

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### TRIBUTE TO LARA YERETSIAN— 28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

#### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2019*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Lara Yeretsian of Hollywood, California.

Before moving to the United States, Lara and her family experienced hardship during the civil war in Lebanon. Her parents, who were wholeheartedly devoted to giving Lara and her three sisters a good life and a loving home, established Sasoun Bakery, a renowned Armenian bakery in the Little Armenia area of Hollywood, and enrolled Lara and her siblings in the local Armenian school. Lara continued her education at Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles, and received her J.D. degree in 1997, followed by her LL.M. degree in International and Comparative Law from Georgetown University Law Center in 1998. She interned for Judge Bert Glennon of the Los Angeles County Superior Court in California, and for Judge Robert M. Takasugi of the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

A well-respected and successful criminal defense attorney, and fluent in English, Armenian and Arabic, Lara spent a decade working on various high-profile cases at the law firm of Geragos & Geragos. Later, she founded her own firm, Yeretsian Law, and continues to work as an uplifting and compassionate guide for her clients. Recognized as a Southern California Super Lawyer for 2019, Lara's professionalism and achievements have not gone unnoticed. In addition to her many accomplishments as an attorney, Ms. Yeretsian has authored numerous articles regarding issues that impact the criminal justice system.

In spite of her tremendously successful career, Lara never lost sight of her passion to give back, and her benevolence, leadership and advocacy are reflected in her philanthropic work in the community. Currently, she serves on the Board of Directors of the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry and the Los Angeles City College Foundation, and as co-chair of the Hollywood chapter of the Armenian National Committee of America. Ms. Yeretsian also serves as chairperson of the Police Permit Review Panel of the Los Angeles Police Commission.

Lara is married to Hratch Manelian, and they have two sons, David and Christopher.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Lara Yeretsian.

### HONORING THE FALLBROOK UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SERVING OUR MILITARY FAMILIES

#### HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2019*

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the students and faculty of Fallbrook Union Elementary School District.

Last month, my staff met with administrators from Fallbrook Union who brought dozens of letters and drawings from the students of Mary Fay Pendleton Elementary School. The students shared what they liked most about their school. Ashton said "I love PE, when we play tug-of-war" while Alina said she loves Mary Fay "because we have a great librarian and a big library." Taelin said that "at this school I like to help people that do not have a friend and help people in need."

Mary Fay serves military-connected students living on Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base. These students have parents who are serving their country on base or deployed abroad. Mary Fay creates a safe learning environment for its students and encourages them to dream and succeed.

These students are benefiting from a top-notch public education at an Impact Aid school. School districts across the country cross into land owned by the Federal Government, including military bases. These schools must operate with less local revenue because federal lands are exempt from local property taxes. It is our responsibility to ensure that schools like Mary Fay have the necessary resources to succeed by including sufficient funding for Impact Aid schools in the FY2020 budget. I was proud to join my colleagues in calling for the Appropriations Committee to support strong and continued funding for the Impact Aid Program.

I am honored to represent Mary Fay Pendleton Elementary School and I thank them for serving our military community. I especially want to thank the teachers of the entire Fallbrook Union Elementary School District for their heroic work and for encouraging their students to engage in the democratic process at a young age.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2019*

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on April 8, 2019 for Roll Call Vote 157, Roll Call 158, and Roll Call Vote 159. Had I been present, my vote would have been the following: Yea on Roll Call Vote 157, Yea on Roll Call 158, and Yea on Roll Call 159.

### SASHA BAILEY

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2019*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Sasha Bailey 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. Sasha 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 Sasha 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 Sasha Bailey for this well-deserved recognition. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

### IN HONOR OF NATIONAL FORMER POW RECOGNITION DAY AND THE JANESVILLE 99

#### HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2019*

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of National Former POW Recognition Day and the 77th anniversary of capture of U.S. soldiers on the Bataan Peninsula in the Philippines to the Imperial Japanese Army and the beginning of the Bataan Death March.

In November 1941, 99 soldiers from my hometown of Janesville, Wisconsin arrived on the Bataan Peninsula. These soldiers were known as the "Janesville 99" and composed Company A of the U.S. Army 192nd GHQ Light Tank Battalion. Less than three weeks after arriving to the Philippines, on December 8, 1941, Imperial Japan attacked.

For the next four months, out-gunned and under-supplied, sick and starving, these brave Wisconsinites fought the Battle of Bataan against a substantial Japanese invasion force. On April 9th, they were captured, tortured, and subjected to the Bataan Death March.

Only 35 of the original Janesville 99 returned after the War. This is a solemn reminder of the bravery and selfless sacrifices our service members make for our freedom. In downtown Janesville, there is memorial to

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honor the Janesville 99. We must never forget our local heroes.

When President Ronald Reagan created the permanent National Former Prisoners of War Recognition Day on April 9, he said: ". . . It is truly fitting that America observe April 9 in recognition of our former prisoners of war; that date is the 46th anniversary of the day in 1942 when U.S. forces holding out on the Bataan Peninsula in the Philippines were captured. Later, as prisoners of war, these gallant Americans were subjected to the infamous Bataan Death March and to other inhumane treatment that killed thousands of them before they could be liberated. In every conflict, brutality has invariably been meted out to American prisoners of war; on April 9 and every day, we must remember with solemn pride and gratitude that valor and tenacity have ever been our prisoners' response."

Today, we recognize those who the fought the impossible and endured the unimaginable for freedom from tyranny and oppression. I thank all our POWs for their sacrifice. May the Janesville 99 rest in peace.

**TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL LAWRENCE M. DOANE**

**HON. PAUL COOK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2019*

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence "Larry" M. Doane for his distinguished service to the Nation, especially while assigned to the National Capitol Region.

Larry served in my office as a Defense Fellow from January 2016 to December 2016. He worked diligently throughout his tenure, assisting in the 2016 National Defense Authorization Act process to ensure the continuation of our national defense. Larry built enduring relationships, making him an asset in representing the people of California's Eighth Congressional District. In addition to working Defense policy, Larry became an expert on Veterans policies. In that capacity Larry demonstrated genuine care for every person he interacted with and he attacked every assignment to achieve swift resolutions.

As a Legislative Liaison in the National Guard Bureau Office of Legislative Liaisons from January 2017 to April 2019, Larry served as the lead liaison during a high-profile decision regarding stationing of four Army National Guard Apache battalions. This issue contained massive implications for Army Guard units, their states, and their Congressional representatives. Through direct engagements with senior Army leaders, the Chairmen of the Armed Services Committees, Professional Staff, and individual Member offices, Larry distilled the varied and complex stakeholder positions into clear, actionable courses of action for decision-makers to consider. This was among the most poignant displays of Larry's ability to bridge communication between the Department of Defense and Congress on a complicated issue. Larry operated with ease in a high-visibility, stressful environment.

As Lieutenant Colonel Doane's time in this assignment ends, he will continue his path as a Citizen-Soldier and assume command of 1st Squadron, 172nd Cavalry Regiment of the

Vermont National Guard's 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Mountain). Larry is supported in his military career by his wife, Melissa, and their four children. Please join me in congratulating Lieutenant Colonel Doane on his selection as a Battalion Commander and in expressing our gratitude for his and his family's service to the Nation.

**TRIBUTE TO LYNN ALVAREZ—28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR**

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Ms. Alvarez has a long and distinguished career as a philanthropist, non-profit administrator, law professor, and legal activist. She has helped both public and private institutions advance and govern their own respective initiatives, helping them to prosper with her unique expertise.

After Lynn earned a Juris Doctorate at the University of California, Berkeley, she headed off to New York City to join the litigation department of a major law firm, but soon realized her passion was more aligned with public interest law. She worked tirelessly as the legal director of a community-based organization representing Central American refugees, and subsequently worked on the national level in major class-action lawsuits representing the rights of immigrants. As a professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, Ms. Alvarez taught courses on professional ethics and immigration law.

Having served as a Board Member of non-profit organizations including Human Rights Watch, Para Los Niños, the Central American Refugee Center, and the Los Angeles Education Partnership, Lynn is known for her consistent advocacy of human rights and dignity for all people. Lynn was appointed to the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners by former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and re-appointed as President of the Commission by Mayor Eric Garcetti in 2013. The Commission's jurisdiction includes oversight and management of all park and recreation sites, annexation of public land for recreational reasons, and implementation of legal contracts and obligations.

Lynn and her husband, Steve Nissan along with their three wonderful sons enjoy the outdoor splendor of the City of Los Angeles parks; most particularly her "backyard park," Griffith Park.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Lynn Alvarez.

RYAN DANIEL

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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

**RECOGNIZING INSTRUCTORS AT HENDERSON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

**HON. JAMES COMER**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2019*

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ashley Bailey, Lori Fulkerson, Jessica Sheffer, Dana Alves, and Amy Legate—instructors at Henderson County High School who are receiving the National Excellence in Action Award from the Department of Education and Advance CTE. These awards are given to competitive schools with impressive career and technical education programs that provide students hands-on experiences and exposure to local industry in the career fields they are interested in pursuing.

Established over 35 years ago, Henderson County High School's outstanding Health Science program has grown tremendously and is now one of the largest CTE programs in Kentucky. Students choose from focus areas including allied health, pre-nursing, or medical administrative assisting to gain knowledge and training specific to their future careers.

All seniors enrolled in the program select a local health care facility partner to participate in work-based learning. Upon completion of the program, students can earn up to 12 college credits and five industry-recognized credentials. Henderson County High School partners closely with the local Henderson Community College to prepare students for postsecondary education by teaching relevant topics and skill sets.

I am thankful for Ashley Bailey, Lori Fulkerson, Jessica Sheffer, Dana Alves, and Amy Legate's leadership and devotion to educating young minds in Kentucky's 1st District.