

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING WILL MILLER

HON. PAUL D. RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, it is bittersweet to bid farewell to one of my closest aides, Will Miller, as he departs for the next chapter of his life. Will is heading to business school where I know he will excel just as he has here in Congress. Will is a natural leader. He's a problem solver. He is my friend. A veteran of two speakerships now, he knows how the House works and has earned the respect of its members. Will is dependable, unflappable, and simply a joy to be around. And that's good, because as my special assistant he is by my side from morning to night. I will always be grateful to him for transitioning from my policy staff to accept this unique role. The speakership comes with its challenges, but Will's quick wit and sunny disposition have made every day more fun. He has made me a better speaker. I thank him for his service and can't wait to see all that he accomplishes next.

H.R. 2 AND ANIMAL WELFARE
ISSUES

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to reaffirm my personal and professional commitment to animal welfare issues. I also want to make clear that, had I been in Washington, D.C. and able to vote, I would have voted YES on Amendment No. 28, roll call vote 202, and NO on final passage, roll call vote 205, on May 18, 2018.

While both a Pennsylvania State Representative and Member of Congress, I have continuously fought to strengthen and enforce animal welfare laws, and to extend these protections to species as new abuses come to light. As a proud member of the Congressional Animal Protection Caucus, I have been an active voice in the fight for the humane treatment of animals.

I have cosponsored legislation that prohibits egregious abuses of wild and domesticated horses (Safeguard American Food Exports Act, PAST Act), opposes the abuse of animals in research (FACT Act, Animal Welfare Accountability and Transparency Act), protects the pets of victims of domestic abuse (Pet and Women Safety Act), phases out the use of live animals in military training (Battlefield Excellence through Superior Training Practices Act), outlaws the posting of torture of animals on social media (PACT Act), and bans the breeding of orcas in captivity (Orca Responsibility and Care Advancement Act).

I have also introduced and cosponsored legislation that would eliminate the slaughter of

dogs and cats for the purpose of consumption, both domestically (Dog and Cat Meat Trade Prohibition Act) and abroad (Yulin Dog Meat Festival condemnation resolution). I am proud to help lead the effort to ensure language prohibiting the dog and cat meat trade is included in the Conference Report on H.R. 2/S. 3042, the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. Since its introduction, H.R. 1406, the Dog and Cat Meat Trade Prohibition Act of 2017, which I co-lead has garnered the support of 245 bipartisan cosponsors—and rightfully so.

I have consistently fought against the King Amendment to the Farm Bill, which would undermine state and local laws intended to protect animals—and have a devastating effect on laws across a wide range of state safety and welfare concerns. I have led numerous efforts to end wasteful testing on animals among federal agencies, and to promote adoption or humane caretaking for animals used in such testing. I am also leading the House effort to close loopholes in the Endangered Species Act, our nation's bedrock conservation law, that allow for payments in lieu of conservation efforts in exchange for "take" permits with little-to-no transparency or accountability.

On May 18, 2018, I would have voted YES on Amendment No. 28, the Roskam-Blumenauer Amendment, which would strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting by ensuring the law applies to all U.S. territories, not just the states. I vow to do all I can to ensure commonsense provisions like this are included in the Conference Report, and beyond. I certainly wish such provisions weren't necessary in the first place, but it is Congress' responsibility to act as necessary to protect and promote animal welfare and public safety.

HONORING MR. STEVEN A.
HILDRETH

HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in order to honor the achievements of Steven A. Hildreth, Specialist in Missile Defense, Congressional Research Service, on the occasion of his retirement from the Service on August 31, 2018.

Steve Hildreth served Congress with distinction for more than 32 years at the Library of Congress as a Specialist in U.S. and Foreign National Security Programs for the Congressional Research Service. He earned a bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, a master's degree in international relations from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. graduate work at Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C. and master's degree in national security strategy from the National War College in Washington, D.C.

Steve is recognized throughout Congress, the military Services, the defense community,

and the arms control community as an expert in U.S. nuclear weapons and ballistic missile defense, arms control, military space, and nonproliferation issues. He wrote extensively on missile defense programs—from the Strategic Defense Initiative in the 1980s through the current Ground-based Midcourse Defense and Aegis programs. He also assisted the House Armed Services Committee, after the first Gulf War, with assessments of the effectiveness of the Patriot system in taking down Iraqi scud missiles. In that capacity, he assisted Congress in eight hours of testimony, leading a group of Congressional Research Service researchers, in providing open source analysis of the international aftermath of the September 11, 2001, terror attacks before the 9/11 Commission. Halfway through, the staff director for the Commission told Steve, "I never believed in open source analysis until today."

Steve also exercised true leadership at the Congressional Research Service. For nine years he headed up the Central Research Unit in the Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division of the Congressional Research Service, where he created and managed an extensive internship program and oversaw many of the research experts of the Service.

Steve published many influential Congressional Research Service reports on such subjects as challenges to the United States in space; Iran's ballistic missile and space launch programs, long range ballistic missile defense in Europe, ballistic missile defense in the Asia-Pacific region, ballistic missile defense and offensive arms reductions, cyberwarfare, and the Strategic Defense Initiative. Additionally, he provided objective, expert analysis on a number of issues, ranging from Israeli missile defense capabilities to the proposed U.S. Space Corps, to Congress, to the House Armed Services Committee, and to me personally—analysis for which I am very grateful.

After retirement, Steve will head to Vashon Island, Washington, with his family, to enjoy an idyllic and relaxing life.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND
SERVICE OF BILL LINDSAY

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Bill Lindsay, Richmond's City Manager for 32 years, a respected member of the community, a member of our district, and a friend.

Bill received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Yale University and a Masters in Business Administration in General Management from the University of California, Berkeley. Following graduate school, he began his professional career as a management consultant working primarily with local government and public transit clients.

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Prior to his service to Richmond, Bill was San Ramon's Administrative Services Director before becoming the City Manager of Orinda for over a decade.

His hard work and achievements as a public servant aided in the reduction in violent crimes, the lowest unemployment rate in Richmond's history, and allowed the city to flourish financially. Bill's dedication to his job, his family, and his community is admirable. The contributions he has made to the city of Richmond and his community will not be forgotten. I wish him the best of luck in his retirement.

H.R. 3542 AND H. RES. 129

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to make clear that, had I been able to vote, I would have voted Nay on roll call vote 72, Nay on roll call vote 73, Yea on roll call vote 74, and Yea on roll call vote 75 on February 14, 2018.

I cosponsor Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD of California's bill, H.R. 3440, the Dream Act of 2017. Last September, the Trump Administration announced its shameful decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program with a six-month delay. While Republicans have continually refused to take up legislation to reform our nation's broken immigration system, the President's announcement now forces Congress to act. I join my Democratic colleagues urging Speaker RYAN and our Republican colleagues to bring H.R. 3440 to the floor in order to permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.

H.R. 3542, the Hamas Human Shields Prevention Act, imposes sanctions on Hamas for violating internationally recognized human rights by using civilians as human shields. The gross human rights violations committed by Hamas are numerous and well-documented. Since its takeover of Gaza in 2007, Hamas has summarily executed and tortured civilians, and continuously put the civilian population of Gaza at risk. Hamas continues to intentionally position missile launch facilities, weapon stockpiles, and fighters near mosques, hospitals, homes, and schools. The terrorist organization routinely discourages Palestinian civilians from heeding warnings from the Israeli Defense Forces regarding imminent military strikes, and in some cases has forced civilians to gather on roofs to act as human shields. This legislation is sadly necessary. I remain dedicated to addressing these issues as a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and I hope the Senate acts quickly to pass H.R. 3542.

PRINCIPAL CARL BURNSIDE OF
DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with my col-

leagues, and include in the RECORD, testimony from Principal Carl Burnside of Dunbar High School, who testified at the Education and Workforce Committee and thank him for his service to our community and to education.

I want to thank you Congressman Francis Rooney for bestowing upon me the honor to speak to the House Committee on Education. My name is Carl Burnside and I am the very proud principal of Dunbar High School in Fort Myers, Florida, where "Achievement is the Expectation." I truly believe that what we have accomplished at Dunbar High School has enabled our students to rise up from incredibly humble circumstances into amazing career and college successes.

After being closed in 1969, in 2000, the school was reopened and I was appointed principal. Ironically my appointment was in great part due to my background in STEM as being a 1993 recipient of the Presidential Award for Mathematics in Teaching which I received here in Washington DC. By 2005, Dunbar High School's minority to majority ratio was incongruent to the demographics of the Lee County School district. Therefore, something had to be done to help reduce minority isolation in the district.

After going through growth pains, a young lady by the name of Jana Hambruch shared with me the concept of not just having a STEM academy but having one that would allow students to obtain industry certifications. As technology is an inherent societal need for all, we recognized a need to provide students with high-end technology training. In 2003-2004, a \$3.3 million federally funded Magnet Grant provided DHS with the chance to start the Academy for Technology Excellence (ATE) program. Dunbar quickly went to the forefront of College and Career Readiness as it became a model for other high schools across the country. Subsequently, Dunbar has been featured in a variety of educational magazines, webinars, and conferences and has received several distinguished awards both locally and nationally.

Originally, the Academy for Technology Excellence (ATE) program was uniquely designed to provide 9th-12th grade students with the training needed to get the most in-demand industry standard IT certifications. The ATE program has truly enabled students to cross the digital divide and focus on essential skills to make them more marketable for their future. ATE graduates have a competitive edge over other college-bound students and several of our ATE students have received employment right out of high school in the \$35,000-\$50,000 range.

As we moved into our 3rd year of the program Microsoft took notice of all the certifications our students were achieving and was amazed. They decided to partner with us and named our school the 1st Microsoft Certified High School in the Nation. They declared our students as their "Certifying Heroes". They utilized our program as a pilot program to be mirrored at other high schools throughout the United States and beyond. Dunbar has partnered with technology giants like Microsoft, Adobe, Hewlett Packard and Pearson VUE, plus many other local business partners. Dunbar has even connected with the local colleges and universities establishing bridging opportunities from high school to postsecondary education. Dunbar accomplished all of this despite student demographics that many would see as challenging. Since its opening, the school's student population had a high percentage of low socio-economic students approaching 90% on free or reduced lunch.

Lead by our IT Program Manager and Lead Technology Teacher, Denise Spence, the accolades that Dunbar achieved have been significant. A few highlights: Besides Microsoft

declaring Dunbar High School as the first Microsoft Certified School in the Nation, it was selected as a Microsoft Showcase School. Dunbar was selected as an Adobe Model School. Both of these entities reached out to Dunbar due to the success that such a humble school was having in high powered certifications. Our students receive paid internships highlighted by the annual internships of students at Chicos FAS headquarters which led to some of the students working there fulltime immediately after high school. Later with Race to the Top funds, Dunbar added strong programs in Engineering and Biomedical Science from Project Lead The Way (PLTW) further enhancing the school's opportunities for its students in the College and Career pathways. When we applied to be an IB Diploma School, the reviewers enthusiastically recommended that due to our outstanding Career STEM pathways, we would be an ideal school to also have the IB Career Related program which we have also become, one of only a handful of IB STEM schools in the country.

We offer the career academies that make parents who want their kids to go to college to be less hesitant and more proactive in enrolling their child in these kinds of programs. We offer the programs that are at a rigorous post-secondary level in fields that are lucrative for their children not just for today but for the jobs of the future. Honestly, I had no idea how much of an impact the academies were having until we started to receive various visits from schools, across the United States and really the world and were hearing back from our graduates about the employment they were getting because of the technical coursework they received in high school.

Dunbar's acclaim is worldwide. In 2014, I was invited to Barcelona Spain to the Microsoft Global Forum where I had the opportunity to share about the technology programs at Dunbar. We receive visits from schools not just from our state but also from across the country and even outside the United States. Recently, we were approached by a student exchange program from Hungary exploring the possibility of sending some of their students to the United States to enroll in our technology program.

As a cute anecdote, much to the chagrin of my football coaches, they have lost a couple of starter players due to the fact that the students received fantastic paid internship opportunities while in high school and are now making more money than my coaches in the IT field without a college degree. Here are a few of the success stories and you will notice they come from different backgrounds, all low income but their pathways to success were all different.

Juan arrived at Dunbar High School unable to speak English. He went on to obtain a plethora of certifications. He was selected to be an intern for Chico's FAS whose national headquarters is located in Fort Myers. After graduating from high school, Juan went to work for Chico's full-time in their IT department and attended Florida Gulf Coast University part-time and worked to obtain his degree. His salary was in the \$40,000 range. He was recruited from there by Call Miner, a technical data company, and now admittedly makes almost twice as much.

Juliana was another student who qualified for the free and reduced lunch program but thrived in the technology program. She went on to qualify for the World Microsoft competition. She became the first person in the United States to make the podium spot, as she captured 3rd place in the world in the Microsoft Office World competition. Upon graduation, she went on to attend and graduate from the University of Florida with a full scholarship.