

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

OATH CEREMONY ON SEPTEMBER
6, 2019

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate twenty-nine individuals who will take their oaths of citizenship on September 6, 2019. This memorable occasion will be held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a county founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On September 6, 2019, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, will take their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Mohamed Refaat Ahmed Saleh, Dominic Thomas Chaloner, Phennapha Flood, Jose Luis Perea, Ubaid Mohammed, Rosalinda Martinez Canales, Cirilo Favela, Margaret Sophie Foster, Mimzy Vanessa Bohannon, Maria Ysabel Coria, Jazmin Alejandra Lang, Henry Javier Alavez, Rosa Janeski, Kadir Cizreliogullari, Magdalena Vargas, Hanan Misbah Abdel Qader, Nisreen Marji Ziadat, John V. Pollalis, Concepcion C. Arroyo, Maysa Katbi, Sam Farah, Nicolas Lehner, Virginia Lehner, Ralph Maximiliano Cortes, Eder Jahir Nunez Benitez, Jose Luis Martinez, Jessika Alejandra Lemere, Devashish Ratankumar Pal, and Sumedha Dhar.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country “. . . of the people, by the people, and for the people.” They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who will become citizens of the United States of America on September 6, 2019. They, too, will be American citizens, guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

JOSEPH KENT BRENNAN

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Army National Guard Veteran, Command Sergeant Major Joseph Kent Brennan of Woodbury in Gloucester County located in New Jersey's First Congressional District.

Command Sergeant Major Joseph Brennan was born on April 1, 1962 in Woodbury, NJ and graduated from Gloucester High School. On October 9, 1979, CSM Brennan enlisted in the United States Army National Guard and after four decades of service to the nation, on October 31, 2019 he will retire.

Command Sergeant Major Brennan is a combat Veteran who fought for our great nation during Operation Iraqi Freedom III. Over the years he has served in various leadership capacities with the U.S. Army, most recently as a Maintenance Assistance and Instruction Team Noncommissioned Officer in Charge.

To honor his courage, valor and bravery through his service to America, Command Sergeant Major Brennan's decorations, awards and citations include the Bronze Star OIF, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Humanitarian Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, NCO Professional Development, Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Order of St. Barbara and the Ordinance of Samuel Sharp.

The Command Sergeant Major Brennan is very proud of his ongoing association with the Boy Scouts of America Troop 7 chartered to St. Stephen's Lutheran Church where he has served as Assistant Scoutmaster, Committee Chairman, Member and, was also Cubmaster of BSA Pack 7. He is a certified member of the American Legion Post 133, VFW Post 303, 114th Regimental Association, 112 FA Association, EANGUS, Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association and the NJ Enlisted Association.

Commander Sergeant Major Brennan and his wife Maryanne have three children Joseph, Pat and Katie. He is a certified Master Truck Mechanic, was employed at Cornell & Co. and currently is employed at Borelli Steel Fabricators in Vineland, NJ.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Command Sergeant Major Joseph Kent Brennan's valiant service to our country.

TRIBUTE TO THE LOS ANGELES
LGBT CENTER

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Los Angeles LGBT Center upon its 50th Anniversary.

The center has worked tirelessly for over half a century to support the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) community, combat bigotry, and create a more tolerant and equitable world. The center has promoted its values of integrity, respect, inclusiveness, innovation, and excellence throughout its prestigious history, helping LGBTQ people to thrive.

The Los Angeles LGBT Center assists over half a million people each year through its housing, healthcare, legal aid, and education programs, among countless other services. The Anita May Rosenstein Campus, opened in April, 2019, embodies the center's continuing mission, providing housing and wellness services to LGBTQ youth and seniors and serving as a symbol of the LGBTQ community's resilience and creativity. In addition, the center has provided free Internet access, computer skills, and resume creation through its David Bohnett CyberCenter, cultivating a more informed and well-connected community.

The center has been on the frontline of the fight against HIV/AIDS since the earliest days of the epidemic in the 1980s. The center provides HIV and AIDS specialty care, maintains HIV and STD testing and prevention programs, and conducts studies and clinical trials aimed at ending the epidemic.

Today, supported by hundreds of volunteers and employees, the center works from local to global, training activists and advancing LGBTQ advocacy as nearby as Los Angeles and as far away as China. Additionally, the center shares information and expertise with sister organizations in order to support LGBTQ people around the globe.

I am proud to recognize the Los Angeles LGBT Center for five decades of outstanding service to the LGBTQ community. I ask all members to join me in congratulating them for their remarkable achievements.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE BOYS &
GIRLS CLUB OF MIAMI-DADE

HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of the Boys & Girls Club of Miami-Dade on the occasion of the 13th anniversary of the Wild About Kids Gala.

Founded in 1940, the Boys & Girls Club has become a cornerstone of South Florida

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through its commitment to the community's youth. This organization serves more than 8,000 children year-round and provides them with the opportunity to succeed. Through after-school and summer programming, participants engage in cultural arts, sports, tutoring, and mentorship to learn character and leadership skills that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

The Boys & Girls Club has profoundly impacted our district and the students involved. Participants' high school graduation rates are double those in Miami-Dade County. Education and mentorship are critical to a child's success and the diligent efforts of the Boys & Girls Club have resonated across South Florida.

The Boys & Girls Club began with one building and recreation center in 1940 and has grown to five centers across Miami-Dade. I am truly inspired by the Boys & Girls Club's dedication to our community and their passion for enriching the lives of the children they serve. South Florida is richer and fuller thanks to their work.

HONORING TEXAS STATE
TROOPER MOISES SANCHEZ

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Moises Sanchez, who passed away on Saturday, August 24, 2019. Moises spent his life protecting and serving the people of Texas with distinction, and it is my privilege to commemorate his contributions to our state, community, and country today.

He was a proud United States Marine Corps veteran. He also spent 18 years with FedEx before becoming a Texas State Trooper. He coached at the Boys & Girls Club and was involved in self-defense classes at his local church.

Moises cherished time with his family—from movie nights to barbeques and mountain biking. He passed away from a surgery associated with injuries sustained in the line of duty. Moises is survived by his wife, Yvonne Sanchez and his three children Zachary, Zebastian, and Zoey Sanchez.

Madam Speaker, our country lost a public servant, husband, father, and hero this past August. It is an honor to represent brave, loyal, and hard-working individuals like Trooper Moises Sanchez. He was a source of strength in South Texas and he will be truly missed by his friends, family, and loved ones.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY
OF SALUD PARA LA
GENTE

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Salud Para La Gente. Since 1978,

Salud Para La Gente has provided comprehensive primary healthcare to low income community members of Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties. This non-profit healthcare provider is dedicated to the values of service, dignity and equity. Salud Para La Gente provides excellent care by ensuring that patients are treated with respect, regardless of income. The organization started with a single free clinic, offering care primarily to farmworkers on the central coast of California. Since then, it has expanded to 11 clinic sites with over 90 providers serving nearly 27,000 patients. Salud Para La Gente provides wide-ranging services including family health, reproductive health, pediatrics, dental, vision, wellness, counseling, and other types of specialty services.

California's Central Coast produces much of our country's fruits and vegetables but suffers from poor health among its working community. Salud Para La Gente has tackled this problem by focusing on issues including poor nutrition, obesity and diabetes to ensure that farmworkers and other low-income families on the Central Coast can lead healthy lives. The clinics of Salud Para La Gente work under the motto, "even if you are unable to pay, you will not be turned away." This ensures that the most vulnerable residents of the Central Coast can receive quality healthcare. Salud Para La Gente focuses on all facets of care including testing, treatment, prevention and long-term treatment.

I am also proud to recognize Salud Para La Gente as an exemplary women's healthcare provider. Their clinics in Santa Cruz County include family planning, pregnancy care, childbirth and breast cancer screening. With their two women's healthcare offices, Salud Para La Gente has reached many milestones. For example, in 2016, they established the first Santa Cruz County OBGYN Hospitalist Team, which provides around-the-clock care at Watsonville Community Hospital. Through this program, the team delivers roughly 90 newborn babies each month to low-income families.

Salud Para La Gente is more than just a health care provider. From assisting patients with applying for CalFresh to providing mental health support and healthy diet counseling, it is a pillar of community well-being. Having made such incredible progress from their first free clinic in 1978, I am honored to recognize Salud Para La Gente and its important contributions to the health of residents on the Central Coast of California over the past 40 years. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating and thanking Salud Para La Gente for 40 years of service to our underserved communities.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE COMPLETION
OF THE JENNY LAKE
TRAIL RENEWAL PROJECT

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the completion of the Jenny Lake Trail Renewal Project in Grand Teton National Park.

Grant Teton National Park is one of the most majestic places to visit anywhere in the

world. The Jenny Lake Trail Renewal Project will increase accessibility to Jenny Lake and also offer more scenic views for visitors to enjoy. I want to thank the National Park Service and the Grand Teton National Park Foundation who have contributed to this project. Without the help of public and private funds, this restoration would not have been possible.

Again, Madam Speaker, I want to commemorate the completion of the Jenny Lake Trail Renewal Project, and the hard work and dedication of the many people who made it possible.

IN RECOGNITION OF WOODFORD
"WOODY" L. JOHNSON, SR.

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Woodford "Woody" L. Johnson, Sr. a native of Laneview, Virginia, Essex County, who will be retiring after 48 years of service with the Tappahannock Police Department. Mr. Johnson is also a U.S. Army veteran who served our country proudly with the 101st Airborne in Vietnam.

Woody was employed by the Tappahannock Police Department in December 1971 as a police officer. At that time, there were only four police officers in the department. Woody has seen many changes in law enforcement and society since that time but has always been professional and dedicated to the community he serves. He has truly been an example of what a law enforcement officer should be.

Woody served several years as the Town Sergeant for Tappahannock and was promoted to Lieutenant in 1995. He is also a graduate of the Virginia Forensic Science Academy and has served for many years as the department's forensic technician. Woody is also a baseball and softball umpire for both high school and church league games. Woody has one son, Woody Jr., who is employed by the Federal Reserve in Richmond, daughter in-law Kelley, and grandson Mason.

In an era where people change jobs and occupations frequently, Woody has stayed true to his chosen profession. The Tappahannock Police Department has been extremely fortunate to have had someone like Woody Johnson and he will be missed by his fellow officers but most of all, by the community.

HONORING ERNESTINA BORQUEZ-
SMITH

HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Ernestina Borquez-Smith on her birthday, September 6th. Ernestina has devoted the past 29 years of her life and career to the people of Arizona.

She began her career as a staffer managing casework for Representative Bob Stump of Arizona in 1990, and went on to work for both Democratic and Republican Representatives as the Director of Constituent Services. She is