

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MARGIE ANN LUETKEMEYER LUEBBERT ON THE CELEBRATION OF HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2018*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Margie Ann Luetkemeyer Luebbert on the celebration of her 90th Birthday.

On August 3, 1928, Margie was born to Henry and Regina Luetkemeyer in Meta, Missouri and was a welcomed addition to the families of her beloved grandparents Anton and Anna Luetkemeyer and George and Angela Dickneite. A joyous union of marriage began when Margie married her late husband Fritz on February 4, 1950. Fritz and Margie welcomed 4 children to their family: Kathy, Steven, Mark, and Kristen. Margie enjoys the love of 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren with 2 more on the way.

Throughout the years, Margie worked for Mid-America Bank in Meta. In her retirement, she has been committed to public service in various capacities. The community banks in Meta and Linn have benefited from her banking experience by her service on the board of directors. Margie has also been actively involved with the St. Cecelia Parish in Meta and especially enjoys the yearly picnic. Margie and I share a love of baseball and the St. Louis Cardinals along with her favorite college team, the University of Missouri Tigers. The love of sports runs in Margie's family and many of her children and grandchildren are involved in local and college sports such as: baseball, basketball, and softball. She is their biggest cheerleader at their sporting events.

Of her many accomplishments, Margie considers one of her greatest to be the organization of the family reunion for the Anton and Anna Luetkemeyer family in Jefferson City in 1992. It was certainly no small feat with the 15 descendants and their families for a total of over 450 people joining the celebration that day. The reunion was such a grand event the local TV station reported on it during their evening newscast.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in wishing Margie Ann Luetkemeyer Luebbert a very Happy 90th Birthday. Best wishes for much happiness and health in the years to come.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MR. CRAIG DALBY

**HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2018*

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Craig Dalby of Kirkland, Washington on his retirement from the Na-

tional Park Service after 35 years of distinguished public service. In his role as the Pacific West Region Chief of Public Information, Mr. Dalby has liaised with the public as an agency spokesperson and has worked with Members of Congress from the Pacific West to promote and preserve our public lands for future generations.

For 23 years, Mr. Dalby served as regional lead for geographic information systems, where he was a pioneer of commercial GIS software that modernized the National Park Service and established the technology as a bureau standard. Because of Craig's foresight and innovative thinking, the NPS is now a prolific user of this and other software that make our preserved lands more accessible to our government and to the public.

In addition to these contributions to the National Park Service, Mr. Dalby also went above and beyond in his service to the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency. Throughout his career, he has worked to conserve and improve our North Coast and Cascades Network Parks and Puget Sound Basin, which are vital to our Northwest landscape and defining elements of our great states.

Mr. Dalby exemplifies the versatility, expertise, and dedication of our public servants. I join my colleagues in congratulating him for his achievements and thanking him for his contributions to our western states and to our nation.

THE BROTHERHOOD CRUSADE'S HALF CENTURY OF EXCELLENCE

**HON. KAREN BASS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2018*

Ms. BASS. Mr. Speaker, for fifty years, the Brotherhood Crusade has pursued its vision of South Los Angeles as a safe, thriving, culturally relevant, and inclusive community, a community that provides all residents equitable access to human and social services, a community continually improving its quality of life.

On June 15, 2018, the Brotherhood Crusade held a gala celebration, and welcomed supporters to the California Science Center, a fitting location given the organization's unrelenting focus on education. Founder Walter Bremond, Jr. would surely be proud that the dream he funded with a personal loan has grown to be one of the most effective organizations in South Los Angeles, lifting up young Black men and their families and creating countless stories of success.

Upon joining forces with Danny J. Bakewell, Sr., Walter's vision really began to take shape. Together, they designed a viable charitable institution to aid the Black community. Danny Bakewell, Sr. would go on to lead the organization for 35 years with a relentless focus on social justice.

In its five decades, the organization has reached hundreds of thousands of under-

served and under-represented youth in South Los Angeles. I applaud the organization's current leadership by my dear friend, Brotherhood Crusade President and CEO, Charisse Bremond Weaver.

Following in the footsteps of her father, Charisse has worked hard to expand services in the 13 years since she donned the mantle of leadership. She has added programs in youth development, educational enrichment, financial literacy and health education programs that reach thousands of South Los Angeles residents in need.

I am pleased and proud to offer my congratulations to the Brotherhood Crusade's leaders, staff, volunteers, participants and alumni, and to call attention to its legacy and accomplishments, as well as its thriving programs and promising future.

RECOGNIZING JIM MARKEL AND PERRY JONES

**HON. GREG GIANFORTE**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2018*

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two Montana veterans and entrepreneurs committed to creating good-paying Montana jobs and revitalizing their community.

Jim Markel and Perry Jones own Red Oxx Mfg. Inc., a producer and retailer of durable travel bags. Their award-winning products are handcrafted in Montana, have nationwide recognition, and account for over \$2.5 million in annual company sales.

The U.S. Small Business Administration named Red Oxx Montana's Veteran-Owned Business of the Year in 2016. CEO Markel served in the U.S. Marine Corps, and company president Jones in the U.S. Navy.

The Red Oxx factory and retail store are in a commercial and industrial area east of Billings' vibrant downtown. Looking to reenergize the neighborhood instead of relocating the business as it grew, Markel served on an advisory board of the Billings Industrial Revitalization District.

Improvements guided by the district are attracting new businesses, renewing the area, and creating greater opportunity and more jobs.

This spring, Markel and Jones broke ground on a project that will transform about half a city block into a large outdoor event center, turning broken asphalt and recycled metal into an open, green space with ornamental fencing, sculptures, and park benches.

The event center will host community activities, feature performances, and be available for local nonprofit organizations to hold benefit events. Several years in the making, the event center will play a critical role in further rejuvenating the neighborhood.

Mr. Speaker, for their service to our country, entrepreneurship, and dedication to their community, I recognize Jim Markel and Perry Jones for their spirit of Montana.

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RECOGNIZING S. MARTINELLI &  
COMPANY

**HON. JIMMY PANETTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2018*

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize S. Martinelli & Company, a family owned and operated business located in Watsonville, California, as they celebrate their 150th anniversary. Over the past century and a half, Martinelli's has become a household name across the United States and around the world, known for producing the highest quality sparkling cider and apple juice.

Founded in 1868, Martinelli's has persevered through two World Wars, Prohibition, the Great Depression, and an increasingly globalized marketplace. Despite having faced radically changing environments and numerous challenges, Martinelli's never altered its mission to produce juices made from one hundred percent U.S. grown, hand-picked apples, with no chemical preservatives or sweeteners.

Though Martinelli's has adopted technological advances over the years to improve and preserve their fresh apple flavors, they remain committed to historical traditions of washing, hand-sorting, and freshly pressing each apple. Martinelli's distinctive and crisp flavor comes from their time-honored blend of locally grown Newtown Pippin, Gala, Fuji, Granny Smith, Jonagold, Mutsu and Honeycrisp apples. John Martinelli, fourth generation family member and CEO of S. Martinelli & Company, tastes every batch of juice produced to ensure its quality meets company standards.

Martinelli's is a Certified Green Company devoted to employing sustainable practices such as recycling, water and energy conservation, and land preservation. Martinelli's also works closely with local and regional growers to ensure that their products are made with the freshest apples available in the Western U.S. In addition to their focus on environmental sustainability, Martinelli's is developing new organic orchards in order to increase production of certified organic juices. These initiatives represent Martinelli's dedication to preserving and expanding the heritage of apple orchards in Pajaro Valley, while enhancing the beauty of the area.

We are fortunate to have a family run company like Martinelli's call the central coast of California home for four generations. Their devotion to quality of product, sustainability, tradition, and community health is unrivaled and has enormously benefited our community. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize S. Martinelli & Company for 150 years of excellence in producing apple juice and sparkling cider.

RECENT ATTACKS AGAINST  
ISRAEL

**HON. NORMA J. TORRES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2018*

Mrs. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my concern regarding the recent attacks on Israel at two of its borders. On

Israel's Northern border, Syrian drones crossed into Israeli airspace; on Israel's Southern border, Hamas launched more than 200 rockets and mortars from the Gaza Strip. One rocket hit a home; another landed in the courtyard of a Synagogue. These attacks are appalling and unnecessary provocations on Israel. The damage they are doing to Israel is real and should be not only measured in terms of property destroyed, but also the sense of insecurity that Israelis experience every day. This is not the path to peace.

I can only imagine the terror and anxiety that we would feel if the United States were attacked at both our borders in a single week. We are fortunate to have good diplomatic and security relations with all our neighbors. Sadly, our close ally Israel does not have the same luxury. I am reminded of my visit to Israel in 2012, at a time when the country was also under attack. I am inspired today, as I was then, by the resolve of the Israeli communities that live across the border from Gaza and Syria. These communities refuse to cower in fear, despite the constant threat of attack. Their reliance is a testament to the spirit of the Israeli people, which we see manifested in so many ways, such as Israel's economic leadership the fields of science, technology, and energy.

The United States must continue to stand with Israel. We must work with our allies to curb the aggressive actions of Iran and its proxies, and we must renew our efforts to bring about a resolution of the conflict in Syria, which has allowed Iran to expand its military presence in Syria. At the same time, we must recommit ourselves to supporting a just and lasting peace between Israel and the Palestinians.

PUNISHING CONTINUED  
OCCUPATION OF UKRAINE ACT

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2018*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill sanctioning Russia for its continued occupation of Ukraine. This bill sends a strong signal by going after Russian financial institutions, which are one of the few soft areas of Russian President Vladimir Putin's underbelly.

On February 27, 2014, Russia invaded and occupied Ukraine's Crimea region. Russia continues to ignore the Minsk Agreement and sanctions to date have failed to alter President Putin's calculations regarding Crimea and eastern Ukraine.

Putin's regime relies on several large financial institutions to implement its policies and keep the regime afloat. That is why I am introducing a bill to impose sanctions on Russian financial institutions.

Russia's continued occupation of Ukraine is intolerable and continued aggression and violation of international norms is unacceptable. Congress must use every tool available to change President Vladimir Putin's behavior.

I want to urge my colleagues to pass this important bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BILL HUIZENGA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2018*

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes due to a flight delay. Had I been present for roll call vote number 329, 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 Yea. Had I been present for roll call vote number 330, H.R. 4960 to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 511 East Walnut Street in Columbia, Missouri, as the "Sp. Sterling William Wyatt Post Office Building", I would have voted Yea.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED  
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS  
ACT, 2019

SPEECH OF

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 17, 2018*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 6147) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes:

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Chair, I rise today in support of the Interior and Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. I applaud Chairman CALVERT and his staff, along with Ranking Member MCCOLLUM and her team for crafting a responsible bill.

As a former chairman of this subcommittee, I know firsthand the challenges assembling this bill presents. There are diverse views across the United States on how our public lands and environment should be managed. For those of us that represent states with high percentages of federal lands—more than 60 percent in Idaho—you would be hard pressed to find a more important bill in Congress.

The bill before us today addresses the most important issues in Idaho. Perhaps most pressing is the need to adequately fund wildfire suppression and prevention. If you look at the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) outlook map, it indicates that almost my entire district is at an increased fire threat during July and August. Sadly, this has been the new normal.

The bill under consideration today addresses this by fully funding the 10 year average for wildfire suppression and provides an additional \$500 million to combat this growing threat. It also provides increased funding for prevention efforts. Next year, relief is on the way in the form of my Wildfire Disaster Funding Act, which will treat catastrophic fires like natural disasters. This will set us on a path to reduce the threat of wildfires and allow land managers to do the prevention work without their resources being stolen to fight fires.

The bill also contains many other important provisions: