

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from the chamber on Tuesday, November 27, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on roll call votes 421 and 422.

HONORING THE 2019 ACADEMY NOMINEES OF THE 11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, every year, more high school seniors from the 11th Congressional District trade in varsity jackets for Navy pea coats, Air Force flight suits, and Army brass buckles than most other districts in the country. In fact, this is nothing new—our area has repeatedly sent an above average portion of its sons and daughters to the nation's military academies for decades.

This fact should not come as a surprise. The educational excellence of area schools is well known and has long been a magnet for families looking for the best environment in which to raise their children. Our graduates are skilled not only in mathematics, science, and social studies, but also have solid backgrounds in sports, debate teams, and other extracurricular activities. This diverse upbringing makes military academy recruiters sit up and take note—indeed, many recruiters know our towns and schools by name.

Since the 1830s, Members of Congress have enjoyed meeting, talking with, and nominating superb young people to our military academies. But how did this process evolve? In 1843, when West Point was the sole academy, Congress ratified the nominating process and became directly involved in the makeup of our military's leadership. This was not an act of an imperial Congress bent on controlling every aspect of government. Rather, the procedure still used today was, and is, a further check and balance in our democracy. It was originally designed to weaken and divide political coloration in the officer corps, provide geographical balance to our armed services, and to make the officer corps more resilient to unfettered nepotism and handicapped European armies.

In 1854, Representative Gerritt Smith of New York added a new component to the academy nomination process, the academy review board. This was the first time a Member of Congress appointed prominent citizens from his district to screen applicants and assist with the serious duty of nominating can-

didates for academy admission. Today, I am honored to continue this wise tradition in my service to the 11th Congressional District.

My Academy Review Board is composed of local citizens who have shown exemplary service to New Jersey, to their communities, and to the continued excellence of education in our area; many are veterans. Although from diverse backgrounds and professions, they all share a common vision, that the best qualified and motivated graduates attend our academies. And, as true for most volunteer panels, their service goes largely unnoticed.

I would like to take a moment to recognize and thank them publicly for participating in this important panel. Being on the board requires hard work and an objective mind. Members have the responsibility of interviewing upwards of 50 outstanding young men and women every year in the academy review process.

The nomination process follows a general timetable. High school seniors mail personal information directly to the Military Academy, the Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy, and the Merchant Marine Academy once they become interested in attending. Information includes academic achievement, college entry test scores, and other activities. At this time, they also inform my office of their desire to be nominated.

The academies then assess the applicants, rank them based on the data supplied, and return the files to my office with their notations. In late November, our Academy Review Board interviews all of the applicants over the course of 2 days. They assess a student's qualifications and analyze character, desire to serve, and other talents that may not appear on paper.

This year the board interviewed 50 applicants. The Board's recommendations are then forwarded to the academies, where recruiters review files and notify applicants of their final decision on admission.

As these highly motivated and talented young men and women go through the academy nominating process, never let us forget the sacrifice they are preparing to make: to defend our country and protect our citizens. This holds especially true at a time when our nation is fighting the war against terrorism. Whether it is in the Middle East, Africa or other troubled spots around the world, no doubt we are constantly reminded that wars are fought by the young. And, while our military missions are both important and dangerous, it is reassuring to know that we continue to put America's best and brightest in command.

ACADEMY NOMINEES FOR 2019, 11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Matthew Forget, St. Peter's Preparatory School
James Galbraith, Morristown High School
Sarah Houser, Morristown High School
Justus von Lengerke, Montclair Kimberly Academy
Lazarra Mazza-Hilway, Passaic Valley High School
John Pendergrast, West Morris Mendham High School

Paul Rickershauser, Morristown High School
Bradley Rindos, Chatham High School
Rachel Schneider, Passaic County Technical Institute
Tori Seeland, Sparta High School

MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

Connor Collins, Mountain Lakes High School
Mission Kercher, Mountain Lakes High School
Ryan Mayes, Chatham High School
Mason Morales, Bloomfield High School
Grace Rose, Passaic Valley Regional High School
Carter Sheridan, Sparta High School

MILITARY ACADEMY

Russell Eberding, U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School
Reilly Hughes, Montclair Kimberly Academy
Sean Lee, Chatham High School
Patrick McGurrin, Sparta High School
Colin Morgan, West Orange High School
Pierce Moul, West Orange High School
Maria Pacelli, Wayne Valley High School
Connor Tsikitas, St. Joseph's Regional High School
Edward Wolf, Depaul Catholic High School
Kai Youngren, Newark Academy

NAVAL ACADEMY

Matthew Dubois, Xavier High School
Stuart Fechhelm, West Morris Mendham High School
Nicolas Galup, St. Peter's Preparatory School
Douglas Gologorsky, Montville Township High School
Arush Naidu, Delbarton High School
Calvin Poche, University of Wisconsin-Madison
William Stoddard, Sparta High School
Quinten Tomaro, Chatham High School
Sarah Williams, Morristown-Beard School
Antonio Zaccaria, West Essex Regional High School

HONORING THE 6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the individuals who served on the 6th Congressional District Education Advisory Committee.

The members of the Advisory Committee met with my team regularly to discuss important education issues in Indiana. During the time I've served in Congress, numerous education issues have been at the center of the national stage. This Committee advised me on everything from school nutrition to higher education finance. The Committee's valuable insight helped me better represent Hoosiers from the 6th Congressional District in Congress.

I would like to thank all of the members of the Committee, including Dave Pfaff, Dave

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Adams, Jim Roberts, Chris Hoke, Ryan Mikus, Paul Ketcham, Jeff Whorley, Jr., John Ellsner, Dennis Ice, Elizabeth Jones, Kathleen Mote, Chris Gage, Jill Landers, Sam Snideman, Steve Fisher, Mary McCoy, Tim Scales, Curt Merlau, and Brelyn Nolting.

I appreciate their service on the Committee and their dedication to making Indiana a better place to live for all Hoosiers. I wish all of them continued success in whatever God has in store for them and their families.

RECOGNIZING BRADLY A.
HARDEL'S THIRTY YEARS OF
SERVICE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Bradley A. Hardel's thirty years of service in law enforcement, and the successful legacy he leaves as Waupaca County's top law enforcement officer. Sheriff Hardel's outstanding career consists of many professional accomplishments that reflect the caliber of his leadership and service.

Sheriff Hardel began working for the Waupaca County Sheriff's Department in 1988 as a dispatch officer. His work ethic and diligence allowed him to climb the ranks of the department from dispatcher to patrol officer, patrol sergeant, and finally Sheriff. In 2007 he was elected Waupaca County Sheriff, a true testament to his dedication to Waupaca and his leadership abilities. From dispatch officer to Sheriff, Mr. Hardel has earned the respect of his peers and community not only in Waupaca County, but across the entire state of Wisconsin.

During Sheriff Hardel's tenure, the county experienced incredible growth and improvements, including the establishment of a K-9 unit and rescue SWAT vehicle. Sheriff Hardel has provided steadfast and unflinching leadership during times of change, while supporting his department and protecting our communities. Sheriff Hardel's concern for all officers has been instrumental in promoting a positive, healthy atmosphere.

Mr. Hardel leaves large shoes to fill in the Sheriff's office, and his legacy and impact will not soon be forgotten. There is no doubt that Sheriff Hardel will be missed by the officers who worked and served with him, the county officials who depended upon him, and the members of the communities he helped keep safe. As Sheriff Hardel steps down to pursue other interests, I have no doubt he will continue to serve as a leader in Waupaca County and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in commending Mr. Hardel for his service as Sheriff and thank him for his long career protecting the great state of Wisconsin.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR, U.S. ARMY,
RETIRED, TRUDY LEE CALDWELL

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Trudy Lee Caldwell. She was a veteran, social justice activist, devoted daughter and sister. Trudy was born on September 19, 1967, and passed away at the age of 51 on November 7, 2018.

She was born in Madden, Mississippi, raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and graduated from James Madison High School. She enlisted in the United States Army in 1985 after graduating from high school. At the end of her initial enlistment, Trudy attended and graduated from Fayetteville State University (FSU) cum laude. While in attendance at FSU she served as both Student Government Association Present and student representative on the University's Board of Trustees, became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and participated in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Program and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Quartermaster Corps.

Trudy Caldwell's assignments during her military service spanned the globe and only accentuated her worldwide perspective in approaching issues. She was selected for the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS), Office of the Secretary of Defense Internship Program. This internship Program led to assignments with the Joint Staff and the Army's Congressional Liaison Office. It was my pleasure to first meet Trudy while she was assigned to the U.S. House of Representatives as part of the Army's Congressional Liaison Office in 2004. Under the auspices of the JCS, Office of the Secretary of Defense Internship Program, Trudy completed her Master's Degree from Georgetown University's highly venerated McCourt School of Public Policy. She also served a work placement in my congressional office as part of her graduate studies concentrating on Veteran's Issues; Trudy was a valuable asset bringing her knowledge and years of military service to assist the staff and constituents of the 4th Congressional District.

Major Caldwell lived life to the fullest and I was pleased to celebrate her 50th birthday with her and other friends two years ago in Milwaukee. Trudy achieved one of her goals to establish the Myrick Woodley Leadership Institute. The Institute mission is to inspire and empower youth in the greater Milwaukee area to develop to pursue STEM careers in non-traditional sectors. Youth would be exposed to opportunities at home in Washington, DC. The youth would become informed and engaged world citizens and leaders while carrying out her vision greater exposure and growth for youth. Major Caldwell retired from active duty in 2009 after an accumulated service of 20 years. After retirement, she continued her public service as a Department the Army Civilians and worked for the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army in procurement where she worked until her transition.

She leaves behind many friends, admirers and family members to mourn her passing including: her mother Eliza B. Myrick; sisters Hope Myrick and Charlotte Woodley, a niece and nephew. Major Trudy Lee Caldwell made

a positive impact on Milwaukee Wisconsin and the world. I am proud to call Trudy my friend. Mr. Speaker, for these reasons I rise to pay tribute to a woman whose legacy will continue to benefit the Fourth Congressional District for years.

HONORING THE 6TH CONGRES-
SIONAL DISTRICT FAITH BASED
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the individuals who served on the 6th Congressional District Faith Based Advisory Committee.

The members of the Advisory Committee met with my team regularly to discuss important faith issues in Indiana. During the time I've served in Congress, numerous issues relating to religious freedom, life, marriage, and faith have been at the center of the national stage. The Committee's valuable insight helped me better represent Hoosiers from the 6th Congressional District in Congress.

I would like to thank all of the members of the Committee, including Glenn Tebbe, Clay Morgan, Steve Yeaton, Larry Gember, Sister Joan Miller, Frank Baldwin, Ryan McCann, Shane Whybrew, Pamela Russell, Mathew Barnes, Brett Fischer, and Marcus Schrader.

I appreciate their service on the Committee and their dedication to making Indiana a better place to live for all Hoosiers. I wish all of them continued success in whatever God has in store for them and their families.

JOSEPH AND CHANUKAH

HON. SCOTT TAYLOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD a statement on behalf of my constituent, Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman. Rabbi Zoberman is the Founding Rabbi of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Born in Chu, Kazakhstan (USSR) in 1945, he is the son of Polish Holocaust Survivors and spent his early childhood in Displaced Persons Camps in Austria and Germany before moving to Haifa, Israel in 1949.

The great and most colorful Joseph saga extends over four Torah portions and thirteen Biblical chapters! How opportune it is as we celebrate the miracle of Chanukah and the reading of Joseph's awesome adventures, that the Jewish experience has often been to find ourselves like Joseph, in the darkness of the pit, without losing faith in the light of redemption yet to emerge. As we kindle this season the Chanukah menorah's sacred lights of eternal hope for a world transformed through Sholom's gifts, we remember the 11 lost shining lights targeted on Shabbat by the venom of the precipitous rise of anti-Semitic darkness (Western civilization's oldest disease) at the historic Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. It was the deadliest attack on Jews on American soil. Indeed, an attack on what America, the