

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE 107TH BIRTHDAY OF ELEANORE SIMON

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 3, 2018

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very special person, Eleanore Simon, who on July 25, 2018, celebrated her 107th birthday.

Eleanore is a native of Amelia Island, Florida, where she still lives today. Even at 107 years-old, Eleanore drives her golf cart to and from water aerobics several times a week. She is always on the move, and from what I have learned about her, she has no plan to slow down any time soon.

At her birthday party, Eleanore enjoyed cake and a glass of champagne surrounded by her family and friends. She has brought much joy to those around her, and those who know her say her smile and genuine spirit lights up every room.

Today, I honor Ms. Eleanore Simon's noteworthy longevity and tremendous life in our Northeast Florida community. I ask this entire body to join me in celebrating Eleanore's 107th birthday. May we all aspire to live as long and full a life.

CONGRATULATING THE FULTON CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 3, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the Fulton Chain of Lakes Association on its 50th anniversary.

Upon discovering pollution in the waters of the Adirondack Mountains, a group of lake-front property owners organized a network of dedicated volunteers to form the Fulton Chain of Lakes Association in 1968. Since then, the FCLA has worked tirelessly to protect the natural beauty of the North Country's waterways. With the help of over 600 members, the organization works to maintain water quality and promote boating safety in the chain of eight lakes connected throughout Herkimer and Hamilton counties. The FCLA's members have been excellent stewards of this unique area, allowing residents and visitors to continue enjoying all the water has to offer and ensuring that these magnificent lakes will endure for generations to come.

On behalf of New York's 21st district, I would like to thank the Fulton Chain of Lakes Association for 50 years of service to the North Country, and I wish them all the best in their next 50 years.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF LUCAS SOARES SMITH

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in remembrance of young Lucas Soares Smith. I have had the honor of knowing Lucas and his family. Life doesn't always allow for the time allotted and Lucas departed this world suddenly and unexpectedly. But within that short span of fifteen years, Lucas—the beloved son of the family—made an impression on this world.

Born in Rio de Janeiro, his family moved to Seattle, Washington where Lucas sang for the church choir, and played baseball and soccer. Lucas even earned himself a black belt in Tae Kwon Do. His family then moved to Redondo Beach, California when he was twelve. Lucas participated in activities such as surfing, swimming and Junior Life Guards. Lucas was a student at South High School in Torrance, California where he ran for Track and Field as well as Cross Country.

His most passionate undertaking was his service as a Cadet Technical Sergeant in the Beach Cities Cadet Squadron 107 of the Civil Air Patrol at the Torrance Airport. Lucas was posthumously awarded the Red Service Ribbon for two years of being a cadet member in good standing. He loved to fly and constantly reminded his parents that one day he would become a pilot.

Lucas is survived by his father, Philip Smith and his mother, Marianna Smith and his younger sister, Julia Smith and their dog Rocky. In memory of their son, his parents would like to say, "Above the clouds and over our heads is where our dear son felt most at home. It is where we hope he finds his peace and continues to fly like a bird."

HONORING YDS CHICAGO

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 3, 2018

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize YDS Chicago for its outstanding service to our community and its work to promote peace, material well-being and spiritual growth.

YDS Chicago is an international faith-based organization which practices the Swaminarayan sect of Hinduism. Under the guidance of its spiritual leader, H.D.H. Hariprasad Swamiji, YDS has a long history of community engagement, focusing on health care, education and spiritual development to promote harmony among all people. YDS temples and cultural centers have provided free medical care, education and relief to victims of natural disasters and to the impoverished around the world.

We are honored to celebrate YDS Chicago as it moves forward with building its new temple and community center—the first Hindu temple constructed in Schaumburg, Illinois. The Nutan Haridham Temple is the product of years of planning, investment and close cooperation with local, state and federal government, and the success of this project required the sustained attention and devotion of the temple's members and its leadership.

The addition of the Nutan Haridham Temple to the 8th Congressional District is significant. The temple will serve as a center of religious practice, and as a home for Hindu culture in the greater Chicago area. Furthermore, in keeping with the focus of Hariprasad Swamiji on the education and spiritual development of our youth, the temple will be an important cultural center in the northwest suburbs of Chicago, offering camps and other educational programs for the next generation of Hindu-Americans in the area.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the great achievements of YDS, and acknowledge its tireless community service in the 8th Congressional District, as well as to all in need throughout the world.

HONORING AGAPITO MOLINA

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 3, 2018

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of beloved Jim Hogg County Judge Agapito "Cuate" Molina, who passed away on July 3, 2018, in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Judge Molina began working for his community after being elected County Commissioner Pct. 2 in 1978. Because of his continued devotion, he was elected County Judge in 1999. Judge Molina became the first elected official from Jim Hogg County to obtain membership in the Texas Association of Counties (TAC), in which he served as Chairman of the TAC Health Insurance Committee for 11 years.

In addition to the Health Insurance Committee, he was also a member of the Risk Management Committee and Chairman of the Occupational Region of Community Affairs. Throughout his time with the TAC, Judge Molina advanced projects to improve his county and serve his constituents. Judge Molina routinely visited Austin, Texas, and Washington, D.C., to advocate for communities in Jim Hogg.

Aside from his accomplished career in public service, Judge Molina led a distinguished personal life. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and a devout Catholic. He was a regular amongst friends at the U.S. Post Office. Moreover, he had a loving wife, children, and family who succeed him.

Mr. Speaker, South Texas lost one of our most excellent and beloved public servants. Judge Agapito Molina will be missed dearly by family, friends, and constituents alike.

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HONORING CARYL CASTLEBERRY

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 3, 2018

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Caryl Castleberry, who passed away in May of this year.

Born in Iowa and raised in southern California, Caryl Castleberry earned an Associates of Arts Degree at Citrus Junior College before going to Pitzer College on an arts scholarship. Caryl began her more than 30-year sculpting career in 1985 while working for the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History. She would go on to become a renowned wildlife sculptor over the course of her career, and her work was on display at numerous museums, galleries, zoos, nature preserves, and private collections.

Caryl also cared deeply for the community, volunteering with organizations such as the Valley of the Moon Children's Home and Friends of the Petaluma River. Caryl is survived by her husband of 51 years, three siblings, two children, and four grandchildren, and she will be missed by her family and many friends.

Mr. Speaker, it is with the greatest respect and condolences that we honor the life of Caryl Castleberry and send her loved ones our regrets.

HONORING THE ADIRONDACK
46ERS ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 3, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the Adirondack 46ers on celebrating their 100th anniversary.

One hundred years ago, Robert and George Marshall and Herbert Clark climbed to the top of Whiteface Mountain. Seven years later, they finished climbing 46 High Peaks in the Adirondacks, and a club was born. Formally established in 1937, the Adirondack 46ers have attracted hikers from near and far to the High Peaks, turning desolate mountain tops into destinations for the more than 10,000 people who have joined the organization since 1918.

The Adirondack 46ers pride themselves on their community-oriented nature, and have turned their love for hiking into service. Due to the volume of visitors in the Adirondack high peaks, the organization started a trailhead stewardship program, pledging thousands of dollars to management of the beautiful mountains as well as putting in thousands of hours of volunteer trail work. Since 2001, the 46ers have given back \$460,000 to the Adirondacks, including assistance after Tropical Storm Irene and youth scholarships.

On behalf of New York's 21st district, I want to congratulate the Adirondack 46ers on 100 years of accomplishment, camaraderie, and service. I know their impressive achievements will inspire future generations of hikers to continue their remarkable tradition.

MITCHELL RECOGNIZES LIEUTENANT COLONEL DENNIS SUGRUE

HON. PAUL MITCHELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 3, 2018

Mr. MITCHELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize and congratulate Lieutenant Colonel Dennis Sugrue of the United States Army Corps of Engineers for completing his tour of duty as the Commanding Officer for the Detroit District. Lieutenant Colonel Sugrue received his commission from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1999, and during his career he completed two deployments in Afghanistan and one in Kosovo. He served as the Brigade Engineer and Executive Officer for the Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division before becoming the Deputy District Commander of the Los Angeles District for the Army Corps of Engineers. After successfully serving and leading in these positions, Sugrue assumed command of the Detroit District for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, responsible for 4,000 miles of coast line along four of the Great Lakes and processing nearly 2,000 regulatory permits a year. I have had the pleasure of working with Lieutenant Colonel Sugrue on several projects, most notably on upgrading the Soo Locks; critical infrastructure essential to our nation's defense and economy. He is an articulate, consummate professional; always receptive to concerns and understanding of the complexities of the issues at hand. I am thankful to have worked with Lieutenant Colonel Sugrue in his current posting and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

NATIONAL KOREAN WAR
VETERANS ARMISTICE DAY 2018**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 3, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, July 27th was National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, marking the day in 1953 when the armistice was signed at Panmunjom.

The Korean War is often referred to as "the Forgotten War." Our boys were largely ignored when they arrived home. There were no ticketape parades like at the end of World War II, and there were no violent protests against the war like with Vietnam. The Administration did not even refer to the conflict as a war but rather as a police action. Well, Mr. Speaker, it was a war. It was a war where Americans went and fought.

In 1950, communist North Korea, backed by brutal dictatorships in China and the Soviet Union, crossed the 38th Parallel in an invasion of free South Korea. The communist forces pushed the South Koreans back, nearly forcing them off of the peninsula entirely. With their heels touching the tide, South Korea called 911.

America was not ready for another war. The Pentagon was in the process of downsizing the military, both in budget and in manpower. But, as history shows, when the world dials 911, America answers. So President Truman

ordered troops to land at Pusan to aid the beleaguered South Korean forces.

Over the course of the next three years, the United States fought a grueling conflict but successfully managed to drive the communist forces out of South Korea. The fighting ceased when the armistice agreement was signed at Panmunjom, but to this day, no official peace document has been signed.

Over 35,000 Americans died in this war, and more than 7,000 are still missing. Thousands more came home with the scars of war or suffered in prisoner of war camps. Most in uniform served with great distinction and demonstrated that the American soldier is a rare breed.

One such individual was one of my late constituents, Sergeant Donald Foisie. Sergeant Foisie was pinned down on Hill 303 in August 1950, but he stood his ground. When the communist forces overran the hill, he and a friend hid in a rice paddy, using bamboo sticks to get air. The two survived and rejoined American forces when the hill was retaken.

Mr. Speaker, the sacrifice and bravery of American soldiers in the Korean War should be remembered and honored. Just this week, Vice President PENCE accepted the remains of fallen Korean war soldiers, at last making their return home from North Korean soil. After 60 years, these noble ones who gave their lives will be forgotten no more. This is a welcome step following the June 12th meeting between President Trump and Kim Jong-Un, however, we must continue to strive towards our goal of complete, verifiable, and irreversible denuclearization by North Korea. These Korean War patriots deserve our utmost respect and admiration, because the worst casualty of war is to be forgotten.

And that is just the way it is.

RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF
TEXAS AT TYLER PATRIOTS 2018
NCAA DIVISION III NATIONAL
BASEBALL CHAMPIONS**HON. LOUIE GOHMERT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 3, 2018

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to celebrate with my fellow east Texans today the success of the University of Texas at Tyler Patriots on capturing the 2018 NCAA Division III National Baseball Championship, the first championship title in program history.

Although the Patriots team was unranked and had no idea if it would even participate in the NCAA postseason, the undeniable bond between these teammates resulted in an unprecedented comeback after receiving an at-large bid to participate in the NCAA Baseball Championships in Appleton, Wisconsin.

The Patriots swept the best of three series against Texas Lutheran University with scores of 8-1 and 9-6 to claim the national title.

It is with great pride that all east Texans extend our heartfelt congratulations to the national champion Patriots: Josh Bums, Jared Pauley, Blake Wilson, Alex Bishop, Benjamin Romines, Henry Sanchez, Jordan Antley, Zachary Pavelock, Zane Wilkinson, Brandon Saddler, Evan Kissinger, Tanner Roach, Landon Shofner, Bowie Farris, Simon Sedillo, Blake Maddox, Kolton Forsythe, Christopher