

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

MR. DAVID CAMERON HOPPER

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. David Cameron Hopper of Russell County in the First District of Kentucky. Mr. Hopper recently celebrated his 90th birthday with a host of family and friends. Growing up in a household with nine other siblings, he learned the value of hard work and continued education.

In 1948, Mr. Hopper enlisted in the Navy, serving four years during the Korean War aboard the U.S.S. *Aggerholm*. In 1955, he married Faye Smith and cared for her children, Pam Smith Adams and Gene Smith. He later graduated from the University of Kentucky's College of Engineering with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. Together, he and Faye would attend yearly reunions with his shipmates, visiting a new destination during each trip.

After graduating, he began working for McDonnell Aircraft in St. Louis, Missouri, where he helped complete a top-secret mission for the company. His family later learned he specialized in data analysis for the first manned space expedition, Project Mercury. During his tenure with the company, he also worked on the experimental F4H executive jet.

In 1961, he served as an electrical engineer for the East Kentucky Power Cooperative, which supplied power to sixteen owner-member cooperatives throughout the Commonwealth. Shortly after he was hired, he assisted with purchasing the cooperative's first computer and wrote their payroll and consumer billing programs. His leadership in these areas compelled him to serve as a founding member of the East Kentucky Employees' Federal Credit Union and later served as the organization's President for thirteen years. Upon his retirement from East Kentucky Power in 1992, he had risen to the position of Transmission Division Director.

Mr. David Cameron Hopper is a man of many interests, blessed with many talents. He could be described as a farmer, fixer of anything, electrician, entrepreneur, mechanic, fisherman, landlord, avid gardener and University of Kentucky fan, but his most treasured titles are those of a dedicated, generous, and proud father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and uncle.

RECOGNIZING MAUNICA STHANKI
FOR HER SERVICE TO THE
HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise, along with Subcommittee on Immigration and

Border Security Ranking Member ZOE LOFGREN, to thank Maunica Sthanki for her service to the Judiciary Committee.

Maunica has served as a counsel for the Committee since 2014. During this time, she has been a passionate and dogged advocate for women and children seeking asylum, for refugees from Syria, Africa, and other war-torn regions—indeed for all immigrants who come to America seeking a better life for themselves and their children.

For Maunica, immigration and protection of the most vulnerable is personal. While her family's story in many respects began in Uganda in the 1970s, it is an American story. In 1972, Ugandan military strongman Idi Amin issued an order expelling Asians living in the country. Her father, one of approximately 60,000 persons of Indian descent in Uganda at the time was left stateless. Her mother, who had a U.K. passport, was able to move to England. But thanks to America's generosity and a Jewish charity, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, her mother and father were able together to resettle in the United States. Like so many immigrants before them and immigrants who would come in the decades that followed, Maunica's parents came without much more than the clothes on their backs and settled in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where Maunica would be born.

Maunica attended Baton Rouge Magnet High School, one of the Southeast's most competitive public schools, Louisiana State University, and the University of Texas School of Law. She began her career in law representing migrants and children along the border, and became a professor of clinical law at the University of the District of Columbia, imparting to others her passion for the rule of law.

Maunica began her work for the Committee in 2014 just as we were experiencing an unprecedented increase in the number of unaccompanied children arriving at our Southern border. Within days she was responsible for organizing a congressional delegation to visit with parents in detention, children and adults in crowded Border Patrol stations, and attorneys on the ground. Maunica's advocacy skills and unbending sense of justice during that summer steeled her for fights to come. She became an advocate for ending family detention and a defender of laws that ensure that children have the opportunity to apply for asylum in the United States. That these laws remain on the books is a great tribute to Maunica's commitment.

After the Paris bombings of November 13, 2015, Maunica knew immediately that the U.S. refugee program—an ocean away and with an extensive vetting process—would be subject to the same xenophobic attacks that followed 9/11 and were the very reason she became an immigration lawyer. She, again, fought to preserve asylum and refugee protections—laws that set the standard around the world and provide a safe haven to the most vulnerable irrespective of their faith, ethnicity or nationality.

In January 2016, when the first Executive Order banned travel to the United States for

citizens of several Muslim-majority countries, she recognized it as what federal courts would later declare it to be—a Muslim ban so infected with racial and religious animus that it could not stand. Perhaps, again, it was personal. Maunica's husband, a man of Muslim faith, has dedicated his life's work to combating bigotry as a prosecutor with the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division.

Earlier this year, when the Trump Administration began separating children from their families, Maunica worked tirelessly to help draft the Keep Families Together Act, legislation to end family separation at the U.S. border. Her expertise made the legislation stronger, and her passion and commitment led 190 Members of Congress to cosponsor the legislation. Together, we mounted a campaign to stop the policy and reunite children with their families. Work that continues today. We thank her for her dedication and compassion to helping others.

Maunica is a vegetarian because of her faith, and as her daughter would tell you because animals are our friends, and she is also a rabid LSU football fan. She is an irrepressible spirit who has made great sacrifices to serve the Committee.

We wish Maunica Sthanki the very best in her future endeavors and thank her for her outstanding service to the Committee and our country.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY
OF NOSOTROS RADIO

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 25th anniversary of Nosotros Radio. Located in East Syracuse, New York, Nosotros Radio has long served the Central New York Latino community by providing on-air entertainment and education.

Nosotros Radio was founded in 1994 by Fanny Villarreal, an immigrant from Peru. Ms. Villarreal formed the new radio network due to a lack of Spanish radio programming in Syracuse and sought to entertain and inform the Hispanic community. Once established, Nosotros began broadcasting to the broader Syracuse region in order to reach Hispanic audiences. The station successfully achieved this goal and has provided cultural enrichment to the area for many years. For its work and community contributions, Nosotros Radio was awarded the American Red Cross Good Neighbor Award in 2009.

Today, Nosotros continues to be operated under Fanny Villarreal's steady leadership. In addition to Latino music, the station airs many bilingual talk shows and educational on-air programs. The radio station also holds the unique distinction of also serving as a Non-Profit Organization, striving to further connect its Latino audience with the greater Syracuse community.

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Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in celebrating *Nosotros Radio's* 25 years of serving Central New Yorkers. We must also applaud the efforts of community engagement workers like Fanny Villarreal around the nation, who work tirelessly to spread unique cultural viewpoints. It is my hope *Nosotros* continues to succeed in the future and further advances the Syracuse Hispanic community.

PREVENTING CHILD
EXPLOITATION ACT OF 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that the House is considering H.R. 6847, the Preventing Child Exploitation Act, which includes a reauthorization of key provisions of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act. As the original sponsor of the 2006 Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, I have made a point to seek remedies to prevent the sexual exploitation of our nation's children. This law strengthened sex offender registry requirements and enforcement across the country, extended registry requirements to Indian tribes, increased penalties for child predators, and authorized funding for a number of programs to strengthen our defenses against child exploitation.

A primary component of the law is the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act ("SORNA"), which set minimum guidelines for state sex offender registries. SORNA also established the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website, a comprehensive national system for the registration and notification to the public of sex offenders. Currently, this registry contains information on more than 600,000 convicted sex offenders in the United States.

But, as several widely-publicized scandals have shown, the fight against child exploitation is not over. The Justice Department reports that only 16 states, three territories, and 36 tribes have substantially implemented SORNA, despite a July 27, 2011 deadline for reaching substantial compliance. There are also an estimated 100,000 fugitive sex offenders across the United States who are unregistered or otherwise noncompliant with their registry requirements.

H.R. 6847 includes a five year reauthorization of the two primary programs of the Adam Walsh Act. These include the Sex Offender Management Assistance Program, which provides funding to the states, tribes and other jurisdictions to offset the costs of implementing and enhancing SORNA, and funding for the U.S. Marshals Service and other law enforcement agencies to assist jurisdictions in locating and apprehending sex offenders who violate registration requirements. The bill also reauthorizes grants for the treatment of juvenile sex offenders, as well as funding for the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children ("NCMEC"), a Congressionally-authorized not-for-profit corporation that provides resources for families and law enforcement officials to assist in the recovery of missing children and prevent the victimization of children.

By incorporating feedback from the states, the bill makes targeted changes to the SORNA requirements in order to facilitate the states' compliance with the Act. These changes include giving the States more flexibility in classifying sex offenders on their registry, lowering the period that certain juveniles must register to 25 years, and limiting public access to juvenile sex offender information.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 400, and YEA on Roll Call No. 401.

CONGRATULATING BLAKE KEITH HUFF AND BENJAMIN M. HAWKINS FOR RECEIVING THE CARNEGIE MEDAL OF HEROISM

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate Blake Keith Huff and Benjamin M. Hawkins for receiving the Carnegie Medal in recognition of their act of extraordinary heroism. Through their actions, Blake and Benjamin have shown themselves to be selfless, courageous, and indispensable parts of Michigan's First District.

The Carnegie Medal was established in 1904 by the industrialist and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. It is given to recognize those who perform extraordinary acts of heroism in civilian life, and to provide financial assistance for those disabled and the dependents of those killed saving or attempting to save others. Since 1904, more than 10,000 awardees have been honored, with more than \$40 million given in grants, scholarships, death benefits, and other assistance. There is no doubt that Benjamin and Blake are deserving of this honor.

Mary Jo Tester, 50 and a paraplegic, was in her home's living room when fire broke out and began to spread in that room. Tester called for help. Huff, a 23-year-old police sergeant, and Hawkins, a 35-year-old deputy sheriff, both of Kalkaska, responded to the home after learning of the fire. Seeing flames through the living room window and black smoke issuing from the eaves, Huff and Hawkins entered the home. Huff crawled on his belly about 15 feet across the living room toward Tester, who was on the floor with flames nearby. Along the way he moved a recliner, which was on fire, from his path. Hawkins crawled inside behind Huff.

Reaching Tester on the far side of the room amid nearby flames, Huff grasped Tester by the ankles and crawled backward, dragging her. Hawkins grasped Huff's pant leg and pulled and guided Huff, Tester in tow, to the door. Huff and Hawkins lifted Tester and carried her from the home. While Mary Jo tragically died of smoke inhalation five days later, the heroic actions of Benjamin and Blake

serve as an inspiration for those in Michigan's First District. Their courage and devotion to public duty have touched the lives of countless community members, and the impact of their heroism cannot be overstated.

Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Blake and Benjamin for their exceptional heroism and congratulate them for receiving the Carnegie Medal. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such selfless and courageous individuals. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Benjamin and Blake all the best in their future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF DAVID HILL

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor my good friend, Constable David Hill, for his fifty plus years of tireless service to the residents, businesses, and families of the Eighth Congressional District of Texas.

As a sixth grade student in Palestine, Texas, David first set his sights on a job in law enforcement after a career day presentation by the Border Patrol at his local elementary school. In 1967, David fulfilled this goal when he began working in Huntsville, Texas at the Texas Department of Corrections as a correctional officer. Shortly thereafter, David decided to join the Department of Public Safety (DPS), eventually becoming the second Trooper ever assigned to Magnolia. At first, David only planned on staying in Magnolia for a year, but he quickly fell in love with the area and decided to make Magnolia home—beginning his fifty-year relationship with the community he loved so dearly.

After some praying, in 1982 David made the life-changing decision to leave his position as a State Trooper to run for Constable of Precinct 5 in Montgomery County. Due to a policy by the DPS, David was required to resign from his current position to run for public office. However, David won the election for Constable—an office he has served in admirably since 1983.

Through his job and his personal life, David has shaped the Magnolia community for the better. During his time as constable, David held himself to the highest of standards and always allowed his Christian principles to guide his actions. His selfless service and the positive impact he has made on the Magnolia community has certainly not gone unnoticed. The impact of David's time of service will be felt for years to come, and I know his presence as Constable will be greatly missed.

David is excited to start his well-deserved, hard-earned retirement. He plans on traveling with his wife and visiting every state. The Magnolia community was blessed to have David for the past fifty years, and we are happy to see him begin this new chapter of his life.

I am proud to join his colleagues, friends, and family members in thanking David for his years of public service and wishing him the best as he begins his retirement.