

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

JUDY ALTENBERG

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Judy Altenberg for receiving the 2019 Golda Meir Award from JEWISHColorado.

This award honors local Jewish women who have exemplified extraordinary leadership, community involvement and support of the Federation, as well as has an outstanding ability to inspire others. Judy exemplifies the qualities deserving of this recognition. She has been active in the community for several decades through her volunteerism and nonprofit work. She has tirelessly volunteered on several boards, including as past chair, lifetime board member and trustee of the Board of National Women's Philanthropy of the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA). She is the past chair of the Jewish Women's Philanthropy Center of JEWISHColorado, where she has chaired several fundraising divisions, and alumna of the United Jewish Communities' National Young Leadership Cabinet. She is a 2010 graduate of the Wexner Heritage Program, an intensive two-year program of Jewish leadership and learning. Most recently, in 2019, Judy joined the Rose Community Foundation as Director of Gift Planning and Advisor Relations. She has been involved with the Foundation since 2007 as a trustee and member of the Education Committee and chair of the Jewish Life Committee.

In addition to her work within the Jewish community, Judy has been involved locally and at the state level and helped at her children's K–12 schools, including as past Chair of the Cherry Creek Schools Foundation.

Judy's dedication to her community is outstanding. I extend my deepest congratulations to Judy Altenberg for her contribution to our community and our state.

**CELEBRATING MOTHER CLIFFORD
MASON'S 100TH BIRTHDAY**

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mother Clifford Mason, a long-time resident of Detroit, Michigan, as she celebrates her one hundredth birthday on December 13, 2019.

Born in Macon, Georgia, Clifford Mason was raised as an only child by her grandparents. She was educated in Georgia public schools before marrying Millard Mason in 1944. They moved to Michigan in 1946 and established their home, where she eventually became a dedicated member on the Usher Board and Mothers' Board of Unity Baptist Church in Detroit.

Mother Mason was employed at a clothing factory and as a short order cook for a restaurant. She enjoyed cooking and baking—cabbage and pound cakes are her specialties. She has remained an active member of a local social club for over 50 years and continues to enjoy their yearly celebrations and birthday parties, dressing up, eating good food, and playing cards. Still active in the community, Mother Mason spends her time at Patton Recreation Center in Southwest Detroit, where she once worked and volunteered. She received accolades from former Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young for her volunteerism. The matriarch of her family, Mother Mason treasures her time spent with family. She is the proud parent to her grown son Gregory Mason and loves her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her compassion and kindness towards others have had a lasting impact on those around her. Her strong family values are reflected in the life she leads.

Please join me in celebrating the one hundredth birthday of Mother Clifford Mason.

**HONORING FATHER ALEXANDER
KARLOUTSOS**

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Mr. ZELDIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Father Alexander Karloutsos, the leader of Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church of the Hamptons in Southampton, New York.

Father Alex, as he's known to so many in our community, has served his church for over 40 years, guiding Long Islanders in a life centered in faith. However, his work goes beyond the members of his faith community, and his work has affected so many aspects of our community and our nation.

In fact, Father Alex has met with and advised every U.S. President since President Ronald Reagan on religious freedom and many other issues and is well-known and respected by many members of Congress and policy-makers on both sides of the aisle.

While his reputation precedes him on the national level, he has never turned his back on the community he loves. Just last year, he led his church in donating \$100,000 to the Southampton Town Police Department to help fight the heroin and opioid abuse epidemic that has taken its toll on our community.

For his extraordinary service to our community and nation, he was recently appointed as the Vicar General of the Holy Archdiocese of America at the discretion of the Archbishop himself. I congratulate Father Alex on his well-deserved appointment and look forward to continuing to work together to better the community we love.

**RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF COVESTRO LLC'S CHAIRMAN
AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
JERRY MACCLEARY**

HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Madam Speaker, it is a great honor to congratulate my constituent, Jerry MacCleary, upon his retirement after a distinguished forty-year career with Covestro LLC. Mr. MacCleary truly embodies the values that make southwestern Pennsylvania a great place to live and work, and I am proud to represent him in Congress.

In 1979, Mr. MacCleary began his career as an accountant with the company. Mr. MacCleary's talent and work ethic were immediately recognized, and he quickly rose through the ranks, taking on positions in sales, marketing, general management, and strategic leadership. In 2004, Mr. MacCleary was named head of the company's North American polyurethanes business. He retained this significant responsibility even after becoming president in 2012. In 2015, Mr. MacCleary led the North American material science organization through its separation from Bayer and establishment as an independent company, called Covestro. In 2018, he was named Chairman and CEO.

Mr. MacCleary's dedication to the chemical industry does not stop with his work at Covestro. He serves on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Manufacturers, on the Executive Committee for the Society of Chemical Manufacturers, and as Chairman of the American Chemistry Council's Board of Directors.

Mr. MacCleary is well known in the industry for his commitment to advancing sustainability efforts. He serves as Chair for the Board Sustainability Committee under the American Chemistry Council, as well as the Sustainability Committee for the Allegheny Conference on Community Development. He also co-chairs "CEOs for Sustainability"—a local program sharing sustainable business practices with companies of all sizes.

Born and raised in Pittsburgh, Mr. MacCleary is actively engaged in the southwestern Pennsylvania community. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, the United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania, and the Imani Christian Academy. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees for the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and co-chairs The Advanced Leadership Initiative, which aims to promote corporate diversity and build a continuous pipeline of African American leaders in Pittsburgh.

Madam Speaker, throughout his career, Jerry MacCleary has demonstrated a remarkable commitment to Covestro, the chemical industry, sustainability efforts, and the southwestern Pennsylvania community as a whole.

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Please join me in congratulating him on his well-earned retirement after a distinguished career. I know that he will remain active in the next chapter of his life and continue to serve as an exemplary citizen for our community and the entire region.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF DOLORES PREKSTA SHOROKEY-BRUNETTI

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dolores Preksta Shorokey-Brunetti, 84, who passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 30, 2019, at her home with her family by her side.

Dolores, who was known to all as “Dee,” was born August 28, 1935, in Cadogan, PA, a daughter of the late John and Sadie Wolsonovich Preksta, and came to the Mahoning Valley with her family as a child.

Dee was a registered nurse for more than 40 years. She graduated from The Rayen School, where she was a majorette, and earned a degree in Nursing from the Youngstown Hospital Association School of Nursing. Early in her career, she worked at the Stuttgart Army Hospital in Germany, and she later worked at Northside Hospital in Youngstown for many years, where she was instrumental in the formation of the Nurses Union. Dee retired from nursing in 2000.

She was a member of St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church in Austintown, where she proudly volunteered. Dolores enjoyed cooking, golfing, gardening, and attending garage sales. She was also known to enjoy casinos and vacationing with her family to Nags Head, North Carolina, which she did as recently as August of 2019. Dee loved her family and lived her life for her children. Compassionate and caring, she also used her skills to serve as a caregiver to elderly friends.

Dee is survived by four children, Debbie Aloia (Christina Lyons), with whom she shared her home for the past year, Joe (Jane) Shorokey of Boardman, Christine Shorokey of New Jersey, and Laurie (Brett) Stare of Austintown; six grandchildren, Matt Price (Liz Montelongo), Nikki (Daniel) Maloney, Holly Kowal (Jason Poe), Sara Shorokey, Mimi Shorokey, and Josie Shorokey, a great-granddaughter, Aria; a sister, Patricia Gergel of Youngstown; two brothers, John Preksta of Detroit and Ronald Preksta of Chicago; several nieces and nephews; and her canine companion, Donya. Her second husband, Joseph “Peno” Brunetti, passed away February 3, 2014.

My staff and I have been blessed to work closely on addiction and behavioral issues with Dee’s son, Joe, who is the CEO of Alta Behavioral Health in Youngstown. I have no doubt that Joe got his passion for care from his mother. My deepest condolences to all whose lives were touched by Dee.

IN RECOGNITION OF NANCY FATEMI FOR HER EXEMPLARY CAREER IN SERVICE OF NEW JERSEY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nancy Blades Fatemi, someone who has been a tireless public servant for the great state of New Jersey throughout her entire career. Nancy has announced her retirement at the end of this year from her current role as Executive Director to the New Jersey State Society (NJSS).

For the last decade, Nancy has served as executive director of the New Jersey State Society of Washington, D.C. State and Territory societies are civic and social organizations that are unique to the national capital region. With roots that trace back to 1854, state societies have evolved as non-partisan booster clubs that celebrate the history, culture, traditions, humor, politics and commerce of America’s 50 states. The societies provide those who live in the greater-Washington area with a special non-partisan venue that enables them to share in a wide variety of events celebrating their home states. Since 1941, New Jersey State Society has been serving as the link between Washington, D.C. and New Jersey. Under Nancy’s leadership, NJSS won the top national Haines Award for “Outstanding State Society,” in 2014–2015, as well as several state society softball championships.

Prior to serving NJSS, she worked on Capitol Hill in the personal offices of Rep. James J. Howard, D–NJ, as legislative director and press secretary, and later in my office as special assistant and health care legislative assistant. Nancy began her career as a reporter at The Home News, New Brunswick, NJ, and reporter and wire editor of the Bennington Banner, Bennington, VT. She grew up in Avon-by-the-Sea, NJ and is a graduate of Rutgers University’s Douglass College, New Brunswick, NJ, and Columbia Graduate School of Journalism, New York, NY.

Taking the steps to successfully continue a long tradition of creating opportunities for New Jerseyans living in Washington, D.C. to connect and celebrate the Garden State is no small task, and Nancy has more than risen to the challenge. Madam Speaker, I hope all my colleagues will join me in thanking Nancy Blades Fatemi for her tireless advocacy on behalf of the great state of New Jersey.

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM “BILL” RYAN

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life of the William “Bill” Ryan, a veteran and public servant of thirty-six years.

Born in Brighton, Massachusetts in 1938, Bill graduated from Brighton High School and Quincy College. After graduating, Bill began his long career with the United States Postal

Service in 1956. During this time, he served as both letter carrier and as an Army National Guard Reservist working as a heavy equipment operator. Continuing his career with the U.S. Postal Service, he would eventually be named U.S. Post Master in 1981. Bill served multiple communities in his role as Post Master including; Bedford, Waltham and Abington, where he would retire in 1992.

Bill was a dedicated family man and a devout follower of the Catholic faith. After his retirement, Bill most enjoyed spending time with his family and rooting for his beloved Boston Red Sox.

Surrounded by family, Bill passed away on November 30, 2019, at the age of eighty-one. His dedication to serving both his country and his community will long be remembered by his growing family and all those who had the great privilege of knowing Bill. In addition to his wife Mary Sue, Bill is survived by his six children Billy, John, Patrick, James, Mary Sue, and Peggy, his twelve grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of the William “Bill” Ryan. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his commitment to his local community and the people of Massachusetts.

HONORING CHIEF DENNIS COMPTON

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Dennis Compton, who earlier this year stepped down as Chair of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Board of Directors after more than eleven years.

Since 1992, I have had the distinct honor of serving as a Co-Chair of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus. I have established friendships with many members of our nation’s fire and emergency services throughout those years. I got to know Chief Compton well, attending the memorial service for fallen firefighters in Emmitsburg and the annual Congressional Fire Services Dinner together with him every year.

I know it was a difficult decision on his part to step down as the Chairman of the National Fallen Firefighters Board of Directors. Chief Compton has always cared deeply about the mission of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation to honor our fallen heroes, provide support to their loved ones, and reduce the number of firefighter injuries and deaths. Even though he will no longer serve as Chairman, I know he will remain steadfast in his commitment to firefighter health and safety.

In his many different professional capacities, Chief Compton has shared his thoughts and knowledge with thousands of firefighters about the attributes of leadership, character, and integrity. These attributes define who he is as a friend and leader and have earned him many well-deserved distinctions and honors from his peers. Indeed, his legacy will be felt for many years to come in the countless men and women of the fire and emergency services who will carry out their work aimed with the lessons he imparted and will surely continue to impart in the years ahead.