

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF RICHARD J. NAPLES

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the retirement of Richard J. Naples, Executive Vice President and Chief Regulatory Officer of BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company). Rick has been a key leader to the BD family of more than 40,000 associates in 50 countries. Since 2006, he has worked tirelessly at BD, and over the last 30 years, has helped bring innovative, lifesaving technologies to patients and families. Rick truly embodied BD's commitment to advance the world of health.

Rick's work hasn't gone unnoticed. He and his team have led more than three hundred successful FDA regulatory submissions, and driven countless industry-wide initiatives to ensure more timely patient access to safe and innovative technologies. Rick currently serves on the Board of the Medical Device Innovation Consortium (MDIC), the first public-private partnership with FDA to advance regulatory science to speed time to market for new medical technology. For several years, he chaired the AdvaMed Diagnostics Task Force and has been recognized as one of the top regulatory professionals in the industry.

Congratulations on this significant milestone, I wish Rick and his wife, Leslie, and their family, the very best in both his retirement and future adventures.

IN RECOGNITION OF GILLES LARAMEE

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, today I stand in recognition of Gilles P. Laramée, a Marine Corps veteran and a committed advocate for New Hampshire's veterans community, who sadly passed away unexpectedly on February 18th at the age of 85.

First and foremost, Mr. Laramée of Berlin, NH, was proud to have served his country as a United States Marine during the Korean War. In his later years, he was a selfless volunteer and a mentor to many Granite State veterans over his years of service on the North Country Veterans Committee.

Mr. Laramée was a member of the Good Shepard Parish, the Marine Corp League, and the White Mountain Post 2520 VFW. His volunteerism included working with veterans at Androscoggin Valley Hospital, the New Hampshire Department of Corrections in Berlin, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons Corrections facility in Berlin. He was truly dedicated to serving brothers and sisters in the veterans community through some of their darkest times.

More than anything, Mr. Laramée loved his work as regional director for Toys-for-Tots. He took such pride in gathering and distributing toys to children and families in need. His dedication to this charity was so profound that he became known as "Father Christmas" to many North Country families.

Mr. Laramée is survived by his wife Lillian, his daughters Diane and Rachel, their husbands and children. He will also be missed by the many veterans whose lives he touched.

While Taps has played for this hero, we are left to say "Semper Fi" dear and loyal friend.

HONORING HENRY L. "HANK" LACAYO

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to offer my sympathy and condolences to Leah Lacayo and the entire Lacayo family on the passing of my friend and ally, Henry L. "Hank" Lacayo.

Hank dedicated his life to bettering our community and country. Born in 1931 in Los Angeles, Hank grew up in the depths of the Great Depression, fighting through a time of great economic uncertainty and racial injustice. When World War II broke out, Hank was absolutely determined to serve his country. He tried to join the military at the age of 16, but was turned away. He finally was able to join the U.S. Army Air Corps after his high school graduation.

Following his military service, Hank began his career in 1953 at North American Aviation and became involved with United Auto Workers of America (UAW) Local 887. Nine years later, he was elected President of the UAW Local, a position in which he represented the interests of over 30,000 workers and their families. Through his steadfast leadership, Hank was appointed National Director of the Political and Legislative Department of the UAW. While working in this capacity, Hank served as an advisor under Democratic Presidential Administrations from John F. Kennedy to Bill Clinton. In 1986, Hank retired from the UAW and subsequently formed H. L. & Associates, a consulting firm that enabled him to continue to be involved in labor relations issues, as well as other government, seniors, and international issues.

After his retirement, Hank continued to give back to his community by serving as President of the Congress of California Seniors, where he dedicated his time to advocating for a better quality of life for others. Hank also worked hard in the community to help prepare the next generation of leaders, public servants, and community activists.

Founded in 2010 at California State University Channel Islands, the Henry L. "Hank" Lacayo Institute for Workforce & Community Studies facilitates student internships, schol-

arly research, and the dissemination of policy information and recommendations. In the program, students learn the essential skill sets to change lives and positively impact communities.

Hank spent his lifetime working for Ventura County and for our nation. His hard work and dedication—which has ranged from serving in the Army Air Corp, to actively fighting for working families and California's seniors, and passing down his knowledge and experience to students who will continue his influential work—has helped to create a better America.

Last year, the United Way of Ventura County recognized Hank for his lifetime achievements. However, it is tremendously difficult to encapsulate everything that Hank did for his community and his country in only a few words. Hank was so much greater and bigger than the words that have often been used to describe him.

He will be remembered for his wise counsel, sincere kindness, and unwavering commitment to service to others. Hank will truly be missed, but his legacy will continue to live on in the hearts of the many individuals that he touched, including my own, throughout his extraordinary and remarkable life.

HONORING ROTACARE

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the RotaCare Bay Area San Rafael Clinic's 20th Anniversary of caring for, and protecting, the people of Marin County.

The RotaCare clinics of the Bay Area are important contributors to their communities' health. Starting with one clinic on the former Agnews State Hospital site, there are now twelve clinics located throughout the Bay Area in Concord, Daly City, Gilroy, Half Moon Bay, Monterey, Pittsburg, Richmond, San Jose, San Leandro, San Rafael, and Santa Cruz.

Their mission, "to provide free medical care in the Bay Area for those who have the greatest need and the least access," has been a guiding tenet to the many volunteers and philanthropic donors who support the program. RotaCare assists anyone in need and is known for their attempts to alleviate costly and time consuming emergency room visits for the uninsured.

My district's own San Rafael clinic was founded in 1997 by Mike Osborne, Sharron Newton, Gus Catechi and Peter Pattengill, members of the Rotary Club of Marin Sunrise. The Rotary District theme that year was homelessness, which sparked the idea of starting a free clinic in San Rafael. At first, the clinic was held once a week at Ritter House in San Rafael, but as the clinic grew it was a forced to find a larger space. In 2003, the clinic moved to Kaiser Permanente's Downtown San Rafael Office and expanded their hours to

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twice a week to accommodate the growing need of free, quality health care that still continues today.

Mr. Speaker, the RotaCare clinics' commitment to providing accessible, free health care to those who would otherwise go without care keeps our community thriving with healthy, active people. It is therefore fitting to honor and thank RotaCare Bay Area's San Rafael clinic for 20 years of success in adhering to the mission of providing health care to those who are most in need and to offer best wishes on many more years of important work.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF FORT
HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL'S
MARCHING BAND

HON. DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Fort Hamilton High School Marching Band on their 25th Anniversary.

Founded during the 1990 to 1991 school year, the Fort Hamilton High School Marching Band has been a mainstay for students, staff, and parents alike. During its inaugural year, the Marching Band was busy purchasing instruments, uniforms, and sheet music. Under the guidance of Laurence Laurenzano, the Assistant Principal of Music at the time, 75 students participated in their first competition at Festival Disney in Disney World and Universal Studios.

For the past 15 years, Thomas P. Oberle, the Assistant Principal for Performing Arts, has led the Fort Hamilton High School Marching Band. Under his leadership, students have performed in Canada, Atlanta, Williamsburg, and Boston. Furthermore, they have also marched in the Labor Day, St. Patrick's Day, Norwegian Day, Veterans Memorial Day, and Greek Independence Day parades. Not to be outdone, the Marching Band has also performed at the Gridiron Gala for the National Football League and United Way.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Fort Hamilton High School Marching Band on their 25th Anniversary. Their success is proof of their commitment, energy, and greatness.

WINNING THE FIGHT AGAINST
HUMAN TRAFFICKING: THE
FREDERICK DOUGLASS TRAF-
FICKING VICTIMS PREVENTION
AND PROTECTION ACT OF 2017

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the subcommittee I chair held a hearing on accelerating the fight against human trafficking with particular focus on the new Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Act of 2017—the comprehensive, bipartisan legislation that my friend and colleague Karen Bass and I introduced last Thursday joined by Chairman Royce, Representatives Jackson Lee, Brooks, Frankel, Wagner, Cardenas, Poe, and Costello.

In the fight to end modern day slavery, and as the author of the landmark Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, the new bill honors the extraordinary legacy of one of the greatest Americans who ever lived.

Born a slave in 1818—we look forward to celebrating the 200th anniversary of his birth next year—Frederick Douglass escaped slavery when he was 20 and dedicated his entire life to abolishing slavery and, after emancipation, to ending Jim Crow laws while struggling for full equality for African American citizens. A gifted orator, author, editor, statesman (and Republican), he died in 1895.

The Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act authorizes \$130 million over 4 years to prevent human trafficking, protect victims, and beef up prosecution at home and abroad. Among other things, I note that this bill encourages more hotels at home and abroad to put policies and trainings in place so that the hotels are less likely to be used by human traffickers to exploit children. To the extent practicable, the U.S. Government will direct U.S. Government travelers using taxpayer money to use hotels that have taken affirmative steps to end trafficking within their walls.

The new bill seeks to restore the credibility of the Trafficking in Persons Report, produced annually by the Department of State, to hold countries accountable for progress, or the lack thereof, in the fight against human trafficking. Talk is cheap—we insist on sustainable action.

This report scrutinizes more than 190 countries—with the credible threat of serious sanction for egregious violators branded Tier 3—to improve their trafficking laws and actions.

But in several notable cases, particularly in 2015, countries that should have been held accountable by the last administration with Tier 3 designations were given a pass—countries such as Malaysia, Cuba, China, Oman, Uzbekistan, and others. The new bill tries to ensure that countries complicit in trafficking are held accountable. No politics. Ever. And it will remove from current law the presumption that countries failing to quantify convictions and identify victims somehow deserve passing grades.

IJM's Policy Director Tim Gehring underscored that concern in his testimony today stating, "The politicization of the tier rankings, against the advice of the anti-trafficking experts at TIP Office is to the detriment of the annual report, the U.S. Government's leadership on combatting this human rights abuse, and, ultimately, to the people exploited in the countries which receive an undeserved higher ranking."

Last year alone, I chaired two hearings on this: "Accountability Over Politics: Scrutinizing the Trafficking in Persons Report" in July and earlier in March, "Get it Right This Time: A Victims-Centered Trafficking in Persons Report."

I was profoundly disappointed that the Obama Administration chose to politicize tier rankings rather than speak the truth to power. If the Trump Administration follows that dangerous precedent I will be no less a critic.

The Frederick Douglass Act will limit the amount of time a country can stay on the warning, Tier 2 Watch List, inspiring countries to take action against trafficking today, not in four years when their warnings are up.

The Act will also ensure that countries still using child soldiers, such as Afghanistan,

where boys are on the front lines fighting the Taliban by day and being used as sex slaves at night, stop this obscene practice before being allowed to partner with the U.S. military—something Green Beret Sergeant First Class Charles Martland tried to do at great personal cost.

The Act will also ensure that waivers for countries using child soldiers are not abused. In 2016, only three of 10 countries designated as using child soldiers were not allowed to access funds, and these were the countries we did not fund anyway. The Act will ensure that the waiver is used only in cases where the President can ensure steps are being taken to address the recruitment and use of child soldiers.

In addition, the Act will help keep goods made by child trafficking victims out of the United States by ensuring continued funding for and enhancing the specificity of Department of Labor reports on slave-made goods.

Provisions in the Act will prevent the abuse of domestic servants in embassies and diplomatic homes in the United States. Diplomats and their families in the U.S. are getting off scot-free after trafficking domestic servants in their homes—we are going to change that. Trafficking is illegal here, no matter who you are.

The Act encourages accountability for U.S. Government funds going abroad to help trafficking victims, and strengthens implementation of U.S. laws and regulations to prevent government purchases from putting money in the hands of traffickers.

We welcomed several of the top anti-human trafficking organizations who have endorsed the legislation, including ATEST, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, which submitted testimony for the record, and Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives, whose work educating children about the threat of trafficking has inspired this legislation.

HONORING THE DISABLED VET-
ERANS MEMORIAL IN UNION,
MISSOURI

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Disabled Veterans Memorial in Union, Missouri. The memorial is located in Veterans Memorial Park which broke ground in 2013 to provide nearly 44 acres of multi-use facilities for the Union community. This dedication of this beautiful memorial is taking place on Sunday, May 7, 2017. May 7th also marks a historic day when, in 1945, Nazi Germany unconditionally surrendered to the allies at Reims, France, ending World War II in the European theater. I can think of no better day to reflect on the sacrifices that our men and women in uniform make every day. This day of dedication will feature numerous members of the Union community and local veterans including: pastors, legion honor guard, and local high school bands.

This memorial has been 20 years in the making and would not be a reality without the dedication of stakeholders throughout Missouri. The memorial has been funded through private donations from individuals and groups