

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DORIS WARD

#### HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2018*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a trailblazer, change-maker and beloved leader: San Francisco Board of Supervisors President Doris Ward.

Doris was a woman of extraordinary spirit and positivity who never let a closed door deter her. Throughout her 40 years of leadership—at lunch counters and on the NAACP's Metropolitan Council, as a school administrator and a community leader—she fought fearlessly to knock down barriers to equality and justice.

A former teacher herself, Doris was a passionate advocate for our schools and believed deeply in the power of education to help all Americans climb the ladders of opportunity in our nation.

Doris was a pioneer, making history as the first African American to serve as President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. As a leader of our city, she both embodied and championed the San Francisco values of equality, fairness and respect for diversity. Her strong leadership to expand affordable housing, support minority-led businesses and improve oversight of the police force continues to ensure that San Francisco remain a welcoming home to all.

Doris was a great friend to our most underserved neighborhoods, and a great inspiration for women, communities of color and young people across our city and country.

San Franciscans have been blessed by the leadership of Doris Ward. We will deeply miss her warmth, positivity and joyous spirit.

May it bring some measure of comfort to Doris' many friends and loved ones that so many remember and celebrate Doris' life and legacy.

### HONORING THE ARVIN-EDISON WATER STORAGE DISTRICT FOR 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

#### HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2018*

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Arvin-Edison Water Storage District.

Established in 1942 to serve the booming agricultural industry in the southeastern portion of California's San Joaquin Valley, the Arvin-Edison Water Storage District has played an essential role in making Kern County the number one agricultural producer in the United States.

The District provides water to over 131,000 acres of agricultural land in Kern County, from

both surface water through the Central Valley Project's Friant Unit as well as from groundwater. The water irrigates tens of thousands of acres of almonds, carrots, citrus, grapes, potatoes, and other annual crops with a value exceeding \$1 billion in 2016. And in true California fashion of never letting a drop of water go to waste, the water the District provides to irrigate these and other crops results from a true conjunctive use process—District also recharges the underground aquifer to help stabilize groundwater levels in a region that relies on well water as a primary source of irrigation.

To accommodate Kern County's ever-expanding agricultural industry and variable surface water supplies, the District has had to take innovative approaches to water management and storage. For instance, when times are good and water is flowing from rain and melting snow, the District developed a network of groundwater banking programs connected by miles of canals and pipes to capture this water for use in dry years. This approach helped our communities and farmers weather the recent multi-year catastrophic drought in California, ensuring that they were able to access life-giving water.

In 1997, the District entered into a 25-year agreement with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California that has empowered the District to complete capital improvement projects without increasing water costs to Kern County farmers, including expansion of the aforementioned water banks.

I am proud of the work accomplished by the Arvin-Edison Water Storage District, currently led by President Edwin Camp, Engineer-Manager Jeevan Muhar, Deputy General Manager David Nixon, Director of Water Resources Steven Collup, General Superintendent Christopher Krauter, and Directors Ronald Lehr, Jeffrey Guimarra, Derek Yurosek, Dennis Johnston, John Moore, Charles Fanucchi, Catalino Martinez, and Kevin Pascoe. They and their predecessors' efforts have made a lasting impact on our community which will continue to play a critical role in the lives of Kern County farmers and those who enjoy the products they grow.

The Arvin-Edison Water Storage District's role in shaping the face of American agriculture cannot be understated, and I wish the District another 75 years of success.

### HONORING DR. MICHAEL LANGBERG

#### HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2018*

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Michael Langberg, Senior Vice President and Chief Clinical Officer of Cedars Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles. Dr. Langberg will retire from his post at Cedars in May, after having served the patients of Los Angeles and, in fact, patients around

the nation, since 1981. He leaves behind a legacy of better quality care, improved health policy, and collaboration with hospitals around the country to make care safer, particularly for those of limited means or with complex medical needs.

Dr. Langberg is a highly respected national leader on patient safety and health care quality. When the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services crafted the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program, he led the work at the American Hospital Association to understand the proposed policy, identify potential unintended consequences—especially those potentially affecting poorer communities—and convey those issues to CMS so that the agency could refine its approach and improve the program. His work laid the foundation for the provision in the bipartisan 21st Century Cures Act that directed CMS to include an adjustment to the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program to recognize the impact of sociodemographic factors on readmission rates.

Dr. Langberg has testified before this body on patient safety and quality issues and before the California Senate on physician quality performance—all in an effort to help legislators craft better public policy that supports improvement in health and health care. He is a permanent member of the California Department of Public Health's health care-associated infection advisory committee, seeking to prevent the emergence and spread of infections in my state, and he serves on the Board of Directors of the Hospital Quality Institute in California.

Dr. Langberg has been an advocate for sharing both successes and failures in an effort to disseminate best practices and advance improvements in quality and safety. He has been an invited speaker at the Health Management Academy, the National Patient Safety Congress, and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement. By freely speaking of both the successes and challenges encountered by this nationally esteemed hospital, Dr. Langberg has helped many other hospitals across this nation learn how to keep patients safe, improve the quality of the care they deliver, and be attentive to health risks patients may experience after they have left the hospital, particularly poorer patients and those who live in communities with relatively few health care providers.

For these reasons, I am delighted to recognize Dr. Michael Langberg and offer thanks for his dedication and service.

### DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO

#### HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2018*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Douglas County Fair and Rodeo. Since the First Annual Fair

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in 1918, the Douglas County Fair and Rodeo has been a hallmark of our great state. With families from the Front Range and beyond, traveling to see Colorado's agriculture and livestock on full display.

The diligent work of the Douglas County Fair Foundation is what keeps this time-honored tradition going strong. With tens of thousands in attendance the achievement and hard work of the local volunteers is self-evident. The community benefits include immense support of local business, family entertainment and a focus on agricultural education for farmers and ranchers across the state.

On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I applaud the Douglas County Fair and Rodeo that honors our rich agricultural and ranching roots. We look forward to their continued success as they keep this strong western tradition alive. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to celebrate the centennial celebration of the Douglas County Fair and Rodeo.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JONATHAN DUNHAM HOUSE

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2018*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with the Trinity Episcopal Church congregation and the Woodbridge community in celebrating the 300th anniversary of the Jonathan Dunham House. This incredible milestone and the history of this site is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

One of the oldest properties in Woodbridge, New Jersey, the Jonathan Dunham House is an incredible historical marker in the township. In addition to its ownership by the Dunham family and Trinity Episcopal Church, the house was also once owned by the Barron family, another well-known and renowned family of the township.

The rectory of Trinity Episcopal Church, the Jonathan Dunham House is part of the church's national and state historic registry listing. Built in the 1700s as a residence by Jonathan Dunham, an ancestor of former President Barack Obama, the Jonathan Dunham House became the church's rectory in 1873.

Purchased in 1872 by George Hance, Senior Warden of the church, the Jonathan Dunham House was donated to Trinity after a year of renovations that updated and enlarged the property. Begun in 2014 and recently completed, the rectory was once again renovated in order to restore the property. The site has continually served as the church's rectory since its acquisition.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in marking the 300th anniversary of the Jonathan Dunham House and thanking the church, congregants and community volunteers for their dedicated work to preserve this historic site.

HONORING MRS. TAMMIE JO SHULTS

**HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2018*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Tammie Jo Shults, the pilot of Southwest Airlines Flight 1380 on April 17th, whose heroic actions saved many lives.

A New Mexico native, Mrs. Shults demonstrated bravery and composure as she safely guided her Boeing 737 to the ground after one of its engines exploded. While we mourn the loss of beloved Albuquerque native Jennifer Riordan, we are grateful that Mrs. Shults' extraordinary actions under pressure helped prevent an even greater tragedy.

In addition to her life-saving actions on April 17th, Mrs. Shults was a trail blazer in the U.S. Navy. After combat exclusion laws for women were repealed, Mrs. Shults became one of the first female fighter pilots. Despite facing adversity and unequal treatment due to her gender, Mrs. Shults eventually earned the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Mr. Speaker, I want to extend my gratitude to Mrs. Tammie Jo Shults for her years of service to our country and her extraordinary, live-saving heroism aboard Southwest Airlines Flight 1380.

CELEBRATING THE SERVICE AND DEDICATION OF CINDY KOEDOOT

**HON. BILL HUIZENGA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2018*

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Cindy Koedoot and the lasting impact she has had on countless students at Zeeland Public Schools. Throughout her career, Cindy has worked tirelessly as a Special Education teacher, selflessly committing herself to instructing and preparing her students for the future.

Over the course of her teaching career, Cindy has personally developed and designed various field trips and unique learning opportunities for her students. One of the programs Cindy designed offered students the opportunity to learn to craft rugs, blankets, and other items that would then be sold by the students at trade shows. These types of experiences taught the students not only the values of crafting and hard work, but also the entrepreneurial skills that can define success well beyond the classroom.

For over 25 years, Cindy coordinated trips to Washington, D.C. for Zeeland Public School students. With her careful attention to every detail involved in these trips, including reservations for hotels and airlines, loading metro passes, and scheduling activities in and around Washington, D.C., Cindy created opportunities and lifelong memories for students from all walks of life.

Mr. Speaker, Cindy Koedoot spent her life working diligently to educate and mentor the students of Zeeland, Michigan. It is thus fitting and proper that we celebrate her service and dedication here today. I extend my deepest

gratitude and congratulations to Cindy for her decades of selfless service.

IN HONOR OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATAVIAN; AN ONLINE ONLY NEWS SOURCE FOR BATAVIA AND GENESEE COUNTY

**HON. CHRIS COLLINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2018*

Mr. COLLINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 10th anniversary of The Batavian, the first online only, local news source for Batavia and Genesee County, New York.

The Batavian was launched on May 1, 2008, with Howard Owens as publisher and Philip Anselmo as editor, with the goal of providing local residents with timely news and information. Their mission was to ensure that every citizen had a chance to contribute to the community by posting news and opinions about events, whether of local interest or national or international importance. Through these civil discussions, communities can grow stronger.

Today, over 12,000 people visit the web site each weekday and more than 150 local businesses support it with sponsorships. The Batavian has also been honored by the Inland Press Association, The Genesee County Chamber of Commerce, and the Business Improvement District, for its success in journalism and contribution to the community.

I thank The Batavians publisher Howard Owens, current editor Billie Owens and their dedicated staff for their commitment to preserving the mission of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, and I congratulate them on achieving a decade of success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2018*

Ms. SÁNCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Numbers 162 through 166, On Amendments to H.R. 4, the Democratic Motion to Recommend, and Final Passage, I was unavoidably detained and missed the vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted: Roll Call 162, McClintock Amendment—No; Roll Call 163, Duncan Amendment—No; Roll Call 164, Motion to Recommit H.R. 4—Yes; Roll Call 165, Final Passage—Yes; and Roll Call 166, On Motion to Table H. Res. 856—No.

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**HON. LEE M. ZELDIN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2018*

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to thirty six exemplary