

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DR. STANLEY J.
DUDRICK

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise today to recognize Dr. Stanley J. Dudrick and his many contributions to the field of medical science and to his home community in Northeast Pennsylvania.

Dr. Dudrick grew up in Nanticoke, a small Pennsylvania coal mining town, and through hard work and dedication, grew to become a prominent figure in the medical profession. His research led to the development of a technique that revolutionized patient care—the practice of total parenteral nutrition (TPN). TPN allows individuals who are unable to obtain adequate nutrition through the digestive tract to receive much-needed nutrition intravenously. The TPN method has helped save an estimated 10 million children and has been acknowledged as one of the most important advancements in surgery of the past century.

Dr. Dudrick's contributions to the medical profession extend beyond his pioneering research. He has published over 700 works related to the care and management of surgical patients and has authored or co-authored over 2,500 scientific referenced citations—the most for any general surgeon. In addition to serving the residents of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District as the medical director of the physician assistant program at Misericordia University and professor of surgery at The Commonwealth Medical College, Dr. Dudrick is chairman emeritus in the Department of Surgery and director emeritus of Program in Surgery at Saint Mary's Hospital, and professor emeritus of surgery at the Yale University School of Medicine.

Advancements in medical research have allowed us to make important strides in increasing the quality of life for individuals who suffer from a variety of medical conditions, finding more effective and less invasive treatments, and most importantly, saving more lives. Dr. Dudrick is a pioneer in this regard, and his ingenuity, scientific prowess, and dedication to the human condition has made him a fixture in the medical community.

Dr. Dudrick, through his creative thinking and ground-breaking invention, has improved the health of millions around the world and contributed to the survival of countless more. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing and thanking Dr. Dudrick for his many contributions to the medical community.

RECOGNIZING GARY NEAL

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend, Gary Neal, for his many years of hard work and dedicated service to the Port of Morrow, Morrow County, and Eastern Oregon. Gary has served as Port Manager for nearly 30 years, and I would like to pay tribute to his leadership in the region.

After five years as the Manager at the Port of Clarkston, Gary was hired in 1989 to manage the Port of Morrow. Since that time, and thanks to Gary's leadership, the Port has grown to be the second largest Port in the state of Oregon.

The Port now houses facilities for everything from value-added agriculture processing to high tech data centers. It serves the area as an economic powerhouse. In 2017 alone, the Port generated \$2.7 billion of economic output and created nearly 8,500 jobs either directly or indirectly. From 2008 to 2013, the second worst economic downturn this country has experienced, the Port grew by 88 percent. All of this was driven by Gary's visionary leadership of the Port.

Despite the multitude of successes, Gary is humble about these achievements. While all the above mentioned statements are fact, Gary often refuses credit, and instead points to his commissioners and the community when explaining the success of the Port.

This focus on community is also evident in the Port's countless efforts to support community development projects. Whether it is parks, schools, or athletic facilities, the Port never hesitates to contribute to the growth of the community.

In addition to his commitment to the Port, Gary has served the community in many other ways. He currently serves on the board for The Bank of Eastern Oregon; Pacific Northwest Waterways Association; is past president of the Oregon Public Ports Association; served on the Infrastructure Finance Authority Board for the State of Oregon for eight years, and is an active committee member with several other groups.

This breadth of experience and involvement has made Gary a great asset to me on a variety of issues affecting the Port and the surrounding area. On everything from issues with the Navy's Boardman Bombing Range and the Army's Umatilla Chemical Depot, to river transportation and renewable energy, I've leaned upon Gary's experience and ideas as we navigated toward solutions.

As Gary begins his well-earned retirement, I know he is looking forward to spending time with his family. Gary and his wife Kathy have been married for 45 years and have two children. Their daughter Rochelle is married and works for Nike. Their son Ryan is taking over as the Manager of the Port of Morrow. The apple didn't fall far from the tree.

Congratulations to my good friend Gary Neal on a much respected and successful career. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him well as he pursues his next adventure.

CONGRATULATING THE ROCK ENERGY COOPERATIVE ON 83-YEARS OF SERVICE TO ITS MEMBERS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Rock Energy Cooperative for celebrating 83 years of service. Since they were founded, they have only continued to grow and expand their services.

The Rock Energy Cooperative's articles of incorporation were first filed in 1936 and has been bringing electricity to homes across our region ever since. Starting out with 199 members, it has since expanded to draw in thousands of members. In 2007, Rock Energy Cooperative expanded their operations to Illinois when they acquired South Beloit Water, Gas & Electric from Alliant Energy. Following this addition to their service, the membership increased by ten thousand and now reached across two states, Wisconsin and Illinois. However, electricity is not the only service they deliver as they also provide natural gas to people across Illinois. Throughout all of their years of service and powering homes across our region, they have consistently met their member's needs, especially those living in rural areas.

It is because of businesses such as the Rock Energy Cooperative that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Rock Energy Cooperative on its 83 years of service to the community.

RECOGNIZING SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH OF ELGIN

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Second Baptist Church of Elgin, a spiritual pillar of the Elgin, Illinois African-American community for over 150 years. During Black History Month, I want to celebrate the beginnings of this vibrant congregation and the important contributions it has made over its long and rich history.

The first African-American residents of Elgin, former slaves who sought shelter with Union Troops after the battle of Shiloh, arrived in 1862. These newly freed citizens, regarded as "contraband" property seized by Union armies, were sent north in Union railway cars.

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With the assistance of clergy from First Baptist Church of Elgin, they settled in the area to form the cornerstone of a new African-American community. Desirous of having a place of worship they could call their own, the newcomers founded Second Baptist Church of Elgin on December 2, 1866.

Under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Nathaniel Edmund, affectionately known as Pastor Nate, Second Baptist Church honors the determination and courage of its founders with its sacred presence and community involvement. The church is a spiritual home to thousands of worshipers, and in 2008 expanded its capacity to serve with the construction of an award-winning multi-purpose building adding classrooms, a nursery, a welcome center, and a recreation and performance auditorium to its campus. In recent years, Second Baptist Church has broadened its reach through initiatives including the Prison Ministry, the "Operation Joshua" street ministry, and the SAFE Ministry to break the cycle of domestic violence. The church partners with Sheridan Elementary School and Larsen Middle School to mentor and tutor students identified as at-risk youth and has hosted numerous summits on issues of concern to the community. And emblematic of the church's outward focus, Pastor Nate has served on boards or in other capacities for a variety of important organizations in the Elgin area, including the Alignment Collaborative for Education, Advocate Sherman Hospital, the United Way of Elgin, Judson University, U-46 School District, the NAACP of Greater Elgin, and the African-American Christian Ministers Alliance of Elgin.

The ministry of Second Baptist Church is not limited to the local community, and an important part of its mission is to provide comfort and support wherever the need is most urgent. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Second Baptist Church rallied to aid families rendered homeless by the storm's devastation and adopted survivors who resettled in the Elgin area. In 2007, as part of its effort to support the ongoing ministry of World Vision, the church extended its generosity and compassion to a community in Tanzania, helping to build a housing complex for teachers and pledging continuing monetary support to over 130 Tanzanian children.

I believe the newly emancipated founders of Second Baptist Church would be deeply gratified by the congregation they established, now spanning three centuries of service. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize this profoundly American story of faith, determination, and good works, and acknowledge the tireless service of Second Baptist Church of Elgin to our community in the 8th Congressional District, as well as to all in need throughout the world.

INTRODUCING A BIPARTISAN RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ADDRESSING THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT IN A CONCURRENT TRACK WITH THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN PEACE PROCESS AND COMMENDING ARAB AND MUSLIM-MAJORITY STATES THAT HAVE IMPROVED BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bipartisan resolution supporting the concurrent-track approach to the Israeli-Palestinian peace process. I want to acknowledge and thank my colleagues, House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman ELIOT ENGEL, and Representatives DAVID SCHWEIKERT and ROB WOODALL, for introducing this resolution with me today.

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict presents an immensely difficult challenge—a challenge to which there are no easy answers. Successive United States Presidential administrations have pursued peace agreements between the parties for over three decades, from the 1982 Reagan Plan for Middle East Peace to the 1993 Oslo Accords, Camp David Summit, Clinton Parameters, Annapolis Conference, and efforts to restart the peace process under the Obama Administration. President Donald Trump has announced that he too will soon unveil a plan for peace.

Despite a lack of progress on a formal agreement, Israel and some of her Arab neighbors have worked quietly and behind the scenes to improve bilateral relations in recent years. Common threats posed by Iran and violent extremism allowed for new dialogue to take root, and today, Israel enjoys closer relations to many of its neighbors in the region. These efforts represent an opportunity to improve security, stability, and prosperity in the Middle East. The concurrent-track approach—where Arab and Muslim-majority states work to improve their bilateral relations with Israel as Israel and the Palestinian Authority work concurrently to advance the Israeli-Palestinian peace process—should be embraced by our government as a new paradigm for the region. The resolution I am introducing today expresses support for this approach and commends Arab and Muslim-majority states that have already taken steps to improve their bilateral relations with Israel.

I, like nearly all of my colleagues in Congress, continue to support a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, negotiated between the State of Israel and the Palestinian Authority, and resulting in two states for two peoples, living side-by-side in peace, security, and mutual recognition. This is the only way to ensure that both the Israeli people and the Palestinian people can have sovereign homelands. The inability to achieve a two-state solution threatens the State of Israel's security and identity as the democratic homeland of the Jewish people, just as it impedes the well-being and self-determination of the Palestinian people.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure passage of this resolution.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, due to the death of my father, I was absent for the House vote that took place between February 11, 2019 and February 14, 2019.

Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 75; yea on Roll Call No. 77; yea on Roll Call No. 78; yea on Roll Call No. 79; yea on Roll Call No. 80; nay on Roll Call No. 81; yea on Roll Call No. 82; yea on Roll Call No. 83; yea on Roll Call No. 84; yea on Roll Call No. 85; yea on Roll Call No. 86; and yea on Roll Call No. 87.

CONGRATULATING FIDENCIO HOOOPER-CAMPOS ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fidencio Hooper-Campos on his retirement. Mr. Hooper-Campos has been a steelworker and member of the United Steelworkers Local 63 for 45 years.

Fidencio Hooper-Campos has much to celebrate following a stellar career as a steelworker and a public servant. Mr. Hooper-Campos began his career as a steelworker at the age of 19 at Northwestern Steel & Wire prior to continuing his work at Sterling Steel in the town where he was born. However, Mr. Hooper-Campos' work went beyond that as he took on leadership roles within the community, including service on the Whiteside County Board, Whiteside County Health Clinic Governing Council and the NCI Works Board. Mr. Hooper-Campos committed himself to civic activism and always worked to improve the community around him throughout his accomplished career. In addition, Mr. Hooper-Campos enjoys music, kickboxing and martial arts and I wish him well as he begins his well-earned retirement.

It is because of dedicated leaders such as Fidencio Hooper-Campos that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Fidencio Hooper-Campos on his retirement after 45 years as a steelworker.

RECOGNIZING NATHAN FIRESTONE ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Nathan Firestone, a resident of the Tenth District and a World War II era veteran prisoner of war on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

Mr. Firestone entered the service in 1943 as a member of a B-24 Liberator heavy bomber