

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE INDIAN BUSINESS
ASSOCIATION

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Indian Business Association (IBA) for its outstanding achievements representing Indian-American businesses, and its service as the voice for thousands of Indian-Americans across the country. The IBA began as a group of concerned citizens in Edison, New Jersey, who found the courage to confront hate crimes and hate speech occurring in their communities. The values of fairness, solidarity and social activism drive its mission and objectives, as the members of the IBA continue their work to build a better America for all its citizens.

The IBA has promoted entrepreneurship within the Indian-American community, contributing to the creation of many small businesses and jobs. It has strengthened our democracy by working with elected officials and organizing non-partisan voter registration drives. It has supported our communities by aiding—both financially and through the donated expertise of its members—countless civic and charitable endeavors.

The IBA also continues to preserve and introduce Indian culture to Americans of all walks of life. Now in its 38th year, the IBA hosts the annual New Jersey India Day Parade, our country's largest parade honoring India's independence. Attended by more than 35,000 people and joined by more than 100 organizations, the New Jersey India Day Parade celebrates the rich cultural heritage of its members and their many contributions to our country.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the great achievements of the IBA, and acknowledge its tireless efforts to support Indian-American entrepreneurs and the jobs they create, its contributions to our common good, and its work to protect the civil rights of all Americans, regardless of color or national origin.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for Roll Call votes 329 and 330 on Monday, July 16, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea" on both votes.

IN RECOGNITION OF 50 YEARS FOR
CONCERN HOTLINE

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate and thank Concern Hotline for 50 years of selfless service to the people of the Northern Shenandoah Valley. In 1968, prompted by the stark reality of the highest rate of suicide among Vietnam Veterans on the East Coast, a group of caring community leaders in Winchester and the northern Shenandoah Valley, decided to intervene. They formed the first valley suicide and crisis center, where those feeling confused and desperate could call a number at the George Washington Hotel and be patched to a volunteer ready to be of support.

Fifty years later, the organization is still doing extraordinary work, sometimes as a bridge-builder for Northwestern Community Services, before patients can make an appointment with a clinician. A trained staff of 35 volunteer "listeners" and two paid employees, are on duty 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, receiving calls on their cell phones and providing objective, confidential and anonymous contact with a fellow resident of the northern valley, anytime a person needs them and for as long as he or she needs them. The positive culture of Concern Hotline does not label any caller a "chronic caller" but welcomes all callers, including "frequent callers."

The personal touch is what distinguishes Concern Hotline from many other telephonic support organizations. Their mission is "to comfort and calm community members experiencing stress and crisis" and they do what no other program in the community does: they simply listen compassionately. For its long history, the Concern Hotline team has kept the following commitment: "We listen to your troubles and stresses, we hear your stories of hardship and pain, and we bear witness to your struggle to lead a happy, healthy life."

Mr. Speaker, I have always considered it a great honor to recognize and thank our community heroes such as our law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency medical technicians for their willingness to help us during some of the most desperate times of our lives. Similarly, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking another group of community heroes, the volunteers and staff of our suicide prevention programs, and most especially the heroes of Concern Hotline, who, as listeners, have been saving lives and giving hope to the residents of the Northern Shenandoah Valley, for the past half century.

HONORING JOHN AND BENJEAN
RAPP OF SUMMERSVILLE, WEST
VIRGINIA

HON. EVAN H. JENKINS

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John and Benjean Rapp of Summersville, West Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Rapp are cornerstones in their community, who have dedicated their lives to bettering our nation and improving West Virginia.

John Rapp served our country in the United States Air Force and returned home to the Mountain State to serve as a West Virginia State Trooper for over 20 years. Outside his time in uniform, John also served as a county commissioner for Mercer County from 1990 to 1996. As a county commissioner, he prioritized growing the economy and investing in infrastructure development.

Benjean Rapp has been an active member of her church and serves as a leader in multiple civic groups. Benjean played an integral part in working to restore the historic Old Main High School in Summersville.

Together, they have made a tremendous team and have had a positive impact on their community and the Mountain State.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 16, I missed the following votes due to significant delays with my flight back to Washington.

For Roll Call Vote 329, on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4946, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1075 North Tustin Street in Orange, California, as the Specialist Trevor A. Win'E Post Office, I would have voted "yes."

For Roll Call Vote 330, on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4960, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 511 East Walnut Street in Columbia, Missouri, as the Spc. Sterling William Wyatt Post Office Building, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING THE WACO EAGLES
MOTORCYCLE CLUB

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Waco Eagles Motorcycle Club

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and to congratulate them on obtaining a grant through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission Federal Grant Commission.

The Waco Eagles Motorcycle Club was formed 1934 and chartered with the American Motorcyclist Association in 1951. They are the second oldest chartered club with the American Motorcyclist Association in the United States.

In 1948, the Waco Eagles built the Waco Eagles Motocross Dirt Bike Park. The park has since provided countless hours of recreational off-road activities to families in Central Texas. The track provides open access to its club members and also hosts monthly organized races.

The park has been more than a place to ride bikes, it has become a place where families have gathered for generations, bringing their campers and barbecues to enjoy the comradery of fellow dirt bike enthusiasts. The club also gives back to the community, holding fund raisers to help Central Texas families in need.

In 2016 the Waco Eagles Motorcycle Club caught the attention of Librado Cobian, a current resident of Hawaii who is soon to be a Wacoan. He has been involved in dirt-biking and he wanted to find a cause to support in his new hometown. Mr. Cobian met with the president of the club and explained that he found a government grant for trail upgrades and that he could help the club apply to get funding for their park. According to the Waco Eagles, Mr. Cobian was diligent in gathering information for the grant and supporting the application process.

On May 24, 2018 the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission awarded the park \$390,560 through the National Recreational Trails Fund to upgrade park through trail renovation, maintenance equipment and handicap accessible facilities. These enhancements will benefit the families of Central Texas and will create a venue that can be enjoyed by future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Mr. Librado Cobian for the work that he did to obtain the grant and the rest of the Waco Eagles Motorcycle Club for the work they have done for the Waco community.

I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our military men and women who protect us from external threats, and for our first responders who protect us in our communities.

CELEBRATING THE 99TH BIRTHDAY OF WEBSTER WASHINGTON, SR.

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a good and decent man from the northern Shenandoah Valley, Mr. Webster Washington, on the occasion of his 99th birthday. Born on April 20, 1919, on a cattle farm in Stone Bridge, in Clarke County, Virginia, Web Washington was the 5th child among 11 siblings. His father was the manager of the farm and his mother was a stay-at-home mom, taking care of Web and his brothers and sisters.

Although Mr. Washington does not dwell on it, as an African-American man born on a farm in Clarke County in the early 20th Century, his opportunities were very limited. He did most of his schooling at White Post School, involving a 2 mile walk each way. Because he didn't have the transportation or money to go on to school in Berryville, as soon as he graduated from White Post in the 7th grade, he started working on the farm, milking cows, cutting corn and doing everything else a farmhand did, even as a young teenager. At 20, he married Pauline Evans from Winchester and over the next several years they had 5 children. During their 42 years of marriage, he and Pauline faced their struggles together. In pursuit of gainful employment, the Washingtons moved to Bethesda, Maryland, where they both worked for well-to-do white people as domestic servants, including, for him, as a chauffeur to a successful lawyer. Thereafter, Web worked on a farm in Berryville, before moving to Winchester in 1947.

And it was at that time, that the Washingtons hit the lowest, most difficult period of their lives. They felt the pressure of caring for their five children and yet, as an African-American family, they had difficulty finding work and a place to live. As Mr. Washington put it, the additional burdens that racial discrimination put on him and his wife meant that "jobs were scarcer and housing in Winchester was almost impossible to find, even rentals." It was shortly thereafter that they became connected to the John Mann church on Cork Street, and, over the next 70 years, that connection has sustained Webster and Pauline and their family in their 42 years of marriage, and after her passing, his second wife, Mattie and him in their marriage of 24 years, until her passing several years ago.

Through his faith in God and the support of his John Mann Church family, Webster Washington says "I've been down and out, and the Lord brought me back," finding work as an orderly at the Winchester Memorial Hospital and later taking care of a doctor's office, he was able to buy his own house, first at 601 Gray Avenue in Winchester and then a home in Stephens City. Asked whether he had time for sports or a social life, he responded that his priority on providing for his family and serving in every possible position in his church, left little time for anything else. The highlight of his life was a wonderful 5-day transoceanic cruise that Mattie and he took in the 1980s. Asked what he believes God will say about his life, he humbly says he doesn't know. "All I know is that the Lord has been good to me."

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in honoring Webster Washington on his 99th birthday, a good and decent man of faith, who has made a success of his life by humbly dedicating himself to his family and his church.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, on July 16th, I missed Roll Call votes No. 329 and 330. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on both bills to designate post offices in honor of members of the military.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded for votes on July 16th because I was absent due to a funeral. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 329 and YEA on Roll Call No. 330.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, due to inclement weather, I was unable to attend this vote series. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call No. 329 and Yea on Roll Call No. 330.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. NATHANIEL REED

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Nathaniel Reed. Nathaniel was a stellar supporter of national parks, a staunch environmental advocate and co-author of the Endangered Species Act. Nathaniel was a powerhouse of Florida politics, but more than that, he was a dear friend and a mentor to me, as well as to countless others.

In a long career spent both in and out of government service, Nathaniel played a role in stopping construction of the world's largest airport in Big Cypress Swamp, helped establish a national park in Biscayne Bay, and assisted in preserving more than 100 million acres of parks and wildlife refuges in Alaska.

During his six decades of activism, he was a tireless crusader for the environment and the Everglades. Nathaniel inspired generations of conservationists, and what he did for America's River of Grass is immeasurable.

Mr. Reed is survived by his wife of 54 years, Alita, three children, Adrian, Nathaniel Jr. and Lia, and five grandchildren. I offer my thoughts and prayers to Alita, his family, and all who called Nathaniel a friend during this great time of sadness. I am so pleased to honor his life and legacy. He will be dearly missed.

IN HONOR OF THE CHARTERING OF THE LOVETTSVILLE AMERICAN LEGION POST 1836

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate the Lovettsville