

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARAB AMERICAN AND CHALDEAN COUNCIL

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC) as they celebrate 40 years of service to Southeast Michigan. The ACC began as a one-person office in August 1979 with the vision to help the growing number of Arab immigrants in the Metro Detroit region. In the first year, over 400 clients sought assistance through their organization.

Over the years they have served as a valuable resource for the immigrant community. They provide a variety of services including counseling, health care, language assistance, employment training, and job placement. More than that, they have created a safe place for immigrants to feel welcomed and supported as they acclimate to their new life in America.

The ACC continues to be a beacon in the community, serving nearly 70,000 people and providing over 450,000 services in the last year. There is no doubt that the ACC will continue to make a positive difference in the years to come.

I encourage everyone to visit Michigan and witness the rich cultural diversity, grit, and determination the citizens of our state have to offer. On its 40th anniversary, the Arab American and Chaldean Council has much to be proud of. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this tremendous milestone.

IN RECOGNITION OF SUSAN JENSEN AND HER SERVICE TO THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Susan Jensen for her more than 20 years of service to the House Judiciary Committee. Susan is one of the preeminent experts on bankruptcy law, administrative law, and the federal court system. Although she will be leaving the Committee, she will continue in public service as she transitions to the Office of Legislative Affairs at the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

Susan is highly respected on both sides of the aisle. It is a testament to her knowledge and fairness that she worked as Counsel and later Senior Counsel for Republican and Democratic House Judiciary Committee Chairs, including Chairman Henry Hyde, Chairman Lamar Smith, Chairman and Ranking Member John Conyers, Jr. and myself, as Ranking Member and now Chairman.

Largely as a result of receiving a generous scholarship from the Service Employees Inter-

national Union Local 32-B in New York City, Susan was able to attend New York University where she received her undergraduate degree. She subsequently obtained her JD and LLM at NYU.

Before entering law school, Susan worked as a press aide for Connecticut Governor Ella Grasso. After graduating law school, she served as a law clerk for two bankruptcy judges, initially for one year in the Eastern District of New York, and then for seven years in the Southern District of New York. Thereafter, she served as Senior Attorney-Advisor at the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of the United States Trustee in Newark, New Jersey. She later served as the General Counsel to the National Bankruptcy Review Commission from 1996 to 1997, working under the direction of then-Professor and now-Senator Elizabeth Warren. Susan has authored a treatise on consumer bankruptcy and subsequent editions for the New York State Bar Association and has authored book chapters and numerous articles on bankruptcy and other matters. She was also elected to the American Law Institute in 2010.

In 1998 she was hired by Chairman Hyde to serve as a full committee counsel working on bankruptcy issues. Under Chairman and Ranking Member Conyers, Susan expanded her portfolio, and when I was elected to serve as Chair, I also asked Susan to serve as the Committee Parliamentarian, in addition to her other duties.

Since joining the Judiciary Committee in 1998, she has worked on various matters, including bankruptcy legislation, reauthorization of the Administrative Conference of the United States, federal courts, oversight of the Justice Department, privacy issues, and interstate compacts. She has also assisted in the preparation and review of an array of Committee documents, including Committee reports, hearing memoranda, statements, and related materials.

I can say from firsthand experience that Susan is not only one of the most knowledgeable lawyers on Capitol Hill, but she is also one of the most diligent, thoughtful, and fair-minded individuals I have ever worked with. I am fortunate to have been able to work with her as a staffer and friend. All of those who have worked with Susan have benefited from her intelligence, good humor, and mentoring.

I wish Susan well in her new endeavor, and I thank her for her years of superb work.

CELEBRATING DENISE PENCE

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to say Happy Birthday to my most important constituent. She is the mother to Nicole, Lauren, Emily and John. She is a grandmother and a small business owner.

Madam Speaker, I am referring, of course, to my wife, Denise Pence.

On Saturday, September 21, our family will celebrate Denise's birthday, and I wanted to take this opportunity to wish my bride, here on the floor of the People's House, a very Happy Birthday.

The best decision I ever made was to pursue Denise Karen Tullio of Chicago, Illinois, and our 38 years of marriage have been blessed with love and joy.

Happy Birthday to Denise Pence.

HONORING JACOB BEDNAR

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jacob Bednar. Jacob is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jacob has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jacob has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jacob has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commanding Jacob Bednar for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

REMEMBERING IRA A. LIPMAN

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in praise of my friend Ira A. Lipman, founder of the international private security firm Guardsmark, who was also a passionate advocate for social justice, a defender of journalistic freedom and a lover of history and the arts. Ira died Monday in New York at the age of 78. A native of Little Rock, Arkansas, Ira was a student at Little Rock Central High School and was an important anonymous source for NBC Newsman John Chancellor during the historic but contentious integration of the school in 1957. That led to a lifelong friendship and, in 1995, Ira created the John Chancellor Award of Excellence at Columbia University School of Journalism, honoring the best in the business with a \$50,000 annual award. The selection committee for the award is led by the Ira A. Lipman Professor of Journalism, Jelani Cobb at Columbia. This prestigious award is presented at a dinner, a

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prized event for those invited. In 2018, Columbia established the Ira A. Lipman Center for Journalism and Civil and Human Rights. Mr. Lipman was a leader in social justice organizations, and served as chairman and later as honorary chairman for life of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He stood up to racism wherever it raised its ugly head. In 1983, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He served on the board of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency and on the board of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Mr. Lipman held many positions with the United Way of America, including as the first chairman of its ethics committee, and headed up its Memphis United Way chapter with record-setting donations. In Memphis, Ira was a model of civic responsibility, a thoughtful philanthropist and, like "Mr. Anonymous," was looked to for his leadership, including financial support for the Memphis and Shelby County Crime Commission. In 1992, when Minister Louis Farrakhan was given the keys to the city by then-Mayor W.W. Herenton, Ira stood up and made it clear the decision was questionable. When he realized his lifelong dream of moving to New York City, he became one of that city's leading patrons, serving on the board of The New-York Historical Society. As New York City's quasi-anthem says, if you can make it there, you can make it anywhere, and Ira made it there and New York was the better for it. He was a longtime member of the Council on Foreign Relations and, in 2016, his generous gift created the Ira A. Lipman Chair in Emerging Technologies and National Security at the Council. Recognized worldwide for his dedication to Jewry, he was a member of the board of the Simon Wiesenthal Center for 38 years and last year received its highest honor, the Humanitarian Award. He also served as an officer of the American Jewish Historical Society. Ira served on the Board of Trustees of his alma mater, Ohio Wesleyan University, which conferred on him its Distinguished Achievement Citation for significant accomplishments and service to mankind. Mr. Lipman received the Stanley C. Pace Award for Leadership in Ethics from the Ethics Resource Center in 2002. That same year, the Committee for Economic Development honored him with its Corporate Citizenship Award. In 2004, he received the Dean's Medal of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, where he served as a member of the Board of Overseers from 1991 to 2004 and again from 2005 to 2016. It was Ira Lipman who suggested that I sponsor and pass legislation creating the Tennessee's Holocaust Commission in 1984 when I was a State Senator. In 1963, Mr. Lipman founded Guardsmark, a private security and security guard company, in Memphis, and grew it to a 17,000-employee operation before he sold it in 2015. He wrote *How to Protect Yourself From Crime* (1975) and was often consulted by law enforcement and private security officials for his expertise. Mr. Lipman's philanthropy will long be remembered. He will be missed by so many for his wisdom, courage and willingness to step up. I want to express my condolences to his wife, Barbara; his sons Gus, Josh and Ben; his extended family and his many friends. His was a life well-lived.

FOSTERING UNDERGRADUATE
TALENT BY UNLOCKING RE-
SOURCES FOR EDUCATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a strong supporter of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs), and the intent of H.R. 2486, the Fostering Undergraduate Talent by Unlocking Resources for Education (FUTURE) Act. These institutions, which serve high populations of traditionally underrepresented students, need stable and reliable funding. We have seen the positive impacts that mandatory funding has had on improving degree completion, achieving future gainful employment, and propelling upward mobility for these populations. However, the funding source, currently in the bill, comes at the expense of critical small nonprofit education institutions like the one in my district, the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC).

Unlike some large Guarantee Agencies (GAs), VSAC does so much more for Vermont students than just acting as a loan guarantor. They are a public nonprofit agency that advocates for students and families to ensure that they have the information, the counseling, and the financial aid to achieve their education goals. Their 161 employees provide need-based education grants, scholarships, loan services, and community outreach. In this past year alone, VSAC:

Issued \$20.1 million in need-based grants to 11,766 Vermont students;

Provided 3,195 scholarship awards worth over \$5.4 million;

Counseled 6,642 low-income and first-generation college-bound Vermont students;

Answered 62,000 phone calls from borrowers who needed assistance with their financial aid and repayment questions; and

Trained 355 education professionals to better serve their students.

The funding source in the bill—eliminating Account Maintenance Fees paid to GAs for guaranteeing Federal Family Education Loans—operates under the misunderstanding that the program has been eliminated and therefore no services and resources need to be provided for these loans. In fact, VSAC continues to service over \$410 million of these FFELP loans for 26,500 borrowers, and the funding that accompanies the servicing of these loans helps VSAC achieve its broader mission of borrow advocacy and counseling. This work is particularly important for borrowers in the wake of problems with the new federal direct loan program and private lenders. VSAC and other organizations are facing the reality of having no way to replace this lost revenue stream to continue to help thousands of borrowers navigate the complicated and difficult process of finding a way to pay for higher education.

This doesn't have to be an either-or decision. As we move forward, I urge the Chairman to work with me and Senate leaders to try to identify an alternative funding source. We must ensure that smaller GAs like VSAC are protected and able to continue the vital work they provide to their communities.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISH-
MENTS OF DR. NINA
McCLELLAND

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Nina McClelland, a resident of Toledo and a champion of ensuring safe water starting with her work at the Toledo water treatment plant and being the first woman in Ohio to earn a Class A operator license for wastewater treatment over 50 years ago.

On Thursday, September 19, 2019, The University of Toledo honors Dr. McClelland, former President and CEO of NSF (National Sanitation Foundation) International, Chair of the Board of Directors of the American Chemical Society and Dean Emeritus of The University of Toledo, by announcing the creation of the Dr. Nina McClelland Laboratory for Water Chemistry and Environmental Analysis.

The laboratory is an important initiative for The University of Toledo's efforts to be a leader in solving existing and emerging environmental problems in the region and for the world. To continue Dr. McClelland's legacy and life-long passion for ensuring safe water, this state-of-the-art analytical laboratory will focus on the development of innovative scientific methodology to address concerns related to our water resources, especially issues important for public health. Together with other scientists on campus the laboratory will complement their activities and strive to create a hub for new scientific discoveries and research breakthroughs to address the most pressing environmental issues. Another mission of the laboratory is to provide outstanding training for our students with state-of-the-art instrumentation and facilities to ensure they learn in the best environment possible. The goal is to provide a new generation of researchers to be the new leaders and stewards for our environment.

Dr. McClelland has been active in various governance roles in the American Chemical Society (ACS), the world's largest scientific organization, and has served The University of Toledo as Dean and Professor Emerita, College of Arts and Sciences, and Executive-In-Residence, College of Business and Innovation. Dr. McClelland has served as a Consultant and Principal with The Bartech Group, T.C. AirTech, LLC, and James Cavnar, Founder and President of Cross International of the International Clean Water Program.

Serving on several major committees throughout her career, Dr. McClelland has been a member of U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; National Science Foundation; National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council; Centers for Disease Control; State of Michigan, Governor's Council on Environmental Quality; and American National Standards Institute.

The work that Dr. McClelland has done in her groundbreaking career is inspirational, and her dedication to public health is laudable. We congratulate her on all her accomplishments and wish nothing but the best for the researchers that will work in the newly created