

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THANKING ELENI ROUMEL FOR  
HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO  
THE HOUSE

**HON. PAUL D. RYAN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 5, 2018*

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Eleni M. Roumel, who is leaving the House to become the Deputy Counsel to the Vice President of the United States. Ms. Roumel has served in the House's Office of General Counsel for more than five years as an Assistant General Counsel. During her tenure, Ms. Roumel played a crucial role in safeguarding the legal and institutional interests of the House of Representatives, particularly in connection with federal court litigation involving issues of great institutional importance. Specifically, Ms. Roumel was instrumental in the formation and presentation of the House's powerful legal arguments in United States House of Representatives v. Burwell, the groundbreaking litigation protecting the House's constitutional prerogative to appropriate federal funds. In addition, Ms. Roumel provided invaluable legal advice and representation to Committees of the House, including in connection with Committee on Oversight and Government Reform v. Holder, which involves civil enforcement of the House's constitutionally-based oversight authority against the Attorney General of the United States.

Ms. Roumel's work on behalf of the House has been of the highest caliber and I have no doubt that the Vice President will benefit from her exceptional legal counsel. On behalf of the entire House community, I thank Ms. Roumel for her dedicated service, and wish for her the very best in all of her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO WARD UмбаUGH

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 5, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ward Umbaugh, of Adair, Iowa for earning the American FFA Degree. Ward was recently awarded this degree at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. Ward was the first member of the AC/GC FFA Chapter to receive the award. He is the son of Gretchen and Bill Umbaugh.

The American FFA Degree is awarded to members who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment to FFA and made significant accomplishments in their supervised agricultural experience. Ward had to meet certain requirements, such as studying agriculture for three years in high school, earning money in an agriculture field and investing that money into their business, participation in community

service and having a record of outstanding leadership ability and community involvement. The work toward this degree involved many years of hard work and dedication in agricultural pursuits.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent leaders like Ward in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud him for utilizing his talents to reach his goals. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating him on receiving this esteemed designation, and wishing him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF IAN DONAHUE  
ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT  
TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES  
NAVAL ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 5, 2018*

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Ian Donahue of Sylvania, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Ian's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2022. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of a lifetime.

Ian brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2022. While attending Northview High School in Sylvania, Ohio, Ian served as President of the National Honors Society, and participated in student government, World Language Club, and Spanish Honors Society.

Throughout high school, Ian participated in football and was captain for the lacrosse team, earning varsity letters in both sports. Ian was also involved in student council and Interact. I am confident that Ian will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Naval Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ian Donahue on his offer of appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Ian will excel during his career at the Naval Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

COACH THOMAS NAMED 2018  
COACH OF THE YEAR

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 5, 2018*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Albert Thomas for being named Coach of the Year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC).

Coach Thomas led the Missouri City Elkins High School Knights to their sixth district championship in his 13 years as coach. The Knights have qualified for the playoffs 11 times and have won eight area championships under Thomas. He has also taught mathematics for 30 years. Thomas was presented with the award on April 1st at the annual NABC Guardians of the Game Awards Show in San Antonio. He has also been named district coach of the year four times.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Coach Albert Thomas for being named the 2018 Coach of the Year. I thank him for his dedication to our education system and for sharing his passion for basketball with our students.

THE OCCASION OF THE 50TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF THE ASSASSINA-  
TION OF THE REV. DR. MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR.

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 5, 2018*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, April 4, 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of one of the darkest and most sorrowful days in American history, the assassination in Memphis, Tennessee of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The mortal life of one of the towering figures of the 20th century may have been cut short on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel a half century ago, but the spirit that animated that life and inspired a nation lives on and reminds us that nothing is impossible when we are guided by the better angels of our nature.

In remembering the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we commemorate a man of action, who put his life on the line for freedom and justice every day.

We honor the courage of a man who endured harassment, threats beatings, and even bombings.

We celebrate the man who went to jail 29 times to achieve freedom for others, and who knew he would pay the ultimate price for his leadership, but kept on marching and protesting and organizing anyway.

Dr. King once said that we all have to decide whether we "will walk in the light of creative altruism or the darkness of destructive selfishness."

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"Life's most persistent and nagging question," he said, is "what are you doing for others?"

And when Dr. King talked about the end of his mortal life in one of his last sermons, on February 4, 1968 in the pulpit of Ebenezer Baptist Church, even then he lifted up the value of service as the hallmark of a full life:

"I'd like somebody to mention on that day Martin Luther King, Jr. tried to give his life serving others," he said. "I want you to say on that day, that I did try in my life . . . to love and serve humanity."

We should also remember that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was, above all, a person who was always willing to speak truth to power.

There is perhaps no better example of Dr. King's moral integrity and consistency than his criticism of the Vietnam War being waged by the Johnson Administration, an administration that was otherwise a friend and champion of civil and human rights.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia on January 15, 1929.

Martin's youth was spent in our country's Deep South, then run by Jim Crow and the Ku Klux Klan.

For young African-Americans, it was an environment even more dangerous than the one they face today.

A young Martin managed to find a dream, one that he pieced together from his readings—in the Bible, and literature, and just about any other book he could get his hands on.

Not only did those books help him educate himself, but they also allowed him to work through the destructive and traumatic experiences of blatant discrimination, and the discriminatory abuse inflicted on himself, his family, and his people.

As a youngster, Dr. King learned to use his imagination and his dreams to see right through those "White Only" signs—to see the reality that all men, and women, regardless of their place of origin, their gender, or their creed, are created equal.

Dr. King was a dreamer and through dreams he was able to lift his mind beyond the reality of his segregated society to a beloved place where it was possible that white and black, red and brown, and all others live, work, and prosper together in harmony.

But the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was not an idle daydreamer.

He shared his visions through speeches that motivated others to join in his nonviolent effort to lift themselves from poverty and isolation by creating a new America where equal justice and institutions were facts of life.

In the Declaration of Independence in 1776, Thomas Jefferson wrote, "We hold these truths to be self evident, that all Men are Created Equal."

At that time and for centuries to come, African-Americans were historically, culturally, and legally excluded from inclusion in that declaration.

Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" Speech, delivered 54 years ago, on August 28, 1963, was a clarion call to each citizen of this great nation that we still hear today.

His request was simply and eloquently conveyed—he asked America to allow of its citizens to live out the words written in its Declaration of Independence and to have a place in this nation's Bill of Rights.

The 1960s were a time of great crisis and conflict.

It was the decade of the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Vietnam War, and the assassinations of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Malcolm X, Presidential Candidate Robert Kennedy, and the man we honor here today.

The dream expressed and shared by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. helped win major victories in the battle for civil rights.

It started when Dr. King led the Montgomery Bus Boycott, with Rosa Parks and others, which lasted for 381 days, and ended when the United States Supreme Court outlawed racial segregation on all public transportation.

But the dream did not die there.

It continued with a peaceful march for suffrage that started in Selma, Alabama on March 7, 1965, a day that was immediately known and will always be remembered as "Bloody Sunday," when a peaceful march for voting rights ended in bloodshed and violence at the hands of law enforcement officers as the marchers crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

When the life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was stolen from us, he was a very young 39 years old.

People remember that Dr. King died in Memphis, but few can remember why he was there.

On that fateful day in 1968 Dr. King came to Memphis to support a strike by the city's sanitation workers.

The garbage men there had recently formed a chapter of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees to demand better wages and working conditions.

But the city refused to recognize their union, and when the 1,300 employees walked off their jobs the police broke up the rally with mace and Billy clubs.

It was then that union leaders invited Dr. King to Memphis.

Despite the danger he might face entering such a volatile situation, it was an invitation he could not refuse.

Not because he longed for danger, but because the labor movement was intertwined with the civil rights movement for which he had given up so many years of his life.

The death of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will never overshadow his life.

That is his legacy as a dreamer and a man of action. It is a legacy of hope, tempered with peace.

It is a legacy not quite yet fulfilled.

I hope that Dr. King's vision of equality under the law is never lost to us, because without that vision—without that dream—we can never continue to improve on the human condition.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. understood that a life well lived, and all of the noblest virtues—courage, wisdom, grace, love—were rooted in service to others.

And he memorably expressed this idea in his last sermon, the one given at Mason Temple in Memphis on April 3, 1968, the evening before he was felled by an assassin:

"But then the Good Samaritan came by. And he reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?'"

"That's the question before you tonight. Not, 'If I stop to help the sanitation workers, what will happen to my job. Not, 'If I stop to help the sanitation workers what will happen to all of the hours that I usually spend in my office

every day and every week as a pastor?' The question is not, 'If I stop to help this man in need, what will happen to me?' The question is, 'If I do not stop to help the sanitation workers, what will happen to them?' That's the question.

"Let us rise up tonight with a greater readiness. Let us stand with a greater determination. And let us move on in these powerful days, these days of challenge to make America what it ought to be. We have an opportunity to make America a better nation. And I want to thank God, once more, for allowing me to be here with you."

So in these difficult days of challenge, let us remember and take inspiration from the remarkable, extraordinary, and consequential life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and move forward together, with greater readiness and determination, to make America a place where all of her people enjoy the blessings of justice, equality, and human dignity.

Let us, the living, continue that struggle today and forever, in the incandescent spirit of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

I ask the House to observe a moment of silence in memory of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARISE  
McHUGH

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Charise McHugh, an outstanding community leader and entrepreneur who has led the Half Moon Bay Chamber of Commerce and Visitors' Bureau for the last 22 years. Charise will retire from that role in the fall but she will leave behind a legacy that will continue to shape the fabric of the Coastside for decades to come. I have been privileged to work with Charise for all these years and to call her a friend. She has always amazed me with her energy and can-do philosophy.

Half Moon Bay has about 12,000 residents and the unincorporated county areas nearby has again that many residents. During her time with the Chamber in this charming coastal region, Charise has achieved a remarkable and diverse list of accomplishments. She founded the Hotel BID and the only broad-based ecotourism program in the state. She started the Coastside Emergency Action Program, a disaster preparedness plan for San Mateo County and she was instrumental in bringing STEM Robotics to local schools. Charise also deserves credit for producing the Silver Medal Award Business Directory. Half Moon Bay residents and visitors can thank her for starting bus service on the coast, for planting Highway 1 medians and for getting the attractive directional signs on Main Street installed.

Charise loves her home town and the coast with a passion that is infectious. Her inexhaustible creativity and hard work have resulted in a Chamber membership that has soared from 330 businesses to 720 businesses during her tenure. Chamber mixers are highly popular. Charise will tell you that she enjoys her job so much because it is so diverse, but in truth she is the one who is making it diverse. She works with businesses,