

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JORDAN HALL

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 16, 2019

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a member of my staff that has been with me since the beginning of my campaign.

Jordan Hall, 23, has served in my District office since January. Before that, he traveled with me across the District during our campaign.

Folks across the 6th District know Jordan for his work ethic, warm smile, and friendly demeanor.

We are losing a strong member of the team, but Jordan will remain a member of our Hoosier, and 6th District, family.

Jordan will be studying at the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law on the campus of IUPUI in Indianapolis.

I wish Jordan luck, though I know it will be his work ethic and determination that gets him through this next chapter of life.

I wish Jordan, and his wife Chelsea, all the best as they continue to pursue their dreams and ambitions.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF LOUISE MAUDE BEATON

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 16, 2019

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of Louise Maude Beaton, an individual who gave more than half a century of diligent volunteer service to American veterans at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Fresno County, California.

Beginning in 1963 and until her passing in May of 2019, Ms. Beaton devoted her life to serving as a volunteer to better the lives of the veterans in her community. Initially working as a switchboard operator for the Medical Center, she extended the scope of her work considerably over the next five decades. Eventually, she became an indispensable part of the hospital's operations, taking on positions in nearly every department. Ms. Beaton applied herself to her volunteer positions with an admirable degree of consistency, dedication, and altruistic spirit, culminating in her completion of 55,617 hours of volunteer work.

Now, Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the legacy of Louise Beaton. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring her, her tireless work, and her incredible contributions to the health and wellbeing of our veterans.

HONORING ALBERT A. CODERNIZ

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 16, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Albert A. Coderniz, an upstanding member of the Dos Palos community, who has been recognized as an honoree for the 2019 Harvest of Hope Dinner by Catholic Charities of Merced, California.

Mr. Coderniz was born on March 4, 1934 in Manteca, California to Frank and Maria Coderniz, who had immigrated to the United States in 1920 after marrying in the Azores a week prior. His family settled in California's San Joaquin Valley and entered the dairy business after buying a small herd of dairy cattle. They moved throughout various towns in the north Valley and eventually settled in Dos Palos in 1951. Raised in a Portuguese dairy family, the values of hard work and a strong Catholic faith were instilled in Mr. Coderniz and his siblings early on.

Mr. Coderniz attended Dos Palos High School where he was active in sports and music while also serving as student body president and participating in Portuguese celebrations. It was during this time that he met his future wife, Arlene. After attending UC Davis for a year, Mr. Coderniz returned to Dos Palos to help his father on their farm and dairy, which would later become the first Grade A Dairy in the Dos Palos area. While he has enjoyed the successes of his family's business, he has always been a stellar community servant.

For 70 years, Mr. Coderniz's involvement and dedication to the Dos Palos community has never wavered. He is a Sacred Heart Catholic School founding member and has served on their board as a member and president. He is a Fourth Degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus and involved in many capacities with his parish, Sacred Heart.

In addition to the involvement with his church, Mr. Coderniz is a member of the California Milk Advisory Board and the Dos Palos Portuguese D.E.S. Association, among other various civic engagements. He often gives of himself by driving people to appointments and helping others with various tasks when asked.

Mr. Coderniz and his wife Arlene are the parents of daughters Karen and Kristy and grandparents to Marlynn, Mark, Catherine, and Joey. They have been loyal supporters of Catholic education and were present at many of their grandchildren's Catholic school events throughout the Valley.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the exceptional life of Albert A. Coderniz. It is both fitting and appropriate that we honor him as he is recognized at the 2019 Harvest of Hope Dinner in Merced.

HONORING AMY SHIMBERG FOR HER SELFLESS DEVOTION TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF THE TAMPA BAY COMMUNITY

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 16, 2019

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in admiration and respect to honor the life and unselfish works of Amy Shimberg. Amy's remarkable contributions to our hometown of Tampa had a tremendous impact on our neighbors and is worthy of recognition. She is survived by her five children and their spouses, 15 grandchildren, brother and numerous nieces and nephews who she loved very much.

Amy was born, raised and educated in New York City. She obtained her bachelor's degree from New York University and her master's in education from Columbia University. After teaching in New York, she followed her parents to Florida where she continued teaching. Amy met the love of her life and life partner in doing good, Jim, on a blind date. Jim and Amy started their 50-year marriage and settled in Tampa in 1958.

Amy was a tireless community volunteer with a very strong interest in public education. She served as PTA president of every school her children attended and continued her involvement with the PTA after her youngest graduated from high school. Many organizations in the Tampa Bay Area benefited from her tireless advocacy and passion. She served on the Citizens Advisory Board to the Hillsborough County School Board and the board of the Hillsborough Education Foundation. She also volunteered for Meals on Wheels in the 1970s and continued serving for more than 25 years, twice as president. She loved helping her neighbors in such a direct and personal way. In a window into Amy's heart, she believed that she gained more from neighbors she visited and delivered meals to than they did. In addition to her direct work delivering meals, she was instrumental in raising funds for Meals on Wheels and was the honorary chairperson of the capital campaign to build a new facility. Her dedication to this cause that brightens the days of so many is unmatched and one of the main reasons Meals on Wheels is such a success and Amy is so revered in Tampa Bay.

Amy was instrumental in helping not just our senior neighbors, but children as well. She co-chaired a fundraising campaign for Nature's Classroom to benefit future generations of sixth graders. She was recognized for her wonderful work, including receiving the Community Hero Award from the Tampa Bay Lightning Foundation in 2014. The philanthropic contributions of Amy and Jim improved the lives of many people in the Tampa Bay area and the James and Amy Shimberg Charitable Trust and the James and Amy Shimberg Foundation, will keep the good deeds going for more generations.

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Madam Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of Florida and my neighbors across Tampa Bay, I am proud to honor Amy Shimberg for her formidable efforts and selfless devotion to the people in our community. The time and energy she put into making Tampa Bay a better place to live are unmatched. Volunteering thousands of hours to those in need must be celebrated. Amy Shimberg taught us the true meaning of the word mitzvah and her legacy as a tireless advocate will live on and inspire others in the community.

HONORING THE LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE OF RUSS BURNS TO THE OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 3

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 16, 2019

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Russ Burns upon his retirement as the Business Manager for the Operating Engineers, Local 3. As a third-generation operator and Local 3 member, Russ Burns grew up living and breathing Local 3. He began his career with Local 3 in 1979 as a crane operator for various construction projects such as high rises, bridges, refineries, and large treatment plants throughout Northern California. In 1994, Russ joined the staff of the union as a business representative in the Fairfield District. Russ was unanimously appointed treasurer, serving until 2005 when he was sworn in as financial secretary. In 2006, he was elected Business Manager. Russ Burns has influenced and inspired countless Operating Engineer members beginning with their apprenticeship training to being fully qualified journeyman level professionals. Russ Burns has been an integral part of the Operating Engineers Local 3, and he will be greatly missed as he moves on to the next chapter of his life. Please join me, and the men and women of California's 3rd Congressional District, in thanking Russ Burns for his outstanding service. We wish him all the best in his retirement and his future endeavors.

COMMENDING MR. RICHARD D. MILTON ON HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE HELLFIRE MISSILE

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 16, 2019

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Richard D. Milton, a key contributor to the development of the Hellfire missile.

In the 1960s, Mr. Milton worked with a team at the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development, and Engineering Center (AMRDEC) on Redstone Arsenal to find practical uses for lasers in the medical and military fields. By 1965, Mr. Milton found a unique role for lasers on the battlefield, and that by illuminating a target with a laser, a missile could be guided to that target.

In March of 1979, Richard Milton's invention, the Missile System Using Laser Illu-

minator, became U.S. Patent 4,143,835. U.S. Patents 6,166,803, 6,296,803, and U.S. Patent 6,305,797 can also be attributed to Mr. Milton. The invention of laser guided missiles contributed to the creation of the Hellfire missile, and this revolutionized America's defense. The ability to be launched from various platforms, the use of missiles by military personnel under the protection of cover, the ability for long range and multiple launches, and accuracy of hit are all battlefield advantages of the Hellfire missile.

Mr. Milton's coworkers often refer to him as "Dick" and speak highly of his brilliance and everyday problem-solving skills. Mrs. Debbie Jordan, a coworker, says, "Working with Dick and watching how he thought and attacked each problem was a great gift for a just out of college engineer."

Madam Speaker, the new-age ideas Richard Milton offered in the 1960s revolutionized many U.S. ally's missile systems and the U.S. precision in missile defense we have today.

I commend Mr. Richard D. Milton for his innovation and passion for public service to the American people.

IN HONOR OF RUTH LINDSAY BURGESS

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 16, 2019

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a special woman, Ruth Lindsay Burgess, of Lexington, Kentucky. Born in 1923 in Connersville, Pennsylvania as the only daughter in her family, she grew up hunting with her father and brothers. She was known as quite a sharp shooter.

Ruth Lindsay enlisted in the Army on May 15, 1945. She bravely served in the South Pacific as a nurse, caring for injured American soldiers during heavy fighting. She earned the rank of 2nd Lieutenant and earned a Victory Medal.

Ms. Lindsay was discharged on March 11, 1946. She returned home where she met and married her husband Frank Burgess, who also served in World War II. They had three daughters. Mrs. Burgess worked as a hospital nurse and then did private care nursing until she retired. She was an avid volunteer for American Legion Post 24. Ruth Lindsay Burgess passed away on July 27, 2019 at the age of 95.

Mrs. Burgess and her fellow veterans are true heroes. As members of the "Greatest Generation", they willingly served to protect and defend the freedoms that we enjoy today. I am humbled to honor the service of Mrs. Ruth Burgess before the United States Congress.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MARTIN M. MEDELLIN

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 16, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Mr. Martin Morin Medellin. Martin passed away on July 24,

2019 at the age of 93. Martin was a distinguished WWII veteran and beloved member of the Madera, California community.

Martin was born on January 30, 1926 in Texas. During his grade school years, his parents and their eight children moved to Madera, where they set deep roots in the community. Martin attended Howard Elementary School and left Madera High School before he could graduate to join the United States Army. Martin and his four brothers honorably served our country during World War II. During his service in the Army, Martin was deployed to France.

Martin was awarded multiple medals for his honored military service, including the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart. Additionally, in 2014 Martin received an honorary high school diploma from Madera High School. Several of these medals were in recognition of his act of bravery on a French battle field that saved the lives of 283 U.S. soldiers. Martin and his commander rescued soldiers who were pinned down by a German machine gun nest. Despite being shot through his shoulder and neck by a German sniper, Martin pushed on and was only treated later despite his injuries. After the conflict, Martin was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Upon his return from military service, Martin settled in Madera and married the love of his life Madeline. Together they were the proud parents of two daughters and a son. Martin was very involved in local organizations and forged many lifelong friendships. Martin was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1981 of Madera and was a member of the distinguished Honor Guard for the post.

Martin was preceded in death by his wife Madeline, his daughter Judie, and Grandson Kevin. He is survived by daughter Toni, son Reg, grandchildren Rob, Nina and Jamie, and great grandchildren Maddie, Tommy, Cheyanne, and Alyssa.

Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to honored veteran Martin Morin Medellin. His service to our country and community will not be forgotten.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. KIMBERLYDAWN WISDOM

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 16, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Kimberlydawn Wisdom for her appointment to the Advisory Committee on Minority Health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health. This achievement is worthy of commendation.

Dr. Kimberlydawn Wisdom, M.D., M.S., is the Senior Vice President of Community Health & Equity and the Chief Wellness & Diversity Officer at Henry Ford Health System. Formerly, Dr. Wisdom served as Michigan's and the nation's first state-level Surgeon General from 2003 to 2010 and was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve on the Advisory Group on Prevention, Health Promotion and Integrative and Public Health in 2012. In