

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF MARVIN E. JONES'
100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Marvin Jones on the celebration of his 100th birthday.

I join his friends and family in extending my best to him on this occasion and in celebrating his life and contributions to our great state. I hope he uses this momentous day to do the same.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Marvin Jones on his birthday. May his year be filled with happiness and blessings.

IN RECOGNITION OF KOREAN
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
GREATER NEW YORK ON THE OC-
CASION OF THE 115TH KOREAN
AMERICAN DAY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the achievements of the Korean American Association of Greater New York (KAAGNY) as it celebrates the 115th Korean American Day. Korean American Day marks the arrival of the first Korean immigrants to the United States in 1903. Since then, the Korean American community of New York City has grown to over 100,000 people, with 500,000 living in the greater metropolitan area. It is the second largest Korean community in the country.

Today, President Minsun Kim and Board Chair Charles Yoon lead an exemplary team of dedicated volunteers who have worked hard to grow the organization within New York's ever-expanding Korean American community. President Kim is the 35th president in the organization's history and I am confident she and Chairman Yoon will continue to strengthen KAAGNY.

The organization has roots dating back to 1921 when the Korean Students Association of New York was founded. In 1960, KAAGNY became a full service organization working to help Korean Americans of the New York Metropolitan Area. Since then, it has grown into an umbrella organization for more than 200 regional, professional, religious, educational, and trade organizations.

KAAGNY has played a crucial role in advocating for the advancement of Korean Americans since its founding. It plans community activities from helping campaign for Korean American participation in the decennial census survey to registering people to vote. KAAGNY has a proven track record of empowering and

engaging Korean Americans through education, community engagement, and social services.

Last year, I personally attended two KAAGNY events. After traveling to South Korea on a Congressional Delegation in August, I met with KAAGNY members to discuss the importance of the U.S.-Korea relationship. In the fall, I witnessed the unveiling of the Comfort Women Statue of Peace. The statue honors the Korean women who were abused as sex slaves during World War II. I was honored to be able to contribute an inscription to this powerful reminder of the pain and suffering endured by so many women and girls.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding work of KAAGNY, which continues to advance the issues important for Korean Americans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, my flight from San Antonio, TX, to Washington, D.C., was delayed due to inclement weather. As a result, I was unable to return in time to take Tuesday evening's votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted:

YEA on Roll Call 18, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 4318, Miscellaneous Tariff Bill Act of 2018; and

YEA on Roll Call 19, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 117, Alex Diekmann Peak Designation Act of 2017.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for Roll Call votes 18 and 19 on Tuesday, January 16, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call votes 18 and 19.

IN HONOR OF ROGER AND SID
YEARICK'S 50TH WEDDING ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Roger and Sid Yearick 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 Roger and Sid on the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. I wish them the best today and for many more blessed years to come.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPHSON'S
CLOTHING STORE

HON. JASON LEWIS

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Mr. LEWIS of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today and congratulate a Minnesota landmark and family-run business, Josephson's Clothing Store, on an impressive anniversary. This month Josephson's will celebrate its 140-year anniversary, making it the oldest continually running men's clothing store in the state of Minnesota.

Founder Alfred Josephson opened its doors on January 26, 1878 on Main Street in Red Wing, Minnesota. The Josephson family retained ownership of the store until August 3, 1992 when it was sold by Tom and Marilyn Josephson to its current owners, Tom and Denise Withers. The Withers have proudly operated the store for the last twenty-five years.

Josephson's Clothing Store has a long history that exemplifies Minnesotans' strong work ethic and tenacity. It has withstood economic depressions and recessions, changing demographics, and transitions in commerce preferences. Yet Josephson's remains a staple of the community in Red Wing.

It is my honor to recognize a business that represents the best of American perseverance. I am confident that Josephson's will remain a pillar of the community for years to come.

HONORING THE MILITARY SERV-
ICE OF CHARLES EDWARD
"BILLY" WATTS

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember World War II veteran and American Fighter Ace, Lieutenant Commander Charles Edward "Billy" Watts, of Baytown who passed away on Friday, January 12, 2018.

Mr. Watts was born November 14, 1921 in Ben Wheeler, Texas and grew up on the family farm. Billy attended Van public schools and attended East Texas State University in Commerce for two years.

At the age of twenty, Mr. Watts enlisted in the United States Navy Air Corps. Watts flew

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an aircraft carrier-based fighter, the F6F Hellcat, as a member of fighter squadrons VF-17 and VF-18 in two major operations in the Pacific Theater. With 8¾ confirmed kills, Lt. Cdr. Watts earned the designation as an American Fighter Ace. Of the more than sixty thousand American fighter pilots who have served since World War I, less than 1,500 have achieved the elite status of Fighter Ace.

In 1947, Mr. Watts graduated from Southern Methodist University (SMU) and began work in the Production Department for Humble Oil Company (later Exxon). He lived in and around the Houston area until transferring to Baytown in 1963. Billy finished his career in the Houston Office in 1982.

Mr. Watts served as an active member and treasurer of both Grace United Methodist Church and later Cedar Bayou Grace United Methodist Church. He was a faithful church member and took numerous camping trips with the Methodist Camping Group.

Upon his discharge from the Navy, Mr. Watts met his future wife Wanda Lee Dodson of Van, Texas and celebrated their seventy-second wedding anniversary on December 2, 2017. Billy is survived by his wife Wanda, three children, four grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

Lt. Cdr. Watts was proud of his Naval service and was active with the American Fighter Aces Association and was one of four aces invited to the White House for the signing of The American Fighter Aces Congressional Gold Medal Act. A year later, Mr. Watts returned to the United States Capitol and received his Congressional Gold Medal. As his Congressman, and fellow veteran, it was a tremendous honor and privilege to meet Lt. Cdr. Watts and participate in the presentation of his Congressional Gold Medal. Lt. Cdr. Watts' many military decorations include: the Navy Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross with two Gold Stars, Purple Heart, the Air Medal with seven Gold Stars, and two Presidential citations for serving on the USS *Bunker Hill* and USS *Homet* aircraft carriers.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank Lieutenant Commander Charles Edward "Billy" Watts for his bravery, sacrifice, and service to our great nation. May God bless Mr. Watts, all of our World War II veterans, and all of those who have served or are currently serving.

HONORING THE TRUMBULL HIGH SCHOOL WE THE PEOPLE TEAM'S SUCCESS AT CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY'S WE THE PEOPLE: THE CITIZEN AND THE CONSTITUTION COMPETITION

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Trumbull High School's first place finish at Connecticut State University's We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution competition.

Every year, thousands of high school students contend in state and national We the People competitions, in which participants explore and debate the origins and import of our nation's Constitution. Trumbull High School students have long excelled in this competi-

tion. Their victory in 2017 marked their seventh consecutive state championship under the leadership of social studies teacher and coach Katie Boland. Overall, Trumbull High School students have won the Connecticut finals 23 times since the school began competing in 1983.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the exceptional academic prowess and intellectual curiosity the 29 Trumbull High School seniors on the team demonstrated in preparing for this competition. They researched the historical and philosophical underpinnings of the Constitution and applied their findings to the Constitutional issues of today. While the students have enjoyed a well-earned victory, they are already hard at work preparing for the We the People 2018 National Finals in April.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in recognizing these students—Lindsay Adams, Natalie Almonacid, Samantha Almonacid, Ethan Bachand, Max Bowen, Emma Butler, Shane Carley, Morgan Carrano, Danielle Cross, Connor Flaherty, Lalith Gannavaram, Sarah Giaquinto, Joseph Guedes, Gillian Kick, Manya Kidambi, Allie Lewis, Julia Luow, Lauren Luow, Stefano Mancini, Derek Marble, Mariam Marino, Mia McKinney, Joshua Merkin, Ishan Negi, Jessica Parillo, Joseph Piccolo, Laura Rosales, Alev Yorulmaz and Larry Zhang. I join the proud Trumbull community in wishing these students the best of luck as they continue to expand their understanding of the Constitution and the role it plays in upholding America's civic life.

IN SUPPORT OF H. RES. 676

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 676, a bipartisan resolution that expresses support for the citizens of Iran.

The Iranian people should be allowed to express legitimate grievances without violent retribution from their own government. As Iranians chant "think of us," their government has responded with brute force. Twenty-one people have been killed and hundreds more await an uncertain fate after being arrested. Three young Iranians have died in jail, including Sina Ghanbari, a student who was being held in Iran's notorious Evin prison.

The regime's violent suppression of dissent should come as no surprise, given its long history of denying its own citizens fundamental human rights. Torture is widespread, members of religious minorities like the Baha'i face constant persecution, and the number of executions in Iran has skyrocketed under President Rouhani.

These protests also highlight how the Iranian regime has harmed its own people by spending billions of dollars to foment aggression and destabilize the region. While Iran suffers from a youth unemployment rate of nearly 40 percent and economic hardship, the regime continues to bankroll the Assad regime in Syria, Hezbollah in Lebanon, and the Houthis in Yemen. The Iranian people are outraged, and their leaders should take notice when crowds are heard chanting, "I give my life for Iran, not Gaza, [and] not Lebanon."

Adoption of this resolution will send a clear message to the brave voices in Iran crying out for a better future that the United States stands with them.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE SHOWMAN ASSOCIATION 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Pennsylvania State Showmen's Association (P.S.S.A.) on the occasion of their 50th anniversary.

I look forward to joining them Friday evening at the annual Pennsylvania State Showmen's Association Convention as they celebrate this monumental milestone.

The Pennsylvania State Showmen's Association (P.S.S.A.) has served to keep the Outdoor Amusement Industry alive and strong through their combined efforts.

The P.S.S.A. has grown because its members have learned to put their individual goals aside for the common goals of the Industry. This unity really has the strength and foresight necessary to continue its work into the next century.

The annual convention and trade show brings together board members, volunteers and staff from most of the 109 Pennsylvania county and local fairs.

For 14 years its support of scholarships has generated more than \$200,000. The P.S.S.A.'s investment in our Commonwealth's next generation of leadership is to be commended.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Pennsylvania State Showmen's Association for working to the best of its ability to keep the Outdoor Amusement Industry the best of America's Family Entertainment.

Congratulations and Happy 50th anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 due to hazardous weather conditions.

Had I been able to vote, I would have voted as follows: on H.R. 4318, the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill Act, as amended, I would have voted Yea; on S. 117, the Alex Diekmann Peak Designation Act of 2017, I would have voted Yea; and on the Journal Vote, I would have voted No.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I was sick on January 16, 2018, and missed the votes on Roll Call No. 018 and Roll Call No. 019.