

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JAMES I. MOORMAN,
OHIO VETERANS HALL OF FAME
INDUCTEE

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Mr. JORDAN. Madam Speaker, the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame will hold a ceremony in Dublin on November 7 to mark the induction of its 2019 class. I am honored to commend to the House one of these inductees: James I. Moorman of Sidney.

Mr. Moorman's life and career are a model for all who would commit themselves to public service. After his time in the Air Force, he joined the Shelby County Sheriff's Office, where as Jail Administrator he spearheaded the planning and design of a new 172-bed facility. He was recognized by the Law Enforcement Association of Shelby County as the 1978 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Mr. Moorman is a life member of the American Legion, AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans, Catholic War Veterans, and Vietnam Veterans of America. For six years, he was a member of the Shelby County Veterans Service Commission.

He played a key role in helping neighboring Logan County establish its own Vets to DC Program, coordinating veterans' trips to Washington to visit their memorials on the National Mall at no cost to them.

Madam Speaker, selection for the Hall of Fame is a high honor accorded to no more than twenty Ohioans each year. To be considered, individuals must not only serve our nation honorably in the military but also reflect the high value of service to others in their post-military careers.

I am pleased to join in the accolades for James Moorman and his outstanding record of service as he is inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN W. ROSE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Mr. JOHN W. ROSE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, October 31, I was unable to vote on the day's legislation due to a family emergency. Because of this unplanned absence, I missed seven Roll Call votes. Importantly, I was not present to cast my vote on Roll Call No. 604 on the passage of House Resolution 660 (H. Res. 660).

Had I been present to vote on H. Res. 660, I would have voted "No."

I find it incredibly disappointing that the House of Representatives took up H. Res.

660, which moves us away from historic precedent and, instead, enacts unique constraints on Members of Congress who are in the Minority during this impeachment inquiry. In the resolution for the President Clinton impeachment inquiry, the House Majority provided strong, bipartisan checks and balances regarding subpoena authority. These were the same checks and balances afforded to Congress during the President Nixon impeachment inquiry.

However, H. Res. 660 removes Ranking Members' traditional co-equal subpoena power. Members of the Minority also lose the traditional right to refer to the committee questions on whether subpoenas can be exercised unilaterally by the Chairman.

For a process as important and consequential as an impeachment inquiry, my constituents in the Sixth District of Tennessee, and the American people, deserve better. They deserve fairness. They deserve transparency. H. Res. 660 gives our constituents neither.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM STILLERMAN

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize William Stillerman of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for his outstanding tenure as President and CEO of Baptist Retirement Homes. Throughout his 34 years of exceptional leadership, Baptist Retirement Homes has been a pillar of effective care and compassion for the elderly in North Carolina communities.

The foundation he started now totals forty million dollars, helping to serve the Homes' over 500 residents and expand the reach of its services for homebound seniors.

Seeing such a successful local initiative to provide seniors access affordable prescriptions, comfortable housing, meals, companionship and many other needs is truly inspiring, and I'm proud to represent the person who embodies its powerful driving force.

Now that Mr. Stillerman himself is retiring, I wish him the very best and thank him for his incredible work and dedication in serving retirees in our state.

BRANDON BORTLES AND NOAH HEANEY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Brandon

Bortles and Noah Heaney for receiving the Golden Mayor's Award for Excellence.

Brandon Bortles & Noah Heaney both Golden residents, own competing restaurants: Brandon owns Abejas, and Noah co-owns Miners Saloon. Instead of focusing on competing for customers, Brandon and Noah decided to work together to bring more diverse dining options to downtown Golden. This collaboration has already brought us Sur Mesa Taqueria, which opened inside Tributary Food Hall in September, and will soon bring us Nosu Ramen across the street. Together, Brandon and Noah are making an enormous contribution to Golden's economy, our culinary options, our social gathering places, and our sense of community.

I congratulate Brandon and Noah for receiving this well-deserved honor by Mayor Marjorie Sloan. I thank them for their contributions to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I regret that due to a crisis of ongoing power outages and wildfires in California's 2nd District, I was unable to cast the following votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call 585, YEA on Roll Call 586, YEA on Roll Call 587, YEA on Roll Call 588, YEA on Roll Call 589, YEA on Roll Call 590, YEA on Roll Call 591, and YEA on Roll Call 592.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Mr. McNERNEY. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 440.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, on June 18, 2019, I was unable to attend the vote on the Lesko Amendment to the House Appropriations Package. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted NO on this vote (Roll Call No. 324).

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HONORING SERGEANT DAVID CHAMBERS AS SOLDIER OF THE YEAR

HON. ROGER WILLIAMS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Mr. WILLIAMS. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this time to congratulate Sergeant David Chambers from Troop C, 1st Squadron, 3rd Calvary Regiment on being named 2019 Soldier of the Year in the Army's Best Warrior Competition.

The annual competition tests soldiers physically and mentally, as they compete in urban warfare simulations, fitness challenges, warrior tasks, written exams and formal board interviews.

Sergeant Chambers represented the Brave Rifles, Fort Hood, III Corps and United States Army Forces Command with the highest honor and integrity.

He also represents the very best of America, and we should all look to his example of patriotism, selflessness and dedication.

Fort Hood, or 'The Great Place,' is one of the largest military installations in the world, where soldiers like Sergeant Chambers represent the gold standard for the United States Army.

The men and women who are stationed there truly remind us of what it means to be an American.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the 25th District of Texas, I want to thank Sergeant Chambers for his service, and congratulate him on receiving this prestigious award.

May God bless the United States of America, and those who fight for our freedom.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JANE DUNDAS SMITH

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and legacy of my constituent, Jane Dundas Smith—a dedicated educator who uplifted and inspired her students. Jane was an extraordinary leader both inside and outside the classroom who sought to better the lives of students in our communities and across the country.

After graduating from the University of California Davis, Jane began her career as a ninth-grade English teacher at Vallejo Unified School District. From there, she launched a more than 30-year career in education—eventually supporting educational programs for the largest county in the nation in the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools office.

Jane's passion for improving the lives of others through education extended beyond the classroom. As a consultant and education specialist, she worked with school districts across the country, designing programs to support underserved schools and communities.

Even after her retirement, Jane continued to shape the lives of students in our communities, serving on the Board of Education in

the Yucaipa-Calimesa School District and on the Nominating Committee for the California School Boards Education Association.

Jane's devotion to her students and education was unshakable. On behalf of California's 36th Congressional District, we join together with her loved ones to grieve her loss. Jane's valuable contributions will be felt for generations to come, and her memory will live on in the hearts of the countless lives she touched.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALTAMED HEALTH SERVICES CORPORATION

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate AltaMed Health Services Corporation on its 50th anniversary. Over the past half-century, AltaMed has become a leader in delivering quality health care and empowering communities, and stands today as one of America's largest independent federally qualified health centers.

When AltaMed was founded in 1969 as the East LA Barrio Free Clinic, it relied entirely on grants and donations. The clinic provided critically needed care to predominantly Latino and underserved individuals and families who had little to no access to medical services.

Today, AltaMed is California's premier community health network, encompassing more than 50 service delivery sites throughout Los Angeles and Orange Counties, and staffed by a culturally and linguistically competent workforce of more than 3,000 employees. It provides care to more than 300,000 individuals and families in one million annual patient encounters. In addition, AltaMed has expanded beyond primary care to deliver a full continuum of care that includes pediatrics, dental care, women's health, senior services, youth services, and HIV/ AIDS services. To this day, AltaMed is committed to providing quality care without exception and working to address health disparities in our communities.

In 1982, AltaMed began offering senior services by opening its first Adult Day Health Care Center in East Los Angeles, providing medical and rehabilitative care to older adults. In 1996, AltaMed made the transition to PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly), a world-class managed-care program that uses a unique team-based approach to provide frail older adults with medical, social, nutritional, and rehabilitation services. This program makes it possible for those who meet nursing home eligibility requirements to remain at home, enjoying the comfort and reassurance of familiar surroundings while receiving the care they need. AltaMed currently serves nearly 2,700 older adults at eight PACE locations in Los Angeles County.

With the passing of the Affordable Care Act in 2010, more than 20 million uninsured Americans gained access to comprehensive health coverage. AltaMed led widespread efforts through its service delivery sites to enroll and provide resources to newly eligible individuals, becoming California's top certified enrollment entity for several years in a row, and earning a grant through the state's Navigator Program.

In addition to its role as a leading health care provider, AltaMed leads advocacy efforts to protect critical safety net programs and expand access to services in order to grow healthier communities. This is made possible through strong partnerships with elected officials and community organizations. AltaMed's advocacy includes championing California's historic Health for All Kids Act (SB 4) which granted an estimated 170,000 undocumented children access to health care coverage under Medi-Cal. AltaMed has also advocated to protect vital federal funding for community health centers.

With a commitment to social justice and the understanding that health centers play a significant role in helping to achieve health equity, AltaMed launched the AltaMed Institute for Health Equity in 2017. Through innovation, education, research, and community engagement, the institute works to inform and support the elimination of health disparities that disproportionately affect racial and ethnic minorities.

In 2018, AltaMed launched a first-of-its-kind effort to mobilize low-propensity voters to make their voices heard at the ballot box in the brand-new "My Vote, My Health" campaign. Drawing on best practices from Get Out The Vote research, and leveraging organization and community assets, AltaMed worked to inform, motivate, and mobilize patients and employees to protect access to their healthcare services through the power of their vote. AltaMed's effort resulted in increases in voter participation of as much as 432 percent in some of the hardest-to-reach voter precincts.

On November 8, 2019, AltaMed will commemorate its 50th anniversary. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in congratulating AltaMed on achieving this historic milestone as an exceptional health care leader, advancing quality care for Latino, multi-ethnic, and underserved communities in Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present during roll call vote number 596 due to a meeting with constituents. I would like the record to reflect how I would have voted: on roll call vote number 596, I would have voted NO.

CONGRATULATING HENRY DESROSIERS ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and honor that I rise today to recognize the retirement of Henry Desrosiers after many years of service to our nation and community.

Mr. Desrosiers has been a leader in the Jim Thorpe community and has a long history of