

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY AND IMAGINATION LIBRARY

#### HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 27, 2018*

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, this week, teachers, students and families across the country will celebrate the importance of reading by taking part in the National Education Association's Read Across America Day. Research shows that literacy begins before school even starts. Young children who have been read to at home and have had access to a variety of reading materials, develop into stronger readers. That's why programs like Dolly Parton's Imagination Library are so important.

Each month, Imagination Library mails over one million free books to children around the world, including seven thousand in Baltimore. Today, as Dolly donates her hundred millionth book to the Library of Congress, I thank her for her inspiring dedication to children's literacy and I applaud everyone participating in Read Across America Day.

### IN HONOR OF DON AND BETTY JO MATHIS' 72ND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 27, 2018*

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Don and Betty Jo Mathis on the celebration of their 72nd Wedding Anniversary.

This significant benchmark is a symbol of their commitment to each other and to their family. I am happy to join their friends and family in extending my best to them on this special occasion.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Don and Betty Jo on the celebration of their 72nd Wedding Anniversary. I wish them the best today and for many more blessed years to come.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 27, 2018*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House Chamber on Thursday, February 15, 2018, due to official business in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted NO on roll call no. 80, on the passage of H.R. 620—legislation that I strongly oppose. This bill would prevent Americans with disabilities

from getting their day in court when their right to access is violated. In the twenty-eight years since the landmark Americans with Disabilities Act was passed, people with disabilities have made important gains in access and inclusion to public buildings, schools, workplaces, and businesses. The ADA is a fundamental part of American civil rights law; like many of our other civil rights statutes, it depends on voluntary compliance and private rights of action for its enforcement. Shifting the responsibility for compliance to persons with disabilities undermines the spirit of the law and the structure of civil rights statutes more broadly.

H.R. 620 requires a victim of discrimination to provide specific notice of the ADA violation to a business, and then allow 120 days for the business to make "substantial progress" toward remedying the violation. The bill does not define substantial progress, further weakening the business's incentive to comply, and loosening enforceability of the ADA, in turn allowing discrimination against persons with disabilities to continue. While some egregious portions of this bill were removed during floor consideration, including the requirement that a claimant name the specific section of the ADA violated before even notifying the business, its underlying purpose remains clear: making it harder for persons with disabilities to fight for their day in court.

As members of Congress, it is our duty to promote the welfare and dignity of all of our constituents, particularly those who have spent so long on the outside looking in. We ought to defend and strengthen the ADA, reforming it where needed and building on its successes, rather than dismantling its efficacy and closing our legal system off from those who need it. I urge my colleagues to oppose this bill.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 27, 2018*

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, February 26, 2018 I missed the following votes and was not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 81, and YEA on Roll Call No. 82.

### LAMAR CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL'S AIR FORCE JUNIOR ROTC EARNS HIGHEST ASSESSMENT SCORE

#### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 27, 2018*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the instructors and cadets of Lamar Consolidated High School's Air Force Junior

ROTC for receiving the assessment score of "Exceeds Standards."

The JROTC program received the "Exceeds Standards" designation, the highest rating attainable by a JROTC program, based on a formal Unit Evaluation on December 4. Major Jeffrey M. Shelton and Senior Master Sergeant Jeffrey T. Moffet have created a learning environment where cadets take great pride in accomplishing their goals and making a positive impact on their community. They are outstanding leaders and role models for their cadets, Maeseille Colonia, Jesus Lopez, Christopher Coats, Manuel Arriaga, Carolina Garcia, Adrianna Rios, Matthew Alfaro, Azahel Vazquez, Julian Vinsonhaler and Isabel Arviso, who performed exceptionally well during their evaluation. Thanks to this JROTC program, they are paving the way to make outstanding military leaders.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second District of Texas, congratulations again to Lamar Consolidated High School's Air Force JROTC for receiving this high assessment score. Keep up the fantastic work.

### SPRINGFIELD CLINIC LEADS ILLINOIS IN OPENNOTES

#### HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 27, 2018*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in order to recognize the Springfield Clinic, one of the first multi-specialty clinics in downstate Illinois. With more than 400 physicians and advanced practitioners practicing in 80 medical specialties and sub-specialties, Springfield Clinic now proudly stands as one of Illinois' largest private multi-specialty clinics and serves nearly one million patients throughout the central Illinois region.

In 2010, as part of their "leading the way" initiative, all Springfield Clinic offices began working with the OpenNotes movement. This puts them among the nation's leaders in integration of electronic health record technology, which enables clinicians to share their visit notes with patients through fully transparent medical records. This secure system encourages patients to become active participants in their health care by providing a convenient way to access and manage personal medical records, communicate directly with medical professionals, schedule appointments and prescriptions, receive email and text reminders for preventive care and upcoming appointments, and pay bills online.

This dynamic state-of-the-art system provides Springfield Clinic the necessary tools to expand patient services. However, we cannot hope to automate and streamline provider workflow unless more patients sign up for and participate in these portals. I'm proud to represent Springfield Clinic, which is on the forefront of this innovative approach to the doctor-patient relationship. 19 million patients are already taking advantage of their new ability to

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access medical information online through OpenNotes, and my hope is that this number only continues to grow both in my district and across the country. More and more medical professionals and citizens should take advantage of this patient-centered program so we can focus on what matters most—patient care.

#### THE TRAVIS LETTER

#### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 27, 2018*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, February 1836: Texas was in the heat of the fight for our independence. A small volunteer band of 180 patriots stood defiant at the Alamo, fighting tooth and nail against Santa Anna's massive army. They were outnumbered, 10 to 1. Col. William Barrett Travis, a 27-year-old lawyer from South Carolina, led the Texians into battle, ready to defend the Alamo. Surrounded by the enemy, Col. Travis put pen to paper, composing his immortal letter, seeking aid for the defense of Texas. He wrote:

BEJAR, FEBY. 24TH. 1836.

*Commandancy of The Alamo,*

TO THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS & ALL AMERICANS  
IN THE WORLD—

Fellow Citizens & compatriots—I am besieged, by a thousand or more of the Mexicans under Santa Anna—I have sustained a continual Bombardment & cannonade for 24 hours & have not lost a man—The enemy has demanded a surrender at discretion, otherwise, the garrison are to be put to the sword, if the fort is taken—I have answered the demand with a cannon shot, & our flag still waves proudly from the walls—I shall never surrender or retreat. Then, I call on you in the name of Liberty, of patriotism & everything dear to the American character, to come to our aid, with all dispatch. The enemy is receiving reinforcements daily and will no doubt increase to three or four thousand in four or five days. If this call is neglected, I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible & die like a soldier who never forgets what is due to his own honor & that of his country—Victory or Death.

WILLIAM BARRETT TRAVIS,

*Lt. Col. Comdt, The Alamo*

Mr. Speaker, Col. Travis and his group of tenacious volunteer soldiers were killed at the Alamo, defending Texas' freedom. No more than sixty days later, outnumbered, General Sam Houston and his 'Texians' triumphed over Santa Anna and his professional army in the marshy plains of San Jacinto, winning independence from Mexico. Still to this day, remarkable and inspirational statement for freedom and the spirit of liberty. Col. William Barrett Travis is one reason my oldest grandson is named Barrett Houston. And that is just the way it is.

IN HONOR OF KELLY AND MERRY  
TRUJILLO'S 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 27, 2018*

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Kelly and Merry

Trujillo on the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

This significant benchmark is a symbol of their commitment to each other and to their family. I am happy to join their friends and family in extending my best to them on this special occasion.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Kelly and Merry on the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. I wish them the best today and for many more blessed years to come.

#### CONGRATULATING THE PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

#### HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 27, 2018*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the Philadelphia Eagles on their incredible victory in the 52nd Super Bowl. This hard-fought success could not be sweeter as it finally rings throughout the City of Brotherly Love after 52 years of hope and anticipation. As the representative of the First District of Pennsylvania, I could not be more proud to celebrate this win with my city.

While I am happy that our team won, I am even more pleased at their amazing triumph in the face of adversity; fighting through a challenging season full of injuries and difficulties, this team of underdogs never once gave up. This spirit of resilience and determination was exemplified by our quarterback Nick Foles, who carried the team to the championship after quarterback Carson Wentz injured his ACL.

I am proud of the Philadelphia Eagles for serving up that indescribable "Philly Special," in more ways than one, for all Americans to see. Today, I celebrate this team, the Philadelphia Eagles organization, and most of all, the city of Philadelphia as we cherish this historic win.

As Eagles Head Coach Doug Pederson said, "not only do we have the best fans in the world, we now have the best team in the world." If this season of football has taught us anything, it has shown us never to underestimate the underdogs. Mr. Speaker, I believe there is just one more thing to say: Fly Eagles fly.

#### HONORING ROBERT LEE BEASLEY

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 27, 2018*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Robert Lee Beasley.

Mr. Robert Lee Beasley is a native of Greenwood, MS. He is the second child born to Hattie B. Lewis-Beasley and Willie B. McQueen. He is a 1977 graduate of Greenwood High School. While in High School, he participated in the Bulldog Marching Band and NJROTC drill team. His senior year he was voted "most likely to succeed". After graduating from High School he joined the United

States Army and trained to be a Military Policeman. After completing Basic Training and AIT, he was shipped off to West Germany. He served most of his military tour in Karlsruhe, West Germany as a physical security Military Policeman.

In April of 1979, Mr. Beasley's mother became ill and he hopped a Concorde cargo jet from Frankfurt, Germany to John F. Kennedy airport in New York on emergency leave. In May of 1979, his mother passed away. His First Sargent granted him a hardship discharge under honorable conditions. After returning home, he became the youngest policeman in the city of Greenwood, Mississippi at age 20. The fall of that same year he enrolled in the undergraduate criminal Justice program at Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi. While at Jackson State University, he became President of the American Criminal Justice Association. He represented the criminal justice department at the 1984, Black Caucus Banquet in Jackson, Mississippi. He played trumpet as a member of Jackson State University "Sonic Boom of the South Marching Band". Robert was also a candidate for officer school through the JSU Army ROTC program. The 114th Military Police Unit in Clinton, MS would not allow him to participate in the Officers slow, a part of the ROTC requirement.

In May of 1986, he graduated from Jackson State University with a B.S. degree in Criminal Justice. That same year he became the Director of Security for JSU Marching Band. That next year in 1988, he was hired as a Campus Policeman for the University. In 1985, he was hired at Tougaloo College as Campus Security. The fall of 1986, he was hired as a Correctional Officer for The State of Mississippi Department of Corrections, Rankin County Correctional Facility. Mr. Beasley remained there until June of 1988. The Fall of 1988, he enrolled in JSU graduate Criminal Justice program. Robert completed 30 hours of academic credits toward graduation. In the spring of 1993, he moved to Milwaukee, WI. Within two weeks he was hired as a Learnfare Case Manager. He was responsible for assisting families with determining barriers for children not attending school regularly or dropped out. He engaged with local school officials and principals to reintegrate the child back into a traditional classroom or find an Alternative School so the child may graduate with a High School Diploma. Robert worked as a Foster Care Case Manager for the Institute for Child and Family Development, Milwaukee, WI. He investigated allegations of abuse and/or neglect for minors. Testified in Court as to the suitability to return the child home or place him or her in a foster home. He developed a dispositional order to terminate parental rights. I worked as a Wraparound Coordinator for at risk kids for the Center for Child and Family Services, Milwaukee, WI. His last employment in Milwaukee was with the Wisconsin Welfare Reform Program as a Financial Employment Planner III. He assisted families and individuals to move from dependency on the government to self-sufficiency.

In March of 2004, Robert returned to Mississippi as a caretaker for two mentally ill brothers. The only job he could get in Greenwood was in the meat department at the Greenwood Market Place. Four months into the job, he met Dr. Roy Hudson, Vice President of University Relations at Mississippi Valley State University. Shortly after meeting Dr.