

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
JEB PARR, UNITED STATES NAVY

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, May 17, 2018

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to commemorate the life of my former constituent, Jeb Parr, who passed away on April 19. Jeb was a fervent advocate for our nation's public shipyards. His sudden passing is a huge loss to the submarine and ship maintenance community.

Jeb dedicated his professional life to the U.S. Navy. He began his active service career in 1975. At that time, he enrolled in and completed the yearlong nuclear engineering training at the fast-paced and prestigious Naval Nuclear Power School, which was founded by the father of the America's Nuclear Navy, Admiral Hyman G. Rickover. It was here where the motto "Knowledge, Integrity, Excellence" was forever ingrained in Jeb. He would carry this standard with him for the rest of his life.

Following eight years of active military service, Jeb came to Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PSNS&IMF) to work as a nuclear engineer. Over his thirty years of dedicated service at the shipyard, Jeb nurtured a passion for teaching others and served an integral role in developing nuclear training and qualification programs at the shipyard. He possessed an innate ability to recognize and acknowledge the person behind the trainee or worker. He was often sent by managers to facilitate discussions between parties with opposing views, as he had a talent for finding common ground and identifying a solution to challenging problems. These abilities, coupled with his prior experience, brought him to work in the Industrial Operations Directorate at Naval Sea Systems Command in Washington, D.C. in 2016 to oversee training and personnel policy at all four public shipyards.

Jeb leaves behind his loving husband of two-and-a-half years, José Isidoro Lemus. He will be remembered for his willingness to take time for others, his kindness, and his commitment to mission. On behalf of myself and the U.S. House of Representatives, we send our thoughts and prayers to José and the rest of Jeb's family during this challenging time.

KYANA AIDUKAITIS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, May 17, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kyana Aidukaitis for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Kyana Aidukaitis received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kyana Aidukaitis is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kyana Aidukaitis for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING LOUIS C. THARP

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, May 17, 2018

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my constituent, Louis C. Tharp of Upper Nyack, New York. Mr. Tharp recently finished a six-year term on the Army Education Advisory Committee, a committee governed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

During his tenure on the Army Education Advisory Committee, Mr. Tharp worked on a number of important issues including women in combat, sexual assault and harassment, a facilitated soldier teaching plan, soldier talent management, Soldier 2020, an assessment of drill sergeant responsibilities, and second- and third-order effects of transgender integration.

He was recommended for this Senior Executive Service position by former Pennsylvania Congressman Patrick Murphy and the Victory Institute's Presidential Appointments Initiative. During his tenure at West Point, Mr. Tharp served as the first out gay coach and authored "Overachiever's Diary, How the Army Triathlon Team Became National Contenders." The proceeds from its sale benefited the team.

Mr. Tharp served honorably in the Indiana National Guard. In addition, he has contributed to several organizations, including Knights Out, the West Point LGBT alumni association, and the Rockland County Anti-Bias Commission, which he chaired. He currently serves as Executive Director and Co-Founder of the Global Healthy Living Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of people with chronic illness. Mr. Tharp and his husband, Jim Bumgardner, will celebrate 34 years together this fall.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my fellow Members of Congress to join me in expressing thanks to Mr. Tharp for his service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, May 17, 2018

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, I missed three votes. Had I been present, I

would have voted: Roll Call No. 181—Yes; Roll Call No. 182—Yes; and Roll Call No. 183—Yes.

SAYDA JASMIN MERAZ APODACA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, May 17, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Sayda Jasmin Meraz Apodaca for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

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The dedication demonstrated by Sayda Jasmin Meraz Apodaca is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives. I extend my deepest congratulations to Sayda Jasmin Meraz Apodaca for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING MAYOR RICHARD WARD OF HURST, TEXAS ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, May 17, 2018

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding public servant from my district, Mayor Richard Ward of Hurst, Texas, who is retiring after 22 years of service to his community.

Richard Ward has served as Mayor of the City of Hurst for the last 14 years, but his commitment to his nation and community began well before then. Just after graduating from Polytechnic High School in Fort Worth, he served in the Army from 1954 to 1957 as an X-ray technician stationed in Frankfurt, Germany. Upon his return to Texas, Richard began a career as a medical instruments salesman and later in Human Resource Management, after receiving a bachelor of General Studies Degree from Texas Christian University in 1982. His work has taken him to several prestigious institutes including Medical Plaza Hospital in Fort Worth, Parkland Hospital in Dallas, and Cornerstone Health Management in Dallas.

In 1962, Richard became a resident of Hurst and began volunteering in youth sports and civil groups. He served on the Board of Directors for Pee Wee Football Association, as a

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coach for Little Dribblers Basketball, and as a Scout Master for the Boy Scouts of America.

Richard was first elected to the City Council of Hurst in 1976 and served through 1980; he then served again from 2000–2004. In 2004, Richard was elected mayor, a position that he has honorably held for the last 14 years, working tirelessly to improve the Hurst community.

Under Mayor Ward's leadership, Hurst has seen incredible growth. As a part of the Transforming Hurst Initiative, the city has completed a series of ambitious projects including the Hurst Conference Center, the Hurst Senior Center, Fire Station 2, the Hurst Justice Center, and the Hurst Chisholm and Central Aquatic Centers. The city has also expanded parks and recreation programs and championed customer service and staff development initiatives. Through this process, Mayor Ward has earned a reputation for balancing fiscal responsibility and economic development. In collaboration with Hurst Councilmembers, he has been able to establish partnerships with local developers and community leaders to revitalize and transform the community.

At the heart of these projects is a commitment to public safety and high quality of life for Hurst's nearly 40,000 residents. In recognition of his efforts and those of councilmembers, the Texas City Manager's Association (TCMA) recognized the Hurst City Council as "Council of the Year" in both 2013 and 2014.

For more than two decades, Richard Ward has demonstrated unreserved dedication to public service and community involvement. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring Mayor Richard Ward for his extraordinary service and wishing him and his family the best in his retirement.

SHARING STUDENTS' 'MARCH FOR OUR LIVES' REMARKS

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, on May 9, I came to the Floor and spoke about the March For Our Lives on March 24 and the nine extraordinarily poised students in Morristown, New Jersey, who spoke at the rally there, which I attended. I include in the RECORD remarks by Mia Paone. I hope my colleagues will read them and internalize the sense of fear in which our nation's students are living every day—and our responsibility as Members of Congress to do something to address this crisis of gun violence.

MARCH FOR OUR LIVES' REMARKS BY MIA PAONE

Hello marchers! My name is Mia Paone, and I am a sophomore at Chatham High School. I am not old enough to vote yet, but I am old enough to speak out against gun violence. I will not be silent.

I am taking a stand to change our gun laws, and I need all of you to join me. Silence is not neutrality. Silence will lead to more deaths from school shootings and other gun violence. I am here to speak for those silenced too soon.

For the young kids at Sandy Hook. For the concert goers in Las Vegas. For the students

from Parkland, the same age as me. I don't want to live in a world where we have to find hiding spots and ways to block the door in our classrooms. In my school, a week after the Parkland Shooting, a power outage occurred. Many of my friends and other students feared the worst; that we were next, because these tragedies have sadly become too routine. Why have no laws been passed to make us safer? Why is it easier to get a gun than it is to get a driver's license? Too many of us are silent.

It is time for us to stand up. It is time for us to speak out. If we want a change in laws, we need to change our actions. Write letters to Members of Congress. Participate in school walkouts and . . . walk in marches! Run for Congress or local office. If you are too young to run, volunteer for a candidate who is running. Register 18-year-olds to vote, and encourage registered voters to show up on Election Day.

The youngest generation of eligible voters has the lowest voter turnout. We live in a democracy. Our senators and representatives should be responsive to our opinions. If they are not, it's our job to elect candidates who are. If they do not listen, vote them out!

Our generation's voter turnout must increase if we want leaders who will take action to reduce gun violence and gun deaths. And if you are like me, not yet old enough to vote but want to impact change, have faith. Just because we're in high school doesn't mean we can't make a difference.

Two weeks ago, on the day of the walkout, my history class was learning about the Civil Rights movements of the 1960's. Many of those events were organized by high school and college students. If they could do it, why can't we? It is our job as the upcoming generation of voters, leaders, and activists to make clear that when we believe something needs to be changed, we will not be silent.

We will not stand down. We will stand up, stand together, and we will not stop speaking out until our voices are heard.

MADILYNN HAINES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Madilynn Haines for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

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The dedication demonstrated by Madilynn Haines is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Madilynn Haines for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HUMBLE HIGH SCHOOL ARMY JROTC

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Army Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) of Humble High School in Humble, Texas have gone above and beyond, and our community is proud of their outstanding achievements.

The Humble High School JROTC has a history of success and are known for their commitment to giving back to our community. Under the direction of Sergeant Major Watkins, the cadets do much more than drill competitions and marching in parades. They serve their school and community, performing various service projects and duties throughout the year.

During National Police Week in May, the cadets show honor to police officers who were killed in the line of duty, by holding 10 foot avenue flag poles at my annual Police Memorial Ceremony. The cadets are always dressed in their best as they proudly display Old Glory. Survivors, police officers, and community leaders walk through this sea of red, white, and blue as they enter the Police Memorial Ceremony. The cadets do an admirable job representing Humble High School.

Every Veterans Day, the JROTC cadets pay tribute to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier through a reenactment. The ceremony is well known in the community and is appropriately called the Wildcat Salute to Veterans. As the sun peaks over the horizon, members of the Humble community, veterans, and students arrive at the high school, but instead of hallways adorned with Wildcat posters and traditional school spirit signs, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier display sits in front of visitors. The tribute begins with the traditional laying of a wreath and the Changing of the Guard ritual. The cadets are trained as Sentinels and guard the Tomb all day. Their service and patriotism to our nation sets them apart as role models to other students. The reenactment serves as a memorial to service members who have admirably fought and died for our country yet remain unknown. The tomb declares—"Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God."

There are countless other service projects they participate in throughout the year. They do not go unnoticed. I know that the residents of Humble are proud of Humble High School JROTC accomplishments. I applaud them for their tremendous achievements and commend them for giving back to our community. They make a difference and represent all that is right and good in America.

And that's just the way it is.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to travel back to Washington due to illness. Had I been present, I would have