

IN APPRECIATION OF JOHN
TENSEN'S SERVICE TO IDAHO
AND CITY OF BOISE

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank John Tensen for his service to the State of Idaho and specifically the City of Boise. The opportunity to work with John has been an absolute pleasure for me personally, and for my staff.

John started working for the City of Boise in 1986 and has served in several capacities ranging from Civil Engineer to Interim Public Works Director. For the last 14 years, John served as City Engineer which allowed him to directly oversee projects that we benefit from every day.

One initiative I was fortunate enough to work with John on, was the geothermal heat project which expanded to Boise State University in 2012. With John's expertise and the collaboration between Boise State, the Department of Energy, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 600,000 square feet of building space on campus is now heated with clean and affordable geothermal energy. It was an honor to work alongside John to make this possible.

Another project where John played a central role, was the recently completed Dixie Drain Project. In Idaho, water is life and even the smallest water issue can be fraught with complexities. That is why the Dixie Drain Project is considered a success, not only here in Idaho, but as an example the entire nation can look to when addressing water quality issues. Thanks to John's innovative engineering, the city was able to come up with a sound solution to divert the water from the drains into settling ponds to remove phosphorus which would enter back into the river system. While the project was far more intricate than this simple explanation, the underlying point is the same—John saved the city and ratepayers countless dollars with exceptional results. This is the ultimate example of federal, state, and local partnership and would not be possible without John.

There are many more projects that highlight John's incredible work. We all know these sites including the Boise Whitewater Park where technicians shape the perfect wave during the summer and the brand new Esther Simplot Park that is truly a gem for the city. However, what is equally impressive to his legacy here in Boise is what he plans to do after.

This fall, John will follow his family to Belize where his son-in-law's foundation, Restoration Smile, will provide dental and oral surgeries to patients that need it most. However, John will make the journey so the local communities can draw on his expertise in the areas of water quality and sewer systems. John certainly has earned a quiet retirement, yet his ambition compels his desire to continue serving and for that, we are all grateful.

My staff and I consider it an honor to have worked with John Tensen. His institutional knowledge and creative engineering are a legacy to the City of Boise and we are touched by his work. I wish him and his family the best in retirement and I hope he finds time to watch

his beloved Oregon State Beavers alongside his family of Julie, Kristyn, Cole, Brad, Oliver and Max.

I am proud to honor John's service and look forward to staying in touch with him and his family.

TRIBUTE TO THE DIRECTOR OF
THE ALDEN B. DOW MUSEUM
OF SCIENCE AND ART BRUCE
WINSLOW

HON. JOHN R. MOOLENAAR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOOLENAAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Bruce Winslow, the Director of the Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art, upon his retirement.

Bruce was born and raised in Midland and has kept his heart in his hometown. After graduating from CMU he went on to attend the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York, where he honed his skills as an artist. After graduating in 1988, he found employment at the Midland Art Council, which later became the Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art.

When starting his career he was the Coordinator of Public Relations for nine years, became the Curatorial Director and quickly after that the Director of the Museum. Since he took the helm in 1997, Bruce has taken the museum in many rewarding directions that have brought interest back into museum from unconventional museum goers. He has helped many see how science and art play a vital role in everyone lives. Now, during his final days as director, the museum is holding a new exhibit just for him, "35 Years: The Bruce Winslow Retrospective." It is to celebrate his life in the arts, his family and his career.

Bruce has been especially helpful to Michigan's Fourth District, ensuring its participation in the Annual Congressional Art Competition for many years. During that time, not only has Bruce built an exhibit to showcase the artists' work from throughout the district, but he has also served as an integral member of the Art Competition Committee as a judge, helping select the piece to be displayed in the United States Capitol building. He also has given of his time and talents to help coordinate a special ceremony to honor all of the participants.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I am honored today to recognize Bruce Winslow for his lifetime of work in the arts and for his commitment to the people of Midland.

JACK STANTON

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dear friend, Jack Stanton, who passed away last Friday in Anderson, Indiana.

Jack was born in Mishawaka, Indiana on November 3, 1935. He served in the U.S. Army, the U.S. Navy, and dedicated fifty-five years of his life to the Indianapolis Life Insurance Company. He was known by his col-

leagues as a hard worker, dependable teammate, and humble leader.

On a personal note, Jack Stanton was my friend. He was always quick with a smile and an encouraging word. And he was one of my most trusted advisors on issues impacting the insurance industry. I will miss him.

He will be mourned most by those who knew him best, and he will be missed by all. Jack is survived by his wife of fifty-five years, Hattie Mae Stanton, his daughters Deborah Kay Coats and Wendy Lou Haines, his three grandsons Joseph David Haines, Daniel Jackson Haines, and Jessie Coats, his twin sister Janet Byer, his son-in-law R. Dean Coates, and many nieces and nephews to whom I give my deepest sympathies. Mrs. Stanton, your husband was a great man who had a profound impact on countless Hoosiers, and his life should be an inspiration to us all.

HONORING WILLIAM TRUITT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize William Truitt. William is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 81, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

William has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years William has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, William has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending William Truitt for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

KARI'S LAW ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 23, 2017

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 582, Kari's Law Act of 2017.

H.R. 582 addresses a very serious problem. The bill requires Multi-Line Telephone Systems to provide direct dialing to 9-1-1. The bill is named after Kari Hunt who was tragically murdered by her estranged husband in a hotel room while her daughter tried to dial 9-1-1 but could not get help because the Multi-Line Telephone System required a prefix to be dialed first.

When we dial 9-1-1 from a hotel or office—when seconds matter—we shouldn't have to dial "9" or some other prefix to get help. I strongly support the overall goals of this bill which is identical to legislation passed by the full House in the 114th Congress by voice vote.

I also think location accuracy for Multi-Line Telephone Systems is just as important. First

responders have to know exactly where an individual is calling from, especially if the caller is unable to communicate to the dispatcher, or the caller simply doesn't know where they are. If first responders have to spend time searching buildings or going door to door, the time it takes to do this can be the difference between life and death.

During the subcommittee and full committee markups of this legislation in the last Congress, I offered an amendment to require a location accuracy proceeding at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) within 180 days of enactment of the bill. Unfortunately, my Republican colleagues did not agree to accept my amendment and instead proposed language requiring the FCC to conduct a Notice of Inquiry (NOI) to solicit public comment on requiring location accuracy for Multi-Line Telephone Systems. I did not accept this proposal because I thought and still do, that an NOI does not move the ball forward. That view is shared by the FCC and the public safety community.

The FCC has studied location accuracy technology for Multi-Line Telephone Systems since 1994, and as recently as 2012, Congress directed the FCC to issue a Public Notice Seeking Comment on the feasibility of Multi-Line Telephone Systems to provide the precise location of a 9-1-1 caller. This was included in Section 6504(b) of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 and was modeled on legislation I introduced with my colleague and fellow bipartisan Co-Chair of the NextGen 9-1-1 Caucus, Representative SHIMKUS, known as the Next Generation 911 Advancement Act of 2012.

Despite the extensive history surrounding location accuracy, the FCC has failed to take action to require this essential technology in Multi-Line Telephone Systems. Not doing so places lives at stake in my view.

Last Congress, I introduced H.R. 5236, the Requesting Emergency Services and Providing Origination Notification Systems Everywhere (RESPONSE) Act, which would require the Federal Communications Commission to complete a proceeding requiring all Multi-Line Telephone Systems to provide first responders with the precise location of a 9-1-1 caller. I intend to reintroduce the RESPONSE Act in this new Congress and I'm hopeful my colleagues will work with me to pass this important bill and build on the work of H.R. 582.

Although H.R. 582 does not address the critical issue of location accuracy, it is nonetheless a step in the right direction that will save lives and make progress. For these reasons I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 582.

RECOGNIZING MS. SUE BRACK AS
THE 2016-2017 WALTON COUNTY
EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PRO-
FESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Sue Brack as the 2016-2017 Walton County Educational Support Professional of the Year. For almost three decades, Ms. Brack has served the Walton County School

District with exceptional enthusiasm and an unwavering commitment to excellence.

In Northwest Florida, we are blessed with exceptional educational professionals and schools, as evidenced by the fact that Walton County School District is among the top performing school districts in the state.

Ms. Brack's contribution has been integral to the success of this district, working diligently to meet the requirement of high expectations, paramount to the mission of the District. As an incredibly knowledgeable Bookkeeper, Ms. Brack has admirably managed a multitude of budgets and projects for the District. Her colleagues have expressed their extreme gratitude for her many years of service. Ms. Brack's innumerable skills and historical knowledge make her an invaluable and greatly appreciated resource.

Ms. Brack has also generously shared her expertise by serving as a mentor to new school bookkeepers. The guidance that she has provided throughout so many schools has been a significant contribution to the success of countless staff members and students. For all of these reasons and more, I am truly proud to have Ms. Brack as a constituent in Florida's First Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Ms. Sue Brack for her accomplishments and her continued commitment to excellence at the Walton County School District. I thank her for her service and wish her all the best for continued success.

HONORING BISHOP FRANK OTHA
WHITE

HON. KATHLEEN M. RICE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Miss RICE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in honor of Bishop Frank Otha White, who passed away on Friday after serving for many years as the Senior Pastor of Zion Cathedral Church of God in Christ in Freeport, NY.

Born in 1940 in Oakley, South Carolina, Bishop White moved with his family to Long Island as a child, and went on to become a pillar of the Freeport community. In 1971, while serving as Assistant Pastor, Bishop White was the driving force behind the construction of the Zion Cathedral Church, a beautiful place of worship that still graces the Freeport skyline and will long stand as a visible testament to Bishop White's leadership, faith, and commitment to the Church.

I knew and worked with Bishop White both in my current position, and when I served as the Nassau County District Attorney. He was, first and foremost, a man of God, a man who dedicated his life to bringing people together and helping them to find in themselves the same enduring faith that motivated his work. And he was a leader not only in the Church, but in the community. He was deeply committed to the pursuit of justice, and to helping those who are most in need and so often overlooked by our society—the homeless, the poor, the sick, the elderly. He was a powerful advocate for children and for education. He saw tremendous value in every human life, he recognized that every human being had some-

thing unique to contribute to the community, and he worked to make others see the same.

I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to know Bishop White and tremendously grateful for all that he did to strengthen the community in Freeport and beyond. I offer my prayers and deepest condolences to Bishop White's family and loved ones and to the entire Zion Cathedral congregation as they mourn his loss and celebrate his life. I pray that he will rest in peace, and that his memory will continue to inspire us all to act with love and commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice in our communities every single day of our lives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, due to a medical emergency involving a member of my family, on January 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th, 2017, I was unable to return to Washington, DC in time to cast my vote for roll call votes 24 through 54. Had I been present, my votes would have been the following:

Aye on roll call votes: 24, 25, 28 through 30, 34, 37 through 44, 46 through 50, 53.

Nay on roll call votes: 26, 27, 31 through 33, 35, 36, 45, 51, 52, 54.

HONORING JIM MUNSON

HON. DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Munson, the former head coach of Tottenville High School's football team.

Throughout his 24 seasons as head coach, Coach Munson demonstrated nothing but unconditional dedication to his team and his players. His devotion to the game is just one of the many reasons that the Tottenville Pirates were so successful. Under his leadership, the Pirates won the Public Schools Athletic League City Championship in 1997 and 2003. Moreover, Jim retired with a stellar 178-88-3 overall record.

Among his many achievements, Coach Munson coached two future NFL players: three-time Super Bowl champion Joe Andruzzi, an offensive lineman for the New England Patriots, and Adewale Ogunleye, an All-Pro defensive end who played in Super Bowl XLI for the Chicago Bears. But one of Coach Munson's proudest moments was coaching his son James, who now plays for Navy as a safety, from 2011 through 2014. I am sure that Jim will spend a lot of time in retirement cheering on James from the sidelines. Luckily, the Pirates won't lose Jim entirely, as he will remain at the school as assistant principal and athletic director.

Mr. Speaker, Jim Munson has served his team, school and community for dozens of years. I thank him for everything he has done for Tottenville High School and wish him nothing but the best in his retirement.