

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF FIRE-FIGHTER AND EMT KEVIN LEE FRYE

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the life of Mr. Kevin Lee Frye, who passed away on March 23, 2017 at the age of 53. Throughout his life, Mr. Frye was a respected leader in our community and an exemplary Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician in both Prince William County and the City of Manassas. His dedicated service helped keep the people of Virginia's Tenth District safe for over thirty years, and he will always be remembered.

Mr. Frye began his career of service in 1983 with the Buckhall Volunteer Fire Department, Company 16, which is located in Manassas, Virginia. It was here where he held the ranks of Lieutenant, Captain, and Assistant Chief. In October of 1989, Mr. Frye joined the City of Manassas Fire and Rescue Department that both cooperates and coordinates with the Manassas Volunteer Fire Company and the Greater Manassas Volunteer Rescue Squad.

He honorably served the City of Manassas Fire and Rescue Department for over 25 years, holding the rank of Lieutenant and also serving on the Health and Safety Committee. During this time he also served as the department's Training Officer, cultivating a rising generation of new service members that will carry on his legacy of dedication as they continue their careers with Mr. Frye's counsel always in mind. He always displayed both determination and dedication and continued his training and mentorship of other Firefighters and EMT's even while battling cancer. Through his long and impressive career Mr. Frye became one of the most respected, senior firefighters in the entire department, and his memory will always be present as a true inspiration to both the department and our local community.

In addition to his selfless legacy and career of service, Mr. Frye enjoyed fishing, completing home projects, and spending time with his family. He is survived by his wife, Stacy, and his two sons, Zachary and Tyler. He will be missed by the countless lives he has touched over his years of public service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the life of, and bidding farewell to, Kevin Lee Frye. May he rest in peace, and his family be comforted.

COMMEMORATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GUAHAN LIONS CLUB

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate the Guahan Lions Club as they celebrate 25 years of public service to the people of Guam. The Guahan Lions Club was established in 1992 by a group of business people, teachers, accountants, engineers, and government and private employees who shared a common desire to give back to our community. Throughout its rich history, the Guahan Lions Club has championed numerous causes and donated thousands of dollars in support of charitable organizations.

The Guahan Lions Club was chartered by the International Association of Lions Clubs on March 23, 1992, and since then the club has advocated for numerous causes and donated thousands of dollars in support of charitable organizations. They were critical to the passage of local legislation, Guam Public Law 23–27, that sought to combat graffiti, and they held an island-wide “Graffiti Wipe-out Campaign” to remove graffiti throughout Guam and ensure that the island was clean. They have also been strong supporters of the Salvation Army, Guma Trankilidat, the Guam Memorial Hospital, St. Dominic Home Care, as well as numerous other community and non-profit organizations. They have also joined other Lions Clubs in Guam and throughout the region in sharing their knowledge and expertise on ways to improve local communities.

I join the people of Guam in thanking all members of the Guahan Lions Club for their invaluable work to our community. I especially congratulate the Guahan Lions Club's charter members—Evelyn Angeles, Cely Aquino, Thelma Barrozo, Fely Co, Monito Co, Bella Duplito, Fernando Duplito, Aida Fernandez, Fred Flores, Mirasol Flores, Rose Hidalgo, Nydia Llaenas, Cely Nisperos, Romy Nisperos, Lulu Oliamot, Rolly Ricabar, Yolly Ricabar, Nora Sicad, Bernie Tiong, Lath Tiong, Emelio Uy and Gloria Villanueva—for their foresight and diligence in creating the foundation for their success.

On behalf of the people of Guam, I congratulate the Guahan Lions Club on their 25 years of service and look forward to continued success in the future.

COMMEMORATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 38th Anniversary of the enact-

ment of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA), which originated in the Congress, and which has been instrumental in protecting the people of Taiwan from the ambitions of the People's Republic of China (PRC).

Along with the Six Assurances issued by President Ronald Reagan in 1982, the TRA forms the basis of our security relationship with one of our most important security and trading partners in Asia. The U.S.-Taiwanese relationship has particular importance for my State of Ohio. Ohio's exports to Taiwan are valued at over \$500 million a year and are growing in value. Taiwan is also one of our largest export markets in Asia. Together, the Six Assurances and TRA remain the bedrock of the U.S.-Taiwanese relationship, but we must do more.

As the PRC forges ever-stronger links with its neighbors through trade and investment, so we must find new ways to strengthen Taiwan's regional presence and secure our own interests in the wake of our withdrawal from the Trans-Pacific Partnership. It is my hope that we take bilateral steps to deepen our own trade relationship, which I hope will culminate in a free trade agreement. Such a goal, when achieved, will enhance our own economic presence in the region and contribute to Taiwan's freedom and prosperity.

For myself and on behalf of my constituents, I celebrate our friendship with the people of Taiwan as this anniversary approaches, and offer my congratulations to them as we celebrate their democratic way of life.

RECOGNIZING RENARD GROUP ADVERTISING FOR 40 YEARS SERVING THE TYLER COMMUNITY

HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in recognition of Renard Group Advertising, the oldest advertising agency dedicated to supporting and assisting the businesses, organizations and charities of Tyler, Texas. This agency recently celebrated 40 years of dedicated service to its community.

As the representative and servant of the 1st District of Texas, I have had the privilege of knowing the city of Tyler, its blessed and beneficent inhabitants along with its very rich history. Renard Group truly and accurately promotes the pride, passion and personality of the people and businesses who make Tyler the remarkable and close-knit Rose Capital that it is and proudly will be for the future.

Accordingly, congratulations is due to and extended in honor of all those who have contributed to Renard Group Advertising's success, especially its founder, Michael P. Smith.

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HONORING THE 2016–2017 GONZAGA
BULLDOGS MEN'S BASKETBALL
TEAM AND THEIR REMARKABLE
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of the 2016–2017 Gonzaga University Bulldogs Men's Basketball Team. After a spectacular 37–2 season culminating in an appearance in the NCAA Championship game, we celebrate and reflect upon their success.

This season once again demonstrated that Gonzaga men's basketball is one of the nation's elite programs. The Zags ended the regular season 29–1, a run which included their 3rd Advocate Invitational Championship, a number one ranking, and their fifth West Coast Conference regular season championship in a row and 17th since 1999. They also continued their run of 19 straight NCAA tournament appearances by winning the West Coast Conference Tournament Championship, their 15th since 1999 and fifth in a row. This year's NCAA Tournament was a watershed moment in the program's history. After hard-fought wins over South Dakota State, Northwestern, and West Virginia, the Zags defeated Xavier to reach their first Final Four in program history. And they capped it off, beating South Carolina in the Final Four to advance to their first NCAA Championship Game.

Additionally, the individual accomplishments of this year's team are significant. Guard Nigel Williams-Goss was a standout on the court and in the classroom, becoming a consensus All-American for his performance on the court and an Academic All-American. Przemek Karnowski shattered the record for all-time wins in Men's Division I College Basketball by winning 137 games over the course of his career. Head Coach Mark Few, who has been a leader in our community in both basketball and service, capped his most successful season by becoming National Coach of the Year. These individual accolades serve to highlight the overall success by this team.

I also want to recognize and congratulate all of the individuals who were so important in this year's success, including coaches Mark Few, Tommy Lloyd, Donny Daniels, and Brian Michaelson and all of their staff; Director of Basketball Operations John Jakus; Athletic Director Mike Roth; The Gonzaga University Administration, board of trustees, and President Thayne McCulloh; and athletes Przemek Karnowski, Nigel Williams-Goss, Jordan Matthews, Johnathan Williams III, Josh Perkins, Silas Melson, Zach Collins, Killian Tillie, Rui Hachimura, Bryan Alberts, Jeremy Jones, Dustin Triano, Ryan Edwards, Rem Bakamus, Jack Beach, Jacob Larsen, and Zack Norvell. All of them exemplify the team philosophy of hard work, personal sacrifice, and shared values. Their success is an inspiration.

So today, I rise to recognize the Gonzaga Bulldogs Men's Basketball Team and the community that supports them—the current and former players, coaches, staff, students, administration, and fans. The Gonzaga Bulldogs have long been a model for excellence in college basketball, and have continuously exceeded expectations. We are grateful for their

positive impact on Eastern Washington, and we look forward to their continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SIXTH
GRADERS OF BLUE RIDGE MID-
DLE SCHOOL

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate the sixth grade students of Blue Ridge Middle School located in Loudoun County, Virginia and the adults who worked with them, in creating an extraordinarily successful One to the World Project, recently.

Through the Loudoun County Public Schools' One to the World Project, students have an opportunity to work on a challenging societal problem using critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity to make a difference in addressing or alleviating the problem.

Students and faculty at Blue Ridge Middle School, as well as the staff at Mobile Hope of Loudoun and their Executive Director, Donna Fortier, devoted countless hours to this project and truly went above and beyond what could have been expected and I am proud of their collective efforts and generosity.

The students decided to address the problem of homelessness and made arrangements to partner with Mobile Hope of Loudoun to deliver items of support to them. As soon as the partnership arrangement was made, the sixth graders of Blue Ridge Middle School enthusiastically began to work on a variety of videos, posters, brochures, and presentations in order to raise awareness for their project and to solicit donations. Impressively, the students received over 1,400 donations, ranging from clothing to household cleaning products, and diapers to canned foods.

The project concluded with a visit and speech from Donna Fortier, whose direction and leadership truly guided the students. Not only were they able to see firsthand how local organizations like Mobile Hope of Loudoun can help those in need, but they also learned the value of being charitable.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Blue Ridge Middle School's sixth graders, the school's faculty, and Ms. Fortier for their extraordinary work on this project. Dedicating their time and efforts to helping those less fortunate attests to their unselfish character and determination to better their community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
KANNAPOLIS MIDDLE SCHOOL
HISTORY QUIZ BOWL TEAM

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Kannapolis Middle School North Carolina History Quiz Bowl Team for their victory in the 2017 History Quiz Bowl. This year, the team of Katie Messick, Robert Le, Tanner

Sims, Raegan Koon, and Kandace Davis took home the top prize after beating five other squads in the competition.

Originally sponsored by the state in a partnership with various historic sites, the Quiz Bowl pits local eighth graders against each other to test their knowledge of North Carolina and national history. After the 2008 recession, the state cut funding for the event but a few dedicated teachers kept the competition alive. Now the competition operates as a community-based event showcasing exceptional students from both public and private schools.

This year's event brought a host of talent and I am extremely proud of all of the students who participated. As a history major myself, I have a deep appreciation for both our state and nation's history and I am glad these students share the same passion. I am also thankful for the teachers and volunteers who made the event possible. I look forward to many more years of a successful competition and wish all the students well as they continue their academic pursuits.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating the Kannapolis Middle School History Quiz Bowl Team on their accomplishment.

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF CAMP HOPE/CHRIS
NEAL FARM

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Camp Hope/Chris Neal Farm on the occasion of its 10th Anniversary. Created by Gold Star parents, William, "Mike" and Galia White, the camp located on the farm in St. Francois County, Missouri, honors their 23-year-old son, Marine Private First Class Christopher Neal White. Chris was killed in action in Al Anbar, Iraq on June 20, 2006. Not long after, the Whites began to develop their vision for helping wounded soldiers enjoy the great outdoors as their son had done.

Camp Hope provides outdoor adventures for combat wounded veterans of the War on Terror and active-duty combat-wounded soldiers, Marines, airmen and sailors. Their Camp Hope experience is entirely free of charge.

Camp Hope's mission is to offer these combat veterans the chance to shoot skeet, hunt turkey and deer, fish, hike, explore the country, or relax around the ever-burning fire pit. The goal is to help them experience healing through nature.

Since 2007, dozens of wounded soldiers from across the nation and all branches of service have laughed and cried together and found their own sense of peace at this 170-acre farm near Farmington. Volunteers—many of them veterans themselves—have helped to make the dream come true donating their time and money to these heroes on the homefront.

In celebration of the 10th Anniversary of Camp Hope/Chris Neal Farm, it is my great pleasure to honor the Whites, the volunteers who join them and the combat veterans they serve today before the United States House of Representatives.