

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JARED EICHHORN

HON. PAUL D. RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I address the House today to mark Jared Eichhorn's last week working as the Director of the House Republican Cloakroom. The Cloakroom is a special place in the people's House, and Jared has been its reliable steward.

Jared's service to the House dates back to the summer of 2006, when he began his tenure as a staff assistant for then-Majority Leader John A. Boehner (OH-08). Jared kept his head down and worked his way up the ladder, ultimately moving to the House floor as a Floor Assistant, a role in which he would flourish. Working with members and staff from the GOP Conference, Jared became a trusted source for parliamentary procedure and floor strategy.

Given Jared's hard work and steadiness, it is no surprise that in 2015, Speaker Boehner named him to serve as the cloakroom's director, a post I asked him to continue in at the start of this speakership.

Jared is one of the good guys. He is a team player who shows up every day and gives everything he has for this place. Whether it is running the Cloakroom, managing his team, fielding countless questions and requests from member offices, coordinating with the House Rules Committee, Jared's departure will be a big loss to our office and the institution. His quiet dedication to the people's House is an example for all of us, as his unflappable nature.

A Cleveland native, Jared is a graduate of Miami University of Ohio, where I am also a proud alumnus. His bride, Sarah, is also a Cleveland native and Miami alumna. Yet while they were in both in Oxford at the same time, it would take a nudge by our former colleague from Ohio, Rep. Steve LaTourette, to make the first introduction. Jared and Sarah are expecting their first child later this summer and I could not be happier for them. I want to thank Sarah for her sacrifices during the late nights and long hours.

We are so grateful for Jared's service to this institution, and the whole House is in his debt.

IN HONOR OF JEAN GABA'S 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

HON. AMI BERA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BERA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 100th birthday of Jean Gaba from Carmichael, California.

Ms. Gaba was born in June 1918, in Oakland, California. She first worked at her fa-

ther's law office, and at dinner with a friend in 1938 she met her future husband, Bill. In 1940 they were married and started a family, welcoming their daughter, Carolyn, in 1942.

While raising her daughter and working as an insurance agent, Jean also managed to squeeze out time for charitable activities, volunteering at Children's Hospital in Oakland and becoming a Brownie and Girl Scout leader for her daughter's troop. She is a skilled bridge player and avid reader—since getting her first library card at age 7 she has never been without a book or two close by.

In her 100 years the social, cultural and political fabric of her world has changed dramatically. She has traveled extensively, including visiting her granddaughters in Malaysia and Chile in her eighties.

As Ms. Gaba and her daughter, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren celebrate her 100th birthday, I am delighted to send her my best wishes and congratulations.

IN HONOR OF ROMA WALKER'S 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Roma Walker on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

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

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Roma Walker on her birthday. May her year be filled with happiness and blessings.

SUPPORT FOR NEW AMERICAN INSTITUTE OFFICE IN TAIWAN

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the inauguration of the new office complex for the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), and to highlight the importance of U.S.-Taiwan relations. This relationship has a vital impact on the peace, security and stability of the Western Pacific.

The inauguration ceremony for this new facility will be attended by a number of dignitaries, including Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen. This event represents much more than the opening of just another new office complex in metropolitan Taipei. It stands as a concrete example of the firm commitment and unbreakable bonds that exist between the peoples of the United States and Taiwan.

Next year will mark the 40th anniversary of the passage and signing into law of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA), which has served as a cornerstone for our vigorous security, economic and people-to-people bilateral relationship. It was a proud moment in the history of this Congress when we took the lead in assuring that the Carter Administration's decision to grant diplomatic recognition to Beijing would not come at the expense of Taiwan. The people of Taiwan have earned our friendship and support as they share our own dedication to democracy, human rights, and a free market economy.

I am one of the few remaining members who personally witnessed the historic passage of the TRA. Let us stand with Taiwan here again today by recognizing the continued American support of Taiwan through the inauguration of this new AIT facility.

HONORING JACK MUIRHEAD

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jack Muirhead. Jack 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 214, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jack has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jack 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, Jack has become a member of the tribe Mic-O-Say. Jack has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Jack built a flag retirement box, and organized, planned, and implemented a regular flag retirement ceremony for Troop 214.

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

HONORING THE CAREER OF ROBERT C. GAINES, MD, LEAD PHYSICIAN

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the completion of a prodigious thirty-six-year federal career of Dr. Robert C. Gaines of the VA Santa Barbara Community-Based Outpatient Clinic.

Following his rigorous medical studies and Residency at the Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, Dr. Robert Gaines joined staff of the

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Santa Barbara VA on July 1, 1982. In 1995, as the youngest primary care physician on staff, Dr. Gaines was promoted to Chief Medical Officer by the VA Greater Los Angeles System, and remained the clinic's leader and advocate for twenty-three years.

During his decades with the VA, Dr. Gaines has remained unsinkable, despite relentless and conflicting demands, perpetual resource shortages, and high leader turnover within the Los Angeles VA system, and the VA Central Office.

Despite the persistent challenges of his career, in the last decade Dr. Gaines became a volunteer with the Doctors without Walls and provided weekly "street medicine" to the homeless in our community. He also volunteered to be trained for the Federal Employee Response Team, serving victims of disasters in our country. In 2005, along with his VA team, the Santa Barbara Independent honored Dr. Gaines as a "Local Hero".

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join with the VA Santa Barbara and the VA Greater Los Angeles in celebrating the exemplary thirty-six-year career of Dr. Robert Gaines as he retires. His leadership and commitment to our Veterans has been both exceptional and unprecedented.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I had an urgent family commitment that caused me to miss my normal flight, and therefore evening votes. I, like the rest of this body, am fully committed to fighting the opioid epidemic. Had I been able to vote, I would have joined my colleagues in supporting the opioid combatting legislation that passed the House yesterday.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2018

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5895) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019 and for other purposes:

Mr. KIND. Mr. Chair, I will vote against H.R. 5895, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, because the process failed to live up to the Majority's promise of regular order, didn't invest in Americans back home, and included controversial policy riders that have no place in appropriations bills. Rather than investing in Americans by fully funding critical domestic programs, this bill overspends on wasteful programs under the guise of national security. Further, it included controversial policy riders, which

should be considered under their own merit—not hidden in a spending bill.

I am particularly concerned about the additional money in the bill that is allocated for new weapons systems that may actually threaten our national security. In particular, the bill included new funding for nuclear weapons activities at the expense of critical defense nonproliferation accounts, while offering little evidence as to how new nuclear weapons could be used to improve national security.

Despite voting against the bill, I am happy to see over \$52 million provided to the VA to implement the Jason Simcakoski PROMISE Act. The funding will assist in increasing programs to help medical professionals and patients understand the risks associated with pain medication and examine alternative treatments. I am also encouraged that the bill included over \$196 million for veteran suicide prevention, \$5.6 billion for homeless veterans' treatment costs, and \$270 million for rural health initiatives. These efforts will help address the opioid epidemic and give veterans and their families the tools they need and the accountability they deserve.

I understand how important it is to provide ample support for our military, which is why I recently voted in favor the National Defense Authorization Act. Supporting the brave men and women who defend this nation is of paramount importance; however, we should not be inserting partisan riders into our spending bills. I will continue to work with my colleagues to support our military and pursue fiscally responsible policies that invest in Americans.

TRIBUTE TO ANAHEIM UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the notable contributions and meaningful progress made by the Anaheim Union High School District (AUHSD) to protect its 30,000 students by taking unprecedented actions to implement school safety measures, including the installation of a pioneering digital mapping system at my alma mater, Anaheim High School.

This technology can potentially save the lives of teachers, students and first responders, especially critical in a time when hundreds of students have been victims of gun violence in more than 200 school shootings. In 2018 alone, there have been 20 incidents in which someone was injured with a firearm on the campus of an U.S. school.

More than 214,000 students have experienced gun violence at 216 schools since Columbine. The Washington Post found that at least 141 children, educators and other individuals have been killed in assaults, and another 284 have been injured.

Anaheim High is the first school in the nation to be digitally mapped using technology developed by former law enforcement officer, David Sobel, whose wife and mother are both public school teachers.

This new technology will provide up-to-date floor plans, aerial maps and site plans virtually to responders within minutes of an emergency.

Through the use of 15,000, 360-degree high resolution photos, the digital map will provide first responders with important details such as potential hiding places, what furniture or other materials could be used as a barricade, and even what kinds of locks and hinges are on the doors.

What's more, the AUHSD is actively embracing its philosophy that "school safety means physical, intellectual and emotional safety" by enacting mental health initiatives to create positive school climates that promote kindness and compassion.

A dedicated team of social workers provide intensive mental health and crisis intervention services and they work with numerous community partners to raise awareness about adverse childhood experiences (or trauma), and to identify mental health issues at early stages and develop coping skills.

In addition, the AUHSD is to be commended for its establishment of Southern California's first high school Cybersecurity Pathway through collaborations with the business and education community.

Also notable is the District's creation of an Offensive Security Society and the formation of high school chapters to teach students how to ethically and proactively discover weaknesses in technology systems and to make corrections before the weaknesses elevate to crisis level.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Anaheim Union High School District for its leadership in addressing the critical issue of how to keep our students safe through a multi-faceted approach that employs pioneering technology and lessons in kindness and compassion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for votes on 6/12/2018.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 258; YEA on Roll Call No. 259; and YEA on Roll Call No. 260.

REMEMBERING MR. RALPH RODRIGUEZ, JR.

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a great American hero, Mr. Ralph Rodriguez, Jr., who passed away this month at the age of 100. Mr. Rodriguez bravely served our country in World War II and survived years of inhumane treatment as a prisoner of war.

Born to Mexican immigrants, Mr. Rodriguez was sent to train in the Philippines prior the United States' entrance into the war, but was ambushed by Japanese forces on December 8, 1941, just hours after the attack on Pearl Harbor. After months of intense fighting, Mr. Rodriguez and his fellow servicemen were ordered to surrender. They were then forced to