

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE SERVICE OF KRISTIN SHAPIRO

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Kristin A. Shapiro, who is leaving the House to join the Office of Legal Counsel at the United States Department of Justice. Ms. Shapiro has served in the Office of General Counsel for nearly three years as an Assistant General Counsel and has provided frequent and invaluable legal advice and representation to the House community, particularly in connection with federal court litigation involving issues of great institutional importance.

Ms. Shapiro provided extensive advice and litigation expertise to several Committees, including the Committees on Armed Services, Appropriations, and Budget, in connection with the House's litigation regarding the funding for wall construction on the Southern border. In addition, Ms. Shapiro provided litigation assistance to both the Committee on Ways and Means and the Joint Committee on Taxation regarding the application of the Freedom of Information Act to Congressional records. As the Chairperson of the Committee on House Administration, I know firsthand that our Members and House staff also came to rely on Ms. Shapiro's expertise and guidance, particularly in connection with how the use of social media platforms by Members intersects with the First Amendment.

Ms. Shapiro has played a very significant role in safeguarding the legal and institutional interests of the House of Representatives. She has served the House with great distinction, and we know she will continue to serve our Nation with that same level of distinction at the Department of Justice. I know that I speak for all of my colleagues on the Committee on House Administration, and the entire House community, in thanking Ms. Shapiro for her devoted service, and extend to her our very best wishes for continued success.

RECOGNIZING HERBERT COGLEY FOR THE 2019 MONTANA CON- GRESSIONAL VETERAN COM- MENDATION

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Herbert Cogley of Clancy for the Montana Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to his country and community.

Mr. Cogley served with the U.S. Army in Vietnam as a combat engineer with the 101st Airborne Division. He received multiple com-

mendations during his time, including the Bronze Star and Army Commendation Medal.

Following his return home, Mr. Cogley helped build the VFW Hall in his hometown of Jordan, Montana. He continues to be a part of the VFW through volunteering and performing with the Honor Guard at veteran funerals. Over the years, he has also been involved in Habitat for Humanity, coordinating the building of several homes in Helena. In addition, Mr. Cogley volunteers with the Montana Military Museum at Fort Harrison and helps build displays.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Herbert Cogley for his service to his country and community.

HONORING THE DENMARK FAMILY AND RAISING AWARENESS OF PHELAN-MCDERMID SYNDROME

HON. MAX ROSE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Mr. ROSE of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in commending the Denmark family of Staten Island for their hard work to raise awareness of Phelan-McDermid syndrome. Back home in New York, we recognized their efforts on October 22, which Governor Cuomo proclaimed "Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Awareness Day" in the state, and now I ask my colleagues to join me in giving them the same recognition here in the House.

Drew Denmark suffers from Phelan-McDermid Syndrome, as well as Autism. In many cases, including Drew's, individuals struggling with this disease are non-verbal and are afflicted with cognitive disabilities. Phelan-McDermid is often misdiagnosed as another ailment, resulting in this syndrome being very under-diagnosed.

After Drew's diagnosis, the Denmark family got to work ensuring that Phelan-McDermid Syndrome received the recognition it deserves, in hopes that more families will now be able to receive a proper diagnosis. I am honored to have walked with Drew and his family a few of weeks ago at the Autism Speaks Staten Island Walk and am proud to be on Team Drew each and every day.

As more and more patients struggling with this disease receive accurate diagnoses of Phelan-McDermid Syndrome and families are able to get their loved ones the care they need, they will in no small part have the Denmark family to thank for it.

This family embodies what it means to be Staten Islanders and New Yorkers: when we want change to happen, we go out and fight for it. So, Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring Drew and the rest of the Denmark family for the courage, and tenacity they have displayed.

INTRODUCTION OF THE TOTAL RECALL ACT OF 2019

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of the Total Recall Act of 2019, which would require businesses to strengthen and streamline notifications for product recalls to consumers.

Every year, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) recalls at least 400 products, but due to poor notification practices by manufacturers and producers, the average response rate of consumers for most recalls is only between 4 and 18 percent. Consumers are purchasing or failing to stop using products because they are unaware of recall notifications.

As a mom myself, I know that parents cannot be expected to check the CPSC website every time they purchase a product for their families. If a company sells a dangerous item, that company should be expected to market the recall as aggressively as they marketed the sale of the product.

That is why I am introducing the Total Recall Act, legislation which will implement much needed reforms to increase the effectiveness of products recalled by the CPSC. This bill will increase requirements for companies to post recall notices on their websites and social media, and require or encourage companies to use parts of the original marketing budgets of the product in question on notifying consumers of the recall.

The numbers don't lie; if consumers are not participating in recalls, then companies need to work harder to let their consumers know about any dangers that they face from continued use of these products. Companies know how to market products, it is time for them to apply those same skills to marketing recalls.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL ANNIVERSARY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud NCAA football on the 150th anniversary of their first collegiate game.

On November 6, 1869, Rutgers College (now Rutgers University) went on to defeat the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University) by a score of 6–4. Football was nothing like today's game. It used a rugby-type ball on a 110-yard field. A touchdown was worth four points and the games had two 45-minute halves with a running clock.

The University of Colorado Buffaloes are rich in football history. The CU Buffs began

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their collegiate football program on November 15, 1890 and have played at Folsom Field since 1924. In 1990, CU won the National Championship and currently has all-time record of 697–479–36.

I extend my deepest congratulations to NCAA football on their 150th anniversary. Go Buffs.

HONORING VIVECA LOHR

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Viveca Lohr for her 33 years of service to Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula, including 32 years as Executive Director. The 20th Congressional District of California appreciates Viveca Lohr's dedication to her community on the central coast of California and the great efforts she has made to serve seniors and disabled adults on the Monterey Peninsula.

Viveca Lohr began her work with Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula in November of 1986 and quickly became a leader in the organization, rising to Assistant Executive Director in May of 1987 and Executive Director in November of 1987. Ms. Lohr now oversees the day-to-day operations of this critically important organization that strives to promote the well-being and independence of clients on the Monterey Peninsula by providing home-delivered meals, welfare checks, and group meals. During her 32 years as Executive Director, Ms. Lohr has overseen the Meals on Wheels Home Delivered Meals Program as it has grown to deliver over 190,000 meals annually to more than 500 homebound clients who cannot shop or cook for themselves.

Viveca Lohr has worked with a tireless team of staff, Board Members, and volunteers who make this critical service possible. Through generous donations and fundraising events in the community on the Central Coast, programs can be administered to guarantee the continued health and well-being of individuals who may not otherwise be able to remain independent without Meals on Wheels. The program not only serves food and conversation to its clients, but also provides more than 20,000 hours of exercise, health, and enrichment classes at its headquarters, the Sally Griffin Learning Center, to promote and maintain healthy aging. This facility is named after the Meals on Wheels program's dedicated founder, Sally Judd Griffin.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating and thanking Viveca Lohr for her 33 years of service and leadership on the central coast of California. Her tireless commitment to improving the lives of seniors and disabled adults in California's 20th Congressional District will not be forgotten, and her legacy in the community will certainly be long lasting. On behalf of Central Coast residents, I thank Ms. Lohr for her contribution to our community and wish her a long and healthy retirement.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
GORDON SCOTT BRACE

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Gordon Scott Brace and his service to the House.

Many dedicated public servants work behind the scenes to support the vital work of this body and our work as Members. That is true for what may be the most significant charge we have: casting our vote here on the floor on behalf of our constituents.

Mr. Brace helped make that possible. During his 17 years with the Office of the Clerk as a senior systems engineer, Mr. Brace was primarily responsible for maintaining all aspects of the Electronic Voting System (EVS). Whenever the House was in session, Mr. Brace made certain that the EVS was in full working order, manually checking all 54 voting stations, the tally clerk station, electronic display board, and the EVS equipment in the cloakrooms.

To put this in perspective, during Mr. Brace's tenure the House completed more than 12,300 roll call votes. Considering the individual vote of each Member of the House on each of those roll call votes, Mr. Brace played a central role on a team with the responsibility to track more than 5,350,500 individual votes. Every single one of those votes had to be tracked swiftly, accurately, and without doubt. Moreover, every one of those votes represents a small, but important, part of our nation's history.

Mr. Brace is remembered fondly by his co-workers and friends here in the House not just for his technical skills, but for his kindness and generosity. I know I speak on behalf of his co-workers and my colleagues in honoring his memory and his important contributions to the operations of the House. Our thoughts are with his wife, Kristin, sons Wyatt and Dillon, and all of his loved ones.

RECOGNIZING ROLAND HEATON
FOR THE 2019 MONTANA CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Roland Heaton of Townsend for the Montana Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to his country and dedication to the community.

Mr. Heaton served in the U.S. Army as a maintenance technician in Vietnam and Japan. He received multiple commendations for his service, including the Good Conduct Medal and the Vietnam Campaign award.

Mr. Heaton's heart to serve lead him to create a project that generates funding to assist the community's first responders with the purchase of non-budget equipment. This allows them to better serve the community. Since it was created, it has raised over \$15,000 to purchase the needed equipment. Additionally,

Mr. Heaton serves on the board of the county food bank and volunteers there regularly.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Roland Heaton for his service and dedication.

RECOGNIZING TREE CITY USA
DESIGNATIONS

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize eight cities in Texas' Third Congressional District who have received this year's Tree City USA designation by the Arbor Day Foundation.

Allen, Fairview, Frisco, McKinney, Murphy, Plano, Prosper, and Wylie—all located within Collin County—have proven they care about ensuring the environment around them is thriving and full of life.

These Collin County cities understand that trees serve an integral purpose in our community, including improved health, clean air and water, and a positive impact on businesses and homes in the area. Not only are these communities dedicated to providing necessary municipal tree care, but they are encouraging their residents to do the same. I commend these cities for their investments in green infrastructure and for creating a lasting and positive impact for generations to come.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representative to join me in congratulating these eight communities on their efforts to maintain healthy and green environments in their neighborhoods.

LETTERS OF ENDORSEMENT FOR
H.R. 1595, THE SAFE BANKING ACT

HON. DENNY HECK

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Mr. HECK. Madam Speaker, I include in the Record the following letters of endorsement for H.R. 1595, the SAFE Banking Act, which passed the House on September 25, 2019.

NATIONAL CANNABIS INDUSTRY
ASSOCIATION,

March 26, 2019.

House Committee on Financial Services,
Washington, DC.

The National Cannabis Industry Association (NCIA), the largest and oldest national trade association dedicated to protecting state-legal cannabis businesses, defending state laws, and advancing federal policy reforms, would like to offer its support of H.R. 1595, the Secure and Fair Enforcement (SAFE) Banking Act of 2019. On behalf of our members, we thank the committee and Chairwoman Waters for the opportunity to markup this legislation and further discuss providing fair access to banking and financial services for state-licensed cannabis cultivators, processors, and retailers throughout the country.

Founded in 2010, NCIA represents nearly 2,000 member-businesses and tens of thousands of cannabis professionals committed to replacing criminal marijuana markets with a responsible and regulated cannabis industry.