

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF RABBI SAMUEL SANDHAUS FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS COMMUNITY

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rabbi Samuel Sandhaus for his service to his community. Rabbi Sandhaus has dedicated his life to the service of his country and his fellow citizens, and will be honored for his contributions and achievements on Sunday, October 27, 2019.

Rabbi Sandhaus earned a bachelor's degree in economics and ordination, as well as a master's in Bible studies, from Yeshiva University. He also earned an MBA in finance and management from Boston University, and postgraduate certificates in health service administration and gerontology from Marywood University. Answering the call to serve his country in 1971, he served as a chaplain in the United States Army until 1979, and he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

After his time in the Army, Rabbi Sandhaus was licensed as a nursing home administrator by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He was then named the Assistant Executive Director of the Jewish Home of Eastern Pennsylvania in 1979, beginning his four-decade career with the organization. He served as Associate Director from 1981–1983 before being named the Executive Director in 1983. During his tenure, the Jewish Home became a leader in provisional long-term care in the region. Under his thoughtful direction and leadership, Jewish Home purchased 20 acres of land in Clarks Summit to build Elan Gardens, a personal care facility. Rabbi Sandhaus retired from the organization in 2019.

Rabbi Sandhaus' colleagues have often sought his professional opinion and experience. He served as the co-chair of the Quality Assurance Committee for the Association of Jewish Aging Services; president of Sigma Phi Omega; president of both the National Gerontology Academic and the Professional Honor Society's Scranton Chapter; and in various other capacities for the Association of Jewish Aging Services. He also offered his expertise as a management consultant for Elan Gardens.

Rabbi Sandhaus has been an active leader in his community. He served as community co-chair and chair of the United Jewish Campaign; director of the Scranton Hebrew Jewish Day School; director of both the Scranton Counseling Center and the United Way of Lackawanna; chaplain for the Sandy Weissberger/Leon Kaplan Post 165 Jewish War Veterans; an instructor at Marywood University School of Continuing Education; and secretary/treasurer of Webster Towers Senior High-Rise.

It is an honor to recognize Rabbi Sandhaus for his contributions to the Jewish community

and elder care services in Northeastern Pennsylvania. His professional career and personal endeavors have enriched the lives of many, and I hope his spirit of serving his fellow citizens inspires many generations to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE JOHNSON

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on Roll call No. 555—motion to table.

CONGRATULATING THE ALLEGHENY RESCUE SQUAD ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Allegheny Rescue Squad in North Carolina's Fifth District on its 50th anniversary. The story behind this rescue squad is a truly remarkable testament to the strength and character of this community.

On September 12, 1969, high school students, Linda Pennington and Johnny Johnson, collided with a tree while driving from the school football game. Both were trapped inside the car for hours before they could be taken to the hospital.

At the scene of the wreck, hundreds gathered and did what they could to help, but without jaws of life and other rescue equipment, they were not able to save Linda and Johnny. The community responded to this horrible tragedy by coming together to make sure next time disaster struck, it would be prepared.

Local leaders gathered men and women to form the rescue squad. Soon, with the help of the Elkin Rescue Squad, CPR classes were underway, and so was the squad's fundraising campaign. The rescue squad made appeals to the community for money to buy a truck, all-purpose first-aid kit, resuscitator, jaws of life and many other life-saving tools.

The response from community members was incredibly generous and the Allegheny Rescue Squad continues strong today, comprised entirely of volunteer workers—including three of its charter members—who raise all funding for equipment and rescue classes. These men and women are true heroes, always ready to save when lives are in danger.

They prove that when neighbors are in need, the community around them can provide the best help, and I am very proud to represent citizens who so selflessly serve their fellow citizens.

IN HONOR OF THE MINEOLA MAIN STREET PROGRAM

HON. LANCE GOODEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Mr. GOODEN. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation.

Whereas, in January 1989 the city of Mineola was chosen from several applicants throughout the state to participate in the Texas Main Street Program. The city has been a continuous member of the program for 30 years and is the seventh oldest program in the state; and

Whereas, the program's mission is to use the Main Street Four Point Approach to restore a positive image to downtown, while creating economic growth for our community. Our Main Street Program will be the vehicle to continue historic revitalization of downtown Mineola; and

Whereas, monthly, quarterly and annual reports are filed with the Texas Historic Commission to document the economic aspects of the program; and

Whereas, the Mineola Main Street District is bounded on the north by Blair and McDonald Streets, south to the city limits on Highway 69, east to the city limits, and west to the intersection of Kilpatrick Street with Highway 80; and

Whereas, the Meredith Foundation has been instrumental in supporting the Mineola Main Street Program, providing over \$1.2 million in grants for projects from its beginning through end of this year; and

Whereas, in the past 10 years, the Mineola Main Street Board had approved 44 incentive grants in the amount of \$35,765 for improvements in the Main Street District. The money for these grants was raised by the board and other volunteers; and

Whereas, the Main Street Board has operated a successful Wine Train fundraiser with Amtrak to Fort Worth for 16 years; and

Whereas, in the last decade, total reinvestment in the Mineola Main Street District by private ventures, public investment and joint projects has totaled \$19,963,731; and

Whereas, the grand total of reinvestment reported to the Texas Historic Commission over the 30 years of Main Street in Mineola is more than \$32 million; and

Whereas, over the 30 years, the Main Street Program has purchased, placed and overseen the placement of Christmas decorations downtown; and

Whereas, in 2013 the city's Historic District was named to the U.S. Department of Interior's National Register of Historic Places; and

Whereas, the Mineola Historical Museum was opened under the umbrella of the Main Street Program and celebrates its 10th anniversary this year; and

Whereas, an interactive model train set in scenery replicating 1930s Mineola and its trains was purchased and is on display at the depot; and

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Whereas, a railroad track for a miniature train was constructed at Iron Horse Square by volunteers. A quarter-scale miniature Union Pacific train is operated on a regular schedule by volunteers for the public on this track; and

Whereas, a mural depicting several iconic images of Mineola was a Main Street project completed in 2018. Ideas for the concept were sought from Mineola students, and the concept was painted by a Mineola High School art graduate, beautifying a wall on the west side of downtown; and

Whereas, the Main Street Board has enjoyed sponsorships and partnerships with private businesses and community organizations through the years;

Whereas, the Main Street Board, under the supervision of the city, continues to make strides in historical preservation, economic vitality, and concentrated marketing that will foster continued growth in our community; Therefore be it

Resolved, that the Main Street Program will continue to support rehabilitation and development of places in our town where memories were made, with the desire that more memories will be formed and cherished by new generations who continue to visit our downtown.

CONGRATULATING DEANNA PRICE FOR BREAKING THE AMERICAN HAMMER THROWING RECORD

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating DeAnna Price for breaking the American hammer throwing record with her throw of 256 feet and 8 inches.

Overcoming severe injuries that put her athletic career in jeopardy, DeAnna bounced back even stronger to make history. DeAnna should be commended for her hard work and dedication throughout this past year and for breaking the national record.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing DeAnna Price for a job well done.

COMMEMORATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BURNING OF THE ROUGE RIVER

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the anniversary of the burning of the Rouge River in Wayne County, Michigan.

Fifty years ago, the Rouge River caught fire. For years and years, this vital waterway, which flows into the Detroit River and is an important link in the industrial supply chain, had been polluted. The rampant and unchecked contamination of the Rouge culminated in the build-up of a sludge so flammable that the river went up in flames as high as fifty feet tall. The conflagration sounded the alarm on the

effect of unchecked pollution, irresponsible corporate actions, and dumping of oil and other toxins into our waterways. An immediate call to action ensued. Residents organized clean ups and advocated for policy changes that would protect our water. Through the perseverance of those residents and community grounds, their dogged pursuit of stronger regulations to clean up the Rouge eventually helped turn things around.

Without the tremendous advocacy and work of organizations like Friends of the Rouge and countless others, the Rouge River would look very different today. These efforts mean that our water is cleaner, our waterways are preserved for recreation, and wildlife and their habitats are protected.

Please join me in rising to commemorate this solemn occasion. May it serve as a reminder in how far we've come in protecting our natural resources and the work that we still need to do to protect our waterways.

IN HONOR OF THE INDUCTION OF THE CONSTANCE BAKER MOTLEY ESTATE INTO THE CONNECTICUT FREEDOM TRAIL

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight an important development in my district. On Sunday, October 6th, the estate of the renowned civil rights activist, lawyer, and judge, Constance Baker Motley, was designated as a heritage site on the Connecticut Freedom Trail.

The Connecticut Freedom Trail is a state designation which recognizes carefully selected sites that celebrate extraordinary African Americans whose lives have greatly expanded the circle of freedom and opportunity for all Americans. Judge Motley, an icon of civil rights advancements and justice for all, kept a home away from home in the town of Chester, part of Connecticut's Second District, for 40 years.

It is important that we recognize this historic site because of the extraordinary life and legacy of Judge Motley. Born and raised in New Haven, CT, Judge Motley was a first generation American, the child of Caribbean immigrants. At an early age, a local philanthropist offered to fund her college education, after hearing her speak at a community event. After graduating from New York University, she attended Columbia Law School at which point she joined the NAACP's Legal Defense Fund. As a contemporary of great civil rights activists like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Justice Thurgood Marshall, Judge Motley helped litigate most of the defining civil rights cases of the era, including the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education*.

After a successful career as a lawyer and activist, she became the first female African American New York State Senator. Then, in 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed her to the federal district court for the Southern District of New York, making her the first black woman to serve on the federal judiciary.

There, she spent the next 40 years shaping the legal landscape of the 20th century and even became the court's Chief judge. It was during this part of her life that Judge Motley often escaped to her Chester home with her family.

I'd like to thank the Chester Land Trust and the greater Chester community for embracing Judge Constance Baker Motley's legacy by preserving her home and estate. I'd also like to thank the Motley and Coleman families for being so supportive of this endeavor.

We honor Judge Constance Baker Motley's life and legacy by inducting her historic home into the Connecticut Freedom Trail. Colleagues, I ask that you please rise and join me in acknowledging this special occasion and the incredible woman we have to thank for it.

HONORING JEREMIAH KAHMOSON

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jeremiah Kahmoson for his incredible commitment and support of education and youth in our community.

Jeremiah Kahmoson was born and raised in Sonoma County and believes in giving back to the next generation of students. Mr. Kahmoson is a teacher at the North Bay Met Academy and serves as the Executive Director of the B-Rad Foundation, which works to empower individuals through environmental stewardship, health, and adventure programs. In August of 2014, he lost his best friend Bradley "B-Rad" Parker in a tragic climbing accident in Yosemite National Park. The B-Rad Foundation was founded in Brad's memory and based upon the three pillars of his life: Health, Stewardship, and Adventure. Today, the B-Rad Foundation seeks to create a universe where children live a life where every year features 365 days of awesome.

For the past five years, the B-Rad Foundation has supported thousands of kids and their families with fun-filled programs and events. They have partnered with the King Ridge Foundation to lead extended back-country adventures for Sonoma County youth in Yosemite National Park. They were instrumental in the giveaway of over 500 bicycles for devastated children, who lost all their possessions in the 2017 wildfires. The B-Rad program also practices an important "pay-it-forward" philosophy, as they train students in bike maintenance and help them to use their newly acquired repair skills to fix donated broken bikes and re-gift them to local at-risk youth. Mr. Kahmoson's deep commitment to enriching the education of our youth through environmental stewardship has become a deeply appreciated part of our community.

Madam Speaker, Jeremiah Kahmoson is a passionate adventurer and educator who has made great contributions to better the lives of others in our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.