

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. PETER J. VISCOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Mr. VISCOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise today in observance of Women's History Month and its 2019 theme—Visionary Women: Champions of Peace and Nonviolence. Each year, the National Women's History Project selects a unifying theme to recognize and promote Women's History Month. This year's theme features the stories of women from diverse backgrounds and fields who have advocated for peace and human rights throughout the world.

In the United States, women of every race, class, and ethnic background have played a critical role in advocating for unity and peace. For generations, women have contributed to resolving conflicts and have worked to promote nonviolence in the workplace, schools, homes, communities, and government. Women have insisted upon and continue to fight for respect, justice, and peace for all of humanity.

Strong pioneers such as Graciela Sanchez, Dr. E. Faye Williams, and Dorothy Cotton built their lives upon fighting for equal rights and eliminating racism and sexism. Leaders including Deborah Tucker advocated for improvements of laws and policies worldwide. Ms. Tucker helped write and pass the Violence Against Women Act of 1994. Sister Alice Zachmann was also a trailblazer who dedicated her life to ending war and violence, giving much of her time and efforts to organizations that supported the end of the Vietnam War. In 1982, Sister Zachmann founded the Guatemala Human Rights Commission USA and served as its director for twenty years. For their leadership and outstanding dedication to women's rights, unity, and peace, they are well deserving of our respect and admiration. I commend these fine women and the many others who have fought alongside them for securing rights for all women of every creed, class, and ethnic background. These fearless and strong women serve as remarkable role models who reflect the 2019 theme, Visionary Women: Champions of Peace and Nonviolence.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to join in celebrating Women's History Month and to recognize that after decades of dedication, perseverance, contributions, and advances, great American women from all cultures and classes are being celebrated. To illustrate the numerous brave women of our nation's history, we remember and recount the tales of our ancestors' talents, sacrifices, and commitments that serve as an inspiration to today's generation. I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in celebrating these brave women who have improved American society and whose stories are woven into the fabric of our nation.

AMBER HARRIS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Amber Harris for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Amber Harris is a student at Pomona High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Amber Harris is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Amber Harris for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF MR. JAMES AUSTIN JENKINS, JR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I pay tribute to a great man, outstanding public servant, and dear friend of longstanding, Mr. James Austin Jenkins, Jr. Mr. Jenkins passed away on Thursday, February 21, 2019. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. at Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Burkville, Alabama.

James Austin Jenkins, Jr. was born on December 28, 1937, to the late James Austin Jenkins, Sr. and Octavia McCray Jenkins. A product of the Lowndes County, Alabama Public School System, he graduated from Lowndes County Training School before attending Alabama State University, where he received his bachelor's degree in Political Science.

James built quite an impressive career as a public servant in our nation's federal government which was demonstrated through his dedicated services to the National Park Service, as a Ranger stationed in the Washington Monument and as a Horse Mounted Ranger at Prince William Forest Park in Virginia, as well as in Federal Government Law Enforcement, and finally as a National Zoological Park Police Officer with The Smithsonian Institution.

George Washington Carver once said, "No individual has any right to come into the world and go out of it without leaving behind distinct

and legitimate reasons for having passed through it." We are all so blessed that Mr. James Austin Jenkins, Jr. passed this way during his life's journey. As a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., his exuberant personality captured the attention of all those he encountered and made him the life of the party wherever he went. He will be remembered for his welcoming spirit and love for his fraternity, his friends, and above all else, his family. He leaves behind a great legacy in public service to and warm cherished memories in the lives of those who knew him.

While he was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Aaron, Frederick, and Elliot; he is survived by his children, Karen, Earl, Bianca, Alicia, and Nathan; and a host of family and friends who will miss him dearly.

On a personal note, James and I both understood the importance of addressing the important issues facing our nation's Veterans and would discuss these issues at the Veterans Brain Trust during the Congressional Black Caucus' Annual Legislative Conference, which he attended regularly.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, along with my wife, Vivian; and the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District in paying tribute to Mr. James Austin Jenkins, Jr. for his service to our country. We extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends during this difficult time of bereavement and pray that they will be comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

GUN VIOLENCE

HON. ROBIN L. KELLY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today for Hadiya Pendleton and Blair Holt—because they can no longer rise. Their promising young lives were cut short by gun violence.

I rise for Xavier Joy, Julian Gonzalez and Delmonte Johnson and the thousands of Americans lost to gun violence over the years.

People are dying in our cities and our rural counties, in school classrooms and movie theatres.

In Waffle Houses, synagogues and on our streets. Nowhere is safe from gun violence and the American people are sick and tired of it.

That's why they sent a historic wave of gun sense candidates to Congress with a singular mission: do something and save lives.

Today, we will keep that promise. Today, we will vote on legislation to ensure a background check on every gun sale.

This week, we will also vote on legislation that would have prevented the Mother Emanuel tragedy.

Now, Madam Speaker, we know that no single bill can prevent all gun violence but each

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of these bills will prevent some. It's time to act and start saving lives.

To my colleagues, you must do the right thing. You must vote "yes" on H.R. 8 and H.R. 1112, for the sake of our families and our nation.

History will remember this moment.

HANNAH HOFFMAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Hannah Hoffman for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Hannah Hoffman is a student at Pomona High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Hannah Hoffman is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Hannah Hoffman for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF EUROPEAN UNION AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES DAVID O'SULLIVAN UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished service of European Union Ambassador to the United States, David O'Sullivan, who will retire his post at the end of the month after nearly five years of tireless advocacy for transatlantic unity. It has been my privilege to work alongside Ambassador O'Sullivan as we strive to secure our mutual interests in national security, trade, and foreign affairs.

Ambassador O'Sullivan was appointed in November 2014, shortly after receiving the EU Transatlantic Business Award from the American Chamber of Commerce for his contributions to improving our economic ties with Europe. As Ambassador, he has devoted himself to strengthening the EU-U.S. trade relationship and worked to ensure that other large economic powers play by the rules. In 2018, he promoted a trilateral approach between the EU, the U.S., and Japan to tackle the issue of Chinese overcapacity in steel manufacturing.

In his four decades of public service for the European Union, Ambassador O'Sullivan has worked diligently for international cooperation. Prior to serving as Ambassador, he helped establish one of the world's largest diplomatic organizations, the European External Action

Service, and served as its Chief Operating Officer from 2011 to 2014. He held senior positions with the European Commission, including Head of Commission President Prodi's Cabinet from 1999 to 2000 and Secretary General of the European Commission from 2000 to 2005. In his capacity as Director General for Trade and Chief Negotiator for the Doha Development Round from 2005 to 2010, he secured numerous free trade agreements, including the conclusion of the EU's agreement with South Korea.

Born in Dublin, Ireland, the Ambassador's interest in global politics and international affairs was first inspired by his father, Lieutenant General Gerry O'Sullivan, who served as Chief of Staff of the Irish Defense Forces. While his father served as liaison to the United Nations in the Congo in 1961, David attended elementary school in my state of California and later worked two summers as a YMCA camp counselor in Chicago.

The bonds of friendship with our transatlantic allies are now more important than ever and must continue to be founded upon our shared values of democracy, respect for human dignity, and the rule of law. Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ambassador O'Sullivan's enduring contributions to transatlantic unity and EU-U.S. trade relations. I thank him for his service and wish him a happy retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF THE HORSE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ACT OF 2019

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Horse Transportation Safety Act, a bill I introduced earlier today along with Representatives PETER KING from New York, DINA TITUS from Nevada and BRIAN FITZPATRICK from Pennsylvania, to ensure the humane and safe transportation of horses.

The Horse Transportation Safety Act seeks to end the exploitation of a regulatory loophole designed to ban the transport of horses in double-deck trailers. This loophole gives drivers an incentive to inhumanely transport horses to assembly points then reload them into single level trailers just outside their final destination.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, "Double-deck trailers do not provide adequate headroom for equines, with the possible exception of foals and yearlings. We do not believe that trailers that have two or more permanent levels that are not collapsible can be adequately altered to accommodate adult equines, especially tall equines."

This practice is not only dangerous and inhumane to the horses, but to the traveling public, as well. We have witnessed the dangerous nature of these double decker trailers in several horrific accidents. In October of 2007, fifteen horses died when a double deck trailer carrying 59 Belgian draft horses overturned on Route 41 in Illinois. Unfortunately, we know that accidents like this are not an uncommon occurrence.

The legislation is strongly supported by agricultural interests and animal protection groups

including the Humane Society of the United States, the Animal Welfare Institute, the National Black Farmers Association, and Return to Freedom Wild Horse Conservation.

Moreover, in 2010 the Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure unanimously adopted this bipartisan legislation.

This is common sense legislation, and I urge my colleagues to support the swift passage of the Horse Transportation Safety Act. I also want to express my gratitude for the many years of hard work on this issue by our esteemed colleague, the late Representative Walter Jones from North Carolina.

ANTHONY JACOBER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Anthony Jacober for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Anthony Jacober is a student at Arvada West High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Anthony Jacober is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Anthony Jacober for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

CLARA LUPER

HON. KENDRA S. HORN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight the visionary and unwavering leadership of Civil Rights icon and notable Oklahoman, Ms. Clara Luper. Six months ago, I got to witness history, as Oklahoma City commemorated the 60th anniversary of the sit-ins she organized. And even as a 5th generation Oklahoman, I realized how little I knew.

Clara Luper and her students sparked a movement: the sit-ins that led into our nation's civil rights movement. They deserve to be a household name.

Clara Luper made her mark in a time where people of color couldn't even walk into the front door of Oklahoma City businesses. They were relegated to hidden back doors. But she had a vision for equality, a heart for service, and a commitment to justice. She, in her words, "believed in a sun when it didn't shine, and the rain when it didn't fall." She knew that Oklahoma and this country could be a place where everyone is treated with respect, dignity, and humanity.