructure to promote collaboration between the District and federal governments on critical public safety issues. As director of the CJCC, Director Ware was instrumental in advancing the city's technical capability and capacity to support criminal justice information sharing among CJCC member agencies.

On December 1, 2011, she was sworn in as Director of CSOSA, an independent federal executive branch agency that is tasked with enhancing public safety, preventing crime and reducing recidivism among those supervised. As the head of CSOSA, Director Ware was responsible for leading over 800 federal employees in providing community supervision for as many as 15,000 adults on probation, parole or supervised release in the District. During her tenure at CSOSA, Director Ware's accomplishments are numerous, ranging from establishing a young adult initiative that focuses on supervisees 25 years old and younger to enhancing the agency's internal and external communications and program integration.

Therefore, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Director Nancy M. Ware for her dedication to public service and for her continued commitment to ensure that the nation's capital remains safe for residents, workers and visitors, and that juveniles and adults who have become involved in the criminal justice system are provided opportunities to contribute and thrive in their community

JULIA HILL-NICHOLS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Julia Hill-Nichols for being honored by the West Chamber of Commerce.

With over 30 years of experience, Julia Hill-Nichols is your go-to gal for all things human resources and operations locally and internationally. She has held numerous executive roles as the chief human resource officer at a NASDAQ start-up and a Fortune 50 company. These positions have provided her the opportunity to act as an internal consultant to CEOs, Board of Directors and executive teams in the U.S. and all the way to Great Britain and Ireland.

In particular, she is recognized for her work with CEOs and companies as they execute complex organizational change and development. In February 2010, she launched LeadersCove LLC, a human resource and management consulting firm dedicated to revitalizing leadership.

Julia is particularly passionate about optimizing the potential of staff to build truly amazing, dynamic and healthy organizations through individual and collective contributions. She is a certified Senior Professional in Human Resources and the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, and a member of HR People and Strategy and Society for Human Resources Management. She is a past member of the Board of Directors of the Jefferson County Library Foundation and the Chair of the Jefferson County Public Library Board of Trustees.