

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

LEGENDARY LOS ANGELES EDUCATOR DR. GENEVIEVE SHEPHERD

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 1, 2019

Ms. BASS. Madam Speaker, this past January Los Angeles lost a legendary educator, Dr. Genevieve A. Shepherd. She championed educational equity for African-American students, especially boys, and believed passionately that it is better to raise a child than to mend an adult.

Dr. Shepherd decided she wanted to be a teacher at the age of three, when the kindness and support of a Sunday school teacher made an indelible impression on her. She loved seeing a child work to understand something, and then light up when the concept was mastered. She only left the classroom when she realized that she could have a multiplier effect on students by nurturing teachers, who could go on to support even more students.

She spent three decades of her half-century career as principal at the same school, Dublin Avenue Elementary, which was later re-named Tom Bradley Global Awareness Magnet. She always looked for innovative ways to address the challenges she saw her students face, including by pioneering an academy for African-American boys at Bradley to tackle achievement gaps.

Her signature hats made her unmistakable on school grounds. For years, before class could begin, her students would gather on the playground to enthusiastically recite the mantra: “With passion and persistence we will perpetually pursue excellence, for learning is our top priority.” She had the privilege of seeing her first students grow to send her their own children as students, then their grandchildren and even their great-grandchildren over the course of an award-winning, 56-year career in education.

A product of Los Angeles through and through, she grew up in the LAUSD, attended Los Angeles City College and then California State University, Los Angeles. She went on to earn a Master of Science degree from Pepperdine University and a Doctorate of Philosophy from Golden State University. She married and raised her family in LA, and was a faithful member of Bethlehem Temple Church (and served as Sunday School Superintendent, of course). Her service extended to playing leadership roles in many civic and professional organizations, as well, including the Council of Black Administrators and the YMCA Metro LA.

She also believed in lifelong education and was a long-time president of the pioneering Our Authors Study Club, founded to pursue Carter G. Woodson’s vision of creating and disseminating knowledge about Black history across the nation.

IN HONOR OF CHARLES “BUD” THOMPSON OF WARNER

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 1, 2019

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 97th birthday of Charles “Bud” Thompson, a respected and adored Granite Stater.

As the founder of the Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum, Education and Cultural Center, in Warner, and through his work with the Shaker Village in Canterbury, Bud has made meaningful contributions to our community and to our state. Bud’s commitment to leaving our Granite State better than he found it makes him a true leader in our community.

On behalf of New Hampshire’s Second Congressional District and all those who have benefitted from Bud’s work, I thank him for his incredible service and congratulate him once again on achieving such a milestone. I look forward to our continued work together to make New Hampshire an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

SERGEANT EDWARD BROWN

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 1, 2019

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Army Veteran, Sergeant First Class Edward I. Brown of Winslow Township in New Jersey’s First Congressional District.

On February 1, 1954, Sergeant Brown began basic training at Fort Dix, currently Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. Sergeant Brown left Fort Dix for Fort Campbell, Kentucky where he went through Airborne Training to learn how to be a paratrooper.

While serving as a paratrooper from 1954 to 1968, Sergeant Brown attended Jump Master School where he became a Jump Master. After Jump Master School, Sergeant Brown received a Compassionate Reassignment to Fort Dix where he became a Drill Sergeant for ten years.

In 1968, Sergeant Brown received orders to report to Panama for jungle training in preparation for Vietnam. Upon returning home for seven days, Sergeant Brown was flown out to Oakland, California.

It was in Oakland where Sergeant Brown changed from his military gear to his jungle fatigue gear in preparation for Vietnam.

From 1968 to 1969, Sergeant Brown’s service in Vietnam consisted of twenty-nine-day patrols followed by three days in base. Sergeant Brown continued this cycle for eleven months. For his combat bravery in Vietnam, Sergeant Brown received the Air Medal, the Bronze Star, the Commendation Medal, and the Combat Infantry Badge.

Following his service in the Vietnam, Sergeant Brown returned home and began working at the NCO Academy at Fort Campbell until his retirement at Fort Dix on January 31, 1979. commendably, Sergeant Brown’s military career spanned a total of twenty-five years.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating and recognizing the valiant service Sergeant First Class Edward I. Brown dedicated to his country.

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE McMAHON RYAN CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 1, 2019

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the McMahon Ryan Child Advocacy Center’s 20th Anniversary. Since its inception, the McMahon Ryan Child Advocacy Center has been a leader in the Central New York region in the fight against child abuse, human trafficking, and victim support.

In the late 1990s, Dr. Ann Botash and Martha Ryan founded the McMahon Ryan Child Advocacy Center with the goal of ending child abuse by raising awareness and providing much needed services to victims in Central New York. From the opening of its first facility in 2002, McMahon Ryan has transformed the way in which child victims in Central New York are cared for and treated. The organization applied more resources to assist victims of child abuse, offering legal, medical, psychological, and social services under one roof. McMahon Ryan has grown extensively since opening its first facility in 2002, expanding both outreach and services.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in recognizing the important work of the McMahon Ryan Child Advocacy Center. Throughout their first 20 years, the McMahon Ryan Child Advocacy Center has brought a greater level of awareness to child abuse in Central New York. The organization has assisted in the recoveries of hundreds of child victims and provided vital assistance to families. I applaud the work of the McMahon Ryan Child Advocacy Center, and similar organizations around the country, in their efforts to combat child abuse and human trafficking.

BRITTNEY CUMMINGS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 1, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Brittney Cummings for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

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The Youth Award focuses on teenagers who have overcome personal adversity and created positive changes in their lives and their community. The program provides businesses, the community and civic leaders an opportunity to support young people in their communities and recognize their accomplishments. Brittney is the perfect recipient for this award because despite adversities and challenges, she has become an inspiration and role model for her peers.

The dedication and leadership demonstrated by Brittney 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 Brittney Cummings for this well-deserved recognition. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS.
KARYN FOLEY**

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 1, 2019

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the life of Mrs. Karyn Foley, who passed away on March 9, 2019 at the age of 82. Karyn was a founding councilmember and the first woman to serve as mayor of the City of Calabasas, the most recent city to be incorporated in Los Angeles County.

Born in Detroit, Michigan on July 17, 1936, Karyn moved to California with her family as an infant, settling in Los Angeles. She attended local public schools in the Mid-Wilshire neighborhood before graduating from the University of California, Los Angeles, where she received her degree in physical education.

Karyn married James Foley in July 1969, and with their minds focused on where best to raise their new family, they moved in 1976 to Calabasas, then part of unincorporated Los Angeles County. Karyn was a community activist and engaged citizen from the moment she arrived, whether as a volunteer parent and part-time substitute teacher with the Las Virgenes Unified School District or president of the Round Meadow Elementary Parent Teacher Association. She and James also played a crucial role in the early years of the Calabasas Park Homeowners Association, with both serving as president and organizing summer activities like lakeside races and pet contests.

Karyn's leadership in the effort to push for cityhood for Calabasas was pivotal in the success of the campaign. This decade long effort culminated in the city's incorporation in 1991 as the 88th city in Los Angeles County and 466th in the State of California. She served on the Calabasas City Council from 1991 to 1997 and was the first woman to serve as mayor, from 1994 to 1995.

Even after leaving office, Karyn remained involved in civic government and helped foster the city's cultural institutions, serving on the City's first Library Commission, as well as getting involved in the Art in Public Places Committee, Friends of the Calabasas Library,

Friends of the Calabasas Orchestra, and the Calabasas Players Theatrical Group.

Karyn is survived by her husband of 49 years, James; daughter, Megan and son, Patrick; and three grandchildren. I hope that Karyn's family takes comfort in knowing her passion for public service, visionary leadership, and remarkable compassion will live on in the unique identity that Calabasas has developed over the past three decades.

**IN RECOGNITION OF SHEILA
CRAVEN**

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 1, 2019

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the retirement of Sheila Craven, who has spent her career seeking justice as an employee of the Norfolk District Attorney's office.

Mrs. Craven has served the Norfolk District Attorney's office faithfully since 1977. During her time with the district attorney's office, she has played an integral role in the office's efforts to safeguard the communities of Norfolk County and its pursuit of justice.

Upon starting her service, Mrs. Craven immediately became a crucial member of the District Attorney's new Career Criminal Program. In her role as an administrator, Mrs. Craven helped develop and execute the program's mission to prosecute violent repeat offenders. At home in Halifax, she raised three incredible children, Kelley, Jessica, and Stephen, with her loving husband Clarence "Rusty."

During her 42 years serving the people of Norfolk County, Mrs. Craven has worked for four different District Attorneys and has remained committed to ensuring the safety of the district's communities.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Mrs. Sheila Craven as she prepares for her well-deserved retirement. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing her hard work and dedication as she celebrates her retirement.

CASEY PFENNING

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 1, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Casey Pfenning for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

The Youth Award focuses on teenagers who have overcome personal adversity and created positive changes in their lives and their community. The program provides businesses, the community and civic leaders an opportunity to support young people in their communities and recognize their accomplishments. Casey is the perfect recipient for this award because despite adversities and challenges, he has become an inspiration and role model for his peers.

The dedication and leadership demonstrated by Casey 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 Casey Pfenning for this well-deserved recognition. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

**BARBARA AND RON DUOTT NAMED
CITIZENS OF THE YEAR BY THE
LAKE ARROWHEAD COMMU-
NITIES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 1, 2019

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Barbara and Ron Duott for being named Citizens of the Year by the Lake Arrowhead Communities Chamber of Commerce.

Barbara and her husband Ron have been residents of the Lake Arrowhead area for many years, where they have gone out of their way to volunteer in the community and support local organizations. Barbara has worked with the Mountain Community Hospital on their Foundation Board, as well as served on the board for the Mountain Communities Scholarship Society. She is also a member of the Soroptimist International Rim of the World chapter and coordinated their Every Girl Counts program. Ron has been involved with the Rim of the World Historical Society for more than a decade, where he has served as president and treasurer. He has also been a member of the Rotary Club of Lake Arrowhead and the Boys and Girls Club of the Mountain Communities.

Barbara and Ron Duott are the epitome of citizenship and community involvement, and I sincerely thank them for their dedication and support of so many in our mountain communities. They are truly deserving of being named the Lake Arrowhead Communities Chamber of Commerce 2018 Citizens of the Year.

**CELEBRATING ROBERT MILTON'S
70 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE
JORDAN FIRE DEPARTMENT**

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 1, 2019

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Robert E. Milton's 70 years of active service with the Jordan Fire Department. Robert has dedicated his life to serving his country and community, and Central New York has benefitted tremendously from his efforts.

Robert Milton first gained service experience in the United States Navy, where he received fire training and was inspired to further protect his community. Upon leaving the Navy in 1950, he started with the Jordan Fire Department as an officer. Robert quickly became a leader within the department and reached the rank of fire chief in 1959.