

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 15  
THROUGH 21, 2019 AS RESPONSIBLE GAMING EDUCATION WEEK

**HON. DINA TITUS**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2019*

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize this week as Responsible Gaming Education Week.

In 1998, the American Gaming Association established Responsible Gaming Education Week to promote responsible gaming nationwide and to educate employees and customers on the subject.

I am proud to represent Las Vegas, the gold standard when it comes to gaming and gaming regulation. Gaming generates jobs for 1.8 million Americans, providing \$74 billion in wages, benefits, and tips. The U.S. casino industry at large generates more than \$40 billion in federal, state, and local taxes, supporting a range of needed services like hospitals, schools, transportation routes, and public safety.

The gaming industry goes to great lengths to make sure employees are trained in best practices for recognizing and dealing with problem gaming and patrons are aware of options for help if they need it. The industry contributes hundreds of millions of dollars each year toward research and treatment of problem gambling as well as awareness and other training programs. In short, responsible gaming has become an integral part of their daily operations.

I am proud to support the goals and ideals of Responsible Gaming Education Week which brings together the gaming industry, advocacy groups, regulators, and other key stakeholders to promote transparency and gaming literacy. I commend the industry for its work on the issue and the education provided to promote responsible play and awareness of gaming disorders.

I also applaud the employees of the gaming industry for the work they do every day educating patrons about the issue. Las Vegas is a better community and tourism destination for it.

RECOGNIZING JOHN MORFORD OF LIVINGSTON

**HON. GREG GIANFORTE**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2019*

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Morford of Livingston for his many years of dedicated service to Montana and the Livingston community through his participation and leadership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

John has served selflessly through the local and state Elks Lodges, including as president

of both lodges. His project management skills have helped turn many Elks programs into well-oiled machines that reach hundreds of people throughout our communities.

For over a decade, John has been the director of the annual Hoop Shoot program in which thousands of Montana students compete against students nationwide to be one of the six national champions. This competition is aimed at helping children develop and reinforce perseverance.

He also assists with the Elks' food basket distribution project, which coordinates community efforts to provide families in need with a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Last November they delivered food baskets to over 300 families in Livingston and surrounding communities.

John also created a scholarship for Montana students interested in studying music. Stemming from his love of music, he created a unique music scholarship program through the Elks almost 10 years ago, securing the necessary funding and creating a panel of musically-versed Elks members. High school seniors throughout Montana, who plan to major or minor in music performance or education, send their musical pieces to the panel for a chance to win a scholarship.

Madam Speaker, for his dedication to charitable giving in the community and the state of Montana, I recognize John Morford of Livingston for his spirit of Montana.

COMMENDING THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE'S LAW OFFICE

**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2019*

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the 50th anniversary of The People's Law Office. Founded in August of 1969 in Chicago, the PLO has championed many important struggles against official racism, police violence, and mass incarceration over the past 50 years.

The first important case taken on by the PLO was the Fred Hampton Black Panther case. My friends and fellow students of the struggle, Fred Hampton and Mark Clark, were killed by 14 raiding Chicago police officers under the command of Cook County State's Attorney Edward V. Hanrahan on the early morning of December 4, 1969. After 13 years of hard-fought court battles in the wake of Fred's death, the PLO and their clients in the Illinois Black Panther Party proved that Fred was murdered in his bed as part of the FBI's COINTELPRO initiative. As the founder of the Illinois Black Panther Party, I was privileged to have a front-row seat to the commitment, diligence, and resilience of the PLO's lawyers. Together, we won a victory for justice and accountability, and made sure that Fred's death was not in vain.

The PLO was also an early pioneer in fighting against the inhumanity of America's pris-

ons both in Illinois and nationally. Its lawyers were instrumental in fighting for justice for the men who were murdered, tortured, and unjustly prosecuted in the 1971 Attica prison rebellion. They also fought for years for justice in the Marion Federal Penitentiary and several Illinois prisons, including Pontiac, Stateville and Dwight. Together with other Chicago lawyers and activists, the PLO obtained the acquittal of 16 Pontiac prisoners wrongfully prosecuted for capital murder after the Pontiac Prison rebellion in 1978.

In my district, as well as the greater city of Chicago, PLO has fought for more than 30 years to expose and bring to justice a ring of racist police torturers, led by police commander Jon Burge, who tortured more than 125 suspects of color from 1972 to 1991. Their work in uncovering the scope and breadth of this officially sanctioned scandal has been instrumental in freeing numerous men who were wrongfully convicted as a result of torture, winning money settlements for many of those men, helping to end the death penalty in Illinois, in obtaining the firing and conviction of Burge, and in obtaining from the City of Chicago a historic and wide ranging package of financial and non-financial reparations for many of the survivors of police torture.

PLO lawyers also fought for justice in Greensboro, North Carolina, in a case brought by the families of five anti-Ku Klux Klan demonstrators who were massacred by KKK and Nazi members in 1979.

The PLO continues to champion cases that advance the civil rights and civil liberties that uphold the very foundations of our government. The PLO has represented many generations of protestors, Puerto Rican independence and Palestinian activists, victims of police brutality, and other forms of official violence and abuse.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate the PLO on fifty years of fighting for truth, justice, and accountability. I wish them another fifty years of success in protecting the civil rights of my fellow Chicagoans.

TRIBUTE TO THE ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF LOS ANGELES

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2019*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Assistance League of Los Angeles upon its centennial anniversary.

Beginning in the mid-1890s, Assistance League founder Anne Banning and a small group of prominent Los Angeles women initiated a tradition of benevolence and compassion by performing local relief work for those underserved by conventional charities. By 1906, the group's humanitarian efforts extended beyond Southern California to victims of the devastating San Francisco earthquake.

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Joined by her close friend and co-founder Ada Edwards Laughlin in 1919, Mrs. Banning officially formed the Assistance League of Southern California as part of the first wave of American nonprofits that empowered ordinary citizens to serve their communities through long-term volunteerism. As the organization expanded in the coming decades, Mrs. Banning and Mrs. Laughlin founded the National Assistance League in 1935, which today supports over 120 individual branches with the Assistance League of Los Angeles as the founding chapter.

Over the last century, the Assistance League of Los Angeles has responded effectively and compassionately to national, state and local issues, staying true to Mrs. Banning's original vision, acting "as a friend at any and all times to men, women and children in need of care, guidance and assistance, spiritually, materially and physically." The League began by providing food and clothing to families severely impacted by World War I and the Great Depression, before moving on to organize blood drives supporting the Red Cross and holiday gift exchanges for soldiers during World War II. Closer to home, the League formed auxiliaries that tackled a diverse array of issues and broadened the scope of the organization's assistance. Among their many achievements, these auxiliaries organized day nurseries and preschool programs, counseled families in need, provided clothing and supplies to underserved schoolchildren, and raised funds through theater performances, fashion shows, thrift stores, and other efforts.

Today, the Assistance League of Los Angeles continues its commitment to helping the Los Angeles community, with eight auxiliaries conducting six significant services. These services include The Preschool Learning Center, Foster Children's Resource Center, Theatre for Children, Hollywood Children's Club, and Operation School Bell support children and families, giving future generations resources they need to succeed and grow. Additionally, the Court Referred Volunteer Center enables adults and youth convicted of infractions, misdemeanors, or felonies to serve the community they have wronged as a more meaningful and beneficial alternative to fines and incarceration.

I am honored to recognize the Assistance League of Los Angeles for 100 years of outstanding service to the greater Los Angeles community. I ask all Members to join me in congratulating the Assistance League for its remarkable achievements.

RECOGNIZING THOMAS J. COLLINS OF COLLINS ENGINEERS, INC. ON THE COMPANY'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Thomas J. Collins, founder of Collins Engineers, Inc., on his company's 40th anniversary. Tom has been a longtime constituent and resident of La Grange, Illinois.

Born and raised in Chicago, Mr. Collins is a Vietnam War veteran, a professional engineer,

and a certified diver. He pioneered the use of engineers as diving inspectors for underwater bridge infrastructure that eventually became the basis of the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT's) program mandate for underwater bridge inspections. Additionally, Mr. Collins developed and carried out several DOT training programs for infrastructure assessment and management, including teaching best practices to ensure public safety.

Mr. Collins played a significant role in Vietnam as part of the 39th Detachment, setting up operations at Cam Ranh Bay in the then-largest military quarry in the world, operated by the 864th Battalion. During this time, he joined the local Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Post and continued to advance his noteworthy military career. In February 1967, he became the quarry officer and supervised drilling, blasting, and crushing to produce aggregate. In July 1967, he was assigned as the Battalion Civil Engineer before leaving active duty to return home with an honorable discharge.

Mr. Collins' expertise led him to found Collins Engineers, Inc. in 1979, a civil and structural engineering firm with a concentration on infrastructure that supports a safe and efficient transportation system. Under Mr. Collins's leadership and with innovation as a guiding principle, Collins Engineers, Inc. pioneered the use of underwater inspections. Today, the company is using underwater imaging, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), and partnerships with technology firms like Google for mobile work platforms and asset management.

Mr. Collins is a fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers, a diplomate of the Academy of Coasts, Ocean, Port & Navigation Engineers, a member of the Standing Committee on Structure Maintenance of the Transportation Research Board (TRB), Chair of the Underwater Inspection and Maintenance Subcommittee of the TRB, and was elected a permanent member of the Ports & Harbors Committee of the Coasts, Oceans, Ports and Rivers Institute, among many other notable distinctions. He is a mentor to generations of engineers, including his five children, three of whom are currently in the business, and a devoted husband to Roxanne Horswell since 1966.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of Mr. Collins and Collins Engineers, Inc. as they celebrate 40 years of hard work and innovation. I look forward to their continued success for many years in the future.

RECOGNIZING WHITING AMERICAN LEGION POST 80'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. PETER J. VISCOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Mr. VISCOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to rise today to honor one of America's finest organizations, the American Legion, and to recognize one of its local posts, Whiting American Legion Post 80, on its 100th anniversary. Post 80 came to be shortly after the founding of the national organization. In honor of this momentous occasion, the members of Post 80 will be celebrating with dinner

and entertainment on Thursday, September 19, 2019, at the legion hall in Whiting.

For the past one hundred years, Whiting Post 80 has been an extraordinary example of the ideals and mission of the American Legion. Overall, the American Legion boasts nearly 13,000 posts, and remarkably, consists of nearly two million members. In their communities, American Legion posts are a source of pride for their many contributions made to aid and honor veterans and to better their communities.

Throughout the years, Whiting Post 80 has taken heed of the American Legion's mission. They have been well known in the Whiting—Robertsdale area for their many activities aimed at honoring veterans, which have included an honor guard and drum and bugle corps, but also for their many programs that serve the youth and families in their community.

At this time, I would like to acknowledge the elected officers, committee members, and delegates for 2019–2020 who have dedicated their time and efforts to Whiting American Legion Post 80. They include Commander Harry Triplett, First Vice Commander William Montanez, Second Vice Commander Kevin Fuller, Adjutant and Finance Officer Bill Palmer, Chaplain Bob Downey, Sergeant-at-Arms Johnathan Hernandez, Judge Advocate Mike Wooden, Historian Dan Scott, Service Officer Brian Humenik, and Executive Finance Officer Harry Nee. The executive committee nominees include Bob Downey, Art Peschke, and Moe Davila, and the delegate nominees include Commander Harry Triplett, Mike Wooden, and Bill Palmer.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing American Legion Post 80 and its members on its 100th anniversary. I also ask that you join me in honoring its membership for their service to their community, its veterans, and their commitment to the ideals of the American Legion. Their efforts have played a major role in elevating the quality of life in their community.

#### HONORING LOUISE JEAN SIGNORE

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize today Co-op City's oldest resident, Louise Jean Signore, who this year is turning a remarkable 107 years old.

Louise, or Jean as she is also known to her friends and family, was born on July 31, 1912 in Manhattan. One of five siblings born to Theodore and Marie, the family moved to the Bronx in 1926, where Louise's father worked as a custom tailor to the rich and famous. Louise's mother was very social, and would host open houses on Sundays, serving waffles.

Louise worked for the Mass Transit Authority for 34 years as an Administrative Assistant and retired in 1977. As a retiree, Louise loved to swim. She'd pack a lunch bag and head to Orchard Beach during the week days early in the morning. Louise did this, incredibly, into her 90's. On weekends, Louise and her sister would go dancing. In the 1940's they frequented the Essex Ballroom, Roseland Ballroom, the Savoy Manor and the ABC Club.