

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING KRISTENE BLAKE

HON. PAUL D. RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, Kristene Blake's passion for politics and public service dates back to her Villanova days, when she interned for her hometown representative, Adam H. Putnam of Florida. Adam had the good sense to hire Kristene full-time after she graduated. Beginning in 2011, Kristene served in senior roles in two speaker-ships over the course of nearly eight years. Both Speaker Boehner and I depended on Kristene's unique ability to manage any situation, and find a way to get things done.

Kristene is the definition of a servant leader. She puts in the late hours and the unsung work it takes to make this institution function. She believes in doing the right things for the right reasons. These are virtues she is sure to pass on to her three beautiful children: Lawrence, Eloisa, and Amelia. The people's House thanks Kristene for her years of dedicated service.

HONORING MISS AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING TEEN 2019—LONDON HIBBS OF TYLER, TEXAS

HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, Texas is blessed to have had some absolutely extraordinary, inspirational people who have accomplished some manifestly phenomenal things. One of those extraordinary, inspirational individuals who has already inspired a nation is London Hibbs of Tyler, Texas who, as Miss Texas' Outstanding Teen, recently captured the prestigious title of Miss America's Outstanding Teen 2019 in Orlando, Florida.

London will have the remarkable opportunity to speak to audiences nationwide about her personal platform, "Check Yes 4 Life," which encourages teen organ donation registration.

The little sister program to Miss America, the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Organization is, one of the nation's leading achievement programs encouraging and nurturing scholastic achievement, creative accomplishment, healthy living, and community involvement of our nation's youth.

London's academic and creative endeavors already reflect an unusual maturity, embodying the drive, dedication, and desire that marks exceptionally successful adults. She is an Honor Roll student, member of Mensa, gifted vocal soloist who has performed in Carnegie Hall, enthusiastic community volunteer, accomplished actress, and is highly respected as a leader among her peers.

As a result of London's prestigious accomplishment, she has been awarded more than

\$30,000 in scholarships, after securing preliminary wins in both the Talent and the Evening Wear/Onstage Question portions of the competition. Every aspect of her life and her persona reflect well on all who have assisted her along the way.

As she travels the country this year, all of us can look forward to the significant impact London will make on the thousands upon thousands of people she will meet as she inspires them to reach for their dreams.

It will be a great pleasure to watch her pursue and achieve her aspirations beyond the opportunities afforded her during this year of service as well, just as it has been a great honor for me personally to know, respect, and admire the entire Hibbs family.

It is truly a distinct privilege to honor this exceptional young lady, our reigning Miss America's Outstanding Teen 2019 London Hibbs, whose landmark accomplishments will endure as long as there is a United States of America.

HONORING MR. JOHN GRIESHEIMER, ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 36 YEARS IN SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Mr. John Griesheimer, on his retirement after 36 years in service to the citizens of Franklin County.

Since 1982, Mr. Griesheimer has provided dedicated service to his community of Washington, Missouri. It started with his representation on the City Council in 1982 through 1988 before being elected as County Commissioner in 1989 and serving in that role until 1992. Those 4 years of service as a commissioner adequately prepared Mr. Griesheimer for his next elected official roles as State Representative followed by the State Senate. For nearly 20 years he served in the Missouri Legislature and holds the title of being the first State Senator from Washington, Missouri—what an honor! Once his term as State Senator was completed, Mr. Griesheimer continued his dedicated public service to Franklin County as Presiding Commissioner until July of this year.

Throughout his commissioner and state elected official duties, Mr. Griesheimer was active in many community organizations: OATS Transit, Washington Lions Club, East-West Gateway Council of Governments, Missouri Association of Counties, Knights of Columbus, Elks, Missouri Main Street Connection, Washington Historical Society, and the Washington Bridge Committee. Each of these organizations have shared their great appreciation for the many hours Mr. Griesheimer has spent volunteering his time.

With his numerous civic responsibilities, Mr. Griesheimer has seen major accomplishments

over the years. In 1986, during his time on the City Council, the Washington City Pool Renovations were completed. In 1997, as he served as Missouri State Representative, Amtrak installed a stop in Washington. Then in 2007, while he was a Missouri State Senator, he helped with the passage of the Enhanced Enterprise Zone Bill for Franklin County. This zoning bill paved the way for the building of the Menards Distribution Center in Sullivan, Missouri. In 2010 the Associated Industries of Missouri acknowledged his great work by presenting him with the Friend of Manufacturing and Industry Award.

Of Mr. Griesheimer's biggest supporters over the years are his wife, Rita and their three children. In his retirement, he will enjoy spending more time with his family. He will also continue his service on the statewide OATS Transportation Board and with the Washington Lions Club.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. John Griesheimer on his retirement after 36 years in dedicated service to his hometown, county, and state.

HONORING THE COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County for fifty-two years of outstanding service to the central coast of California. Since its founding in 1966, CAB has provided advocacy, employment training, food assistance, and housing support to Santa Cruz County residents.

Through CAB's "ALCANCE" program, at-risk youth and adults re-entering the work force have a vital resource for job training and employment. CAB also operates the Day Worker Center of Santa Cruz County, an important organization that helps day laborers secure safe employment, improve their skills, and earn higher wages. Together, these programs result in good jobs that pay residents, enriching and enabling participatory engagement in our community.

CAB's Rental Assistance Program and CalWORKS Emergency Payment Program provide relief to residents struggling to meet the financial demands of housing, education, and employment. These programs help provide the means for low-income, disabled, and elderly members of our community to live independently, remain employed, and continue providing for themselves and their families.

I appreciate the long-standing and ever-growing commitment of the Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County to the welfare of our diverse constituency on the Central Coast. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me

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in expressing gratitude to the Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County for its dedication to improving the economic, political and social standing of our community members.

DR. BRUCE WEINER

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a fellow Tampanian, Bruce Weiner, on his tenure as the national president of the prestigious American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) and honor his commitment to safe, quality anesthesia care for my neighbors and patients nationwide.

Bruce received his bachelor's degree in Nursing from the University of Delaware, a master's degree in Nurse Anesthesiology from the Medical College of Virginia and a Doctor of Nursing Practice from the University of South Florida in our hometown of Tampa. He has long been an active advocate for nurse anesthetists and the patients they serve. He has shared his expertise and passion by serving on professional associations in many capacities at the state and national levels, while continuing to provide clinical anesthesia services in Tampa Bay. Bruce participated as a guest lecturer at the University of South Florida, and as a clinical instructor at Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa and served on AANA's Board of Directors.

During his AANA presidency, Bruce has been a prominent advocate for patients and the practice of nurse anesthesia before federal agencies and members of Congress. He has worked efficiently to promote anesthesia patient safety and the value of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) to our health care system, especially when it comes to dealing with chronic pain and the opioid crisis. Bruce has worked to have CRNAs recognized as full practice providers in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) to maintain provider non-discrimination and to achieve full scope of practice for CRNAs.

On behalf of the citizens of Florida, my neighbors across Tampa Bay and CRNAs everywhere, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bruce Weiner for 34 years of service facilitating access to care to all patients.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SETH MOULTON

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Mr. MOULTON. Mr. Speaker, due to personal reasons, I was not able to vote on Friday, September 28th. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 413; NAY on Roll Call No. 414; and YEA on Roll Call No. 415.

TAIWAN'S 107TH NATIONAL DAY

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to wish all Taiwanese Americans and the people of Taiwan a very happy 107th National Day.

Taiwan is an extraordinary friend of the United States, and it is important that we continue to build upon our critical partnership economically, culturally, and politically. The United States is lucky to have an ally in Asia to further promote peace and stability in the region, and to serve as a strong example of democracy. Taiwan is also the United States' 11th largest trading partner and has imported \$3.57 billion in food and agricultural products.

The state of California has deep and ever-growing ties with Taiwan. California exports over \$7 billion worth of goods to Taiwan, which serves as its 5th largest export market in the world. The Greater Los Angeles region represents the largest Taiwanese community in the United States, and many have gone on to settle in the San Gabriel Valley providing our local communities with new traditions, employment opportunities, and economic growth.

With continued commitment to this important relationship, I am happy to recognize Taiwan's 107th National Day and look forward to our many years of prosperous relations.

DEDICATION OF THE MONUMENT TO HONOR TRAMMEL'S TRACE, THE FIRST ROAD TO TEXAS

HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, the following certificate of congressional recognition is presented to the Stone Fort Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas October 2, 2018:

Upon the dedication of the monument to honor Trammel's Trace, the First Road to Texas, upon whose path, such notable Texans as Sam Houston, Jim Bowie and Davy Crockett traveled into Nacogdoches and on to the battles of the Revolution; and in further recognition of its historic significance as a route which brought many to settle this great and untamed territory along the Red and Sabine Rivers, all while promoting trade and commerce along its well-travelled path, thereby paving the way for the establishment of the Great Republic of Texas.

Presented on this 2nd day of October in the year of our Lord 2018.

IN HONOR OF THE PROMOTION OF COMMANDER JOHN MCCARTHY TO THE RANK OF CAPTAIN IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

HON. STEVE SCALISE

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John McCarthy as he is promoted

to Captain in the United States Coast Guard. Captain McCarthy graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1997, and after two years of service aboard USCGC *FORWARD*, he received orders to flight school where he trained to be an HU-25 Falcon pilot. After four years of service, Captain McCarthy reported to Air Station Washington, D.C. as the Operations Officer. Following two years of service as the Military Aide to the President of the United States, Captain McCarthy served at Coast Guard Headquarters within the Office of Budget and Programs. In 2014, Captain McCarthy returned to the Aviation Community as Executive Officer of Air Station Washington, D.C., and in 2017, I had the pleasure of welcoming him to my staff as a Legislative Fellow. During his time in my office, he has been a tremendous asset to our legislative team, and has represented the best of the USCG. I congratulate Captain McCarthy on his promotion within the United States Coast Guard and thank him for his twenty-plus years of service to our nation. This significant achievement distinguishes him as among the United States Coast Guard's most trusted and capable senior leaders.

RECOGNITION OF TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Taiwan's National Independence Day, Double Ten Day. On October 10th, Taiwan celebrates the 107th anniversary of the Republic of China. In the face of heightening regional tensions, the bond between the United States and Taiwan must remain strong. On the occasion of Taiwan's National Day, I want to congratulate the people of Taiwan on this important anniversary and express the sincere commitment of our nation and this body to the bilateral relationship.

Through commerce, our military partnership, and the ties between our citizens, the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan) have built an alliance which I am confident can withstand any future threats, and to which I know the Trump administration is committed to preserving. I also want to take this moment to commend the Americans serving in the American Institute in Taiwan for their patriotism and hard work advancing this relationship.

Furthermore, Beijing's attempts to undermine Taiwan's participation in international fora, its bullying of private airlines over recognition of Taiwan's government, and its disruption of Taiwan's diplomatic ties should not go unmentioned. I believe the current administration has responded appropriately and that Washington will continue to make its views known.

From its beginnings with the overthrow of imperial rule, to its embrace of a vibrant democracy today, the Republic of China (Taiwan) shares a bond with the United States founded on common principles. As Taiwan celebrates Double Ten Day, I extend my best wishes and congratulate the Taiwanese people for all they have achieved.