

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO SYLVIA BARNARD—  
CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRES-  
SIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 22, 2017*

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Every year, we dedicate the month of March to give special recognition to the accomplishments and sacrifices made by America's women. I consider it an honor to highlight the extraordinary women who are making a difference in my district. I would like to recognize one outstanding woman: Sylvia Barnard, of Santa Maria, California.

After facing incredible challenges in her early life, Sylvia has risen to not only empower herself, but other women facing similar difficulties in our community. Once a single mother on welfare at nineteen years old, Sylvia decided that pursuing a higher education was the best way to ensure a better life for her and her daughter and went on to get her Bachelor's Degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB). Wanting to help other single mothers, Sylvia used her education from UCSB to write a book titled "One Mother to Another." Her book focuses on the importance of determination, resilience, and the positive impact of higher education.

Currently, she passionately dedicates herself to leading The Good Samaritan Shelter, which gives support to the homeless and other vulnerable populations, serving almost 2,000 people per year. The agency also helps veterans, parolees, mothers fighting addictions, and those in rehabilitation. As the Executive Director, Sylvia has grown the small agency from a shelter that had only eight rooms to one that now has over fifteen rooms for people to escape living on the street.

Sylvia began working at the Great Samaritan Shelter over sixteen years ago as a grant writer, and about ten years ago took the helm of the organization. Under the helm of her leadership, the shelter is now the largest homeless shelter provider for the Santa Maria area.

She has gone above and beyond the call of duty and is a force of light and positivity for vulnerable communities in Santa Maria. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Sylvia Barnard, for her incredible service to her community.

HONORING MS. LEONA EGELAND  
RICE

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Leona Egeland Rice

upon her retirement after over four decades of public service and leadership in California. Ms. Rice has served our state as a teacher, an elected official, and an advocate for quality healthcare.

A native of Tucson, Arizona, Ms. Egeland Rice came to California to earn a master's degree in education at San Jose State University. She stayed in California as she began her family and her career as a science teacher. While political issues always interested her, Ms. Egeland Rice first became personally involved in the public sphere through her instrumental role in the campaign to build a new sewage treatment plan to prevent ocean pollution.

After the success of her first community organizing experience, Ms. Egeland Rice found a new passion for local involvement. She worked with the Santa Clara County Supervisor's office to ensure women were appointed to boards and commissions in the county. In 1974, she launched her first campaign for the California State Assembly and won with over 57 percent of the vote. When she took office, only one other woman served in the State Assembly. Ms. Egeland Rice later led the charge to change members' title from "Assemblyman" to "Assembly Member" to reflect the body's growing diversity.

During her three terms in the Assembly, Ms. Egeland Rice successfully championed important legislation to improve children's welfare, public health, and access to healthcare across the state. After leaving the State Assembly, Ms. Rice became Chief Deputy Director for the California Department of Human Services, where she established an office in Los Angeles and worked on maternal and children's health.

Ms. Egeland Rice returned to Northern California to spend time with her family in 1998. There she began working with The Doctors Company, a physician-owned insurance company. She helped lead the company's growth over the past two decades, and served as Senior Vice President of Government Relations as well as Executive Director of the company's charitable foundation. As The Doctors Company expanded beyond California, Ms. Egeland Rice developed partnerships with other state governments. Furthermore, she championed the Corporate Charitable program and implemented an Employee Charitable Gift Matching program.

Mr. Speaker, Leona Egeland Rice has served as a dedicated and influential teacher, public servant, and business leader in our community for over four decades. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor Ms. Egeland Rice here today and extend our best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed Roll Call vote numbers 176, 177, 178, 179, 180 and 181. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on votes 178 and 181. I would have voted Nay on votes 176, 177, 179 and 180.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANN ARBOR'S  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 4 IN THE  
CENTENNIAL YEAR OF ITS  
FOUNDING

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ann Arbor's Boy Scout Troop 4 in the year of its centennial. Boy Scout Troop 4 has been a pillar of the Ann Arbor community and has contributed to the well-being of south-east Michigan through its century of activism and service.

Founded in March 1917 with an original membership of ten boys and three adult leaders, Boy Scout Troop 4 has provided Ann Arbor youth with skills and experience while serving the community at large. The group expanded rapidly during the 1920s and 30s and established itself as a key part of Ann Arbor civic life. The troop has continued to build on its early success and has collectively served over 1,800 boys from Ann Arbor and the surrounding areas since its founding, including over 150 that have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Today, Troop 4 continues to remain active in Ann Arbor through projects like Scouting for Food, which provides nutrition to needy individuals, as well as staffing local events like Kerrytown Bookfest and the Saline Celtic Festival. Additionally, the troop hosts camping events and trips for scouts around the state. These initiatives equip the Boy Scouts with experience and ability to become leaders in the community.

Troop 4's long and distinguished history of service has helped create generations of civic-minded individuals who have the skills and experience that will serve them throughout their lives. Through projects like restoring the St. Helena Light Station and visits to cultural institutions like the Cranbrook Institute and the Jackson Space Institute, the leadership and members of Troop 4 have continued to build on its historic legacy and the accomplishments of its alumni. It is my hope that Troop 4 continues to serve as a model for activism and help inspire leadership and a spirit of service in the community in the coming years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ann Arbor's Boy Scout Troop 4 on

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its centennial in recognition of the troop's distinguished history. The troop has played a key role in the growth and development of the state through its service projects and cultivation of a new generation of community leaders.

TRIBUTE TO DAWN ADDIS—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

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Dawn saw the need for women in San Luis Obispo County to rise together and vocalize their demand for equal rights, which led to her becoming the co-founder and co-organizer of the Women's March San Luis Obispo (SLO). Her hard work and dedication granted San Luis Obispo County residents the opportunity to participate in the single biggest one-day demonstration in our nation's history. Dawn offered her community a platform to join a larger movement and have their voices heard.

Because of Dawn's leadership, about 10,000 people marched in unity through the streets of downtown San Luis Obispo. She also ensured that the march remained peaceful and non-violent by working with the San Luis Obispo Police Chief. She worked from various community members to organize a successful, inclusive and safe event. The response from San Luis Obispo citizens about restoring their hope for the future was a testimony for the importance of Dawn's work.

Dawn's leadership empowered women from across San Luis Obispo County and allowed them to take part in a larger national conversation. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Dawn Addis, for her incredible service to her community.

MEMPHIS COMMERCIAL APPEAL  
OP-ED

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 22, 2017*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following op-ed I recently wrote for the Memphis Commercial Appeal:

Last year, then-candidate Donald Trump condescendingly said to African Americans, "You live in your poverty, your schools are no good, you have no jobs . . . What the hell do you have to lose?"

We now know the answer: a lot.

Changes at the Department of Justice (DOJ), alone, are alarming. Instead of serving its traditional role as guardian of civil rights, DOJ is in full retreat. It has reversed

course on voting rights, abandoning opposition to a Texas voter ID law in which a federal court found 600,000 registered voters did not have IDs necessary to vote.

Instead of protecting citizens from police who illegally discriminate against African Americans, Attorney General Jefferson Beauregard Sessions III has stated he does not favor the type of consent decrees used in Baltimore and Chicago to remediate conditions.

Sessions has also rolled back President Obama's efforts to phase out private prisons. African Americans not only make up a disproportionate share of the U.S. prison population, but appear more likely to be sent to private prisons, where the DOJ Inspector General has warned there are more security incidents than in public prisons.

Sessions has threatened to thwart the will of voters in states that have legalized marijuana. African Americans are three times more likely than whites are to be arrested for marijuana, despite usage being virtually the same.

The new Education Secretary thinks HBCUs, "are the real pioneers when it comes to school choice." This is ignorant of segregation that necessitated the creation of HBCUs. Betsy DeVos has an education record that does not bode well for public schools, which have provided a path for African Americans to achieve the American Dream.

The new HUD Secretary, Dr. Ben Carson, said within days of assuming office that slaves were "immigrants," a comment that bewildered many, including the NAACP. The President's recently-released budget proposal cuts \$6 billion from this agency that so many rely on.

The outlook for a minimum wage increase under this Administration is nil. The President's first pick to head the Department of Labor opposed a raise, despite there not having been one since 2009. According to the Economic Policy Institute, 35 percent of African-American workers would benefit from a minimum wage increase.

Critical programs that help the most vulnerable such as Meals on Wheels, heating and energy assistance, and nutrition aid to women and children (WIC) would be drastically cut or eliminated in the President's budget. In addition, the budget eliminates Community Development Block Grants and HOME programs that provide affordable housing for low-income residents. Legal Services Corporation, which helps those who cannot afford legal representation, and the Minority Business Development Agency, which helps promote minority-owned businesses, would be eliminated. Massive cuts to these vital programs would be devastating to Memphis.

While these cuts would have a disproportional impact on African Americans, most cuts will affect all those who are economically disadvantaged and in need of government assistance.

Republicans are also rushing a health care plan that takes from low and middle-income families and gives to the rich. According to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, 24 million more Americans would be uninsured by 2026 under this plan. Insurance costs for citizens over 50 years of age would increase dramatically, and financial assistance would be drastically cut for those in need. All while millionaires and billionaires receive massive tax breaks.

During Black History Month, Trump showed his ignorance of the African American experience when he suggested Frederick Douglass was alive. His cabinet is on pace to have the fewest African Americans of any administration in recent memory.

While some African Americans have enjoyed prosperity and acceptance, it is unde-

niable that African Americans still suffer from vestiges of slavery and Jim Crow. Discrimination and institutional racism have held so many back and left many in need of government relief. Over the last half century, much of America's progress has been measured by how it has dealt with its original sin of slavery. Civil rights, voting rights, advances in health care, public education, social justice and ladders of opportunity to enter the middle class have been markers by which we have judged presidential administrations. Sadly, this administration is failing on all counts.

CONGRATULATING JERRY ANDERSON FOR HIS INTRODUCTION INTO THE OHIO ASSOCIATED PRESS HALL OF FAME

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 22, 2017*

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize WTOL's Emmy Award-winning anchor, Jerry Anderson, for his election to the Ohio Associated Press Hall of Fame. For more than 40 years, Jerry has served Northwest Ohio as a valued and trustworthy face on the local news, and this honor is well deserved.

In 1974, Jerry Anderson started his career in Bowling Green on the radio airwaves for WFOB. Jerry began his television news career in 1980, and he has become one of the top media members in the region. Jerry was awarded an Emmy for Outstanding News Anchor in the NATAS region in 2001.

With a career that has touched on local, regional, and national news, Jerry covered countless important events to the people of Toledo and surrounding areas. So far in his career, Jerry has brought four national political conventions, the inaugurations of three presidents, and Pope John Paul II's visit to Detroit into the living room of families in Northwest Ohio.

A proud Ohioan, Jerry should also be celebrated for support of local charitable efforts, including earning his certification as an auctioneer so he may volunteer for more than 20 charity auctions annually. Jerry also donates numerous hours as an emcee at community events to help raise funding for local schools, disadvantaged families, and individuals with disabilities.

Mr. Speaker, the Ohio Associated Press Hall of Fame recognizes broadcasters that have "served with exceptional distinction and honor in the field of journalism." When you think of the upstanding work he has done for over four decades, it's clear those words describe Jerry Anderson. Once again, congratulations to Jerry on this high honor.

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