

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LONG-TIME SERVICE OF MAYOR RICHARD ZIEGLER

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2019

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mayor Richard Ziegler.

Mayor Ziegler has served the City of Wixom for more than twenty-two years. Those decades of service include two years as Mayor, almost twenty years as a member of the Wixom City Council, and eight years as a Wixom police officer.

Mayor Ziegler's career is a quintessential model of civic engagement and leadership. In his many years of service, he has been intimately involved in the decision-making processes of his city; addressing public concerns and safeguarding the values of the community. He and his wife, Melody—who herself served the Wixom Police Department for twenty-four years—have chosen to devote their careers to promoting the quality of their community. We, in Michigan's 11th Congressional District, are so very grateful for their work.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in reflecting on the remarkable career of Mayor Ziegler and his many contributions to his community in Wixom, Michigan.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS BUREAU OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Jewish Community Relations Bureau of the American Jewish Committee (JCRB/AJC).

The American Jewish Committee was founded in 1906 in the wake of the Kishinev programs by Cyrus Adler, Jacob Schiff, Mayer Sulzberger, Louis Marshall, and other prominent leaders of the American Jewish community to advocate for the security of Jews everywhere. AJC eventually became known across the globe for its advocacy, support, and unrelenting commitment to the preservation of Jewish communities nationally and abroad. From campaigning against the literacy test for immigrants, calling for more inclusive U.S. immigration policies in the early 1900s, joining emergency relief efforts to assist more than 10,000 European Jews en route to the U.S. in the 1920s, joining NBC in broadcasting the first Jewish religious service from Germany since the rise of Nazism in 1944, and playing a vital role in negotiating the \$822 million Holocaust

restitution settlement with Germany on behalf of Jewish people in 1952, AJC has worked to not only better the lives of Jews across the world, but society as a whole.

JCRB/AJC Kansas City was established in 1944 as a result of merging what was Kansas City's AJC regional office and the local Jewish Community Relations Bureau. Now one seamless organization, JCRB/AJC's mission combines AJC's global reach with the local JCRB's tradition of community relations activities. Serving Kansas and western Missouri, JCRB/AJC advocates and educates to eliminate injustice and discrimination through its community and globally led initiatives, as well as connecting Kansas City with the broader network of AJC's partners. JCRB/AJC's mission reflects the American Jewish Committee's pledge to enhance the wellbeing of the Jewish people and Israel by combatting antisemitism, promoting Israel's place in the world, and countering the spread of radicalism and extremism. The impact of their work has resulted in a plethora of concrete results in the form of government policies, alliances, and legislation that make our world safer and more secure. In line with their historic and deep commitment to interorganization and interreligious cooperation, JCRB/AJC works closely with other faiths, educators, elected officials, and minority communities to pursue justice for all.

For seventy-five years, JCRB/AJC has been a pillar of leadership throughout the Kansas City area, leading the way in empowering marginalized communities through unmatched advocacy and community unification.

Madam Speaker, please join me and Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in honoring JCRB/AJC Kansas City's seventy-fifth anniversary and their dedication to advancing justice for Jewish and minority communities throughout the world.

HONORING DRS. SALLY AND BENNETT SHAYWITZ 2019 RECIPIENTS OF THE LIBERTY SCIENCE CENTER GENIUS AWARD

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2019

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, at this year's Liberty Science Center Genius Gala, two outstanding members of my District, and my very good friends, Drs. Sally and Bennett Shaywitz were recognized with a 2019 Genius Award in recognition of their invaluable contributions to the study of dyslexia and its impact on those afflicted with this frustrating learning disorder. Two of five visionary men and women of science bestowed this prestigious honor this year, this is a remarkable tribute to the lifetime of good work that Sally and Bennett have done.

The world's leading experts on dyslexia, Sally and Bennett are the Co-Founders and Co-Directors of the Yale Center for Dyslexia

and Creativity. Academic physicians, Sally specializing in developmental pediatrics and Bennett a neurologist and neuroscientist, they worked together to discover dyslexia's scientific basis, pioneer effective therapies, and change public attitudes. Afflicting one in five people in the United States, dyslexia is our most common learning disorder and it has been through the leadership of Sally and Bennett that we better understand this disorder—why it happens and how it can change over time.

Lab partners for thirty-five years—a partnership that is only outmatched by their marriage of fifty-five years—Sally and Bennett made it their life's work to understand how reading behavior might change from childhood to adulthood. Over the course of the last three and a half decades, they have continuously studied four hundred fifty-five people from the age of five. Their research has definitively demonstrated that dyslexia affects boys and girls in equal numbers, is not something that is outgrown, and is not linked to intelligence. Brain scan studies that Bennett conducted reveal a neural signature, a particular brain abnormality, is responsible for dyslexia. The results of their dedicated efforts have debunked the myth that those with dyslexia are simply less intelligent and has enabled physicians, scientists, teachers, and policy makers to better understand how to best help those affected by the disorder.

The Library Science Center is dedicated to inspiring the next generation of scientists and engineers and to exciting learners of all ages about the power, promise, and pure fun of science and technology. Each year their Genius Awards Gala honors pioneers in science, technology, and innovation. It is a fitting recognition of the lifetime achievement of this special couple. It is with great pride that I stand today to join the New Haven community in extending my heartfelt congratulations to Sally and Bennett Shaywitz on this very special honor.

REMEMBERING THE HONORABLE HENRY "HANK" WEDAA

HON. GILBERT RAY CISNEROS, JR.

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2019

Mr. CISNEROS. Madam Speaker, it is with immense sadness and a heavy heart that I rise to mark the passing of the Honorable Henry "Hank" Wedaa, former mayor and longtime council member of Yorba Linda. On the morning of November 13, 2019, Henry passed away in his Anaheim home at the age of 95. As a member of the Greatest Generation and a Yorba Linda "founding father" who dedicated his life to public service, Henry was a shining example of courage, determination, and selflessness. He will be missed dearly by family, friends, and the community he devoted his life to.

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Though an established Yorba Linda resident for over 50 years, Henry's roots began in Atlantic City, New Jersey. He was born on February 15, 1924 as the eldest child of five to Henrik and Anna Wedaa. As a young child, Henry discovered a love for aviation and spent time watching planes make emergency landings on a golf course near his home. Though uncertain of the future, he was resolute in his belief that he would one day take to the skies. Henry's prediction proved to be correct with the news of Pearl Harbor and the subsequent declaration of war. Like many of his time, Henry became part of the nationwide movement of young individuals who lent their youth and passion to protect the freedom of their beloved country. On January 5, 1943, at the age of 18, Henry joined the infantry but was soon transferred to what he knew to be his true calling—the United States Air Force. Assigned to the 467th Bombardment Group as a bombardier and aerial gunner, Henry and his fellow men left for Rackheath, United Kingdom on his 20th birthday. Beginning April 10, 1944, the 467th Bombardment Group would complete its required 30 missions in just 78 days. Henry solemnly watched events of the European Theater unfold as he sat on the nose of a B-24 Liberator 20,000 feet up in the air. Returning to the United States after his last mission, Henry was promoted to 1st Lieutenant and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters.

After his service in WWII, Henry graduated from Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania in 1949, majoring in physics and chemistry. He then attended graduate school at the University of Arizona and was employed at the U.S. Naval Weapons Center in China Lake, California for eight years. It was during this time that Henry was met with the fortuitous opportunity to settle down in Yorba Linda, California. In 1970, three years after the incorporation of Yorba Linda, he began his second act of public service as a city councilmember. Henry would serve Yorba Linda for 29 years. During this extensive tenure, in which he served as mayor five times, Henry championed for a particular quality of life in Yorba Linda. The Yorba Linda in existence today that favors a semi-rural, low-density community owes its idyllic charm and methodical process of change to Henry's original vision. During his time on the city council, many iconic city projects were approved: the Richard Nixon Presidential Library, the SAVI Ranch Retail Center, the Yorba Linda Community Center, and over a dozen city parks. Henry represented the city council on numerous committees including the Southern California Association of Governments' Aviation Work Program Committee. Henry also acted as chairman of the governing board of South Coast Air Quality Management District and president of the Southern California Association of Governments.

Though public service was always at the forefront of his life, Henry also led a distinguished professional career that aligned with his passion for pure, unadulterated quality of life. Working in parallel as he helped shape Yorba Linda, Henry dedicated himself to specializing in transportation and environmental studies. As a founder of the California Hydrogen Business Council, Henry made a name for himself as a renowned advocate for clean air, alternative energy, and reducing emis-

sions. He urged for the development of hydrogen fuel cells in the 39th District and was awarded the Haagen-Smit Clean Air Award from California Air Resources Board for his commitment to accelerating the future of hydrogen vehicles and green sources of energy.

Henry is survived by his sons Eric and Jim, and daughters Karena and Tina. He also leaves behind an insurmountable legacy reinforced by the people whose lives were touched by his leadership and care. Madam Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in remembering Henry "Hank" Wedaa: an American patriot, a devout environmentalist, and a visionary father to the city of Yorba Linda.

TRIBUTE TO JOEY SANTOS

HON. MICHAEL F. Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2019

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in solemn remembrance of a good man from Guam—Joey Santos, whose passing came too soon on November 17, 2019, at the age of 49.

Joey was a shining star going as far back as the 1980s. He was a mentor to many and a friend to many more.

He attended the John F. Kennedy High School and played for the JFK Islanders basketball team. He proved what a valuable force he was even in his teens while playing high school basketball. Not long after graduation from JFK in 1988, he represented our island through his love of the game and decided to make an impact playing for the Guam National Basketball team. His dedication to the game showed through his determination and commitment with his countless hours on the court.

In 1991, he took on a role with the University of Guam and worked his way up the ranks to the position of Recreational Supervisor up until his resignation in 2010. After 19 years of service to the University, he decided to embark on a new path. He accepted a position with the Father Duenas Memorial School as a physical education teacher, and eventually promoted to Athletic Director. Joey also served for 20 years in the Air National Guard and retired in October 2017 as a staff sergeant.

Joey was a visionary for athletes. He wanted to help others maximize their potential and reach their goals. For a decade, he mentored high school athletes and truly led by example by demonstrating what it means to work hard—and not only on the field or on the court but in the classroom as well. He wanted our kids to succeed. He wanted to show them that anything was possible. He was much more than an Athletic Director, he was a hero to the students and he went out of his way to help others. Anyone who knew him was lucky to have a glimpse of who he was.

Joey is a man of strength and courage. He fought cancer so hard for his wife, family, students, and those who were counting on him. Joey had a heart of gold—and he not only portrayed that on the basketball court or through his duties on the job, but in his daily life.

Joey's wife, Selena Santos, said it best: "My Chamoru Rock left with his eternal wings to our Almighty Father."

Joey is survived by his wife, Selena, his children David, Tayler, and Shylah, and his five grandchildren: Tobias, Taeya, and Rocky. He is also survived by his mother Maria, and his siblings Jeanie, Joyce, and Jeffrey, and beloved friends.

I would like to convey my deepest sympathies to Joey's family, as well as extend my heartfelt thanks for his contributions to the community. Joey Santos will be missed by all who knew him.

HONORING ALEXANDER C.
MARTIN, ESQ.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Alexander C. Martin, Esq. A native of Port Gibson, Mississippi, Mr. Martin earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Alcorn State University, in 1979, and a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1982.

Since its establishment, in 1994, Mr. Martin has served as the District Attorney for the State of Mississippi's 22nd Circuit Court District. He is the first African American to serve as District Attorney for the state of Mississippi, since Reconstruction. Prior to his position as District Attorney, Mr. Martin served as an attorney for Southwest and Central Mississippi Legal Services. In addition, he spent six years as a prosecutor for Claiborne County as well as an adjunct professor at his alma mater, Alcorn State University.

In 2006, Mr. Martin received the Legal Award from the Claiborne County Chapter of the NAACP.

Aside from his career, Mr. Martin has been heavily involved in his community. He currently serves as a deacon at First Baptist Church in Port Gibson. For seven years, he was an assistant scout master for Troop 100 of Boy Scouts of America, Andrew Jackson Council. Since 2005, Mr. Martin has been the public address announcer for football and basketball games at Port Gibson High School. He is also a former mock trial coach for Mississippi Bar Association and Magnolia Bar Association.

Mr. Martin is a member of several professional organizations, including the Mississippi Bar Association, Magnolia Bar Association, Mississippi Prosecutors Association, National District Attorneys Association, Copiah County Bar Association and Claiborne County Bar Association. He also serves on the Mississippi Prosecutors Association Board of Directors, Mississippi Center for Legal Services Board of Directors and the Claiborne County Preservation Commission.

Mr. Martin is married to Mrs. Karen Martin and is the proud father of four children: Joecephus, Alexander C. Martin II, Jamila and Jaron Anthony and five grandchildren: Miles, Anna Rose, Alexander III, August, and Elijah.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Alexander C. Martin, Esq.