

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING JANICE FULLER'S TEN YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE SIXTH CON- GRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 18, 2019

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Janice Fuller, who has served as one of my most trusted advisors for the last decade in her roles as District Director and then Chief of Staff. Janice is leaving my office after 10 years of distinguished service.

For 10 years now, my constituents in New Jersey's Sixth Congressional District have had a fierce advocate in Janice. She has a passion for constituent services and has always been a champion for the district's municipalities, counties, organizations and businesses as they explore funding or partnerships from federal agencies.

Janice's commitment to and advocacy for the people of my Congressional District was never more on display than in the days, weeks, months and years following Superstorm Sandy, which devastated my district. She was relentless in her efforts to ensure the federal government provided the assistance needed to New Jerseyans impacted by Sandy. Janice fought for increased temporary housing for those who lost their homes, worked to secure funding for critical flood control projects and highlighted flood insurance fraud that was perpetrated against homeowners. Her determination to improve the response and recovery process from this historic storm had an impact on countless people throughout New Jersey.

Over the last four years, Janice has served as my Chief of Staff, leading my legislative, communications and constituent relations staff.

Prior to joining my staff in 2009, Janice served the people of New Jersey in the offices of two governors. First, she served in the McGreevey Administration in 2001 and 2002 as an Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff, and from 2006 through 2009 she was the Director of Cabinet Affairs in the Corzine Administration.

Janice is also well respected throughout New Jersey as one of the state's top political minds. From 2003 through 2006, she was the Executive Director of the New Jersey Democratic State Committee. In this position, she ran the day-to-day operations of the state political party—this is no easy task.

Throughout her entire career, Janice has been a fierce advocate for the people of New Jersey. And that advocacy spills over into her free time—if that time even exists for Janice. Not only has she served as a Board Member on the Covenant House New Jersey—Asbury Park Program and the New Jersey Equal Opportunity Fund, she recently won an election to serve on the Ocean Township School Board.

It goes without saying that public service runs in Janice's blood. She may be leaving my

office, but I have no doubt that she will continue to find ways to serve the people of New Jersey throughout the remainder of her career.

Over the last ten years, Janice has spent a lot of late nights representing me and my constituents at meetings or events throughout the district. I want to acknowledge the support Janice always received from her husband, John, and her three children, Grace, Finn and Sloane.

Madam Speaker, the American people, New Jerseyans and the people of the Sixth Congressional District have been well served by Janice Fuller for the last 20 years. I wish her nothing but the best in her future endeavors and look forward to watching all the ways she looks to serve the public good.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 18, 2019

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, due to my attendance at a funeral I was not present for the vote, on March 14, 2019, on H. Con. Res. 24, expressing the sense of Congress that the report of Special Counsel Mueller should be made available to the public and to Congress. Had I been present for rollcall vote 125 I would have voted "yea." I am pleased that this resolution calling for the release of Special Counsel Mueller's report to the public and to Congress passed decisively.

RECOGNIZING JUDY McCARTY

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 18, 2019

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to mourn the passing and celebrate the life of a wonderful friend and former San Diego City Councilwoman, Judy McCarty.

It is an honor to have worked in the same community as Judy. Throughout her accomplished life, Judy's selflessness and commitment to others never wavered. As a journalist, a community volunteer, and a dedicated public servant, Judy always remained focused on building community and improving the lives of her neighbors.

Judy brought a zest for life into everything she did. One of her biggest passion projects was the founding of Mission Trails Regional Park. Judy was a key figure in establishing this beloved public recreational amenity that is now the largest municipally owned park in the State of California and the 6th largest park in the entire country. This is just one of many accomplishments of Judy's, in a lifetime of service and dedication to the greater good.

Those who have had the pleasure to cross paths with Judy likely know that she was a

woman who valued the little things in life. She loved volunteering, tending to her garden, and cheering for the Indiana Hoosiers, but above all, she loved being a mother and a grandmother.

I wish her family the comfort to know that Judy left San Diego a better place than she found it, and that we are all better off because of her vision and leadership in our community.

I am grateful to have called Judy my friend and will miss her presence in the community. The joy she brought into life will live on in the thoughts and actions of everyone she has touched along the way. Though she will be missed dearly, the impact she made in San Diego will always endure.

HONORING ROBERT B. THOMAS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 18, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a beloved member of the community who is celebrating a remarkable 95th birthday this year, Mr. Robert B. Thomas.

Robert's story is, in many ways, a uniquely American one. He was born on March 14, 1924 to Robert and Annie Thomas in Augusta, Georgia and he migrated with his family to New York, where he attended Benjamin Franklin High School. He graduated from New York Vocational High School, where he was introduced to, and excelled in, the trade of plumbing. During World War II, Robert heeded the call to serve his country and on March 15, 1944 he joined the United States Army. He became a gunner in the 394th Anti-Aircraft Unit and after serving our nation, he came back to serve his city with the New York City Public Housing Authority. In 1946, Robert met the woman who he would marry, Doris E. Jones and they had two daughters, Symra and Sandra. He also has three grandchildren, Duane Nichols, Turhan Brandon and Taniya Brandon, and four great grandchildren, Indira Nichols, Sebastian Brandon, Orion Brandon and Dominick Brandon.

Robert worked in construction as a member of Laborers International Union of North America, Laborers Local 60 and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 137, the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 15 and Con Edison, which enabled him to put his daughters through college. He likes to reminisce about the past and enjoy talking about how he was a foreman and helped build the Governor Malcolm Wilson Tappan Zee Bridge. His experience on that project later led to his work on the Throgs Neck Bridge and second deck of the George Washington Bridge.

To his family, his friends, and his community, Robert Thomas is known as a kind, generous and loving person, who has helped others achieve their goals. It is my honor to recognize Robert on this special occasion and to

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thank him for his service to our country and community here in New York.

AMERICAN LEGION CELEBRATES
100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 18, 2019

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the American Legion. The Legion was first chartered on September 16, 1919 to serve as a patriotic veteran's organization.

One of the oldest veteran non-profit organizations, the American Legion also stands as the nation's largest wartime Veterans Service Organization. The Legion is devoted to supporting service members, veterans, communities, and families. In its 100 years of existence, the Legion has made remarkable strides in advancing the cause of our veterans and service members through legislative accomplishments like the GI Bill, Flag Code, and the creation of the U.S. Veterans Bureau, a forerunner of the Veterans Administration. The Legion is also active in our local communities, with programs like Operation Comfort Warriors, Boys State, and the American Legion Baseball. Since its charter, the American Legion has made it their mission to mentor youth, advocate for patriotism and honor, and promote strong national security and a continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.

I applaud the Legion for passing the century mark in their never-ending quest to improve the lives of service members and veterans. I'm proud to be a member of such an excellent organization, and I wish them another 100 years of excellence.

RECOGNIZING EMERY COUNTY,
UTAH LEADERS

HON. JOHN R. CURTIS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 18, 2019

Mr. CURTIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the leaders in Emery County, Utah, who fought for over two decades to resolve long standing issues facing their county through federal legislation. On March 12th, 2019, President Trump signed into law S. 47, a sweeping public lands bill that included the Emery County Public Lands Management Act, with broad bipartisan support.

With this historic achievement, I would like to pay tribute to the exceptional efforts and years of dedication from the Emery County Commissioners, Emery County Public Lands Council, and many other state and local leaders who played an integral role in making this cooperative effort possible. This law will benefit Utahns for decades into the future.

This law is a model for how Utahns can work together to solve public land management questions in one of the most unique landscapes of the country. After years of input and stakeholder engagement, this law resolves a number of issues affecting the region through a school land trust exchange, con-

veying certain lands to Emery County, expanding Goblin Valley State Park, conservation designations, and the creation of the new San Rafael Swell Recreation Area. The bill also decreases the amount of land owned by the federal government in Emery County.

There are countless individuals over the years who deserve recognition and made this law possible. Over the last year, since I sponsored the Emery County bill in the House, I would particularly like to recognize:

Emery County Commissioners Lynn Sitterud, Kent Wilson, and Gil Conover.

Emery County Public Lands Council Members Rod Play (Chair), Edward Geary (Vice Chair), Laren Huntsman, Leon McElprang, Kim McFarlane, J.R. Nelson, Randall Stilson, Sherrel Ward, Les Wilberg, Bruce Wilson, and Ray Petersen (Public Lands Administrator).

House Natural Resources Committee Chairman ROB BISHOP.

Governor Gary Herbert.

Senator MITT ROMNEY.

These leaders should all be very proud of what was accomplished with this bill.

IN HONOR OF JD LAMBRIGHT

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 18, 2019

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the memory of JD Lambright, a larger-than-life Texan and dedicated leader in Montgomery County. He leaves behind a legacy of outstanding service to the great State of Texas and I know our entire community will miss his presence dearly.

A product of the Texas Panhandle, JD was born and raised in the town of Pampa, Texas. He earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees in Electrical Engineering at Texas Tech University, and remained a proud Raider for all his life. Law was another passion of his, and JD later went on to earn his law degree from South Texas College of Law in Houston, Texas.

JD made good use of his Master's and worked as a geophysicist and electrical engineer for Shell Oil Company and Shell E&P Technology Company in Houston. Following his successful career in the energy industry, he started his own private law practice in Conroe, where he focused on a variety of family, criminal, and civil law issues.

First elected to the Montgomery County Attorney's office in 2012, JD later became the chief legal advisor for Montgomery County. He not only possessed a shrewd legal mind, but a warm and caring heart. Those who were lucky enough to work with him remember most his genuine affection for his co-workers, and he was twice awarded Montgomery County's "Boss of the Year."

JD was an inspirational leader who used his positions of power for the good of the entire community. During his time at the County Attorney's Office, he was responsible for the passage of the first Code of Ethics in Montgomery County. He worked tirelessly to make this public office more accessible to those who needed it most—the residents. Under his leadership, the office kept more cases in-house, saved hundreds of thousands of tax-payer dollars, and brought in a new normal of govern-

ment transparency across the Montgomery County area.

Though I could spend hours listing the many positions held by JD and professional honors he accumulated, I know he considered his greatest accomplishment to be his family. He married his high school sweetheart, Belinda Cates, herself a prominent figure in the Montgomery County area, and they were married for forty-two wonderful years.

There is no doubt that JD left a positive professional impact on Montgomery County and the state of Texas, but what I will miss most about him is his old-fashioned friendship, his love for his community, and his infectiously positive outlook on life. I join JD's family, friends, and the entire Eighth District of Texas in mourning. JD will be greatly missed.

MIRIAM AND ARI LOREN

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 18, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor two pillars of the Scarsdale community, Miriam and Ari Loren, who this year are being honored by Young Israel of Scarsdale at their 47th Annual Dinner.

Miriam was born in Bratislava, Slovakia and came to the U.S. in 1982. Her family moved to Silver Spring, MD where she graduated from the Hebrew Academy of Greater Washington, now known as Melvin J Berman Hebrew Academy. Miriam is a graduate of Barnard College and Columbia University's Teachers College, after which she worked for many years in early childhood special education, running classrooms for developmentally delayed children and their parents. Miriam has also worked as an evaluator, diagnosing, testing and evaluating children for special services.

For the past few years, Miriam has worked for Camp Yavneh as their Inclusion Coordinator. This program has grown from two campers participating in only the second month of camp to almost thirty campers across both months.

Miriam has volunteered extensively for her children's schools, including serving as their Parent Association President for six years. Miriam was also on the Westchester Jewish Council inclusion initiative for local synagogues. Miriam is currently on a mental health task force for the Ruderman Foundation.

Ari was born and raised here in New Rochelle. After graduating from Westchester Hebrew High School, Ari earned his BS from Yeshiva University and MBA from Bar-Ilan University.

Professionally, Ari operates a family business and manages some real estate. Outside of work, Ari has spent the last 8 years heavily involved in the local hockey scene. He served as President of New Rochelle Lightning Hockey from 2013 to 2018, growing the program from 52 players in 2013 to well over 200 kids today. Ari loves coaching hockey, and currently helps coach in the New Rochelle Lightning program, as well as at the Frisch School and as a head coach at Westchester Day School. Miriam and Ari have 5 fantastic boys, aged 6 to 16. The Lorens love raising their children in the same warm and loving community in which Ari was raised. Miriam and Ari