

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING AMARA MARTIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DRESS FOR SUCCESS DENVER

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 22, 2019

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor I recognize the accomplishments of Amara Martin, whom The Chamber of Northwest Douglas County is honoring as a “Woman Who Soars.”

Ms. Martin is the Executive Director of Dress for Success Denver, an organization that aims to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire, and the development tools to thrive in work and in life. Poverty often affects women the most, and its effects on them and their families can be long-lasting. One hundred percent of Dress for Success clients lived under the poverty level before coming to them.

Under Ms. Martin’s guidance, Dress for Success has grown beyond addressing women’s needs and recognizing the significant role women play in economic development. They not only improve the quality of life for not only that woman, but also her family, future generations, and her community.

In 2017, 85 percent of the graduates of their Going Places Network program secured employment. Their other programs provide employed clients with support, information, and inspiration to move forward with their career development, and over 600 women utilized the Career Center program that offers one-on-one meetings with executive coaches.

Both a leader and an asset to her organization and to the community, she truly is deserving of such an honor. I congratulate Ms. Martin for receiving the recognition as a “Woman Who Soars.”

HONORING MARILEE K. SCAFF

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Marilee K. Scuff, who passed away on March 8th, 2019 at the age of 103. Ms. Scuff was an active member of the Claremont community for nearly 70 years and her passion for public service, education, and the outdoors will leave a positive impact for years to come.

Marilee Scuff was born in San Marcos, Texas, on November 27th, 1915. As her father worked on the Southern Pacific Railroad, her family lived in several communities across the southwest, instilling in her an early love of nature. She eventually settled in Austin for college on a Girl Scouts scholarship, setting her sights on a sociology degree, and later grad-

uate degrees in American history and educational psychology. Dr. Scuff’s passion for learning and education would play an ongoing role in her life, as she taught at El Roble Intermediate School in my district, held faculty positions at the University of Iowa and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, acted as First Chair of the Clinebell Counseling Center at Claremont School of Theology, and served twice on the Claremont Board of Education. Dr. Scuff also travelled broadly, serving as a missionary in the Philippines with her husband, Alvin, beginning in 1940. She returned to teach there 40 years later, after living in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, for several years in the interim.

The Scuffs lived in Claremont periodically beginning in the 1960s. Ms. Scuff was an active member of the Claremont United Church of Christ, where she established the nursery school, the Claremont and Los Angeles Leagues of Women Voters, and a founding member of the United Nations Association. She was closely involved with the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden through the end of her life, where she gave tours and taught school children about local wildlife. It was this same enthusiasm that she brought to community efforts to save the Thompson Creek Spreading Grounds in Claremont, as well as other sustainability measures, making her the city’s resident expert on water issues. When a ballot measure to allow Claremont to acquire their own water system was placed on the ballot in 2014, Dr. Scuff, who was 99 years old at the time, was chosen to lead the campaign effort, bringing that measure to victory by a 71 percent margin.

Marilee Scuff was an integral member of the Claremont community for more than half a century, and because of tireless dedication to service and working towards a better community for all of us, I was honored to recognize her as our 2015 Woman of Distinction for the City of Claremont. She will be missed by her three children, five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and the entire community she loved so dearly, but her legacy will be felt for years to come.

SUSAN HICKS, CEO OF SKY RIDGE MEDICAL CENTER

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the accomplishments of Ms. Susan Hicks, MN, RN, who will be honored by the Chamber of Northwest Douglas County as a “Woman Who Soars.”

Ms. Hicks has been an integral member of the Sky Ridge Medical Center in Lone Tree, serving as a part of their Executive Team since its opening in 2003. Her experience as a nurse for over 30 years brought fresh perspectives to the Sky Ridge team that were in-

strumental in transforming Sky Ridge into a destination facility for care. Due to her hard work and dedication, she was promoted from her role of Chief Operating Officer to Chief Executive Officer in August of 2014.

She currently serves as a board member of both the Denver South Economic Development Partnership and the Colorado Hospital Association. She is a past board member of the HCA Hope Fund and First Commercial Bank as well as a graduate of Leadership Douglas County.

Through her leadership positions, Susan has had an incredibly positive impact on the community. Her success in the corporate health care field has inspired many other women in the Chamber and Economic Development circles in the community.

A major contributor and inspiration to the community, I can think of only a few others deserving of this honor, and I congratulate Ms. Hicks for receiving the recognition as a “Woman Who Soars.”

TRIBUTE TO BOY SCOUT TROOP 501

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 22, 2019

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Boy Scout Troop 501 of La Cañada Flintridge upon its 100th anniversary.

Established on June 4, 1919, and the first troop charted in La Cañada, Boy Scout Troop 501 has fostered thousands of future leaders, with 56 members currently registered. Each scout works independently toward rank advancement and can earn up to 135 merit badges as he completes opportunities in growth, leadership, and education. Since its inception, Troop 501 has received generous sponsorship from La Cañada Congregational Church, the troop’s sole sponsor.

Through its heritage, dedicated parental support, and sustainable troop size, Troop 501 has been able to continuously offer a myriad of outings and events, such as Winter Survival, where scouts build a shelter out of snow, and the ever-popular rock-climbing trip in Joshua National Park that includes a Dutch oven cook-off. Scouts learn about and participate in activities like hiking, kayaking, and camping, as well as develop leadership skills by serving as Patrol Leaders, Scribes, and Quartermasters.

To further the troop’s community engagement, scouts have also accumulated service hours by helping various members of the community on an array of projects throughout the years. These projects include trail clearing in the Angeles National Forest, fence restoration at Mount Wilson, rebuilding stairways at La Cañada Congregational Church, and various service projects for La Cañada Flintridge schools. By partaking in these and a myriad of other scout projects, and with the troop’s dedication to fostering scouts’ leadership skills,

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Troop 501 has produced many Eagle Scouts over the last century.

For one hundred years, Boy Scout Troop 501 has been instilling the ever-important values of good conduct, respect for others, and teamwork in all members of the troop. Those who are fortunate enough to be a part of Troop 501 can attest that this incredible organization builds lifelong friendships, fosters an appreciation of the natural world, and provides quality leadership skills.

It is my pleasure to honor Boy Scout Troop 501 for one hundred years of dedication to community engagement, service, and leadership. I ask all members to join me in commending their efforts.

HONORING GRACIE PARRISH,
FOUNDER OF THE SHELTER
FOUNDATION

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 22, 2019

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the achievements of Mrs. Gracie Parrish, who is being honored by The Chamber of Northwest Douglas County as a “Woman Who Soars.”

On December 31, 2017, Gracie was startled awake by ‘The Knock,’ the nightmare of every law enforcement family member. Deputies proceeded to tell her that 29-year-old Deputy Zack Parrish, her husband of 8½ years and father to their 4-year-old Caroline and 18-month-old Everly, had been killed in the line of duty.

Upon reflecting on her journey as a police officer’s wife, she recognized the need for

brotherhood and sisterhood among those who are directly affiliated with the law enforcement community. This led her to start The Shelter Foundation, a non-profit organization to guide and assist the families of law enforcement officers through the trials often associated with a law enforcement career.

The foundation provides education to officers and their families, a protected and positive forum for social support, and a place for officers and their families to foster friendships and find community through like-minded social events and consistent connection. They firmly believe the best time to build a firm foundation is before tragedy strikes; however, if tragedy becomes reality, they will stand with those families.

Described as a pillar of strength for inspiring others with her courage, poise and perseverance, there are few others deserving of such an honor. I congratulate Mrs. Parrish for receiving recognition as a “Woman Who Soars.”