

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING MS. STEPHANIE WALKER

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mr. COLLINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Stephanie Walker for her impactful work and leadership in school bus operation.

Ms. Walker started out as a bus driver, carrying on the legacy of both of her parents, who have been driving buses for Habersham County for over 30 years. Years later, Ms. Walker is continuing to impact school transportation through her role as transportation coordinator for Habersham County Schools.

Earlier this year, Ms. Walker became the first and only woman in Georgia, and the eighth Georgian overall, to become a Certified Director of Pupil Transportation. She is also the only person in the state of Georgia to become certified as Director of Pupil Transportation and in Special Needs Transportation.

Ms. Walker's focus on enhancing safety protocols has changed Habersham County Schools for the better. During her seven years as transportation coordinator, Ms. Walker has reworked and created emergency routes to ensure the safety of students and staff alike. With 115-plus buses and their passengers to account for every day, her job is not easy, but she enjoys the challenge.

Ms. Walker's notable work ethic and dedication has earned her a place in the national spotlight. Earlier this month, she was recognized by School Transportation News, a national publication, as one of ten "Rising Stars" for her work as an up-and-coming student transportation professional who displays leadership or innovation in school bus operation.

The students of Habersham County Schools are fortunate to have someone like Ms. Stephanie Walker working to keep them safe every day. On behalf of the people of Northeast Georgia, I want to thank her for her commitment to student safety and congratulate her for being recognized as a 'Rising Star' in school transportation.

HONORING THE PASSING OF ARIZONA TEACHER, CATHY CANEZ

HON. TOM O'HALLERAN

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay my respects to Cathy Canez, a special education teacher from my district, who passed away earlier this year in a tragic accident.

Cathy was a beloved teacher, friend, and community member in the Miami unified school district for more than 25 years.

Her kindness, sense of humor, and dedication to the success of her students has al-

lowed her legacy and impact to reach beyond the classroom.

I've been married to a teacher for fifty years; I saw how hard my wife Pat worked to educate young people and improve their lives holistically.

Teachers have one of the most important jobs in our society, and a great teacher like Cathy had the power to affect the lives of so many.

Cathy was taken from us too soon.

Arizona has lost an incredible role model and educator, but I know she will not soon be forgotten.

RECOGNITION OF MRS. YVETTE DUBOSE AS A 2019 ANGELS IN ADOPTION HONOREE

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, it is my great privilege to rise today to honor Mrs. Yvette DuBose, for her extraordinary contributions as the CEO/Executive Director of the Heart Gallery of Broward County and as a caring foster parent herself.

Yvette was recognized as a 2019 Angels in Adoption by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI). She is admired in our community for her steadfast commitment to the welfare of children as both a caring foster parent and as the Executive Director of the Heart Gallery of Broward County, as well as serving as a Board Member of the Heart Gallery of Florida and the Children Families Leadership Association. Her leadership at the Heart Gallery has led to more than 350 adoptions of foster children to their forever families, changing the course of their lives. Yvette's long-standing dedication truly exemplifies the values of the Angels in Adoption program.

Founded in 2001, CCAI is a nonprofit organization with the vision that every child should know the love and support of a caring family. Every year, CCAI selects a small group of outstanding individuals, families, or organizations across the nation to be recognized as Angels in Adoption. These honorees have gone above and beyond to demonstrate their commitment to improving the lives of children in need of permanent, loving homes.

Madam Speaker, I am so very proud of Mrs. Yvette DuBose for all the work that she has done in our community. I wish her the best as she continues her work to make the dream of a forever family a reality for so many children in need.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, October 28th through October 30th I

was absent due to activities in my District related to wildfires and was unable to cast my vote for Roll Calls 586 through 602. For the same reason, I was unable to cast my vote for Roll Calls 605 through 609. Had I been present I would have voted:

Roll Call No. 585 YES—Full Utilization of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund Act (H.R. 2440);

Roll Call No. 586 YES—Public Disclosure of Drug Discounts and Real Time Beneficiary Drug Cost Act (H.R. 2115);

Roll Call No. 587 YES—On Ordering the Previous Question (H. Res. 655);

Roll Call No. 588 YES—Rule Providing Consideration for H. Res. 296 (H. Res. 655);

Roll Call No. 589 YES—On Ordering the Previous Question (H. Res. 656);

Roll Call No. 590 YES—Rule Providing Consideration for H.R. 823, H.R. 1373, and H.R. 2181 (H. Res. 656);

Roll Call No. 591 YES—Affirming the United States Record on the Armenian Genocide (H. Res. 296);

Roll Call No. 592 YES—Protect Against Conflict by Turkey Act;

Roll Call No. 593 NO—Gosar Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 2181;

Roll Call No. 594 NO—Gosar Amendment No. 3 to H.R. 2181;

Roll Call No. 595 NO—Arrington Amendment to H.R. 2181;

Roll Call No. 596 NO—Motion to Recommit on H.R. 2181;

Roll Call No. 597 YES—Final Passage of H.R. 2181—Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act of 2019;

Roll Call No. 598 NO—Gosar/Lesko Amendment to H.R. 1373;

Roll Call No. 599 NO—Gosar Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 1373;

Roll Call No. 600 NO—Gosar Amendment No. 3 to H.R. 1373;

Roll Call No. 601 NO—Motion to Recommit on H.R. 1373;

Roll Call No. 602 YES—Final Passage of H.R. 1373—Grand Canyon Centennial Protection;

Roll Call No. 605 NO—Curtis Amendment No. 1 to H.R. 823;

Roll Call No. 606 NO—Tipton Amendment No. 5 to H.R. 823;

Roll Call No. 607 YES—Crow Amendment No. 6 to H.R. 823;

Roll Call No. 608 NO—On the Motion to Recommit H.R. 823 and

Roll Call No. 609 YES—Final Passage of H.R. 823—Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act.

IN RECOGNITION OF DONALD A. COX

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Donald A. Cox of West

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Barnstable as he steps down from the role of Chief Executive Officer of the Cape Cod Military Support Foundation. A former executive of Sheraton Hotels, Don has not slowed down in his retirement but has been fueled by his passion for serving veterans and active military personnel and their families. This commitment led him to establish the Cape Cod Military Support Foundation in 2014.

In his work, Don has recognized that children of deployed military personnel often feel their absence most dearly during the holidays and at other milestone moments. Therefore, he started Operation Backpack, to supply military children with back-to-school supplies, a holiday gift-giving program, and other holiday-themed events. In addition, the Foundation offers emergency and food assistance to military families, as well as nursery supplies for babies and toddlers. The families of Joint Base Cape Cod benefit from these programs through the Family Empowerment Center located on the base, Don's labor of love that opened in 2018. His work through the foundation was especially vital to Coast Guard families during the recent government shutdown.

In 2017, Don was recognized as a Difference Maker of the Year by the New England Patriots. He has been honored by the United States Coast Guard, the Massachusetts National Guard, and the American Red Cross for his work on behalf of military families. As he steps down from his role as Executive Director of the Cape Cod Military Support Foundation, the legacy of his work will continue as it extends to serve military families across Massachusetts and indeed the nation.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Donald A. Cox for his dedication to serving our military and veterans' families. I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking him for all of his incredible work and wishing him all the best as he continues to support our service members and their families.

**RECOGNIZING CLIFFORD H. LONG,
CHAIRMAN OF THE EMERALD
COAST MILITARY AFFAIRS
COUNCIL**

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Mr. Clifford Long, Chairman of the Emerald Coast Military Affairs Council. Mr. Long served the area in this role since 2007. In 1998, the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce bestowed a special "President's Award" upon him to recognize his many years of dedication to the Military Affairs Council and Florida's military mission.

Mr. Long contributed his expertise and guidance in many different capacities. He served as Chairman of the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Council from 1989 to 2007 and as chamber president from 1971 to 1972. Mr. Long also served on the Board of Directors for the Okaloosa County Economic Development Council's Defense Support Initiative.

His life was lived in service to our community, serving as liaison and support between local business and the military community. He was a strong advocate for the region's military

presence, and worked diligently with the highest levels of Air Force leadership. He dedicated his life to contributing to the growth of the defense presence in Northwest Florida, and advocating for military officers. He was a true patriot.

In 2002, Mr. Long was awarded the Air Force Association "Civilian of the Year" award at their annual conference recognizing his outstanding efforts and dedication to the military and its mission. That same year, he was named a "Life Director" of the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, recognizing the many years he dedicated to the growth and development of the chamber and the local area.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is my honor to recognize Mr. Clifford H. Long, and his life of service to Northwest Florida. I thank him for his impact on our community, and send my deepest condolences to his entire family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD MCEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mr. MCEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on October 28, 2019 during roll call no. 585, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 2440, Full Utilization of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 586, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 2115, Public Disclosure of Drug Discounts and Real-Time Beneficiary Drug Cost Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

**HONORING REVEREND WILLIE F.
WILSON**

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring one of our nation's foremost liberation theologians, the Reverend Willie F. Wilson, Pastor of the Union Temple Baptist, in our nation's capital. Reverend Wilson has devoted his life and ministry to uplifting, enhancing and empowering the lives of the down-trodden and to fighting for the dignity, justice and liberation of all people.

Over the years, thousands have responded to the power of Reverend Wilson's preaching and exhortation to "unchain your mind" through examining and reclaiming Jesus Christ, the truth of African-American history and learning to love ourselves as well as others. As a result, Union Temple's membership has grown from the initial 25 faithful members to more than 8,000.

Reverend Wilson has served the Union Temple Baptist Church and the District of Columbia community faithfully for 46 years. His impact on the church is immeasurable. As he passes the torch of leadership to his daughter, Reverend Dr. Anika Wilson Brown, we wel-

come her and thank Reverend Wilson for his steadfast work.

Reverend Wilson, born in Newport News, Virginia, received a bachelor's degree in journalism from Ohio University. He became a D.C. resident in 1969 and received a master's degree from Howard University School of Divinity.

Under his leadership, the Union Temple Baptist Church achieved an array of firsts, including the first substance abuse ministry based in a D.C. church; the first African-American church-led Rites of Passage program to support adolescents in transitioning from childhood to adulthood; the introduction of Kwanzaa Celebration as part of faith ministry; the first ordination of women into Baptist ministry regionally; and the promotion of interfaith worship between Christians and Orthodox Muslims. The church invested millions of dollars in the development of affordable housing, home ownership and financial literacy programs, as well as in youth development and health promotion activities.

Social service programs have flourished at the Union Temple Baptist Church, including the Akoma project, which provides case management to individuals living with HIV/AIDS; the AYA Program, a D.C. Department of Human Services-funded program providing counseling, job development and placement services to assist people moving from welfare to work; and the Village Keepers Homeless Outreach Ministry, which provides shelter for homeless individuals in D.C.—to name only a few.

The Union Temple Baptist Church has erected a home in Ghana, West Africa for its Rites of Passage programs. The church has donated over one million dollars in medical supplies to the hospital in Asankrangwa and sponsors an adopt-a-child educational program. Ordained a Wolof Priest in Gambia, Reverend Wilson's ministry and practice are African-centric, focusing on the African influence on Christianity. His most recent book, *Birth of the Bible*, is a commentary on "African spiritual traditions borrowed, stolen, misappropriated and modified to produce the book that we know today as the Bible."

Reverend Wilson's work has not gone unnoticed. In 2018, Reverend Wilson was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Civil Rights Movement in Selma, Alabama. He was recognized in 1986 by USA Today "as one of the 10 most valuable people in America." In 1995, he was asked to join the historic Million Man March as a national organizer, and, in 1997, he received the Presidential Service Award from President Bill Clinton.

Reverend Wilson is the father of four children and is married to Reverend Mary Lewis Wilson. He has served on the board of trustees of the University of the District of Columbia. Reverend Wilson has dedicated his life to a creative, innovative ministry to uplift humanity. He has a deep abiding love for all people and is a passionate voice for truth, justice and equality for the citizens of D.C. and everywhere.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Reverend Willie F. Wilson for his dedication to freedom and justice for all, and to the well-being and faith of District of Columbia residents. We recognize him for the profound impact his vision and his work has had on others.