

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF JEFFERY SCOTT BOREN

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Jeffery Scott Boren, who passed away on Wednesday, September 11th, at the age of 46.

Jeff, a lifelong Mississippi resident, lived with his family in Itawamba County, Mississippi, and was a dedicated employee for the Mississippi Department of Transportation. Throughout his life, Jeff set an example for his family to follow. He was an active member of Ozark Baptist Church, where he was chosen to serve as a Deacon of the church.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Candace Boren; his daughter, Alisha Boren; his brother Gary Boren; and his mother, Diane Knight of Mantachie, Mississippi, as well as many more extended family members and friends.

Jeff's life was one of service, grace, love for his family, and community. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF PAUL STANLEY WEBSTER

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, on November 11, 2019, our nation will observe Veterans Day, a federally recognized holiday wherein we honor our military veterans and all those who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Today, I rise to honor Paul Stanley Webster, who served with distinction as a Machinist's Mate Second Class in the United States Navy.

Paul Webster was born on February 13, 1925 in Port Angeles, Washington. He became an enlisted servicemember of the United States Navy and entered into active service on August 16, 1943. According to service records, Paul was a member of the United States Naval Construction Battalions, otherwise known as the "Seabees". This group of naval personnel was a revered battalion of construction tradesmen that were capable of any type of construction, anywhere needed, under any conditions or circumstances presented.

Paul served with the Ninth Naval Construction Battalion and would go on to earn the Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign Medal, American Area Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal. His tours of duty included Iceland, Pearl Harbor, Tinian, and Okinawa. During his service, Paul was involved in a number of vitally important naval construction projects, including the development of bomber airstrips,

fuel and salvage depots, highways, and aircraft repair shops.

Madam Speaker, I am so proud to honor and share Paul Stanley Webster's legacy of service to our great nation. As Congress spends time observing Veterans Day this year, let us remember the many sacrifices that so many servicemembers have made to preserve our values and freedoms. We cannot take them for granted and we must fight vigilantly to protect them.

HONORING DR. WILLIAM CHUN-HOON

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. William Chun-Hoon, who passed away on October 1, 2019 at the age of 91. Dr. Chun-Hoon was a lifelong leader in his community, utilizing his role as the first Chinese-American principal in Los Angeles Unified School District to bring people of diverse backgrounds together.

Dr. Chun-Hoon was born in Honolulu on September 8, 1928 and grew up working in his parents' grocery stores before moving to Los Angeles to become a teacher. Initially, he served as a history and English teacher in East Los Angeles, before becoming an Assistant Principal for Counseling for two middle schools in the San Fernando Valley.

In 1973, Dr. Chun-Hoon was appointed as principal of Castelar Elementary School, a position he held for the next 19 years. As the first Chinese-American principal in Los Angeles Unified School District, he implemented a variety of initiatives to ensure that the school would be a center for community and engagement. At Castelar, Dr. Chun-Hoon spearheaded a pilot program that allowed students to study either a Chinese or Spanish bilingual curriculum, fostering an environment where students of diverse backgrounds could flourish and learn. At the same time, he provided adult classes for the parents and grandparents of these children, giving them an opportunity to improve their language skills. He allowed community organizations like the Chinese Historical Society and the Friends of the Chinese American Museum to use Castelar as a space where people living both inside and outside of Chinatown could meet, organize, and provide services to the community. Dr. Chun-Hoon also coordinated with other Chinatown leaders to establish the first public library in the community.

Dr. Chun-Hoon is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Marjorie; their children, Craig and Kristina; and their grandchildren, Sarah, Carly, James, and Scott. He leaves behind an enduring legacy of dedication, inclusion, and service to Los Angeles and the San Gabriel Valley. Dr. Chun-Hoon is an inspiration to all

who knew him, and it is my distinct honor to commemorate his life.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DONALD J. WINN

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Donald J. Winn, who passed away on October 17, 2019, at the age of 90. A veteran, loving husband, father, and grandfather, Donald Winn will be dearly missed by his family and community.

A graduate of Seaford High School in Massachusetts, Donald Winn enlisted in the U.S. Army following his graduation and proudly served his country in the Korean War. After the war, Donald Winn returned home and worked for the Friendly's Corporation for 32 years, eventually retiring as a District Manager.

Donald Winn was married to his wife Maurita for 60 years, and together, they have 5 children and 12 grandchildren. He was known for his commitment to his family and his love for family-time. An avid University of Connecticut Women's Basketball fan, Donald Winn would often take his grandchildren to games, even attending several NCAA Final Four contests. Additionally, Donald Winn treasured the beach, especially enjoying family vacations to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the life of Donald J. Winn. A devoted family-man and veteran, Donald Winn's legacy will always be remembered and cherished. I encourage my colleagues to keep his family in their prayers during this truly difficult time.

OUTRAGEOUS LOCK AND DAM DECISION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Yesterday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced their outrageous decision to continue with the removal of the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam and move forward with Alternative 2-6D, which was partially simulated in February of this year with catastrophic results.

Since the day the Corps announced their disastrous plans to remove the Lock and Dam, I have worked to fight for a positive decision. Senators LINDSEY GRAHAM, TIM SCOTT, JOHNNY ISAKSON, and DAVID PERDUE with Congressman RICK ALLEN representing the Central Savannah River Area have consistently argued that the clear legislative intent of Congress was to maintain the physical pool level at the date of enactment being 114.5 feet.

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Lowering the pool level would negatively destroy jobs, recreation, and economic development up and down the river undermining hundreds of millions of dollars of investment. The Corps has chosen to ignore the will of the American people and the intent of Congress and move forward in complete disregard of the law. I am grateful to work with North Augusta Mayor Bob Pettit, Representative Bill Hixon, Senator Tom Young, South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson, and many other local leaders on this issue from South Carolina and Georgia.

In conclusion, God Bless Our Troops and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism. Just as next week we cherish the thirtieth anniversary of Ronald Reagan's liberation of Europe from Communist socialism.

HONORING ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize a beloved place of worship in my district that is celebrating its remarkable 150th Anniversary this year, St. Luke's Lutheran Church in New Rochelle.

The mission of St. Luke's Lutheran Church is one of hope and service to the community. St. Luke's exists in order to communicate the Lutheran understanding of the gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone through a community that seeks warmth and meaning in everyday life. St. Luke's mission is to address the community with respect through teaching, hospitality, Word and Sacrament in a fellowship faithful to Jesus Christ and committed to growth in response to our Lord's Great Commission: "Go therefore and make disciples."

In the words of church Reverend Dr. William J. Damrow, "We have been marked as a people called to reach out and welcome all. We are a people who enjoy diverse backgrounds, yet, in common we share our struggles while affirming the gifts of faith, hope, love, and forgiveness. Come visit, worship, and grow with us."

It is in this spirit of inclusivity that St. Luke's Lutheran Church has blossomed, with a loving and dedicated congregation.

As Representative for New York's 16th Congressional District, I want to congratulate Reverend Damrow, the staff, leadership, and congregation of St. Luke's Lutheran Church on reaching this blessed milestone. Here is to 150 more years of serving the people of New Rochelle and the surrounding community in Westchester.

CELEBRATING ANTHONY AND KAREN REED OF THE PURPLE CHURCH

HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise in celebration of pastors Rev. Dr. Anthony Reed

and Rev. Karen Reed of South Miami-Dade's Martin Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church, commonly known as the Purple Church.

The Reeds have been with the Purple Church for 14 years, providing constant support and inspiration for the Richmond Heights community. The Purple Church maintains active community outreach initiatives, including a food program, support for the homeless and juvenile offenders, and toy giveaways. The Reeds' leadership has brought their community together to participate in and benefit from these community service activities.

The Reeds are committed to helping anyone who comes to them looking for support, regardless of culture or background. This spirit of acceptance led them to found the Unity Gathering, through which members of multiple churches come together in worship. The Unity Gathering also serves to raise scholarship funds to help attend college.

I'm deeply grateful to Anthony and Karen Reed and for their dedication to the South Dade community.

NEW DEAL FOR NEW AMERICANS ACT

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, the United States is the nation that it is today, because of immigrant contributions. In fact, I am proud to represent one of the most diverse congressional districts in the country—Queens, New York; it is a place where immigrant communities thrive.

I also know our nation can only get stronger if we assist new Americans in their efforts to contribute to the growth of our economy and be civically engaged.

Madam Speaker, I am a daughter of immigrants. I saw firsthand the difficulties my parents and grandparents encountered when they immigrated to the United States for a better life for their children. This is not an uncommon story. While the levels of hardships of new immigrants vary, there are common challenges—from language barriers to finding work.

That is why, I am so proud to introduce the "New Deal for New Americans Act," legislation which would ensure a more inclusive and welcoming system for all those who arrive on our shores.

Specifically, the "New Deal for New Americans Act" would:

Establish a National Office of New Americans in the Executive Office of the White House to promote and support immigrant and refugee integration and inclusion and coordinate efforts of federal, state, and local governments to support social, economic, and civic integration of immigrants and refugees.

Establish a Federal Initiative on New Americans to coordinate federal response to address issues that affect the lives of new immigrants and refugees and communities with growing immigrant and refugee populations.

Create a Legal Services and Immigration Assistance Grant Program to support organizations that provide direct immigration assistance to those in need of immigration screening; know-your-rights education; assistance in

applying for citizenship, lawful permanent resident status or other immigration status; or seeking relief from a removal order.

Create an English as a Gateway to Integration Program for organizations that teach English or help individuals prepare for naturalization or earn a GED.

Create a Workforce Development Grant Program to ensure that immigrant and refugee adults have equitable access to education and workforce programs that help equip them with occupational skills needed to secure or advance in employment.

Reduce barriers for individuals to naturalize by establishing a flat application fee for naturalization, amending the English and civics exam requirements for older individuals, and exempting eligible U.S. high school graduates from taking the naturalization exams.

Limit USCIS's ability to raise fees without Congress' approval, plus require authorization of appropriations to cover USCIS' need to operate and adjudicate cases.

Promote civic engagement through automatic voter registration of newly naturalized individuals.

Expand family integration by reducing the age of citizens who are able to petition eligible family members from 21 years old to 18 years old.

Increase Refugee Admissions level to 110,000 per fiscal year.

Provide social, economic, and civic support to refugees and rebuild the capacity and infrastructure of local communities to welcome refugees.

Amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to no longer allow deportation of an individual deemed to have become a public charge.

Madam Speaker, the United States is a nation of immigrants. The rich tapestry of our nation that is comprised of diverse cultures, languages, and lives experiences have always been America's strength. Immigrants and refugees have always been America's strength—which is why improving our system to welcome new Americans will ensure our nation continues to thrive. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and join me in moving our diverse nation forward by helping immigrants and refugees.

RECOGNIZING EDWARD MORRISSETTE, WWII VET AND LEGION OF HONOR MEDAL RECIPIENT FROM FRANCE

HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize World War II Veteran Edward H. Morrisette of Omaha who will be awarded with France's highest distinction—the Legion of Honor—on October 30, 2019 for his heroism and courage in the liberation of France.

Mr. Morrisette enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1940, at the age of 17. He served with the 16th Regiment, First Infantry Division, also known as "The Big Red One," as a machine gun squad leader and military policeman. From August 1942 until September 1945, he participated in the campaigns of North Africa, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe.