

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF KOREA'S MARCH FIRST MOVEMENT DAY

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2019

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the centennial anniversary of Korea's March First Movement Day. On March 1, 1919, the Korean Declaration of Independence, inspired by President Woodrow Wilson's Fourteen Points and the first of a people to self-determination was read aloud in Seoul for the first time.

Korea's hard-fought independence would not have been possible without brave and committed activists like 16-year-old Yu Gwan-sun, who gave her life in the name of independence and died from the injuries she sustained while she was imprisoned. Yu became the face of the Korean independence movement, giving speeches at rallies that drew thousands of participants.

Korea's March First Movement inspired other non-violence and independence movements around the world, including the important work of Mahatma Gandhi.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to have introduced a resolution last week that celebrates this history with my new colleague—Congressman ANDY KIM of New Jersey. This resolution recognizes the impact of all youth human rights activists; the indelible contributions of Korean Americans to the vibrancy of United States society, politics, culture, and the economy; and reaffirms the U.S.-ROK alliance as the lynchpin of U.S. engagement in Northeast Asia.

Thank you for joining me in honoring this important and historic day.

NATHANIEL FLETCHER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2019

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

Nathaniel Fletcher is a student at Pomona High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Nathaniel Fletcher 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 Nathaniel Fletcher 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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, because of unavoidable conflict, I unfortunately missed votes on February 27. Had I been in attendance, I would have made the following votes:

On roll call No. 100, I would have voted aye.

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On roll call No. 102, I would have voted nay.

On roll call No. 103, I would have voted aye.

The Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2019, H.R. 1112, addresses a loophole in federal gun background check laws. Currently, a gun buyer only needs to wait 3 business days to acquire a gun without a background check. This bill fixes a lapse in oversight, by allowing the FBI 10 business days to conduct their check.

MARK TAKAI ATOMIC VETERANS HEALTHCARE PARITY ACT

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 4,000 veterans who participated in the nuclear cleanup of Enewetak Atoll, the site of 43 nuclear tests in the Marshall Islands. The servicemembers who participated in its nuclear cleanup between 1977 and 1980 suffer from high rates of cancers due to their exposure to radiation and nuclear waste.

That is why, on February 26th, I introduced the "Mark Takai Atomic Veterans Healthcare Parity Act". This bill would permit veterans who participated in the nuclear cleanup of Enewetak Atoll to be treated as "radiation-exposed veterans." This change in law will allow servicemembers who performed the largest nuclear cleanup ever undertaken to receive the medical care they now need for service-connected cancers and diseases. Current law only covers servicemembers who participated in active nuclear tests, not those who participated in the cleanup.

These veterans served our nation with honor and distinction, but are currently unable to receive the same treatments and service-related disability presumptions that other "radiation-exposed veterans" receive.

Madam Speaker, of the 4,000 veterans who risked their lives on the radiological cleanup of

Enewetak Atoll, only about ten percent are alive today. These survivors, who are now in their late 50s and 60s, have cancer and are fighting for their lives.

This legislation is named after the late Rep. Mark Takai—a veteran of the U.S. Army and Hawaii Army National Guard who passed away in 2016—and who originally introduced the bill in the 114th Congress.

Madam Speaker, my hope is that Congress will finally right this wrong, and help the men and women who sacrificed their youth and health in service of this great nation.

GABE SCHABLE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 4, 2019

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

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

The dedication demonstrated by Gabe Schable 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 Gabe Schable 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.

RECOGNIZING ALLAN G. KIMBALL

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2019

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Allan G. Kimball, who is retiring after serving for 21 years as the Theatre Director of Southeastern Illinois College.

Mr. Kimball has been directing shows since 1977, working with several high school theatres and at Southeastern Illinois College. He has passionately worked hard to assist many students, encouraging them and nurturing their talents. His efforts have resulted with Mr. Kimball receiving two prestigious Illinois theatre awards during his career.

The community at Southeastern Illinois College has been greatly impacted by his service. His hard work and dedication prompted the college to name their theater stage after Mr. Kimball. The theatre will now be a symbol of his significant role at the college and a reminder of his passion and dedication.

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Madam. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mr. Kimball for his many years of service. I wish him and his family the very best in the future.

**RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF DONALD FLAKE FARMER**

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Chief Donald Flake Farmer. Chief Farmer, a native of Coffeeville, Mississippi, is retiring after a long and distinguished career.

Chief Farmer is a founder of the Snow Lake Volunteer Fire Department. Through his efforts the town has seen a steady improvement in insurance ratings and has been a trend setter in fire protection in the region. Chief Farmer also serves as President of Snow Lake Fire District and heads the Benton County Fire Chiefs Association.

Chief Farmer has given the last 50 years to the advancement of Snow Lake Shores and Benton County Mississippi. He has been a leader for the July 4th celebration and Santa Claus at the Fire House. He was also the Police Chief for the Town of Snow Lake.

Chief Farmer has given and done whatever was needed to help the people of Snow Lake and Benton County for many years. I wish him and his wife Carol all the best in a well-deserved retirement.

LACEY ARMENTA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2019

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

Lacey Armenta is a student at Standley Lake High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Lacey Armenta 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 Lacey Armenta 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.

**CONGRATULATING STEVEN
ROEGGE ON BEING NAMED EAST
PEORIA'S NEW POLICE CHIEF**

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Steven Roegge on being

named East Peoria's next police chief. His 31 years of service at the Peoria Police Department have not gone unnoticed.

Mr. Roegge began his career in law enforcement after receiving a criminal justice degree from Illinois State University and earning a certificate in supervision of police personnel from Northwestern University. He then went on and served as a lieutenant with the Peoria Police Department for the past 11 years, where he worked as a vice and narcotics investigator. Additionally, he worked closely with the K9 Unit by serving as a K9 sergeant and training other officers and their K9s, while also developing active shooter trainings for the department. Mr. Roegge has also represented the Peoria Police Department with the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarms System to further his leadership within the department. I would like to express my gratitude for the work he has done to protect our community and I look forward to seeing what he will accomplish in his new role.

As the wife of a sheriff, I know how important it is to share our gratitude for those who put their lives on the line for our communities. Dedicated leaders like Mr. Steven Roegge make me especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Mr. Steven Roegge on his well-earned promotion to East Peoria Police Chief, and thank him for all of his service to the community.

**RECOGNIZING POLICE SERVICE
REPRESENTATIVE III ULRIC J.
PATTILLO, JR. OF LOS ANGELES**

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2019

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Police Service Representative III Ulric J. Pattillo, Jr. of Los Angeles. After 40 years of dedicated public service to the people and communities of the City of Los Angeles, Ulric is finally retiring and will be sorely missed.

Ulric's incredible career with the Los Angeles Police Department began on February 2, 1979 as a Station Officer. He was commended for conducting himself in a professional manner and doing an outstanding job. He served in this capacity until he transferred to Communications Division as a Police Service Representative on December 1, 1981.

Ulric received many commendations during his career, including but not limited to: his service during the Valley Bureau cutover to ECCCS and the 1992 Civil Unrest; recognition for National Dispatchers week; and outstanding support of field officers during emergency situations.

He was deeply involved in his community outside of the department by volunteering as a poll worker, serving as an AFSCME Union Shop Steward, being a member of the PSR Task Force, and being selected as Councilperson for the Employee Council and End of Watch Cadre.

His friendly character and positive approach left an indelible mark at Communications Division. His dedication to the profession, the community, the Department and the City of Los Angeles is highly commendable, and has

earned him the esteem of the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department, Communications Division.

For his remarkable accomplishments, it is my honor to recognize Police Service Representative III Ulric J. Pattillo, Jr. on the House floor today. His decades of commitment and contributions to the City of Los Angeles are worthy of commending and admiration.

JOSHUA STALEY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2019

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

Joshua Staley is a student at Sobesky Academy and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Joshua Staley 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 Joshua Staley 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.

**31ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE ETHNIC
ATTACKS AGAINST ARME-
NIANS IN SUMGAI, AZERBAIJAN**

HON. TJ COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2019

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, February 27th marks the 31st anniversary of the ethnic attacks against Armenians in Sumgait, Azerbaijan. During these horrific pogroms, hundreds of Armenians were wounded or murdered, women and children were raped and even burned alive. Despite Sumgait's close proximity to Azerbaijan's capital, Baku, police and law enforcement stood by and allowed the persecution to continue on for three days.

The violence was just the start of continued attacks against Armenians in Azerbaijan, resulting in a war with Nagorno-Karabakh where thousands of more were killed. To this day, the conflict in Azerbaijan remains and a military blockade of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic continues. Devastatingly, these pogroms have led to a huge refugee crisis, ultimately displacing thousands and eliminating the once-significant Armenian population in Azerbaijan.

The government of Azerbaijan has never been held accountable for these atrocities. Now more than ever these acts of murder must be condemned. As we mourn the loss of the innocent lives, we must be mindful of the ongoing conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh, the recurring incidents of hate rhetoric led by Azeri