

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF JEFF BELL

HON. PAUL D. RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Jeffrey L. Bell, an Army veteran and prominent conservative leader who passed away on February 10, 2018. I extend the deepest condolences of the whole House to the Bell family, most especially his wife, Rosalie, and their four children.

Jeff Bell's many contributions to politics and public policy date back half a century. He was a heavyweight in the conservative movement before it even was a movement. His ideas, and the passion with which he espoused them, paved the way for the Reagan Revolution. He was an integral part of President Reagan's campaigns, and worked with my mentor, Jack Kemp, to develop the policy agenda that would bring the nation great prosperity and end the Cold War.

His work spanned, and inspired, generations. Jeff ran for U.S. Senate in New Jersey twice, in 1978 and 2014. He published two influential books, in 1992 and 2012. To the last, he remained at the forefront, one of the most original voices for inclusive, aspirational conservatism.

Indeed, I count myself among the many who learned so much from this man. We first met in the early 1990s, and I have looked up to him ever since. Beyond the depth of his thinking, I was always struck by how decent and gracious Jeff was to everyone he encountered—the epitome of a happy warrior. It was such an honor to know him.

God bless the memory of Jeff Bell, the family that he loved so dearly, and this great country that he served so well and faithfully.

RECOGNIZING JAMES (JIM) BERNEY McMILLAN, JR. ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. James (Jim) Berney McMillan, Jr., on the occasion of his 90th Birthday. Jim is a longtime resident of and small business owner in Richmond, California.

Jim McMillan was the first African American student and graduate from the College of Pharmacy at Oregon State. He was the second African American Oregon State Graduate, after William Maxwell. When he enrolled in 1948, only one African American had graduated from Oregon State in any field. At that time, there were only two African Americans on the entire campus of about 6,000 students.

While at Oregon State, McMillan worked on trains traveling between Portland and Oakland during summers to support his college studies.

Jim moved to Berkeley after graduation because he found that no pharmacy in Portland, Oregon was willing to hire an African American pharmacist. In 1958, he opened McMillan's Pharmacy on 10th Street in Richmond, California. Jim ran McMillan's Pharmacy on Cutting Blvd. for 28 years, closing in 1996.

McMillan was elected to the Richmond City Council in 1982 and took his seat in early 1983. He served three consecutive terms, retiring in 1995.

Though he retired from the council in 1996, he has remained an active leader. He is a Golden Heritage and Lifetime member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, a founder of the Richmond Black American Political Action Committee, served on the Zhoushan China Sister City Commission, served on the Board of Directors of the West County Housing Corporation and volunteers on the Citizens Advisory Committee on toxic pollution for the Port of Richmond. Also served on the City of Richmond Library Commission.

I congratulate Jim on his lifetime of achievements and wish him the very best in the future.

HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF SHEILA OLSEN OF IDAHO FALLS

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance and celebration for a lady who spent her days on this Earth, serving her community.

Sheila Olsen, of Idaho Falls, passed away on Sunday, and she will be deeply missed. She was a patriot of this nation who made life better for those in my district, the state of Idaho, and this nation. Sheila was an inspiration to many in her community. Many looked to her as an example of enduring the difficulties of life, with optimism and joy. She was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1967 when she was pregnant with her fifth child. Although this provided many challenges to her health, she only increased in her desire to make this world a better place.

Sheila had a deep love for this nation. Her career in politics included a longtime member of the Idaho Republican Women, Republican Precinct committeewoman (30 years) and vice-chair and member of the Idaho Region VII Republican Party. She cultivated a keen understanding of what constituents needed in candidates, and how a candidate could fulfill such needs. Because of this knowledge, she played key roles in the campaigns of leaders such as; U.S. Senator MIKE CRAPO (1992,

2016), Governor Butch Otter (1994, 2006, 2010 and 2014), Superintendent Tom Luna (2006), U.S. Senator Larry Craig (1990), Governor Phil Batt (2002) and several others. She was currently serving as the Bonneville County coordinator for the Brad Little for Governor campaign.

For more than 20 years, Sheila held an annual Fourth of July flag-raising ceremony using the flagpole in her front lawn. Through the years this event attracted friends and family, local and statewide elected officials, and many others who wished to pay tribute to those who had given the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.

Sheila had the ability to build bridges of friendship and engage in constructive discussions, with those of differing beliefs. Many times, Sheila united members of different faiths, to join together in humanitarian projects. She also served on the Executive Committee of the Greater Idaho Falls Public Affairs Council as a liaison between the media and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She was frequently asked and entrusted to provide her insight and views to the media with regard to sensitive issues involving religion, faith and politics.

She was the recipient of numerous awards, including the President's Award, Community Human Rights Activist by Lockheed Martin, Service to Family Award by Brigham Young University, Exemplary Citizen by the Rotary Club, Woman of Distinction by Zonta, Who's Who in American Politics and National MS Mother of the Year by President George H.W. Bush.

Despite all of the awards and accolades that have come her way, Sheila will be remembered for the personal relationship that she built with anyone she came in contact with. Our nation is a better place because of Sheila Olsen.

Mr. Speaker, I send my condolences to Sheila's family and express my appreciation for the exceptional life she lived and the service she rendered in Idaho. On behalf of a grateful state, I honor her legacy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I was absent February 13, 2018, due to unforeseen circumstances. If I were present, I would have voted on the following:

Roll no. 71—H.R. 4979—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended: Yea.

Roll no. 70—H.R. 4533—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended: Yea.

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A TRIBUTE TO THE SOROPTIMIST
INTERNATIONAL OF GLENDALE

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Soroptimist International of Glendale upon its seventy-fifth anniversary.

With approximately 76,000 members in over 120 countries, Soroptimist International is a global women's organization targeted at empowering women both socially and economically. The organization is not only a respected authority on women's issues, it is also the only women's service club that has consultative status with the Economic and Social Council at the United Nations.

Among its many worthwhile endeavors, Soroptimist International provides financial support to allow women to improve their skills and employment prospects. Each year, Soroptimist International awards more than \$1.6 million in education grants to more than 1,200 women, many of whom have overcome domestic violence, poverty and drug and alcohol abuse.

Since its founding on April 16, 1943, the Glendale chapter has continued the great work of this far-reaching organization. Established fourteen years ago by member Kathy Lefkovits, Bras for a Cause is an event where members decorate bras to raise funds for the Glendale club. Funds raised have benefited charities that enrich the lives of women and girls, including Breast Cancer Services at Glendale Adventist Medical Center, Verdugo Hills Hospital and Glendale Memorial Hospital.

The assistance that Soroptimist International of Glendale has provided to the community is outstanding, and the residents of the Los Angeles area have benefited greatly from their exceptional efforts. At this time, I ask all members to join with me in commending the Soroptimist International of Glendale for its seventy-five years of dedicated service to the Los Angeles community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF OFFICER
CHASE MADDOX

HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Officer Chase Maddox, a brave Locust Grove Police Department officer who was killed on February 9, 2018, while assisting two Henry County Sheriff deputies who were dispatched to answer a minor, routine call that turned violent.

Mr. Speaker, Chase Maddox, a graduate of Ola High School in McDonough, Georgia, was only 26 years old when his life was taken. Known as a smart and charismatic young man, Officer Maddox dedicated himself to his family and service to our community. He leaves behind his wife, Alex, and two young sons, one of whom was delivered just four

days after Chase passed away. I'm praying for his widow, that precious new life, their family, and future, and I know that I am joined by many, many more whose hearts also go out to this grieving, young family.

Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, hundreds of mourners filled pews, hallways, and overflow rooms at Glen Haven Baptist Church, standing in salute to this fallen officer. The outreach from family, friends, and strangers in the area has been overwhelming, and I'm proud of the fortitude and encouragement displayed by our neighborhood.

Mr. Speaker, our law enforcement officers deserve the respect of all Americans for putting their lives on the line on a daily basis in order to keep us safe. I ask my colleagues to join me in a moment of silence and prayer to honor the life of Officer Chase Maddox, who will be sorely missed by so many in the 10th District of Georgia.

CONGRATULATING BETH
ZACHARY, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, ADVENTIST HEALTH, AND PRESIDENT AND CEO, ADVENTIST HEALTH, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Beth Zachary on her retirement from Adventist Health. Since 2011, she has led the Adventist Health Southern California Region (AHSCR), and for the past three years has served as its President and CEO, chairing the hospital boards at Adventist Health (AH) Bakersfield, Glendale, Simi Valley, and White Memorial. After a 37-year career of outstanding commitment and dedication at Adventist Health, Beth officially retired on January 31, 2018.

A successful health care services executive, Beth Zachary has spent over thirty years in health care services, business development, and marketing and communications. As President and CEO of the AHSCR, she was committed to coordinating care, eliminating redundancies, reducing costs, optimizing resources, and producing outstanding outcomes throughout the region, on behalf of a health care environment that increasingly rewards efficiency and coordination. The AHSCR is comprised of Glendale Adventist Medical Center, Simi Valley Hospital, San Joaquin Community Hospital, and White Memorial Medical Center.

Previously, as President and CEO of White Memorial Medical Center, a 353-bed not-for-profit teaching hospital in the densely populated community of Boyle Heights just east of downtown Los Angeles, Beth's positive influence, keen business sense, and community commitments were a significant driving force behind the hospital's growth into one of the most advanced medical centers in the greater Los Angeles region.

Under Beth's leadership, White Memorial completed a ten-year campus rebuilding project. The new hospital not only provides

state-of-the-art technology and services, it also meets California's rigorous new seismic safety standards.

Beth guided the vision and strategic direction of White Memorial, and oversaw successful efforts to put the hospital at the forefront of clinical quality, service, and leadership among healthcare organizations. White Memorial has been identified as one of California's top performers in organizational excellence and quality, earning multiple awards and other recognition for exceptional performance and for dedication to continuous improvement.

Additionally, under Beth's leadership, White Memorial developed numerous community partnerships to meet critical local needs. These included a scholarship program with The East Los Angeles Community Union (TELACU) and Rio Hondo College that benefits youth and has helped ease the region's nursing shortage.

Beth participated on the boards of a number of state and regional organizations that focus on strengthening health care services, including the Private Essential Access Community Hospitals (PEACH). In addition, she participated on the boards of AH Physicians Network, AH Physicians Network-IPA, Glendale Adventist Medical Center, San Joaquin Community Hospital, Simi Valley Hospital, White Memorial Medical Center, and White Memorial Charitable Foundation.

Beth resides in Pasadena with her husband Jim and their daughter Alexandra, and she holds a master's degree in management from Claremont Graduate School in Claremont, California.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in thanking and congratulating Beth Zachary for her many years of exemplary leadership and outstanding service to our community. Let us wish her many happy years of retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for roll call votes 79 and 80 on Thursday, February 15, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea" on roll call vote 79 and "Nay" on roll call vote 80.

Had I been present for roll call vote 80, on final passage of the ADA Education and Reform Act of 2017 (H.R. 620), I would have voted nay due to the vast setbacks this bill poses for the disability community. As a civil rights issue, the ADA Education and Reform Act would gut protections and key enforcements for an already vulnerable population. The onus falls on businesses to be proactive and to follow proper guidelines to ensure access for all. I particularly find troubling the "notice and cure" provisions detailed in the bill, which allows businesses to postpone compliance and fundamentally changes the American with Disabilities Act.