

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO MR. CURT SMITH

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 23, 2019

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Curt Smith, a distinguished Hoosier who has spent nearly four decades fighting to advance faith, family, and freedom in the great state of Indiana. Curt truly embodies what it means to have a servant's heart. He has served our state with honor and integrity in various roles including 15 years as an aide for U.S. Senator Dan Coats and U.S. Rep. John Hostettler and 18 years as President of the Indiana Family Institute.

Curt has truly established himself as a thought leader and advocate for the preservation of our First Amendment rights. He has heavily contributed to Indiana's many pro-life achievements including banning abortion up to 20 weeks and defunding Planned Parenthood of state tax-dollars. Curt also has taken it upon himself countless times to defend the religious liberty of all Hoosiers at the state and local level.

Furthermore, under Curt's leadership, the Indiana Family Institute has implemented countless groundbreaking programs and initiatives including the "5 Freedom's Project", a program which works to address social and economic problems facing Hoosiers through effective policy and research. Most notably, Curt was instrumental in developing the Hoosier Leadership Series, a program that seeks to develop leadership, worldview training, and create a network of future conservative leaders across Indiana. My wife, Amanda, and I are both proud graduates of this program and we are thankful for the impact it has had on our lives.

Madam Speaker, Curt is a once in a generation type of leader and the state of Indiana is proud to have someone of his caliber guiding us into a brighter tomorrow. I wish him many more years of success in his new role as Chairman of the Indiana Family Institute.

TRIBUTE TO ABBEY EUSEBIO

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 23, 2019

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Abbey Eusebio, an incredible woman and dedicated public servant who has served on my staff as a Constituent Advocate for over 14 years. While I will soon lose Abbey as a staff member, she will always be part of my Team. I wish her continued success in her future endeavors but look forward to seeing her in the community as we continue to fight for inclusion and representation for all.

Abbey has devoted her professional life to helping the most vulnerable members of our

community. In her role as a Constituent Advocate, she assisted anyone who came in the door or called my office, helping them find resources and navigate government agencies that are all too often complex and unresponsive.

Abbey has a well-earned reputation as an effective, compassionate and diligent member of my staff. She is thoughtful and tenacious as she pursues matters on behalf of constituents of the 9th Congressional District of Illinois. Over 14 years of service, Abbey provided extensive casework support to individual reaching out for help with immigration, housing, taxes, veterans' benefits, and a wide range of other issues. Her depth of knowledge and dogged persistence in tracking down necessary information from federal agencies has helped hundreds of residents who may have otherwise fallen through the cracks. Over her many years of service, Abbey collected "regulars" who would keep in touch and stop in to see her, and she would often receive word-of-mouth referrals from the community because of her amazing work and reputation.

Abbey worked with other members of my staff to organize and run numerous events throughout the 9th Congressional District, and my staff and I could always trust that her work would be done in a complete and capable manner. She was often seen at several local libraries where she and other staff held weekly office hours, and she was always happy to converse with constituents.

Abbey frequently spoke on my behalf when I was unable to attend community events, and she never failed to represent the office with gravitas and eloquence. She is a familiar and trusted face at many events in our vibrant Filipino community, where she is one of their strongest advocates.

My staff and I will feel a distinct void when Abbey moves on to conduct outreach for the Illinois Attorney General's Office, but I know that she will continue to use her skills and many talents to assist residents throughout Illinois in the months and years ahead.

I will miss Abbey, but I know that she will continue to do tremendous work in our community. I love her very much.

HONORING THE 193RD SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING OF MIDDLETOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 23, 2019

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the outstanding men and women of the 193rd Special Operations Wing of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard for earning the Wing's 18th Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. This highly prestigious award recognizes the Wing's exceptionally meritorious service from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2017.

During this period, 772 Airmen from the 193rd Special Operations Wing deployed in support of contingency operations overseas, advancing our military's effectiveness on the battlefield while protecting our Nation and our American way of life.

During the same period, the Wing also distinguished itself through its domestic operations. The unit is at the cutting edge in its disaster relief capabilities. After Hurricane Harvey and again after Hurricane Maria, the unit performed vital life-sustaining activities, working around the clock to deliver personnel and critical cargo to the affected areas and to restore communications to advance disaster relief efforts.

The Airmen of the 193rd Special Operations Wing consistently demonstrate their excellence in their training and their operations across the country and around the world. Pennsylvania's Tenth Congressional District is honored to be the home of such a distinguished unit. I commend them for earning this Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to them for their hard work, dedication and steadfast service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and to the United States.

HONORING AUGUST VETERAN OF THE MONTH KEN PENNINGTON

HON. ROSS SPANO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 23, 2019

Mr. SPANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor World War II veteran Warrant Officer One Kenneth A. Pennington, U.S. Navy Retired.

Mr. Pennington enlisted in the US Navy in 1937. After spending time in the European theater, he was assigned to the newly commissioned aircraft carrier, USS *Princeton*. After 9 major engagements in the Pacific, the *Princeton* was sunk during the Battle of Leyte Gulf on October 24, 1944, resulting in 108 casualties and over 200 injured. Many consider this battle to be the largest naval battle of World War II and possibly the largest in history.

In 1946, Mr. Pennington was assigned as deck chief on the USS *Midway* aircraft carrier, and eventually saw action in the Korean conflict while aboard the USS *Mount McKinley*. He continued to serve over 30 years until 1967, and was recognized for his commitment, bravery, and heroism with 10 medals during that time.

This past March, Mr. Pennington celebrated his 100th birthday. However, it is our community and I who celebrate him, his career, and lifetime of service. Our nation owes you a debt of gratitude for all you have endured to protect our freedoms and faith, one that brought you through the darkest days of war. I thank him for blessing us with his life of sacrifice, and am humbled to honor him before the United States Congress.

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HONORING THE VILLAGE OF COPENHAGEN ON ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 23, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Village of Copenhagen on its 150th Anniversary. I am proud to represent a district that is so steeped in history and I want to congratulate every resident of Copenhagen on this occasion.

The Village of Copenhagen grew around the Munger's Mills on the banks of the Deer River starting in 1801. The Village grew up within the Town of Denmark and received its name in protest of the British bombardment of Copenhagen that year; however, the Village of Copenhagen would not be incorporated until 1869. Copenhagen is home to many historically significant sites including the Pinckney Corners Cemetery, founded in 1810, where the bodies of veterans from the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 are located.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to congratulate Mayor Clarke and every resident of Copenhagen on this historic occasion. As we look back on and celebrate the decades and centuries behind us, I encourage everyone to also look forward to our bright future ahead.

COMMEMORATING THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

HON. TOM RICE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 23, 2019

Mr. RICE of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, it is the privilege and duty of the American people to commemorate the two hundred and thirty-second anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to officially recognize this magnificent document and the anniversary of its creation; and

Whereas, public law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week;

Now, therefore, I, TOM RICE by virtue of the authority vested in me as Representative of the Seventh District of the State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 17 through 23, 2019 to be Constitution Week and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787.

HONORING RANDY RANDAZZO

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 23, 2019

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of a beloved

member of our community on the central coast of California, Mr. Randy Randazzo. Mr. Randazzo made a career out of service and fostered an environment of collectiveness and compassion in his tight-knit community of Carmel Valley, California. His presence in the community cannot be replaced, and his contributions will live on for generations to come.

Randy Randazzo's served not only his community in Carmel Valley, but also his country. As a Marine during World War II, Mr. Randazzo heroically served in the Bougainville campaign in the Solomon Islands. He served on the fleet that facilitated the Japanese surrender, signaling the close of World War II. Upon returning to Carmel Valley, Mr. Randazzo's turned to his community. He and his wife, Charlene, owned and operated the local market in Carmel Valley Village, a centric cornerstone for the community. Randy was also active in the Kiwanis, where he worked to empower youth to change the world by investing in their futures.

Among his many achievements, Mr. Randazzo was awarded the Carmel Valley's Good Egg Award for Citizen of the Year twice for his unfailingly generous reputation in the community. Additionally, he was recognized by the Carmel Historical Society for his contributions in organizing and establishing the Carmel Valley Community Center. Many called Mr. Randazzo the unofficial mayor of Carmel Valley, a tribute to his invaluable and irreplaceable leadership.

I am immensely grateful for Mr. Randy Randazzo's distinguished service to the people of the United States and the residents of the central coast of California. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Mr. Randy Randazzo's distinguished career, outstanding citizenship, and immense contributions to both Carmel Valley and the United States of America.

REMEMBERING GEORGE MITROVICH

HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY III

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 23, 2019

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a dear friend, inspiring public servant and brilliant writer, George Mitrovich.

A native, proud San Diegan, his fingerprints can be found across the city he loved dearly. Even when careers and callings drew him across the country to the East Coast, George's heart never strayed from home.

And one of those jobs that pulled him away was the presidential campaign of my grandfather, Robert F. Kennedy. He was a devoted member of the press team, and his friendship with my family never waned. As the years turned into decades, George was always there. His enthusiasm as infectious as ever as he rattled through stories of politics and baseball, and the pity he felt for anyone silly enough to live anywhere but San Diego.

In the years that followed, George worked for politicians on both sides of the aisle and became a trusted advisor and close friend for countless Members of Congress and Senators.

After his work in Washington came to an end, he returned home to found The City Club

of San Diego in 1975 to leverage his greatest skill, building relationships and creating connections.

Over nearly five decades, George brought presidents, senators, authors, athletes, journalists and friends to The City Club to tell stories, confront challenges and strengthen friendships.

But through it all, his greatest love never strayed far from his heart or mind, baseball.

It was that love that helped him as he shepherded Petco Park into San Diego.

And in the months before his passing, he was known to travel with his 2018 Red Sox World Series ring and share it with anyone he came across.

George was a man whose spotlight exposed the greatest traits of every person he met. He will be dearly missed.

As we mourn his loss, my thoughts and prayers are with his wife, La Verle, and his children, Carolyn, Mark and Tim.

IN RECOGNITION OF CLARENCE "BUD" ENNIS FOR HIS EXEMPLARY SERVICE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 23, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Clarence "Bud" Ennis, the chairman of the Trenton Recreation Commission who retired in July 2019. His service is worthy of commendation.

A key member of various sports teams during his high school years, Mr. Ennis has always shown a passion for recreation within his community. After graduating from Trenton High School in 1944, he answered the call to serve his country during World War II, training in San Diego and then joining the Marines in the Pacific. When Mr. Ennis returned to Michigan, he attended Central Michigan University and was a member of the university's baseball team. He married his wife Pat in 1949, and together they have three children.

Clarence "Bud" Ennis has served in countless roles in the Trenton community over the years. He founded the Trenton Hockey Association and coached in that role for 10 years. He was appointed to the Trenton Recreation Commission in 1969 and was named chairman in 1994. He continued to serve in that role until his retirement in July 2019. He was inducted into the Trenton Sports Hall of Fame in 1998. In 2013, the field at Slocum Park, on which Mr. Ennis played baseball in high school was dedicated to him and named "Ennis Field." Clarence "Bud" Ennis is a vocal advocate for parks and recreation in the Trenton community, and his lifetime of involvement is a testament to that dedication.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 48 years of service of Clarence "Bud" Ennis to the Trenton, Michigan community and to his country. His leadership, knowledge, wisdom, and passion will be truly missed on the Trenton Recreation Commission.