

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING PASTOR KENNY
FOREMAN

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 4, 2019

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Pastor Kenny Foreman, who passed away on December 16, 2018. I spoke three years ago on the impact he made on Santa Clara County and it saddens me that he has left us so soon. He was a beloved member of our community whose passing is deeply felt.

Pastor Kenny Foreman dedicated his life to the ministry. He started to travel the country at age seventeen as an evangelist minister. With his wife, Shirley, he continued his commitment to his beliefs and established the Cathedral of Faith in 1965. Since then Pastor Foreman was a pillar in our community's spiritual life. He has touched thousands of lives with a congregation of more than 12,000 members with over 70 ministries.

As his life's work, the Cathedral of Faith, serves the spiritual needs of the community and gives help to those in need. One of the ministries, "Reaching Out," is a food assistance program that operates one of the largest and most efficient food programs in the State of California. Their mission is to serve the low-income, disadvantaged, and homeless in Santa Clara County. Other ministries serve those recently released from incarceration, give support to those with addiction, and aid parents with children who have special needs. These programs are just a few that support our community and are emblematic of Pastor Foreman's life-long service to others.

I first met and worked with Kenny Foreman nearly forty years ago. I know personally of his love for God and his dedication to our community and especially to those in need. He was a remarkable man and someone I was privileged to consider a friend.

Pastor Kenny Foreman is survived by sons, Ken and Kurt; their mother, Shirley; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and countless friends. Mr. Speaker, our Santa Clara County community mourns his passing, but we are grateful for his life, his generosity, and contributions. He has left our world a better place and will be dearly missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 4, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call Vote No. 6 on adoption of the rule providing for consideration of H. Res. 6. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 6.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTH-
DAY OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN
LESTER WOLFF—THE OLDEST
LIVING MEMBER OF CONGRESS

HON. THOMAS R. SUOZZI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 4, 2019

Mr. SUOZZI. Madam Speaker, today is former Congressman Lester Wolff's 100th birthday, the oldest living former member of Congress.

Lester was born in New York City in 1919. He served his country during World War II, achieving the rank of Colonel in the Civil Air Patrol.

In 1964, Lester was elected to Congress and went on to serve the people of New York for 16 illustrious years. In 2014, he was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian award.

As a Congressman, he is remembered for playing an active role in foreign affairs, but on Long Island he is also remembered for standing up to powerful interests to protect the environment.

In 1967, the New York State Legislature—at the insistence of then Governor Nelson Rockefeller and master planner Robert Moses—authorized a bridge across the Long Island Sound.

Lester immediately saw that this bridge would despoil the pristine and precious resource of the Long Island Sound and soon found himself at the center of an enormous political fight.

Lester eventually won this fight and the Oyster Bay Wildlife Refuge was born. Lester's efforts in 1968 are an important part of our nation's environmental history.

In recognition of his monumental contributions to the preservation and protection of our environment, especially on Long Island's beautiful North Shore, I am proposing the renaming of the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge to the Congressman Lester Wolff National Wildlife Refuge.

These precious wetlands—at Congressman Lester Wolff's urging—were protected in 1968.

Last Congress, the House passed H.R. 6064 with 385 votes in favor. In this new Congress, I ask for my colleagues continued support to rename to the Lester Wolff National Wildlife Refuge.

On behalf of the institution he served, and all his colleagues, past and present, I wish Lester a happy 100th year and many more.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
KAREN SAKATA

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 4, 2019

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Karen Sakata for her dedi-

cated and passionate service to our community.

A third generation Japanese-American, Karen was born in San Francisco and currently lives in Alamo with her husband, Shima. Karen graduated from the University of California Berkeley with a Bachelor's degree in psychology and received a Master's degree in speech pathology from San Jose State University.

Karen has proudly worked in the education field for the past 44 years, including 15 years in general education and 26 years in special education. Karen has worked as both an administrator and an educator, holding positions such as Speech Language Pathologist, Resource Specialist-Auditory Processing, Early Childhood Specialist, Program Administrator, Elementary Principal, Associate Superintendent, and Deputy Superintendent.

In 2014, Karen was elected to serve as Contra Costa Superintendent of Schools. Over the past four years, she created programs for students with disabilities and students who are incarcerated or expelled. Her "Attendance Awareness Campaign" strove to improve academic success by fighting chronic absence. Karen also initiated the creation of resources to help school administrators communicate with employees, parents, and students about inclusivity and respect.

Karen's work as Superintendent was in service of her goal to find and build upon the strengths of each individual child. For the past four years, she has been a strong and inspiring leader for 177,000 public school students and 18 school districts in Contra Costa County. Karen Sakata has left a positive impact on Contra Costa County's public school system, its students, and the community at large. I am thankful for Karen's service and friendship, and I wish her the best in her future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 4, 2019

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, I regret I was unable to vote due to a death in the family. Had I been present, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 6; YEA on Roll Call No. 5; NAY on Roll Call No. 4; and NAY on Roll Call No. 3.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 4, 2019

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained due to collarbone surgery. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA

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on Roll Call No. 483; YEA on Roll Call No. 484; YEA on Roll Call No. 485; YEA on Roll Call No. 486; YEA on Roll Call No. 487; YEA on Roll Call No. 488; YEA on Roll Call No. 489; YEA on Roll Call No. 490; YEA on Roll Call No. 491; YEA on Roll Call No. 492; YEA on Roll Call No. 493; YEA on Roll Call No. 494; YEA on Roll Call No. 495; YEA on Roll Call No. 496; YEA on Roll Call No. 497; and NAY on Roll Call No. 498.

RECOGNIZING THE ROTARY CLUB
OF BOCA RATON'S OPAL AWARDS

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 4, 2019

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I am honored to rise today in recognition of the impor-

tant work done by the Rotary Club of Boca Raton and to congratulate the recipients of their Outstanding People and Leaders (OPAL) awards. This year's honorees are Charles Bender, Rabbi David Steinhardt, Aubrey and Sally Struhl, and Art and Glorianne Polacheck. In addition, I would like to congratulate the recipients of the Boca Raton Rotary Club's Lifetime Legacy Award, Jim and Arlene Sclafani.

Through their philanthropy, service, and selfless sacrifices, each honoree has touched countless lives and made a lasting impact on our South Florida community. The work they do and the time they have put in is truly deserving of these awards.

I extend my most sincere congratulations to all of tonight's honorees. As we begin this new year, I am confident that the Rotary Club of Boca Raton will continue to be a cherished institution in South Florida that betters our community. I greatly appreciate the Club's work

and am pleased to honor their OPAL and Lifetime Legacy Award honorees.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 4, 2019

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, I regret I was unable to vote due to a death in the family.

Had I been present, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 11; YEA on Roll Call No. 10; NAY on Roll Call No. 9; YEA on Roll Call No. 8; and NAY on Roll Call No. 7.