

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO KODI LEE

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual from Riverside County and the 42nd Congressional District who has inspired people around the country. On September 18, 2019, Kodi Lee from Lake Elsinore, California was named as the winner of the NBC talent show competition "America's Got Talent."

Kodi's voice is amazing. His life story is even more extraordinary. Kodi was born legally blind and diagnosed with autism when he was four years old. Yet, when he was just two years old, Kodi's musical talents began to shine after his father tapped out "Mary Had a Little Lamb" on a toy piano and he immediately played it back. At the age of three, Kodi was already replicating tunes he heard on a real piano. Throughout his childhood, music became an essential form of therapy for Kodi and provided a unique form of treatment for his autism. It was determined that Kodi has an audio photographic memory, in which he can recall music he hears after just one listen. Incredibly, Kodi started to perform publicly at the age of six and has sung and played the piano at over 200 charity events and in Korea, China and Japan.

As a contestant in the America's Got Talent competition, Kodi drew instant attention in May by singing the Donny Hathaway version of "A Song For You." Later in the competition, Kodi earned a spot in the semi-finals with a memorable rendition of Simon and Garfunkel's "Bridge Over Troubled Water." During the competition's finale, Kodi earned the top prize thanks to an inspired performance of Freya Ridings' "Lost Without You," that drew a standing ovation from both the fans and judges.

It's hard to think of anyone who has represented our region as well as Kodi Lee has on an worldwide stage. To say Lake Elsinore and Riverside County is proud of Kodi and all that he has accomplished is a tremendous understatement. To conclude, Madam Speaker I want to thank Kodi for inspiring us and congratulate him on winning the America's Got Talent competition.

RECOGNIZING MASON STIMATZE OF BOZEMAN

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mason Stimatze of Bozeman for his quick thinking and bravery that saved his family.

In the early hours of a June morning, Mason woke up to the sound of crackling and the

smell of smoke. He looked out his bedroom door and saw fire. The flames in the hallway blocked his path to his parents' bedroom. Mason ran outside and started banging on his parents' bedroom window. Mason's father, Nathan, and mother, Sabrina, woke up, broke the window, and safely climbed outside.

Mason's brother and sister, however, were still in their home. Mason and his parents ran to their bedroom window and got them out safely.

Mason's swift actions saved what is irreplaceable—family. His father said if it wasn't for Mason alerting them quickly to the danger, the story would have had a tragic ending.

For someone to have the presence of mind to act calmly and swiftly in such a tense moment is remarkable. For a ten-year-old to do it, is amazing. His family calls him a hero, and I couldn't agree more.

Madam Speaker, for saving his family's life through his bravery and quick thinking, I recognize Mason Stimatze for his Spirit of Montana.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF EDWARD CALLION, JR.

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Edward Callion, Jr., 96, who passed away on November 3, 2019.

Mr. Callion was a lifelong resident of my district and owned and operated Callion's Construction Company for 50 years before retiring in 2004. He attended Warren G. Harding High School and went on to attend Youngstown College, Sharon Brick Laying School, and A.T.E.S. School of Drafting. Mr. Callion was also a member of the Community Church of God in Christ and was inducted in the Africa American Achievers Hall of Fame. In his free time Mr. Callion enjoyed boxing, traveling, and watching sports.

Mr. Callion served our country during World War II as a Technician 4th Grade, from the 3420th Quartermaster Trucking Company. While serving proudly in both Normandy, France and Central Europe, he received the Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, American Theatre Service Medal, and EAME Service Medal. In addition to these honors, Mr. Callion also received 5 Bronze stars for his service.

He is survived by a full and loving family including his sons, Edward and Timothy Callion; his daughter, Mrs. Edith Lindsay; his sisters, Ms. Gladys Davenport and Ms. Leola Maxine Morgan Frazier, and 3 step-children, 7 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren.

I admire his dedication to his work and his commitment to family, and I am proud to have had Mr. Callion as a member of my district. My deepest condolences go out to the Callion family, and all whose lives were touched by

Edward. He will live on in the hearts and minds of all that knew him.

CELEBRATING THE 104TH BIRTH- DAY OF EMERCITY CHAPITAL

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ms. Emercity Chapital, a resident of Detroit, Michigan, who will celebrate her one hundred fourth birthday on November 29, 2019.

Emercity Chapital is a caring individual who is an active member of the community. The matriarch of her family, Ms. Chapital treasures her time spent with family. She is the proud parent to her grown children Leonard, Edith, and Deborah, and loves her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her compassion and kindness towards others has had a lasting impact on those around her. Her strong family values are reflected in the life she leads.

Ms. Chapital maintains an active life, which can in part, be attributed for her longtime affinity for playing bridge. She began playing organized bridge when she retired in 1978. She has especially fond memories of playing the game with early partners, co-worker Ann Sweeting, Walter Forbers, and Jimmy Irvin. Ms. Chapital was an energetic and tireless player, never pausing for rest or substitution at the local, sectional and national levels. Her team achieved success winning seven consecutive Knock-Out Championships from 1983 to 1990. Each win propelled the team to a higher level and the success continued as they moved throughout the fields.

Ms. Chapital owes her longevity to her active lifestyle and lively social life with keeping her fit and healthy. She has always strived to uphold her values. She also credits her daddy with providing her wisdom for life. Sharing the ritual with her dad from the age of ten onward, she has a teaspoon of bourbon to start the day. She feels blessed that she has never had any major illness and enjoys command of her faculties.

Please join me in wishing Ms. Emercity Chapital the happiest of birthdays.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FROM DEPLOYING STRATEGIC ASSETS OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of legislation that

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would prohibit the Department of Defense from deploying strategic assets of the United States in the Republic of Turkey.

Since the 1960s, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has had a nuclear sharing policy whereby NATO members can host U.S. nuclear weapons as part of a broader NATO nuclear posture. Enacted during the Cold War, this nuclear sharing policy was intended to deter the posture of the Soviet Union by involving non-nuclear NATO allies alongside the United States, the United Kingdom, and France.

Turkey, a NATO ally, was once considered a friend of the United States. In recent years, however, it has strengthened its alliances with Russia, Syria, and Iran. Notably, Turkey's military incursion into Syria that targeted U.S. Kurdish allies and its purchase of advanced Russian anti-aircraft missile systems undermine U.S. national security. President Erdogan's domestic policies have also become increasingly autocratic, as he has cracked down on freedom of speech and political freedoms. As Turkey develops stronger relations with geopolitical adversaries to NATO, it is time to reconsider any future deployment of strategic assets.

Madam Speaker, this bill would prohibit funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2020 or any fiscal year thereafter for the Department of Defense from being obligated or expended for the future deployment of any strategic assets of the United States in the Republic of Turkey.

I thank my colleague, Representative Gus Bilirakis, who is introducing this measure with me, as well as my colleagues, Representatives JACKIE SPEIER and DARREN SOTO, who are original cosponsors. I urge my colleagues in the House Armed Services Committee, and the rest of my colleagues in the House of Representatives, for their swift consideration and support of this urgent and bipartisan legislation.

HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF BOBBY KUMAR KALOTEE

HON. THOMAS R. SUOZZI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. SUOZZI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent dedicated to a life of service, Dr. Bobby Kumar Kalotee. Dr. Kalotee has, for decades, worked tirelessly to serve people in his community, both locally and abroad.

Dr. Kalotee has lived the American dream. Born to a poor family in India, Dr. Kalotee came to America at the age of 21. After years of hard work as a bus boy and shoe shiner, Dr. Kalotee was able to save enough money to start his own business and truly embrace his entrepreneurial spirit.

Though successful in business, Dr. Kalotee felt unfulfilled without performing service to support those around him. For decades, Dr. Kalotee has promoted health and science on Long Island and has served on the Board of Directors of the Nassau University Medical Center and the Board of the New York Institute of Technology, where he received an honorary doctorate in science in 2001. He also

was the Chairman of Spartan Health Science University Saint Lucia, where he received a doctorate in philosophy in 2016.

Dr. Kalotee is the International Chairman of Friends for Good Health, a charitable organization with a mission to bring healthcare professionals to places in need all over the world. On a recent mission to El Salvador, he and the Friends for Good Health team served over 5,000 people in 4 different cities. For all his good work, Dr. Kalotee has been recognized or received awards from over 300 organizations.

Dr. Kalotee is very active in politics in New York. Dr. Kalotee was Chairman of Nassau County Independence Party, Vice-Chairman of New York State Independence Party and National Executive Director of Independence Party of America. Dr. Kalotee was National Chairman of Reform Party from 2007 to 2010.

Dr. Kalotee's commitment to serving others is representative of the Indian-American community at large here in the United States. Throughout my time in public office, I have seen the Indian-American community in my district pull together to raise up everyone around them. In discussions with fellow Members of Congress, such as my friends Raja Krishnamoorthi from Illinois and Carolyn Maloney from New York, we have marveled at the true dedication of people like Dr. Kalotee to make our country a better place for all, and I count myself lucky to have such a man call my district home.

Dr. Kalotee has been married to his wife for over 30 years and has 5 children, all of whom inherited the patriotism of their father.

I commend Dr. Bobby Kumar Kalotee for everything he has accomplished and wish him well in all his future endeavors.

COMMEMORATING THE CITY OF LEBANON, TENNESSEE, ON ITS BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN W. ROSE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. JOHN W. ROSE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Lebanon, Tennessee, in honor of its 200th anniversary. Lebanon is the county seat of Wilson County, located just east of Nashville.

Lebanon was formed in 1802 and officially incorporated on November 23, 1819. The city's name derives from the area's countless Eastern Red Cedar trees, reminiscent of Mount Lebanon's famous cedar forests described in the Bible.

With approximately 35,000 residents, Lebanon demonstrates what it means to be a tight-knit community. This town was built on a solid foundation of hard work and family values, and it has continued to show these unwavering attributes over the course of its 200-year history.

Lebanon is home to a number of sites listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is a certified Tennessee Main Street program. The Historic Public Square maintains its long-standing charm with beloved sites like the Capitol Theatre, while still serving as a hub for industry and business through the Lebanon-Wilson County Chamber of Commerce, located in the heart of the Main Street District.

Countless successful businesses call Lebanon "home," including the corporate headquarters of Cracker Barrel, America's "Old Country Store." The city's many local businesses benefit from the unique opportunities afforded through Lebanon's own Municipal Airport, which provides easy access for industry and trade.

Lebanon is the longtime home of Cumberland University, founded in 1842. The four-year private institution has an enrollment over 2,500 students and 110 academic programs.

The city of Lebanon is also home to Cedars of Lebanon State Park. The park boasts 1,139 beautiful acres and welcomes visitors from across the country to enjoy its eight miles of hiking trails and 117 campsites.

Tennessee's largest fair, the nationally-known Wilson County Fair, is hosted in Lebanon at the James E. Ward Agriculture Center. Families from across Tennessee—and the entire country—journey to Lebanon to participate in the annual tradition.

The city is also the proud home of the Wilson County Veterans Museum and Plaza, which forever memorializes those from Wilson County who have served our great country. A true treasure, the museum honors the service of our veterans and preserves countless artifacts dating back to World War I.

I hope my House colleagues will join me in celebrating this bicentennial achievement of Lebanon, Tennessee. The town and its residents have continued to show the strong faith and values of Tennessee since the days when its first public square was built over the Town Spring. I wish Lebanon and its citizens much prosperity and happiness over the next 200 years and beyond.

TRIBUTE FOR NELSON RODRIGUEZ

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of a leading Fort Worth Hispanic leader, Mr. Nelson Rodriguez. Mr. Rodriguez was the founder and owner of The Nelrod Company of Fort Worth and a steadfast leader in the development of Hispanic chambers of commerce in Texas and across the nation. He passed away last month after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer.

Mr. Rodriguez began his entrepreneurial career as a 10-year-old shoe shiner in south Texas. He worked in the family grocery store throughout his youth and returned to manage the family business after completing his bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin. He went on to run an award-winning newspaper, as well as organize other entrepreneurs to form the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce where he became the first chair and president at the young age of just 27.

The next year, Nelson moved to Washington, D.C. following his appointment to serve in the Reagan administration. During his tenure in our government, he served as the youngest Senior Executive at the Department of Commerce, won the Secretarial Achievement Award at the Department of Transportation, and the Affordable Housing Award at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.