

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SARAH JENNINGS RETIREMENT FROM THE CBO

HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Sarah Jennings on her retirement after more than 19 years of exceptional service to the Congress at the Congressional Budget Office. Sarah will be retiring at the end of August. After working as a civilian nuclear test engineer for the U.S. Navy, an economic consultant, and an instructor at George Mason University, she began her congressional career in CBO's Budget Analysis Division in 1999. She worked as a principal analyst and then as the unit chief for the Defense, International Affairs, and Veterans' Affairs Cost Estimates Unit.

During her time at CBO, Sarah has been recognized as a knowledgeable and experienced manager. As the third longest tenured unit chief in the Budget Analysis Division, she has extensive knowledge of the program accounts in her unit and fosters an outstanding collegial environment where analysts respect each other and work well together.

Sarah has established an exceptional working relationship with the Armed Services Committees, which allows CBO to work on the proposals for the annual National Defense Authorization Act in an effective manner. During her tenure, she has taken a strategic and methodical approach to the analysis of legislative proposals as she assists her analysts in considering the budgetary effects of different proposals. Her support has made an important contribution to the Armed Services Committees' success in achieving the timely enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act each year. She deserves a well-earned retirement.

In short, with Sarah's retirement, the Congressional Budget Office will lose a great asset. Over the past 19 years, the Congressional Budget Office—and by extension, the Congress itself—has been fortunate to enjoy the dedication and insight that Sarah has brought to her work. I know my colleagues join me in extending our thanks and appreciation to Sarah for her service to our nation, and our very best wishes for a happy and productive retirement.

HONORING THE CAREERS OF WEST GENESSE LACROSSE COACHES MIKE MESSERE AND BOB DEEGAN

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the careers of West Genesee lacrosse coaches Mike Messere and Bob Deegan.

In a career lasting over forty years, Coach Messere was responsible for leading the West Genesee Men's Lacrosse program to 846 wins and 15 New York State Class A Championships. Since the late 70s, Coach Messere brought unparalleled success to the program by instilling a mentality of hard-nose fundamental play into his players. Coaching alongside him for much of his career, Coach Deegan played an integral role in sustaining the program's long-term success by developing and implementing some of the most accomplished defensive schemes.

Thanks to the contributions made by Coach Messere and Coach Deegan, lacrosse is thriving in Central New York and has now become the fastest growing sport in the country. Over the course of their careers, hundreds of players who have gone through this distinguished program have later won national championships at the collegiate level and even become coaches of their own teams. Now as the careers of these coaches comes to a close, the two can rest assured that their legacy in the sport of lacrosse will live on in Central New York and beyond.

I am proud to honor the legendary careers of Coach Messere and Coach Deegan and want to thank them for spurring excitement and participation in the sport of lacrosse.

IN APPRECIATION OF COLLEEN ALTSTOCK AND HER SERVICE TO THE HOMELAND SECURITY COM- MITTEE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, as the Ranking Member of the Committee on Homeland Security, I rise to express my appreciation of Ms. Colleen Altstock upon the conclusion of her service to the Committee as a Pearson Foreign Policy Fellow and return to the Department of State.

Since joining the Committee in September 2017, Ms. Altstock has made valuable contributions to our legislative and oversight work by sharing her vast knowledge of counterterrorism and foreign affairs, especially with respect to U.S. policy toward Russia and China. She has been a reliable resource to both our staff and the Members of the Committee.

During her tenure on the Committee, Ms. Altstock shared her extensive knowledge of State Department programs such as its visa vetting and foreign assistance programs, including its counterterrorism grant and anti-corruption rule of law assistance programs. Ms. Altstock made valuable contributions to our staff's understanding of the State Department's visa operations by arranging a staff visit to State consular training facilities so that my staff could observe firsthand State's visa screening and fraud prevention techniques. Finally, Ms. Altstock prepared background

memoranda on U.S. relations with Russia, North Korea, and Iran, including President Trump's Summit with North Korea's Kim Jong Un and the possible consequences of the U.S. decision to withdraw from the Iran nuclear agreement.

Ms. Altstock played a key role as a staffer on the Congressional Task Force on Election Security, a task force established by Democratic Leader NANCY PELOSI which I co-chaired with Rep. ROBERT BRADY (D-PA). She contributed greatly to the work of the Task Force, including assisting with writing the Task Force's final report and recommendations. Ms. Altstock was also instrumental in drafting H.R. 5011, the Election Security Act, which currently has co-sponsorship of over 100 Members of Congress. Ms. Altstock also contributed to over a half dozen Committee oversight hearings.

Throughout her time on the Committee, Ms. Altstock has displayed a high degree of professionalism and personal commitment to providing Members of the Committee and staff valuable insight and information. We thank Ms. Altstock for her service to the Committee and our country and wish her the very best as she returns to the U.S. Department of State.

RECOGNIZING JOHN "LADDIE" LAWRENCE

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John "Laddie" Lawrence. For 50 years, Laddie has coached cross country and track at Staples High School in Westport, CT.

Laddie began his career in track by helping found the Staples High School cross country team, and shortly thereafter won the 1964 State Open title in the 400-meter run. Following high school, Laddie attended Southern Arkansas University on full athletic scholarship, where he was the resident assistant for the university's first racially integrated dorm.

After his time at Southern Arkansas, Laddie returned to Westport and within ten years became the head coach of the Staples High School track and cross-country teams. Under his tenure, the Staples Wreckers have been a force to be reckoned with, tallying hundreds of wins that included a streak of 222 dual meet victories and only one loss. I am proud to say that Laddie's many victories and extensive legacy have earned him inductions into the Fairfield County Interscholastic Athletic Conference Hall of Fame in 2002, the Connecticut High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2004 and the National High School Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame in 2015.

In addition to his achievements as a coach, Laddie's influence extends to the thousands of student athletes whom he has coached. He has helped develop many Staples students into NCAA Division I athletes and productive, caring members of our community.

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Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Laddie for his commitment to coaching thousands of athletes, who continue to carry the lessons of determination and fortitude that were instilled in them as runners.

FOUNDATION OF THE FEDERAL
BAR ASSOCIATION CHARTER
AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5385, the GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2018.

H.R. 5385 amends the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program of payments to children's hospitals that operate graduate medical education programs.

Americans across our nation need care, and the Children's Hospital GME (CHGME) program has been utilized by hospitals across our country to train doctors who can provide that necessary aid.

I represent the 18th District of Texas which is home to the Methodist Hospital System, one of the largest medical institutions in the world.

H.R. 5385 will allow Houston to continue to recruit and train many talented doctors.

CHGME was created in 1999 because Congress recognized that a dedicated source of support for training in children's hospitals was necessary to strengthen the pediatric workforce.

Since then, CHGME funding has enabled children's hospitals to dramatically increase training overall, and in particular grow the supply of pediatric specialists—the area of greatest shortage in children's health care.

If CHGME is allowed to expire, we will lose the progress we have made in this field.

According to data from a 2017 Children's Hospital Association survey, pediatric specialty shortages continue to affect children's ability to receive timely, appropriate care.

The funds generated from this legislation will help train the medical professionals we desperately need.

In a time when there are growing health disparities within our nation, it is important to address the needs of underserved urban areas.

The more medical professionals we train, the greater the likelihood that these underserved communities will have access to proper medical care.

CHGME funds the training of pediatric providers at eligible children's hospitals.

The 58 children's hospitals that receive CHGME funding train approximately half of the nation's pediatricians, more than 7,000 annually.

We should provide the funds necessary to train students in a profession that will benefit society.

We must train the very professionals who will one day save the life of a child.

I support this legislation because it will increase the quality of medical training in the United States.

I believe that H.R. 5385 improves upon a system that sets the bar for medical care internationally.

By passing H.R. 5385, CHGME can continue to succeed in bolstering research poten-

tial at these institutions as well as helping to cure a problem that supersedes political boundaries: children's illness.

I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for H.R. 5385.

RECOGNIZING THE 6TH ANNUAL
TASTE OF ETHIOPIA

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 6th Annual Taste of Ethiopia. This yearly occasion celebrates and recognizes Colorado's Ethiopian immigrant community. The event encompasses an array of Ethiopian music, foods, arts, crafts, games and dances, creating an environment of cultural immersion. The event truly highlights the many wonderful and positive contributions our fellow Americans of Ethiopian descent make to better our community. Best of all, the event is designed to welcome everyone and every year more and more of our neighbors come to enjoy, experience, and learn more about the fascinating and deeply historic Ethiopian culture.

I am proud to represent the largest Ethiopian community in the State of Colorado in the United States House of Representatives. The Ethiopian community's dedication to work, family, and education truly exemplifies the values that strengthen our nation. I have had the privilege of attending the past Taste of Ethiopia events, and it is an honor for me to again take part in the festivities.

I would like to again offer my sincere congratulations to the organizers and volunteers of the Taste of Ethiopia for their dedication to promoting Ethiopian culture in the State of Colorado. Therefore, I include in the RECORD their names:

1. Fikru Ayele.
2. Girum Alemayehu.
3. Nebiyu Asfaw.
4. Bizuayehu Sebsebe.
5. Sofia Belew.
6. Adanech Dembel.
7. Yalemwork Tekola.
8. Senait Ketema.
9. Tilahun Dessie.
10. Selam Ayele.
11. Aynalem Mamo.
12. Helen Tekle.
13. Sossena Dagne.
14. Yohannes Mengistu.
15. Aschalew Agonafer.
16. Mequanent Mekuria.
17. Mahder Mengiste.
18. Admasu Chekole.
19. Elizabeth Moltot.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE USS
"TAPPAHANNOCK"

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the USS *Tappahannock*, a Navy vessel with 34 years of service. On Sunday

July 15th, the USS *Tappahannock* was memorialized in a ceremony on the Courthouse Green in Tappahannock, VA.

The USS *Tappahannock* was vital to the support of U.S. aircraft carriers, battleships, destroyers and other combatants during WWII, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. During WWII, the ship earned six medals and nine battle stars. Additionally her sailors were credited with shooting down a Japanese bomber and rescuing sailors from ships that were sunk by Japanese aircraft. After WWII, the ship was briefly decommissioned before being put back into service for the Korean War and the Vietnam War. The USS *Tappahannock* was finally stricken from the Navy's roles in 1976 after its 34 years of service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the USS *Tappahannock* for its admirable service to the protection of our Nation.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE FORT
KNOX CENTENNIAL

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Fort Knox Centennial. Fort Knox plays a vital role in our national security, and I am extremely proud to represent Fort Knox in Congress.

After serving as a military installation going back to the Civil War, ground was officially broken for the installation we know today as Fort Knox on August 16, 1918. Established as an artillery camp during World War I, Fort Knox was used as an active training center and housed soldiers returning from the war. During World War II, Fort Knox was chosen to be the headquarters of the Armored Force, which trained soldiers in the use of armored vehicles, and remained the Armor headquarters until 2005. Since then, Fort Knox has been the home of a number of commands, including the Human Resources Command, Recruiting Command, and Cadet Command. Famously, Fort Knox is also home to the U.S. Department of Treasury's Bullion Depository. Fort Knox is a leader in military innovation with its award-winning energy conservation program.

Fort Knox is home to the future of our Armed Forces. Here's to the next 100 years.

CONGRATULATING ELIZABETH
WENDE BREAST CARE ON OPEN-
ING ITS NEW LOCATION

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Elizabeth Wendé Breast Care on the grand opening of a new site in Carthage, New York.

Elizabeth Wendé Breast Care leads the field in breast imaging and breast cancer diagnosis, and is well known for its state-of-the-art 3D mammography technology. In its fight against breast cancer, Elizabeth Wendé Breast Care has partnered with Carthage Area Hospital to