

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING MARY YERGAN HUGHES

#### HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 16, 2018*

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an inspirational and dedicated woman from Northwest Philadelphia, Mary Yergan Hughes, a children's librarian and volunteer.

Mrs. Hughes was born in Alice, South Africa to missionary parents. Her father was an advocate for black civil rights in Africa. She later moved to Massachusetts and enrolled in Northfield Mount Hermon, a preparatory school, in which she served as the president of the student council and was one of a few African American students in her school. For college, she was part of the first group of African American women to attend Wellesley College. After her junior year, she contracted tuberculosis and had to leave school in order to recover. After three years of recovery, she finished her undergraduate degree at Columbia University.

She married Dr. Hughes and had two daughters. Mrs. Hughes went back to school and received her master's degree in library science from Drexel University which led her to become a children's librarian in Philadelphia's Northwest Regional Library. She loved reading to the neighborhood children during after-school story hours and inspired so many children to have a love for learning and reading.

Ever since Mrs. Hughes became an adult, she would volunteer. She was a Platinum Alumna member of the Philadelphia chapter of the Links, Inc., a service organization of distinguished women whose goal is to enrich and sustain the culture of African Americans and others of African ancestry. She was also a president during one of its National Assemblies. Some other organizations she was president of include: the Philadelphia chapter of the Circle-Lets, Inc., a social organization for black women, and Boulé wives, the women's arm of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity.

Mrs. Hughes was part of our Philadelphia community in many ways. She was a member of the Germantown Cricket Club where she loved to participate in tournaments. She loved to play tennis. She was also a half-century member and elder at Summit Presbyterian Church in Mount Airy.

Mrs. Hughes devoted her life to engaging and helping her community. The 2nd Congressional District of Pennsylvania extends gratitude to Mrs. Hughes for all that she has done for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

### HONORING GARRETT JACKSON

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 16, 2018*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Garrett Jackson.

Garrett is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 60, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Garrett has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Garrett has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Garrett has become a member of the tribe Mic-O-Say. Garrett has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Garrett for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America, and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

### HONORING WARDELL GRAY

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 16, 2018*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable person, Mr. Wardell Gray.

Wardell Gray was born June 30, 1917 as the eldest son and first of two sons of Mr. Will Gray and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Otis Gray in Carson, Mississippi. There was an older sister, Willa Mae, the first born who died of lockjaw at the age of 10. The year he was born, his father was a Foreman with the Illinois Central Railroad, and they lived for a number of years in Sumrall, MS where his parents operated a boarding house for the other men who worked under his father. Gray was exposed to hard work in the area of farming and business at an early age. Upon their return to Jefferson Davis County, his mother was the teacher in a one room school house on the grounds of the Holliday Creek M.B. Church.

Due to the fact that there was no school for blacks, he completed 8th Grade education there and continued his high school education at Prentiss Institute Junior College. He was a good student and an awesome athlete as a Baseball Pitcher with one of the Old Negro Leagues. His father Will Gray passed away at the age of 110 years of age and his mother Mary at age 97.

Gray was drafted in the U.S. Army on November 19, 1941 and fought in World War II in the following battles and campaigns: Naples-Foggia, Rome Arno, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He received the American Defense Service Medal, ATO Medal, Good Condition Medal, Meritorious Unit Award and the World War II Victory Medal. He returned back to his home from the Army on October 31, 1945.

While away at War, his parents were acquiring land. Upon his return, his dream was to do the same and continue his love for farming. In completing this vision, he met and married the

love of his life, Quillie Ross Gray. She was a graduate of Jackson State University and continued out of state at Indiana University to obtain a master's degree. He was one of the first blacks to open a Dairy during the late 40s. His Uncle, Dr. J.R. Otis was President of Alcorn College. With this relationship to the college, students who were Agriculture majors would travel to Gray Farms to intern.

As a civil rights activist, Gray was involved in fighting for voter registration, and an avid and ardent supporter of the 1964 Civil Rights act. In 1959, he was the first black candidate to run for any type of public office; Constable for his district, Beat 2. He would later run for Election Commissioner. He became President of the Jefferson Davis Chapter of NAACP in 1959 and would remain through 1974. He picketed local stores and other national franchises regarding employment discrimination practices. Gray worked tirelessly with other civil rights giants such as Medgar and Charles Evers, Fannie Lou Hamer, Rev. Darby, Dr. Aaron Henry, his cousin, Charles Young and many others known and unknown.

As a member of Blackmon Temple CME Church, Gray brought his love of God, education, and children together, for it was during the civil rights movement that meetings of the NAACP, Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, Mississippi Action for Progress (MAP) were held at churches throughout the State. He along with Mr. N.J. Booth was instrumental in acquiring the land for the first black school in Jefferson Davis County, Carver High.

Wardell Gray and his family suffered many attacks in his life, cross burnings, a barn burned to the ground with 3,000 bales of hay destroyed and on and on, but it did not stop him from fighting for civil rights. He partnered with the Lawrence County Branch of the NAACP to ensure the hiring of African Americans at St. Regis Paper Company (Now Georgia Pacific).

His wife was fired from the school system briefly due to Rev. Darby and Gray filing the lawsuit against the poll tax for the right to vote. Gray formed biracial committees to tackle the troubles in the county—such as colored and white separate waiting rooms at medical clinics.

When the NAACP was sued for millions of dollars, he was in the forefront of fund raising to assist the National Branch in meeting their need. He was the first black to be appointed under President Jimmy Carter to serve on the ASC Committee.

Volumes could be written about the number of people Gray counseled, inspired, encouraged and helped along in their lives. Gray will be remembered as a gentleman, friend, and servant; lover of his family, community and his God.

The loves of his life were his two children and his grand- and great-grandchildren. He was a mentor to many children in the community and beyond. Gray leaves to cherish his memory his children: Dr. Pene' Gray Woods (Curtis) of Cordova, TN; Joseph Willie (Sheryl) Gray of Hattiesburg, MS, grandchildren Christopher (Lynsi), and Dominic, Joseph Jr., Jayla,

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Kyle Meyers, Joseph and Ashley Smith; great-grandchildren Caitlyn, Chris II, and Dominic II.

**CYBER VULNERABILITY  
DISCLOSURE REPORTING ACT**

SPEECH OF

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 9, 2018*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support H.R. 3202, the Cyber Vulnerability Disclosure Reporting Act. H.R. 3202 directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit a report to Congress detailing the procedures involved in disclosing cyber vulnerabilities to the private sector.

This bill aims to safeguard the nation against cyber security threats by requiring the Secretary of Homeland Security to release a report disclosing specific cyber security vulnerabilities to the House Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate. H.R. 3202 also requires that the report include examples of these procedures in action over the past year, noting when the disclosure took place and how the information was used to prevent cyber-attacks. Finally, the report will also explain how the Secretary of Homeland Security, other Federal agencies, and relevant industries are working collaboratively to prevent, detect, and mitigate cyber vulnerabilities.

To best combat cyber threats, we must support full cooperation between the private and public sectors. In the past, cybersecurity vulnerabilities have been collected by the Department of Homeland Security and monitored by the intelligence community. The disclosure of these vulnerabilities to the private sector is an important step to promote transparency and to encourage preventative action on the part of stakeholders and industries.

I fully support H.R. 3202 to strengthen documentation of cybersecurity threats across the public and private sectors. I believe that informing Congress of disclosure procedures is a critically important step in guaranteeing transparency at the Federal level and ensuring that vulnerabilities are acted on.

**HONORING DEREK RONALD  
McFERRIN**

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 16, 2018*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Derek Ronald McFerrin. Ronnie is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 313, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ronnie has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Ronnie has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Ron-

nie has constructed an 8' x 8' brick patio at Lake Doniphan in Excelsior Springs, Missouri, which hosts a summer camp for kids with special needs.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ronnie for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

**HONORING CLARK BARNES**

**HON. ALEXANDER X. MOONEY**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 16, 2018*

Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Clark Barnes for his service in the West Virginia Senate. Clark served as a State Senator from Randolph County for ten years and in 2015 became Senate clerk.

A preacher's son, he worked as a ranch hand at a camp for deaf teens, served in the Army, handled permits for a mining company, ran his own construction business, sold life insurance and worked for Miracle Ear in the hearing aid business. Clark put in 30 years as a Miracle Ear entrepreneur and operated in 13 locations.

Clark's work ethic cannot be matched. His dedication to his work life in both the private and public sector is simply astonishing. At 67, Clark has decided to retire and move to Florida to enjoy a few months fishing before seeing what lies in store. Enjoy retirement, Clark.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. ALMA S. ADAMS**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 16, 2018*

Ms. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I was absent 01/08/18 through 01/11/18 due to my recovery from surgery.

Had I been present, I would have voted: Roll Call No. 1, Present; Roll Call No. 2, YEA; Roll Call No. 3, YEA; Roll Call No. 4, YEA; Roll Call No. 5, YEA; Roll Call No. 6, YEA; Roll Call No. 7, YEA; Roll Call No. 8, NO; Roll Call No. 9, NO; Roll Call No. 10, NO; Roll Call No. 11, NO; Roll Call No. 12, YES; Roll Call No. 13, YES; Roll Call No. 14, YES; Roll Call No. 15, YES; Roll Call No. 16, NO; and Roll Call No. 17, YES.

**HONORING KYLAN PAUL WOERTH**

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 16, 2018*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kylan Paul Woerth. Kylan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 337, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kylan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the

many years Kylan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Kylan has led his troop as the acting Patrol Leader and earned the rank of Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Kylan has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project by replacing a split-rail fence at Shoal Creek Living History Museum in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kylan for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America, and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 16, 2018*

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained due to ongoing issues surrounding the health of my youngest daughter in Minnesota.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 14; YEA on Roll Call No. 15; NAY on Roll Call No. 16; and YEA on Roll Call No. 17.

**POST-CALIPHATE THREAT  
ASSESSMENT ACT OF 2017**

SPEECH OF

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 9, 2018*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4564—Post-Caliphate Threat Assessment Act of 2017.

This legislation would direct the Department of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Department of State, and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence to perform a threat assessment of current foreign terrorist fighter activities. This multi-agency assessment will include a breakdown of any country or region with a substantial increase in foreign terrorist fighter activity, travel and trends of terrorist movement, and an analysis of travel trends in and out of Iraq and Syria.

To successfully continue the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), our government agencies must understand the current terrorist threat. This conflict is complex and ISIS has lost a significant amount of territory in their self-declared caliphate, while anti-ISIS fighters have successfully regained control of the cities of Mosul and Raqqa. After these recent victories for the anti-ISIS forces in Northern Iraq and Syria, the enemy has dispersed across the region. The anti-ISIS victories have been essential to reestablishing order in the conflict zone, but unfortunately present new challenges in defeating the terrorist group. Shifts in power have caused ISIS to disperse into countries that border Syria and Iraq, such as Libya, Afghanistan, and Turkey, in order to evade total defeat. Recent reports on the whereabouts of fleeing ISIS fighters have varied, prompting the need for a post-caliphate threat assessment.