

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE KANSAS CITY CHIEFS' 60TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON

### HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 5, 2019*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the sixtieth season of the Kansas City Chiefs football and the unremitting dedication of their fans. As the U.S. Representative for Missouri's Fifth Congressional District and a lifelong Chiefs fan, I am proud to honor Kansas City's home team with this CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Sixty years ago, the Chiefs were founded as the Dallas Texans by the widely revered Lamar Hunt. Recognized as one of the greatest sportsmen in American history, Hunt served as the guiding force behind the formation of both the American Football League and the Kansas City Chiefs franchise. Hunt's determination and influence served as the catalyst that would bring his "impossible dream" to reality when his league took to the field for the '60 season. Hunt continued to chase this dream as he moved his Dallas Texans team to Kansas City where the organization would be renamed as the Kansas City Chiefs.

Hunt's vision for the organization was reaffirmed on June 8, 1966 when the AFL-NFL merger was announced by NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle, and the Kansas City Chiefs went on to participate in the inaugural Super Bowl against the Green Bay Packers on January 15, 1967. Only three years after that inaugural game, the Chiefs claimed Kansas City's first major sports championship victory over the Minnesota Vikings in Super Bowl IV. Not only did Hunt's passion help put Kansas City on the "big league" map, his influence and commitment helped pave the way for much of the modern growth of professional football.

In the late 1960s, Hunt played an integral role in the original development plans for Arrowhead Stadium, a facility which provided the Chiefs and their fans with one of the most decided homefield advantages in all of sports. While other venues of a similar vintage have long since been termed obsolete or have been demolished, Arrowhead continues to serve as a point of pride for Chiefs and fans alike. In a true exemplification of the avid nature of Chiefs fans, Arrowhead recently broke the record for the loudest stadium on September 29, 2014. According to the Guinness Book of World Records, no sports fans in the world are louder than Kansas City Chiefs fans at Arrowhead Stadium, registering a record 142.2 decibels—louder than a jet taking off from an aircraft carrier.

Additionally, under Hunt's stewardship, the Chiefs developed an intensely loyal fan base, not just in Mid-America, but across the country and the globe. Hunt took great satisfaction in the fact that the Chiefs boasted season-ticket holders from forty-eight of the fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Can-

ada. He was also appreciative of the fact that Kansas City was selected to represent the NFL on the world stage in four American Bowl contests: Berlin, Germany (1990), Tokyo, Japan (1994, 1998), and Monterrey, Mexico (1996). Like jazz was to the music scene or Royals baseball to America's favorite pastime, the Chiefs brought Kansas City to the forefront of the national consciousness.

In the decades to come, the organization would experience many highs and lows, including a promising '71 season that featured a team record eleven Pro Bowl performers and ended dramatically in the longest game in NFL history, an AFC Divisional Playoff game played on Christmas day. It took 82:40 and double overtime to close out the game. This loss served as the Chiefs' last playoff appearance for fifteen years. The years following brought trials and tribulations, but strengthened the team overall, earning them NFL playoff appearances in 1986, 1990 through 1995, 1997, 2003, 2006, 2010, 2013, and 2015 to 2017.

Today, Kansas City and "Chiefs Kingdom" continues a custom throughout the region that was forged by charity and the love of the game—Red Friday. Red Friday began in 1992 as an idea pitched to Lamar Hunt by the first President of the Red Coaters, the late Jim Shultz. The Red Coaters were founded in 1963, and members were obliged to sell tickets and received a red coat for selling so many. Made up of businessmen and women dedicated to the Chiefs and their community, the Red Coaters still share the same mission of giving today.

The first Red Friday featured the Red Coaters and Hunt himself on the streets of Kansas City selling newspapers with a special Chiefs edition to benefit local charities. After debuting on the west side of town, Red Friday moved north to the river, back to Westport, then to the Arrowhead parking lot. The Chiefs-themed newspapers turned into Red Friday magazines. Then those Red Friday magazines turned into Chiefs Kingdom flags sold to raise money for charity. The tradition continues to unite Kansas Citians and Chiefs fans across the country, transcending generations and bringing together a city of nearly 500,000 for a common cause to paint the town red.

Today, the Kansas City Chiefs continue to breathe life into the dream Lamar Hunt had when he founded the organization through its sustained ability to bring fans together in a true display of community and pride. The profound legacy the Kansas City Chiefs have paved builds upon and preserves a rich history that has given a way for many athletes and members of the organization to inspire, unify, and empower generations of football players and spectators alike.

Madam Speaker, please join with me as we commemorate the sixtieth anniversary season of the Kansas City Chiefs.

IN HONOR OF CHARLES M. HOGAN

### HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 5, 2019*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Charles M. "Charlie" Hogan of Park City, Kentucky.

Mr. Hogan began his service in the U.S. Army and then proudly served in the U.S. Air Force for over twenty years. Mr. Hogan received an Air Force Commendation for his brave service in Vietnam. A champion for his fellow veterans, Mr. Hogan was awarded the Barren County Patriot Award in 2004. He spearheaded the effort to a veterans' memorial wall in Park City and made sure to invite me to attend the Veterans Day celebration my first year in Congress. He was also an active member of the Masonic Order, the International Union of Operating Engineers, the Mammoth Cave National Park Association, the Barren River Area Development District, and Park City United Methodist Church.

I join with Mr. Hogan's family and the Barren County community in remembering the life of an American patriot.

### SENIOR PASTOR BOB COUNTS RETIREES

### HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 5, 2019*

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, Senior Pastor Counts follows in the footsteps of both his father and grandfather, who served as pastors for their respective congregations. Additionally, three of his brothers, two of his sons, and his nephew are all pastors while his sister is married to a pastor. He became a minister in 1964 and is a graduate of Bible Baptist College in Springfield, Missouri.

Senior Pastor Counts has served communities across the country as a pastor at Stillwell Bible Baptist in Clarksville, Arkansas, Temple Baptist in Springdale, Arkansas, and Valley Baptist in Rowland Heights, California. For the past 23 years, he has served my constituents as senior pastor of Bible Baptist Church in Victorville. His 55 years of dedicated service will end in distinction, as he becomes only the fourth retired pastor among the church's 1,200 members.

Though Senior Pastor Bob Counts is retiring, his work will continue to be felt through his life-long service and dedication to his faith. He will be passing the reigns of senior pastor to his son, Joel Counts. Over the course of his career he has touched innumerable lives, and his passion, caring, and selflessness will truly be missed as he begins a well-deserved retirement.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF WORLD WAR II VETERAN WILLIE J. ADAMS

**HON. NORMA J. TORRES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 5, 2019*

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of World War II veteran Willie J. Adams and his tireless dedication to community and country.

Willie served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. An original Montford Point Marine, Willie was one of 20,000 African American men who helped defeat Hitler and desegregate the Marines. He was honorably discharged in 1946 but he lived by the motto, "Once a Marine, always a Marine," and was a committed lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 8852.

Willie was a model of honor and duty to his community when he returned home. As a Rapides Parish school bus driver, he mentored countless students and was a father figure to many. Willie was a dedicated Christian who served both in Church and at large in the community. He often participated in senior citizen events throughout the area, and in his free time, could be found outdoors fishing or hunting. The anchor of his family, he was married for over 60 years to his wife Josephine Adams, with whom he raised two daughters.

While spending his last days at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Willie made sure that every member of the VFW was able to visit and play games. In recognition of his accomplishments and character, Willie was posthumously awarded the Congressional Gold Medal on November 9, 2019.

For his exemplary life of service, Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Willie J. Adams. His decades of commitment and contributions to his community and country are worthy of admiration, and his memory will live on through the countless lives he impacted. May he rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF RICHMOND FOR REDUCING BARRIERS TO VOTING IN VIRGINIA'S 2019 ELECTIONS

**HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 5, 2019*

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the City of Richmond for its efforts to remove barriers to voter participation in Virginia's 2019 elections. Mayor Levar Stoney and his administration are partnering with the Greater Richmond Transit Corporation (GRTC) for the second year in a row to provide free rides to the polls for Richmond residents on Election Day. Additionally, the City of Richmond is giving its employees the day off on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Both measures will address potential impediments to voting and will help encourage participation in both state and local elections.

Access to transportation has historically been an obstacle for underserved and

marginalized communities to exercise their rights on Election Day. To address these concerns, GRTC will provide free transportation to nearly every polling location in the City of Richmond. In doing so, more individuals will be able to access polling stations, enabling many more Richmonders to vote.

The ability to take time off from work has also been a barrier to the ballot box. To help tackle this issue, the City of Richmond will close its offices on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 to make it easier for city employees to vote.

Since my time in the Virginia General Assembly, I have fought for voters' rights; the right to vote is sacred and should be protected. That is why I introduced the Election Day Holiday Act, which would make Election Day a federal holiday. At a time when our elections are under attack from outside and within our country, it is more important than ever that we remove barriers to the ballot box.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mayor Stoney, the Stoney administration, and GRTC for improving access and removing barriers to voting for Richmond residents.

IN RECOGNITION OF RIPPLE GLASS

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 5, 2019*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the tenth anniversary of Ripple Glass. For a decade, Ripple Glass has led the way in efficient glass recycling and served as champions in the implementation of their streamlined framework in cities throughout the Midwest. I am proud to have such an innovative and environmentally conscious company in Missouri's Fifth Congressional District.

Upon discovering that Kansas Citians threw away nearly 150 million pounds of perfectly good glass, including 10 million empty bottles from Kansas City's very own Boulevard Brewing Company, the individuals at Boulevard Brewing realized that something must be done to prevent glass from making its way to the landfill. Area businesses use nearly 200 million pounds of recycled glass every year, but local recycling was not occurring due to a lack of nearby facilities to process intake. Tired of contributing to a mounting problem, the individuals at Boulevard Brewing Company, with the support of local companies and community organizations, sought a solution and founded Ripple Glass in 2009.

Ripple established a collection system and state-of-the-art processing plant that operated efficiently. The company began by placing its trademark purple collection bins in sixty locations across the Kansas City metropolitan area, where glass would be collected before being transported to the processing plant to be cleaned, dried, sized, sorted, and screened. This processing plant provides furnace-ready cullet-crushed, recycled glass to local companies in the region that utilize the converted, recycled glass for fiberglass insulation. This process saves enormous amounts of energy and dramatically lowers emissions. Ripple Glass also exports recycled amber glass to be

turned back into glass bottles, including those used by Boulevard Brewing.

The prominent purple Ripple Glass bins can be found across Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and South Dakota. The glass collected from these bins all comes back to the Kansas City facility for processing, helping over eighty other communities keep glass out of landfills—truly exemplifying the 'ripple effect'.

Moreover, Ripple Glass has recently launched a collection service for bars, restaurants, and other commercial institutions, allowing them to further pursue their mission to provide a comprehensive glass recycling system in Kansas City and beyond. By tapping into the local marketplace, Ripple Glass has found a way to close the loop, protect the environment, support area businesses, and even make homes more energy efficient. Prior to Ripple Glass operations in Kansas City, approximately 80,000 tons of container glass were consumed each year with only five percent being recycled. Now, through Ripple Glass' initiatives, nearly twenty percent of the community's glass is recycled and almost 200,000 tons of glass is diverted out of landfills across the region.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Ripple Glass for a decade of service to the greater Kansas City area and beyond. Let us join in recognizing the company's unremitting commitment towards sustainability and ensuring glass recycling is available to communities across the Midwest.

IN HONOR OF JOE PIERUCCI UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE CITY OF FOSTER CITY

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 5, 2019*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Joe Pierucci upon his retirement as Chief of Police for Foster City. Chief Pierucci will be leaving after 33 years in law enforcement, including the last 11 years in Foster City.

Chief Pierucci grew up in Foster City and began his career in nearby San Mateo in 1986. In San Mateo, he worked as a detective, field training officer, and school resource officer before moving up to Patrol Sergeant. He then assumed responsibility for several of San Mateo's important community policing activities including the highly successful San Mateo Police Athletics League, neighborhood watch and crime prevention programs.

In 2009, Joe Pierucci returned to his hometown of Foster City when he became a lieutenant and began supervising patrol teams. He's a warm, amiable person and his personality fit well with a community in which residents embrace their law enforcement officers and enjoy an outdoor quality of life that is organized around community events, community sports leagues, the water and parks. Into this mix came Joe Pierucci with gusto and a smile as wide as a city lagoon.

He quickly rose to the rank of Captain and eventually managed field operations and administrative functions. He served as President of the San Mateo County Law Enforcement Commanders Association and continued his