

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING SUE MERRILL CRAWFORD ANTLE

**HON. JIMMY PANETTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 21, 2019*

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Sue Merrill Crawford Antle, the matriarch of the central coast of California's Antle family. Sue will be remembered as a devoted mother and wife, talented sewing artist, and active supporter of her community.

Sue Antle was born on February 23, 1936 in Watsonville, California. A native of the Central Coast, Sue attended Watsonville High School, where she met Bob Antle. The two would eventually enjoy 58 years of marriage together.

Sue and Bob would remain on the Central Coast throughout their lives, establishing even deeper roots in their community. As Bob managed his family's lettuce company, Sue tended to the family home and raised their four children. Sue could often be found in her home's sewing room, where she created beautiful and precious keepsakes for her family, friends, and community. These pieces included Christmas stockings for her entire family and colorful jackets frequently auctioned for charity.

Sue and Bob's family on the Central Coast continued to grow to include her children's spouses, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. Sue's beloved family was a foundation for her life and a blessing that guided her desire to give back to her community. Sue co-chaired California State University Monterey Bay's Have a Heart fund-raiser for student scholarships and, as an avid booklover, took joy in reading to children through the Monterey County Reads program established by the Panetta Institute for Public Policy. Sue was a passionate advocate for the children of field workers and leaves a legacy of fostering early childhood education and supporting first-generation college students.

Sue will be remembered for unfailing kindness and generosity. We, as a community, celebrate her legacy and life well-lived. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the life of Sue Merrill Crawford Antle.

### HONORING MICHAEL MIKULKA

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 21, 2019*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of Michael Mikulka, who is retiring after 43 years of distinguished service at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and after serving as President of AFGE Local 704. Mike was recently awarded "Man of the Year" hon-

ors by AFGE District 7 for his fight to save the EPA Region 5 office and the jobs of the scientists and engineers who protect the Midwest. He helped protect our environment and fought for the rights of EPA workers over his more than four decades of work at the EPA, and I honor and thank him for his important work.

Michael Mikulka started his career at the Environmental Protection Agency in November 1976 in the Water Division at EPA's Region 5 Chicago, Illinois Office, where he first helped municipalities receive grants under the Clean Water Act (CWA) to install wastewater treatment plant systems. He then enforced the Clean Water Act, taking charge of the Region's CWA enforcement, bringing cases in civil court for injunctive relief and penalties against polluters who dumped toxins into our lakes and streams. Mike then moved to the EPA Region 5 Land and Chemicals Division, where he was charged with cleaning up complicated hazardous waste sites in communities throughout the Midwest.

As part of his career at EPA, Mike received numerous commendations, awards and medals attesting to his superior service to the region. Mike has been a Professional Engineer for over 35 years and was recently elected a life member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, where he has been a member for over 40 years.

Some of the significant projects Mike worked on at EPA include:

Participating on an inter-agency task force which developed the plan to clean up the Combined Sewer Overflows in the Twin Cities;

Helping develop the Region 5 Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) control strategy, much of which was later incorporated into the national CSO control strategy;

Leading an interagency task force to develop a strategy to clean up the Grand Calumet River, the most polluted river in the Great Lakes region;

Bringing and resolving cases against those polluting the Grand Calumet River, as Chief of Clean Water Act (CWA) enforcement officer for Illinois, Indiana and Minnesota;

While he was the EPA Region 5 head of CWA enforcement, the region consistently led the nation in environmental enforcement with respect to numbers of cases, penalties collected, and environmental benefit;

Helping EPA Region 5's Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Branch became the regional enforcement contact on the RCRA hazardous waste air emissions standards and conducted training nationwide for EPA, states and industry;

Providing technical assistance to regional staff to develop and prosecute cases against fuel blenders and other treatment, storage and disposal facilities who were not meeting the RCRA air emissions standards;

Working on significant hazardous waste cleanup projects across the Region, including active and closed steel mills in northwest Indiana and Ohio;

Cleaning up arsenic and other contamination from the Menominee River, resulting in an

ability to de-list the river as a Great Lakes Area of Concern.

As a Member of Congress, I have personally worked with Mike and have observed his endless dedication to the environment and to the hard-working employees of the EPA. Mike will be remembered for his important work protecting the environment in the region, for his leadership in AFGE Local 704, and for his support of the EPA and its wonderful staff. He will be missed.

### IN HONOR OF THE 2018–2019 AAAA STATE CHAMPIONS: THE CARVER TIGERS GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 21, 2019*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the undefeated 2018–2019 AAAA Girls Basketball Georgia State Champions, the George Washington Carver High School Tigers of Columbus, Georgia. The team commemorated this significant milestone on Sunday, March 17, 2019, with a celebratory parade followed by a celebration of honor at the Columbus Civic Center.

On Friday, March 8, 2019, the Tigers won the state championship game against the Spalding Jaguars by a score of 56–44. This historic victory marked the first championship and undefeated season for the Tigers after coming up short in three Final Fours and two state championships. The team placed No. 1 in the MaxPreps AAAA Girls Basketball rankings for Region 1 and have won all but two of their previous 31 games this season by double digits.

Their victory in this year's AAAA state championship follows years of frustration, hard work, and determination bursting forth into an unbelievable season of teamwork and athletic excellence. The perseverance of these Tigers, after coming so close the past two seasons, including a 68–67 overtime loss to in-town rival Columbus High in the 2017 finals, was shown this year in their exciting victory. Moreover, the team completed this spectacular season with an astonishing overall win-loss record of 33–0.

I cannot put into words the tremendous pride that the citizens of Columbus, and indeed the entire Second Congressional District, have in being able to call this outstanding team of athletes their own. They have accomplished an incredible feat, one that could not have been possible without the tireless leadership and encouragement from their head coach, Anson Hundley and his staff, as well as their families, classmates, and members of the community who believed in them and their ability to bring home a state championship title.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more

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than 730,000 people of Georgia's Second Congressional District in congratulating and honoring these hardworking young women who have persevered, sacrificed, and achieved the pinnacle of success in basketball—the Georgia AAAA State Championship title.

**HONORING MR. RAFAEL B. CRUZ  
ON HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY**

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 21, 2019*

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize my constituent, Mr. Rafael B. Cruz for his 80th birthday on March 22nd. A man of strong faith and uncompromising willpower, Rafael embodies the meaning of persistence, and serves as a leading example of what the American Dream can look like with enough hard work and an unwavering belief in the prospect of liberty.

Born in Cuba under the oppressive Batista regime, Rafael experienced assault and imprisonment as a teenager for taking an active stance against the injustices he witnessed. In search of a better life, he left his home at the age of eighteen to pursue a degree in higher education, and arrived in Austin, Texas where he studied Mathematics and Chemical Engineering. While in school, he worked seven days a week for fifty cents an hour until he obtained his degree in 1961. In addition to his obligations as a student, Rafael maintained strong ties with his community in Cuba and advocated against the abuses of the newly empowered Castro forces.

A family man by the early 1960s, Rafael balanced his new career in the energy industry with raising two daughters and his son, current Texas Senator, TED CRUZ. Rafael moved to Houston with his family to work and found a lasting home in the state Texas. Today, he resides in my district, in the City of Carrollton, where he is a pastor, a supportive father and grandfather, and an exemplary member of our community.

Madam Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize the inspiring life story of Rafael Cruz, who has fought for freedom, family and faith for all of his life, and whose contributions to our country will continue to make a mark on the character of our American spirit. I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in wishing a very happy 80th birthday to Mr. Rafael Cruz.

**CONGRATULATING MR. MATTHEW ANTHONY OF CARBON COUNTY**

**HON. DANIEL MEUSER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 21, 2019*

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and congratulate Mr. Matthew Anthony of Palmerton, Pennsylvania. Matthew proudly represented Carbon County at the North American Special Olympics in Las Vegas, Nevada, and was named the Special Olympics North American Unified Gold Medalist in bowling.

Matthew competes with his father, Christopher, and they are the first Special Olympics unified team from Carbon County, as well as the first bowling team from our area to make it to the national competition.

Matthew has been actively involved with the Special Olympics since the Carbon County delegation was established fourteen years ago and has competed in a variety of different sports in addition to bowling, including floor hockey, track and field and bocce. Matthew is a strong competitor and a positive voice for all members of the vibrant Special Olympics community and the constituents of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District.

In his free time, Matthew works at his family business in Palmerton, plays video games, and enjoys restoring his 1987 Oldsmobile Custom Cruiser Wood Panel Station Wagon. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating Matthew for his many achievements and outstanding legacy of continued sportsmanship and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

**RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF  
REUEL WALTERS**

**HON. BRIAN BABIN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 21, 2019*

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize World War II veteran Reuel Walters for his service to the United States of America.

Reuel was born at home in Livingston, Texas on January 16, 1925. A midwife attended to his mother. One of six children, at the age of eighteen, Reuel was drafted and courageously answered the call to serve and defend his country in the United States Army. Reuel completed his basic training in San Antonio, Texas and deployed as a radio control repairman.

From 1941 to 1945, Reuel served in the Solomon Islands, Bougainville Island, Sipan Island and Guam. He saw the Enola Gay before it dropped the bomb on Hiroshima, Japan. Reuel was in Guam when he heard the announcement over a loudspeaker that the war had ended.

After his time in the service, Reuel worked as a lineman for thirty-six years at Houston Line & Power. In 1985, he retired and moved to Livingston, Texas.

Madam Speaker, it is because of the sacrifices made by men and women like Reuel Walters that we are able to enjoy the freedoms that we hold so dear. Let us not forget this great generation. We thank Reuel for the contributions he has made to preserve our liberty.

**IN HONOR OF EDWARD STEVER'S  
100TH BIRTHDAY**

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 21, 2019*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Edward Stever and wish him a very happy 100th birthday.

The attack on Pearl Harbor was an event that not only shaped the course of our country but the lives of many Americans, including Mr. Stever. After Pearl Harbor was attacked he was one of the many Americans who felt compelled to fight against the Japanese. He then joined the Army Air Corps where he served until 1946. During his career he completed countless dangerous, yet vital, missions delivering bombs and fuel from India to China. He showed endless bravery and courage in his pursuit to serve our country halfway across the world.

After completing active duty, Mr. Stever returned to his wife and two children and worked for IBM in Binghamton, New York until he was transferred to Charlotte, North Carolina. In 2007, he moved to Fayetteville and unfortunately lost his wife after 69 years of marriage. Despite his loss he still felt compelled to serve our country and he has been volunteering at the U.S. Army Airborne and Special Operations Museum, since 2011. In fact, he has dedicated over 2,400 hours to the Museum. I know I speak for everyone when I say we are so thankful for him and all of his service to our country and community.

The U.S. Army Airborne and Special Operations Museum had a goal of collecting 100 birthday cards for Mr. Stever's birthday. I am honored to play a small part in recognizing him and all he has accomplished over the last 100 years.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in thanking Mr. Edward Stever for his service and wishing him a Happy 100th birthday.

**THANKING CHIEF BILL JOHN  
BAKER**

**HON. KEVIN HERN**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 21, 2019*

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Chief Bill John Baker for his many years of service to the Cherokee people and to his community. Chief Baker's service to the Cherokee Nation and the state of Oklahoma has touched the lives of many, whether acting in the capacity of Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, as a Cherokee Tribal Councilor, as PTA President, as President of the Tahlequah Chamber of Commerce, or as the coach of local youth sports teams.

Personally, my wife Tammy and I can attest to Chief Bill John Baker's dedication to community by our mutual involvement in the Ronald McDonald House Charities. When we first moved to Muskogee Oklahoma, Tammy called Chief Baker to bring his attention to the Cherokee Nation women's use of the Ronald McDonald House—roughly 1/3rd of the House's inhabitants are Cherokee citizens. Without hesitation, Chief Baker stepped up to the plate and asked—how much money does Ronald McDonald House need?

Chief Baker's accomplishments have been heralded by his colleagues and neighbors alike. The town of Okay is grateful for the Veterans Monument project that Chief Baker spearheaded. People recall the countless times that he expedited housing assistance for disabled and elderly Cherokee citizens. Chief Baker's friends, neighbors, and those who