

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LEGENDARY BOXER EMANUEL “MANNY” STEWARD

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of Emanuel “Manny” Steward, a legend in the sport of boxing.

After moving to Detroit from Virginia as an adolescent, Steward became interested in boxing, training at Detroit’s Brewster Recreation Center before moving on to Kronk Gym. Over the years, he honed his skills as an amateur boxer, but is most well known for his career as one of boxing’s most successful coaches. Steward trained countless athletes, including Hilmer Kenty, his first world champion, and most famously, Thomas “The Hitman” Hearn. Over the course of his career, Steward trained 41 world champions, and as further testament to his coaching skills, his heavyweights accumulated a remarkable record of 34–2–1 in title fights. Steward’s work brought world renown to Kronk Gym and secured Detroit’s reputation as an incubator for up and coming boxers.

Emanuel Steward embodied the true spirit of Detroit—determination, grit, and success through hard work. It is with great honor that I ask you to join with me in honor of his memory and upon the dedication of a street named to recognize his remarkable life and many accomplishments.

NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGE VITALIZATION ACT

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Native American Language Vitalization Act, which would help preserve the indigenous languages of the United States through grants to postsecondary institutions to support Native American language education programs and the pipeline of language instructors.

Native American languages are part of our nation’s cultural heritage and are as diverse as the rich cultures of American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and the Native peoples of the Pacific U.S. territories. Over the course of our nation’s history, Native Americans have faced discrimination and government policies that restricted or banned the use of their indigenous languages. These policies have contributed to the decline in speakers of Native American languages. Without action, many of these languages, from Chamorro to Refaluwasch to Cherokee, are at risk of dis-

appearing. Congress recognized this urgency in passing the Esther Martinez Act in 2006 to strengthen Native American language immersion programs. However, we must do more at the postsecondary level so that future generations have the programs and quality instructors necessary to not only preserve but increase the use of their ancestral languages.

The Native American Language Vitalization Act invests in indigenous language education by creating a dedicated grant program under the Higher Education Act to provide the resources Native-serving colleges and universities need to develop or strengthen their indigenous language programs. Schools can use the grant to provide in-service training for language teachers, develop curriculum, professional development of faculty, and create innovative programs, including language immersion. Eligible institutions can also partner with other organizations to reach students in early childhood education programs through grade 12.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation to help preserve the indigenous languages of the United States for future generations.

ASSYRIAN MEMORIAL DAY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of the Assyrian people. On the occasion of Assyrian Memorial Day, we pay our respects to and remember those Assyrians who have lost their lives to genocide and persecution.

The Assyrian people have faced systematic persecution from the early 20th century to the present day. From 1915 to 1918, 750,000 men, women, and children of Assyrian descent were killed under the Ottoman Empire, while still hundreds of thousands more became homeless and stateless refugees. In the Simele Massacre on August 7, 1933, 3,000 Assyrians were killed at the hands of the then-government of Iraq. In recent years, ISIS committed a brutal genocide against religious and ethnic minorities, including Assyrians, killing thousands of people.

We will ensure these tragedies are never forgotten. I would like to recognize New York State Assemblyman Nader Sayegh for his work in highlighting the valuable contributions that members of the Assyrian-American community have made in my state and across the country. We must recall the commitment of the United States to promoting freedom and human rights for all people regardless of their national, religious, or ethnic identity and remain steadfast in our conviction. We must continue to speak out against injustice everywhere and contribute to a world in which all people can live without fear of genocide or persecution.

CONGRATULATING KEITH SULTEMEIER

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Keith Sultemeier on his recent election to the Board of Directors at the National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions (NAFCU).

Since April of 2012, Mr. Sultemeier has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Kinecta Federal Credit Union (FCU). Kinecta FCU is headquartered in Manhattan Beach, California, in my congressional district. It has over \$4.4 billion in assets and over 300,000 members.

With more than 25 years of experience in the financial services industry, Mr. Sultemeier’s deep understanding of the legislative and regulatory issues facing credit unions will provide tremendous expertise to the NAFCU Board.

Mr. Sultemeier holds Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of Business Administration degrees from the University of Texas at Austin. He is also a Certified Public Accountant.

I wish Mr. Sultemeier well in his new role on the NAFCU Board and I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating him on this exceptional achievement.

RECOGNIZING PASTOR ROBERT BROWNLEE, SR.

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pastor Robert Brownlee, Sr. of Louisville, Mississippi.

On August 25, Pastor Brownlee will be celebrating 30 years in the Gospel Ministry. Pastor Brownlee currently serves at Agape Baptist Church in Louisville, Mississippi. He previously served at Union Chapel Mission Baptist Church in Louisville, Mississippi, New Zion Church in Houston, Mississippi, and Bluff Creek Church in Phoebe, Mississippi.

During his 30 years, Pastor Brownlee has done incredible things for the state. He led his community through Helping Hand Ministries, participated in health fairs, clothing drives, disaster recovery, mentored the youth, organized summer feeding programs, led jailhouse ministry, and led foreign mission trips.

Pastor Brownlee is a husband, father, and friend to many. I thank him for his many years of service, and I pray that God continues to bless and work through him.

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INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO REQUIRE THE DIRECTOR OF THE COURT SERVICES AND OFFENDER SUPERVISION AGENCY FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PRETRIAL SERVICES AGENCY TO RESIDE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today I introduced a bill to require the Directors of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia (CSOSA) and the District of Columbia Pretrial Services Agency (PSA) to reside in the District of Columbia during their tenure.

CSOSA is an independent federal agency that supervises offenders only in D.C. PSA is an independent agency within CSOSA that supervises defendants only in D.C. This bill would not apply to those already in office upon enactment.

Congress has justifiably required that certain federal officials live in the jurisdiction they serve to ensure in-depth knowledge of the unique issues and challenges residents and these federal officials face, but federal officials serving the District are not required to do so. This patronizing leftover from when the District was governed by the federal government has real effects on residents. There is no reason that the Directors of CSOSA and PSA, federal agencies that uniquely serve D.C. residents, should not be required to live in the District, engage with local communities and work closely with local officials. Adding residency requirements for federal officials serving the District is a matter of fairness for the residents they serve.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PAUL FINDLEY

HON. DARIN LAHOOD
OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor and remember the life of Congressman Paul Findley, who passed away on August 9, 2019, at age 98.

Born in Jacksonville, Illinois, in 1921, Congressman Findley displayed a natural gravitation towards public service. Congressman Findley graduated from Illinois College in 1943. After finishing his schooling, Congressman Findley served in the Pacific Theater during World War II, as a commissioned officer in the United States Navy.

Following Congressman Findley's service to our country, he returned to Illinois to become the editor and publisher of the Pike Press, in Pittsfield, Illinois. In 1960, Mr. Findley was elected to represent the 20th Congressional District of Illinois in the U.S. House of Representatives. Mr. Findley served eleven terms in Congress.

While he was a Member of Congress, Mr. Findley served on the Agriculture Committee and the Foreign Affairs Committee. During his time in Washington, Congressman Findley was known for his outspoken support of civil rights legislation, and as a strong advocate for agriculture in our country.

We mourn the passing of Congressman Findley, a friend and hero to many. He left a lasting impact on those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, today I honor the First District of Oklahoma's August Veteran of the Month, Officer Stacy Hester.

Stacy Hester served as a Military Intelligence Officer for 8 years of active duty in the United States Marine Corps. Additionally, Officer Hester has done remarkable work in our community for veterans.

Since being out of the Marines, Officer Hester has found a passion for advocating and helping veterans. He's developed best practice, veteran-specific programs at the local, state, and national level, including Justice For Vets, the largest advancing justice for veterans organization in the world. Also, he owns and operates a business, 3C Concepts, which stands for Connect-Communicate-Community. The mission of his business is to help veterans transition back into their communities through the 3C application.

Officer Hester is also the co-founder of the Eagle Ops Foundation, along with fellow Marine Jonathan Shepherd—our July Veteran of the Month—and his wife, Jessica. In 2018, they launched Eagle Ops as an outreach program for veterans and their families, with the focus on community.

I am thankful for Officer Hester's faithful commitment to helping veterans in our community and across the country. Officer Hester plays an essential role in our community of veterans, and I'm glad to have this opportunity to recognize him as our August Veteran of the Month. His service to our country and impact within our community is one that will last forever.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL WALTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Mr. WALTZ. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted: "Nay" on Roll Call No. 324, "Yea" on Roll Call No. 325, "Yea" on Roll Call No. 326, "Yea" on Roll Call No. 327, "Yea" on Roll Call No. 328, "Yea" on Roll Call No. 329, "Nay" on Roll Call No. 330, "Yea" on Roll Call No. 331, "Nay" on Roll Call No. 332, "Nay" on Roll Call No. 334, "Nay" on Roll Call No. 335, "Yea" on Roll Call No. 336, "Nay" on Roll Call No. 337, "Yea" on Roll Call No. 338, "Nay" on Roll Call No. 339, "Nay" on Roll Call No. 340, "Yea" on Roll Call No. 341,

"Yea" on Roll Call No. 342, "Yea" on Roll Call No. 343, "Nay" on Roll Call No. 344, "Nay" on Roll Call No. 345, "Yea" on Roll Call No. 346, "Yea" on Roll Call No. 347, "Nay" on Roll Call No. 348, "Nay" on Roll Call No. 349, "Yea" on Roll Call No. 350, "Yea" on Roll Call No. 351, "Yea" on Roll Call No. 352, "Nay" on Roll Call No. 353, "Yea" on Roll Call No. 354, and "Yea" on Roll Call No. 355.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HARVEYS LAKE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great appreciation that I rise today to recognize and honor the Harveys Lake Protective Association on its 100 years of service.

Northeast Pennsylvania is home to an abundance of natural beauty, and chief among the many natural treasures found in the Ninth District is Harveys Lake in Luzerne County. For a century now, the Harveys Lake Protective Association (HLPA) has been a faithful steward of this lake, ensuring it remains a place where friends and families can enjoy and continue to make memories that will last a lifetime.

We owe a great deal of gratitude to HLPA for conserving the lake, establishing local emergency services, and preserving this peaceful spot in our great Commonwealth. A 1920 record from the Association's meeting reads, "Nature has given us, in the lake, a most beautiful spot for a summer home. By working together through our Association, we can prevent many things which would tend to mar its attractiveness and can accomplish much in the making it a better place at which to live." A testament to HLPA's dedicated efforts, Harveys Lake has retained its beauty every summer and in every season.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I extend my sincerest gratitude to HLPA as we celebrate its centennial anniversary. This great milestone serves as a reminder of all the great work HLPA has done over the last 100 years and the good work it will continue to do to preserve this gem for the next 100 years and beyond.

RECOGNIZING MR. RONALD E. FEILE FOR HIS SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO AMERICA'S SPACE PROGRAM

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, today I rise in recognition of Mr. Ronald E. Feile of Titusville, Florida, a constituent who recently retired after thirty-six years of working at the Kennedy Space Center as an air traffic controller, and, most recently as a lead contractor for the Washington Consulting Group.

Ronald Feile began his aviation career in the U.S. Army where he served as part of a mobile VFR tower crew in Vietnam from April