

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF HELENA
CHASE BIRDWELL'S SERVICE TO
THE SECOND DISTRICT

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Helena Chase Birdwell of Barren County, Kentucky, who is moving on from my congressional office after almost seven years serving Kentucky's Second District.

Helena has spent her entire career serving others. After graduating from Glasgow High School and Eastern Kentucky University, she worked for the Barren River Area Development District, where she helped people find training and work opportunities. In 2012, she joined my office as a Constituent Services Representative. In this role, she has helped countless Second District residents navigate the bureaucracy of the federal government. Whether it's someone who needs a last-minute passport or someone trying to get Social Security benefits, Helena will make it happen. She will be missed not only by the many people she has helped, but also by the people at the federal agencies who love to work with her.

I want to congratulate Helena as she embarks on her new role as Barren County Clerk. I wish her the best of luck in this new endeavor.

RECOGNIZING JOAN NYE OF
COLUMBUS

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joan Nye of Columbus for her efforts to prevent suicide in Montana and the support she provides the survivors of suicide loss.

Ms. Nye serves on the executive board of the Montana chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) and has led the organization for a decade as its chairwoman. She facilitates a support group for survivors of suicide loss and has been an active member of the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Yellowstone Valley since its formation in 2004. The group sponsors monthly meetings, outreach events, fundraisers, and seminars.

A survivor of suicide loss, Ms. Nye chairs the AFSP Montana chapter's education committee which focuses on suicide prevention education and training. She helps health professionals, family members, and others learn to identify the risk factors and warning signs of suicide and how to seek help.

Ms. Nye is a key organizer of the Out of the Darkness Yellowstone Valley Walk, which raised nearly \$90,000 in September for AFSP

to invest in research, education, outreach, and support services.

Her efforts are critical in Montana which has one of the highest suicide rates in the nation. On average, a Montanan dies by suicide every 33 hours. Tragically, it is the eighth leading cause of death in Montana, and it is the second leading cause of death for young Americans.

Suicide, however, is preventable, and dedicated and compassionate advocates like Joan Nye are helping to save lives and end the stigma surrounding suicide.

Mr. Speaker, for her selfless devotion to the survivors of suicide loss and her tireless efforts to prevent suicide in Montana, I recognize Joan Nye for her spirit of Montana.

IN RECOGNITION OF HAL C.
LAWRENCE III, M.D.

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hal C. Lawrence III, M.D. After eleven years of service, Dr. Lawrence recently retired as the executive vice president and chief executive officer of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

During his tenure at ACOG, Dr. Lawrence led the organization's work to support OB/GYNs, advance health care, and strengthen ACOG's position within the health care industry. Earlier in his career, Dr. Lawrence was a practicing OB/GYN in Asheville, North Carolina from 1979 to 2007.

As a fellow physician, I thank Dr. Lawrence for his long service to OB/GYNs and American patients. I am grateful for his partnership as we worked toward shared goals, and congratulate him on his retirement.

THE ASIA BIBI CASE REVEALS
THAT PAKISTAN FAVORS EXTRE-
MISM OVER JUSTICE

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Pakistan is a state that not only harbors extremists but incorporates their wicked ideology into law. For years, Pakistani religious minorities have suffered under the nation's barbaric blasphemy laws, with dozens sentenced to death and many more brutally imprisoned, tortured, or attacked by extremist mobs. The prosecution and treatment of Asia Bibi under this absurd blasphemy law has revealed Pakistan to be governed by radical mobs rather than a fair justice system.

Asia Bibi, whose real name is Aasiya Nooreen, has been sitting on Pakistan's death row

for nine years for allegedly insulting the Prophet Muhammad when she was told she could not drink from the same cup as Muslims because she is a Christian. For defending herself and standing for universal values of religious liberty and human rights, she was horrifically beaten in front of her five children and condemned to die by Pakistan's courts. Fortunately, Pakistan's Supreme Court has shown some sense of justice and acquitted Bibi because there was no evidence to convict her. Yet her fate remains uncertain. Extremists have protested the court's decision across Pakistan and made clear their violent intent if she is released. In fact, two prominent Pakistani politicians who spoke out in defense of Bibi, were assassinated in 2011, including the only Christian member of Pakistan's cabinet.

However, it's unclear if the Pakistani government will protect her and not cave to extremist demands—as it has so many times before. Right now, Bibi and her family's lives are in danger. Being a Christian in Pakistan already is a huge risk but being one that has simply been accused of insulting Islam is to put a bounty on their heads for which Pakistan's multiple terrorist groups are eager to collect. Bibi's lawyer has already sought asylum for himself and his family in the Netherlands because of the death threats. But Pakistan's new Prime Minister, Imran Khan, has signaled he will appease the extremists by potentially blocking her attempts to flee Pakistan and vowing not to oppose a review of the Supreme Court's acquittal. This is unacceptable and demonstrates that Pakistan's leaders favor extremism over justice.

Perhaps, the only thing worse than Pakistan surrendering its rule of law to extremists is that the United States spends billions of dollars to support this corrupt government. There is no justification for our tax dollars subsidizing persecution of Christians and other minorities. America must end its assistance to Pakistan and send a clear message that its current course towards an extremist state ends in isolation.

And that's just the way it is.

RECOGNIZING THE PUBLIC
SERVICE OF MADELINE DONOVAN

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, the work we do each day in Congress would not be possible without the tremendous efforts of our dedicated and talented staff.

Today I rise to recognize an especially valuable member of my team who is soon departing our office.

Madeline Donovan has been serving the needs of our North Country community since 2010, when she began working for constituents of our district in the office of my predecessor, Congressman Bill Owens.

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The daughter of Timothy and Laura Donovan, Maddie was born and raised in Oswego, New York, and has enthusiastically worked on behalf of her community since she was a child, as a founding member of St. Stephen the King's Youth Group, a member of Oswego County's Youth Court, and an officer on Oswego County's Student Advisory Council.

She is a graduate of Nazareth College of Rochester and has called Watertown, New York, home for the past eight years.

Maddie is passionate about her home state. She loves discussing the remarkable history of our region and is always eager to point out to others just what makes Northern New York so unique. Whenever I travel across our great district, I run into veterans, seniors and farmers that she has worked tirelessly to help. I know that she will always carry a piece of the North Country with her in her heart, and it is bittersweet to wish Maddie all my best going forward.

I am grateful for her incredible service to our district.

RECOGNIZING 2018 WORLD WIDE
PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION
DAY AND H. RES. 1133

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring awareness to the 2018 World Wide Pressure Injury Prevention Day and to express my support for H. Res. 1133 which I recently introduced to raise awareness to an epidemic affecting our country and the entire world.

Pressure injuries and their associated complications lead to over 60,000 deaths in patients per year, affect over 2 million Americans, and cost the United States health care system nearly \$11 billion annually.

Between 2016 and 2017, hospital-acquired pressure injury incidence rates increased by 58.4 percent. Clearly we need additional research to advance treatments for pressure injury patients. This will also relieve the financial burden on government and health care providers around the country.

World Wide Pressure Injury Prevention Day, observed annually on the third Thursday in November, and the National Pressure Ulcer/Injury Prevention Day proposed in H. Res. 1133, serve as reminders for all that we must do more if we hope to overcome this challenging health care dilemma.

I look forward to working with the House Energy and Commerce Committee in considering H. Res. 1133 for the benefit of all Americans to reduce the prevalence and impact of this overlooked, yet devastating health care condition.

CONGRATULATING THE STERLING
HIGH SCHOOL GOLDEN WAR-
RIORS FOR WINNING THE CLASS
3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN
VOLLEYBALL

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Sterling High School Golden Warriors for earning the Class 3A title for the Illinois State Championship in volleyball.

Claiming a state title is something to be proud of and I would like to recognize them for their tremendous accomplishment. Their dedication and passion for their sport meant that they were determined to win gold. As a former athlete, I understand the amount of hard work and commitment to be awarded such a title. They are an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to see them represent Sterling throughout the state.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Sterling High School Golden Warriors Volleyball Team on their title, and I join the rest of the community in wishing them every success in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I erroneously voted YES on roll call vote number 418, and I would like to reflect that I intended to vote NO.

IN MEMORY OF GERALDINE SAMS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Geraldine Sams, who passed away earlier this year. Although she was born and raised in Connecticut, Mrs. Sams leaves a strong legacy of compassion and dedication to North Texas.

Mrs. Sams will be remembered for her long service to her fellow Americans. After earning her undergraduate degree at Central Connecticut State University and a Master of Social Work from Columbia University, Mrs. Sams spent ten years as a social worker at the New York Presbyterian Hospital in Manhattan. Later in 1979, she moved to Texas and continued to work at both the Denton State Supported Living Center and Lewisville Medical Center. In 1991, Mrs. Sams founded Geri-Options Geriatric Care Management, through which she helped countless North Texans and their families.

In 2006, she pioneered Stepping Stones, a program to provide care for adults with dementia and support for their caregivers. Thanks to its success, the program has be-

come a joint program with Texas Women's University School of Occupational Therapy, where Mrs. Sams taught courses for students studying social work.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Sams exemplified commitment to compassionate care. As an active member of the North Texas community, she was a founding member of AIDS of Denton and the South Central Chapter of the Aging Life Care Association. Mrs. Sams also was an active member of Health Services of North Texas and the Alzheimer's Advisory Board. For her efforts, she was recognized with awards from both the National Association of Social Work and Health Services of North Texas.

I am deeply grateful for Geraldine Sams' long service, which touched the lives of North Texans and Americans around the country. On behalf of the 26th District of Texas, I recognize her significant contributions to our region, and express my condolences to her family and all who knew her.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN
McGRAW

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of John McGraw, a World War II veteran and resident of Fulton, New York. On November 18, 2018, Mr. McGraw was recognized as the oldest member of the Fulton First United Methodist Church. A lifelong citizen of Central New York, Mr. McGraw has made vast contributions to his community and our nation.

John McGraw was born in Fulton, New York in 1921. His father worked for the Sealright Company and John followed in his father's footsteps. He worked as a mechanist at the local plant and helped produce paper containers used for food and beverages. When America entered World War II in 1941, John answered the call of duty and began service with the United States Army. John was among the brave infantrymen who stormed the beaches of Normandy on June 6th, 1944, as a part of the D-Day Invasion. Landing on Omaha Beach with B Company during the second wave of the invasion, John's duty was to disarm active landmines so his fellow soldiers could advance up the beach. His courage, along with the courage of hundreds of other soldiers, helped make the D-Day Invasion a success and shifted momentum towards the Allies for the rest of World War II. Today, John is the last surviving member of B Company who fought in the D-Day Invasion.

After the war, John continued to serve in the best interest of the public. He began working for the Fulton Auxiliary Police Force as an officer in 1948 and remained there until 1963. While with the force, John diligently protected Fulton from crime by paying close attention to detail and taking action when he noticed injustice. In addition, he continued his work as a Sealright mechanist. His children joined him at the company, just as he had joined his father.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in celebrating the extraordinary life of John McGraw. He is exemplary of courage and honor, two values that are pillars of our country. Mr. McGraw's service to