

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

H. RES. 1161, RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH TO THE MEMBER ELECT FROM THE 13TH DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

HON. PAUL D. RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, on November 29, 2018, the House by unanimous consent adopted House Resolution 1161 in advance of the administration of the oath of office to Representative BRENDA JONES of Michigan. Representative JONES was elected on November 6, 2018 to fill a vacancy in the 13th Congressional District of Michigan for the remainder of the 115th Congress. Her certificate of election was received by the House on November 29, 2018. Representative JONES also currently serves as the President of the Detroit City Council. Representative JONES has indicated that she will abide by guidance from the House Committee on Ethics to minimize the conflicts that may exist with her duties as President of the City Council during this short tenure in the House.

The Speaker, with the concurrence of the Democratic Leader, finds that this resolution (1) represents a narrow exception to the restriction established by the House on January 20, 1909, that the duties of a Member of the House and the Governor of a State are "absolutely inconsistent" and may not be "simultaneously discharged" by the same Member and (2) does not address the Constitutional qualifications of a Member.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from the chamber on Friday, November 30, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on roll call vote 425.

HONORING BIG SUR FIRE CHIEF
MARTHA KARSTENS

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extensive contributions made by Big Sur Fire Chief Martha Karstens to the well-being and prosperity of our community on the central coast of California. Chief Karstens has been an invaluable asset to the Big Sur community, a rural area of my District adjacent to historic Highway 1 on the California coast.

I know that every Big Sur resident can attest to Chief Karstens's character, integrity, and devotion to protecting and serving her community.

Residents of Big Sur have historically experienced a lack of access to basic services due to the community's rural location. Chief Karstens sought to fix this, and in 1976, enrolled in the first Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) class ever offered in Big Sur, eventually becoming involved with the American Red Cross' Central Coast Chapter as a volunteer ambulance emergency responder. In 1979, Chief Karstens became president of the Red Cross Big Sur Ambulance, the only emergency first response service stationed in Big Sur at the time. Chief Karstens also served on the Board of the Red Cross, Carmel Chapter, as a representative of the Big Sur community. Chief Karstens continued as the Big Sur Ambulance President until 1991, when Monterey County funded a full-time, paid ambulance crew for the Big Sur community.

Following fourteen years of service with the Big Sur Ambulance, Chief Karstens joined the Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade, where she has served for the last twenty-eight years. She was named the Brigade's first Medical Battalion Chief in 1991 and was instrumental in developing the Brigade's medical first responder and EMT mission. In 1994, Chief Karstens transitioned into an administrative role for the Brigade and was asked to become a Duty Officer, requiring her to respond to and direct responses for a wide range of incidents. Following further trainings and certifications in fire safety and emergency response, Chief Karstens was voted in as the Administrative Assistant Chief of the Brigade and recognized as Volunteer Firefighter of the Year in 2003. In 2009, Chief Karstens became the Chief of the Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade. During her tenure as Chief, she has overseen the organization throughout several devastating fires on the Central Coast. These included the Pfeiffer Fire in 2013, where, despite losing her own home, Chief Karstens continued serving as Incident Commander. She also played a crucial operational role during the Soberanes Fire and the coordinated response to the subsequent storms that collapsed the Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge and stranded hundreds of Big Sur residents. Chief Karstens helped to ensure these residents had access to food, medicine, and other essential supplies until the bridge could be restored several months later.

Chief Karstens' dedication to her community is evident in her work to protect and serve her fellow Big Sur community members over the last forty-two years. Throughout this time, she has responded personally to thousands of calls and committed thousands of hours of her personal time to volunteer in Big Sur. Chief Karstens has proven herself as a dedicated first responder and has served her community with steadfast commitment at great personal sacrifice. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Big Sur Fire Chief Martha Karstens on her distinguished service and in wishing her a long and healthy retirement.

MICHEL DOHERTY

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish Michel Doherty a Happy 94th Birthday and to honor her for a lifetime of community service.

Mrs. Doherty is well-known in our community for her extensive service through the countless organizations she participates in. The two projects that bring her the most pride have been the development of Four Mile Cove Ecological Preserve and the opening of the Veterans Administration Clinic in Cape Coral, but these are only a few examples of all the contributions she has made to the Cape Coral community.

Mrs. Doherty also participates as a member of the Cape Coral Civic Association, Fort Myers Women's Community Club, Tiger Bay Club of SWFL, chair of the American Red Cross "Simply Red Gala," Voices for Kids, Lee County Homeless Coalition, Giving Heart for Cancer, Abuse Center for Women, Downtown River District Art Walks, Boys and Girls Club of SWFL, Hope Hospice Planning Committee and Pace Center for Girls. There is no doubt that her work will positively impact our community for generations to come.

I thank Michel for her service to the Cape Coral community and wish her a Happy Birthday.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF VIRGINIA COMBS

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Virginia Combs, who is retiring as Deputy Director of the Kentucky Consular Center (KCC) in Williamsburg, Kentucky after 16 years of service.

Virginia has been a vital asset to the Department of State and the Kentucky Consular Center since taking on the role as Deputy Director in 2002, just two years after the center opened. When Virginia arrived, the facility had roughly 40 employees. Under her leadership and direction, more than 300 people now work at KCC, providing critical services for the State Department to process immigrant visa applications. The State Department's decision to locate in Williamsburg inspired leaders across Southern and Eastern Kentucky to dream bigger for high tech jobs and ramp up new industry recruitment. Year after year, Virginia has helped prove that we have the best workforce in the country and we can successfully meet federal government contract needs in our region.

Prior to KCC, Virginia played a monumental role in economic development projects in the

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Cumberland Valley and Lake Cumberland areas. She served as Program Coordinator for the Southeast Kentucky Economic Development Corporation in its early years of business recruitment and strategic planning. Virginia was also an International Trade Development Specialist, promoting international commerce and job creation in four of our Area Development Districts. As Executive Director of Corbin Economic Development and the Chamber of Commerce, she paved the way for development of the 600 acre industrial site now known as the Southeast Kentucky Business Park, which boasts a regional partnership including Bell, Clay, Knox, Laurel, McCreary and Whitely counties. She sparked the vision for a broader industrial portfolio in Southern and Eastern Kentucky.

The magnitude of success throughout Virginia's career is matched only by her heart of service and compassion for our region. She is a past President of the Williamsburg Kiwanis Club and served as Lieutenant Governor for the Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis Division 6 from 2014 to 2016, playing an instrumental role in the growth of the civic organization and advocating for progressive community projects.

I deeply appreciate Virginia's service and leadership in Southern Kentucky, as well as her sincere friendship and loyalty to the region. As she enters retirement, my wife, Cynthia, and I wish Virginia and her family tremendous joy and blessings in the years to come.

PRESIDENT WILLIAM TEAGUE OF
ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, a wonderful Christian Servant of Abilene Christian University has died. Bill Teague was President and an alum of my Alma mater ACU. He served as president when I was a Member of the board of trustees of the University. His clever dry Texas wit was a trademark of his leadership. His official obituary states:

"He was born Billy Teague in Olney, Texas, on July 12, 1927, the youngest of six sons. His father died when he was 14 years old, leaving his mother to raise him by herself in Nocona, Texas. While enrolled at high school, Teague was a proud member of Nocona's 1944 state champion basketball team. Following graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving four years while based in San Diego. It was in San Diego that he met Margaret "Peggy" Louise Newlen. They married June 4, 1948."

"After his honorable discharge from the military in 1949, the couple moved back to Texas so Bill could continue his education at Abilene Christian. While a student, he was appointed the first manager of KACC, the campus radio station. He graduated in 1952 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Bible and speech."

"He immediately went to work for then-president Dr. Don H. Morris as assistant to the president and secretary of the Alumni Association. He worked at ACU for five years before leaving to serve as vice president at both Harding University (1957-59) and Pepperdine University (1959-70)."

"Outside of his career in education, Teague pursued a variety of interests. He earned a

master's degree from Columbia University in 1959 and a doctorate from UCLA in 1965. In 1968 and 1970, he ran for U.S. Congressional seats in California. Teague frequently engaged in public speaking. He could be passionate and inspiring, but it was his humor that really endeared him to audiences. He was an active basketball and tennis player, but he most enjoyed spending time with his family."

"During the 1970s, Teague served as vice president of two Fortune 500 companies, Purex Corporation in California and Kerr-McGee, an Oklahoma-based oil company."

"From 1981 to 1991, Teague served as ACU's ninth president, and later as chancellor (1991-2007) and chancellor emeritus (2007-18). With an emphasis on fundraising, he oversaw the transformation of the campus leading to the construction of the Mabey Business Building and Onstead-Packer Biblical Studies Building, as well as the relocation of Judge Ely Boulevard. ACU's Teague Boulevard opened in May 1992, serving as a new front entrance to the university. Across campus, the Margaret L. and William J. Teague Center was dedicated in his and Peggy's honor."

"In addition to the major buildings completed during Teague's decade as president, the university endowment increased from \$18 million to \$56 million. The Honors Program and ACU Press were begun; and KACU became KACU-FM, a National Public Radio affiliate. The William J. and Margaret L. Teague Excellence Award, an endowed scholarship program for students at ACU, began in 1989. In 1991, Bill and wife, Peggy, were named Christian Educators of the Year by 20th Century Christian magazine for careers of service to three Church of Christ-affiliated universities."

"After becoming chancellor in 1991, Teague remained active on the campus until he suffered a stroke in 2002. Despite being confined to a wheelchair, he remained a regular attendee of ACU athletics and other events, as well as worship services at University Church of Christ, where he and Peggy were members. He especially looked forward to attending the university's annual Opening Assembly on the first day of school and its patriotic Parade of Flags ceremony he began in 1986."

"Teague was preceded in death by his parents, Dudley Thomas Teague and Sudie Crane Teague; and his wife, Peggy. Survivors include his son, Tom Teague; two daughters, Susan Reid and Dr. Helen Teague; and grandchildren Bill Teague and Amelia Louise Wildman."

Abilene Christian University was blessed by the Good Lord to have such a man lead this University on the windy plains of West Texas. And that's just the way it is.

HONORING KATIE TRUDEAU

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a former member of my staff, Katie Trudeau, for her work in my office and her service to our state.

Katie worked in my Indiana office for nearly a year, serving as one of my most senior staffers. Katie has an incredible work ethic and was a tremendous asset to our organization. She brought a wealth of experience and knowledge to our team and was someone I could rely on for on the ground political advice.

On a personal note, I admire Katie's commitment to her faith and family. Katie works very hard and delivers great results. But, you always have the sense that Katie's priorities are in the right order. She is the kind of leader who prays for her friends and always seems to recall the right quote from scripture.

I want to thank Katie for her friendship and her hard work in our office. I wish her continued success in all that God has planned for her family. I have no doubt Katie's biggest impact on our nation are yet to come. I look forward to cheering Katie on in those efforts.

SUPPORTING THE WORK OF
AMERICA'S DIPLOMATS

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my gratitude for the service and sacrifice of America's diplomats and to stress that a robust American diplomatic presence around the world is in our nation's interests, especially as our adversaries gain commercial, economic, and political ground. There is no substitute for brave, dedicated people in the field, and I would like to see us strengthen that key asset.

We are one of the few nations on earth with a truly global diplomatic presence. Since the founding of our country, our diplomats have advanced American interests in some of the most difficult and dangerous places on earth. These professionals defend our national security, enforce our laws, and protect our fellow citizens overseas, often at great risk to themselves. Our embassies and consulates are platforms of U.S. influence and vigilance and our diplomats are often the first to spot threats to our national security.

Their work abroad benefits Americans at home. Consider that an emergency investment in West Africa's health stopped cold what would have been an emerging Ebola pandemic a few years ago. Elsewhere, Foreign Service Officers work alongside the military to keep weapons of mass destruction out of the hands of terrorists. A strong diplomatic footprint is also necessary for U.S. businesses to be able to compete successfully in challenging and complex markets. It is no surprise that the business community has written to the Secretary of State to say it counts on American diplomats around the world to compete in the global marketplace—and to urge the State Department to send more diplomats to the field with the mission of advancing America's commercial interests.

I commend Secretary Pompeo for announcing his vision of putting America's diplomats in "every corner, every stretch of the world" and urge him to continue the work he has initiated to enhance America's diplomatic strength.

But above all, I want to thank the men and women of the Department of State and United States Agency for International Development for their faithful service to our nation. I have been honored to meet so many of our nation's diplomats and their family members in every corner of the globe in my 26 years in Congress, including six years as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. I have seen firsthand the positive and lasting impact their