

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER 20TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 31, 2018*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize a wonderful organization in my district that this year is celebrating its 20th Anniversary, the Community Resource Center located in Mamaroneck, New York.

The mission of CRC is today more important than ever. Formerly the Hispanic Resource Center, it is a 501(c)(3) community-based organization founded in 1998 to promote the cultural, economic, educational and professional integration of immigrants to the already established larger community. It is also dedicated to advocating for those in need. CRC aims to provide the tools to prepare new immigrant families to become self-sufficient and active members of the community.

Over its 20 years in existence, CRC has grown from a community initiative designed and acting as a clearinghouse of information and referral services, to an organization that provides comprehensive direct client services and programs. The Center provides a host of educational programs, case management and referral services and advocate for immigrants and low-income families in need. In the past year, the Center served nearly 4,000 adults, youth, and children in three primary areas: Case management and social services; Educational programs and workshops; and Worker Center-job placement for men and women seeking employment. The Center understands that the Westchester community is strengthened by cultural and economic diversity, and the work they do in support of that cannot be overstated.

Mr. Speaker, the America I know welcomes all immigrants and isn't afraid to lend a helping hand to those in need. I am proud to represent an organization like Community Resource Center that provides that loving hand every single day. Congratulations to the entire CRC team on 20 wonderful years serving the community, and here's to many more.

### HONORING JERRY FRIEDMAN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to recognize a dear friend, Jerry Friedman, who this year is celebrating his remarkable 90th birthday in addition to his 63rd wedding anniversary to his wonderful wife, Lillian.

Lillian and Jerry were married in the Bronx on December 10th, 1955. Together they have two children, Lynn and Stuart, who were both

born while the couple lived in Brooklyn, and now 2 grandchildren, Sophie and Ben. In 1971, the Friedman family moved to Co-op City, which is where Pat and I met them as members of the Co-op City Democratic Club. We have been close ever since.

Jerry was a very active member on the Riverbay Board for many years, and at one point served as Vice President for three terms. He was also instrumental in the rent strike, acting as an advocate for residents. When I first ran for State Assembly, Jerry and Lillian were two of my earliest supporters. I'll never forget the faith they placed in me.

Outside of his activism, Jerry is a wonderful amateur photographer whose pictures have hung in the Riverdale Y and other local spots. He was also very active in the Boy Scouts and over the years rose to their highest office.

In addition, Jerry served on the Board of Visitors at Bronx Psychiatric Center, which provides a continuum of inpatient, outpatient and related psychiatric services with inpatient hospitalization at the main campus.

Mr. Speaker, I have long cherished my friendship with Jerry Friedman and I count myself incredibly fortunate to have known him for so many years. He is a terrific individual who has done so much to help strengthen our community here in the Bronx, and I am honored to be able to recognize him on this wonderful occasion. Congratulations to Jerry on an incredible 90 years.

### RETIREMENT OF MATTHEW PINKUS

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I have the opportunity to inform colleagues that Mr. Matthew Pinkus, our Committee senior policy adviser and parliamentarian to House Administration Committee Democrats, retired recently, concluding a congressional staff career which began as an intern in 1971 and included 19 years on our committee, the longest of the more than twenty different congressional professional positions he had held during that period, including time as chief legislative assistant to Rep. Michael Barnes (D) of Maryland for the congressman's entire tenure in the House.

Whether working in House leadership, on five different congressional committees and in Members' offices, Matt excelled in a huge variety of tasks. A summer college job as a congressional intern in the House for Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal of New York while attending Brandeis University prompted Matt to leave graduate school at U.C. Berkeley after receiving an M.A. in political science and work in Washington full time, first at Congressional Quarterly, then for a month in the Senate, and then the remaining decades in the House. He said of that path, "I decided very early on that,

as much as possible, I would do things the way I wanted and try to have fun. Usually, that worked."

Matt had an eclectic career path since his first full-time job here in 1976, when he left a political reporting job at Congressional Quarterly. He often chose to seek work in specific subject areas which interested him, rather than follow the common alternate staff career path of attaching himself to one or two members and remaining in place. He was first appointed to the Committee on House Administration Democratic staff in 1991 by Rep. Sam Gejdenson of Connecticut to work on campaign finance reform, and then moved on to the Brookings Institution as a guest scholar on their "Renewing Congress" project before returning to the House in 1995 to work on oversight of the executive branch at the Committee on Government Reform. Between Hill jobs in the 1990s, Matt had finished writing a book for Congressional Quarterly in 1998, *How Congress Works*, and was ready to once again return to the House. Then-House Administration Ranking Member Gejdenson asked him to work on election contests, and he remained here to work sequentially for Ranking Members HOYER, LARSON and Chairwoman Millender-McDonald.

Matt was probably best known on the Hill as one of the top experts on rules and process, serving on the Rules Committee staff and twice on the Subcommittee on Rules of the House, including as subcommittee staff director. His most distinctive job was as parliamentarian of the House Democratic Caucus for six years, which recognized and utilized his vast knowledge of the Caucus rules. It was a position created especially for him and lasted through the service of Chairmen Robert Menendez, JIM CLYBURN, Rahm Emanuel and JOHN LARSON—all while he also worked simultaneously on the House Administration Committee. He was known for always being carefully prepared, totally candid, and was not intimidated by Members.

Matt was always our committee parliamentarian, managed floor operations, and worked on elections legislation, congressional continuity issues, and the Smithsonian Institution. He drafted and edited views on committee reports and other publications, and proofed specialized historical books published by the House. He would discuss parliamentary strategy in the morning and then make an oversight visit to the National Zoo to learn about artificial insemination of Giant Pandas in the afternoon, something made possible by CHA's very eclectic jurisdiction.

Matt sat behind me for years on the Committee on House Administration dais when I was a junior member and helped provide advice on hearings and markups for Members but when I suddenly became chairman in 2007 following the death of Chairwoman Millender-McDonald, he was there with an intricately drafted manager's parliamentary script for my very long first markup. This was a totally new role for me. When I went off script at some points and noticed Matt's look of concern, after avoiding disaster, I told him that

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while I might sometimes deviate from his text, he should just keep right on doing what he does.

Matt says he plans to travel, look for opportunities to write, and again take up playing chess, which he learned at the age of four from his father, Al, who was one of America's leading players in the mid-20th century.

#### HONORING CONGRESSMAN JOSEPH CROWLEY

#### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

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*Monday, December 31, 2018*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to honor and recognize the accomplishments of a dear friend, a dedicated public servant, and an overall wonderful human being, my colleague Congressman JOE CROWLEY. This year, the Ancient Order of Hibernians in the Bronx is honoring JOE at their Annual Dinner Dance. They could not have picked a more deserving honoree.

JOE and I go way back, starting with our days together in Albany as Members of the New York State Assembly. A native of Woodside, Queens and lifelong New Yorker, JOE has served the people of the Bronx and Queens in Congress since 1998. Before being elected to Congress, JOE received a bachelor's degree from Queens College, ran a successful small business for nearly a decade and represented the 30th Assembly District in the New York State legislature. Throughout his career in public service, JOE has been driven by a desire to protect New York's middle class.

JOE has always been dedicated to making the Bronx-Queens community more prosperous and secure. He established the Crime Stoppers program in 2002 to support local organizations that are working to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods, and it has delivered more than \$1 million in federal funding to the Bronx-Queens community for graffiti clean-up, after-school programming, and civic patrol efforts.

As Chairman of the Democratic Caucus, the fourth-highest ranking position in House Democratic Leadership, JOE's efforts in Congress focused on building strong communities, creating jobs, increasing access to health care and housing, protecting seniors' hard-earned benefits, and opening up educational opportunities for working families.

When not fighting for his constituents, JOE can be found spending time with his lovely family—wife Kasey Crowley and their three children—or playing with his band.

Both local and national media have recognized JOE for his effective and impressive record of leadership in Congress. The New York Times has noted that his peers consider him to be a "hard working representative" who is "an impassioned advocate for his district." I couldn't have said it better myself. Come January I will miss JOE's presence in Washington, but I know he will continue to be a powerful force for good in the New York City community. Congratulations to JOE on this honor and a remarkable career.

#### HONORING THE LINCOLN PARK JEWISH CENTER 80TH ANNIVERSARY

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate one of the great religious institutions in my district, the Lincoln Park Jewish Center located in Yonkers. This year, the Center is celebrating its remarkable 80th Anniversary and I would like to take the opportunity to recognize that feat in Congress.

Lincoln Park Jewish Center is an inclusive, modern Orthodox Jewish congregation that strives to create spiritual growth through prayer, acceptance, community and fellowship. To achieve this goal, the synagogue supports the following: HaMakom Tefilah, a place to increase spirituality with heartfelt prayer by encouraging personal growth through participation, self-reflection, and spontaneity; HaMakom Ahavat Chinam, unconditional love and acceptance, regardless of background or current level of observance; HaMakom Limud Torah, a place to search and study Torah leading to a more fulfilling Jewish life; and HaMakom Simcha, a place to enjoy and celebrate.

The congregation at Lincoln Park Jewish Center is currently led by Rabbi Levi Welton, who was ordained by the prestigious Machon Ariel Institute of Jerusalem in 2005 and has since then served congregations in Australia, San Francisco, and, of course, Yonkers New York. His pastoral experiences include young professional development, inter-faith work, community building and multimedia production. Additionally, Rabbi Welton is the Founder of the Torah Values Network, a staff writer for New York Jewish Life Magazine, and a Captain in the United States Air Force.

The Lincoln Park Jewish Center has provided incredible support to its congregants and the community for 80 years now. Here's to 80 more. Congratulations to Rabbi Welton and the entire Lincoln Park Jewish Center family on this great occasion.

#### HONORING DR. ANDREA CODDETT

#### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated public servant in the Yonkers community, Dr. Andrea Coddett, who this year has been named "Woman of the Year 2018" by the Luther V. Garrison Sr. Masonic Foundation Inc.

Dr. Coddett is the Deputy Superintendent for the Yonkers Public Schools. In her role, she oversees the Division of Teaching and Learning, ensuring that all curriculum is aligned to the New York State Learning Standards and that all instruction is aligned to 21st Century learning skills, so students are prepared for college and or careers. As the Chairperson of the Yonkers Basics Advisory Board, Dr. Coddett leads a team of approximately 40 volunteer members from various community sectors charged with saturating the community

with five research-based interactive pillars proven effective in redressing cognitive and social-emotional inequities due to poverty.

Dr. Coddett began her career in education as a Special Education teacher after which she became a building-level Math Specialist. In her administrative career, Dr. Coddett has worked as a District Math Specialist PreK–12, an Early Childhood Principal, a K–5 principal, a Director of Secondary Special Education and an Assistant Superintendent for Instruction K–12.

Dr. Coddett is a graduate of Fordham University where she earned a doctorate in Executive Leadership. She holds Masters Degrees in Curriculum and Instruction with a Reading specialization and Educational Administration from Pace University and a Bachelor degree in Psychology from Mercy College. Dr. Coddett also holds administrative certifications in School District Administration and School Building Administration and Supervision, as well as teaching certifications in Special Education, birth through 21, and General Education, N–6. Dr. Coddett continues to influence school transformation and policy decisions by serving on Carnegie Foundation's national Improvement Leadership Education and Development (iLEAD) steering committee with university and school-based educators committed to integrating improvement science principles into leadership development and educational practice.

Having lived in and been educated in four different countries on three different continents, Dr. Coddett considers herself a global citizen. It is her contention that as an educational leader, she is one of the gate-keepers of tomorrow and believes that each and every child deserves an excellent education. As a former classroom teacher myself, I happen to agree wholeheartedly. Dr. Coddett has achieved a great deal and is well deserving of this honor. Congratulations to her on receiving this wonderful recognition.

#### HONORING CO-OP CITY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

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*Monday, December 31, 2018*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the largest co-operative housing development in the nation and a place that holds a particularly meaningful place in my heart, Co-op City in the Bronx. This year, Co-op City celebrates its 50th Anniversary and as such stands as one of the great housing successes in our country's history.

Co-op City is a New York State Mitchell-Lama housing cooperative with apartments in high-rise and townhouse buildings. There are three shopping centers on Co-op City property, 8 parking garages, professional offices and a complete educational park.

Construction of Co-op City began in 1966 on a site that was formerly home to an amusement park at which I used to work as a young man called "Freedomland." Residents began moving into the complex in 1968, and construction was completed in 1973. Co-op City is divided into five sections, with each section denoted by a letter of the alphabet. Co-op City is managed by the Riverbay Corporation and is led by a Board of 15 residents, each elected to three-year terms.