

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF STEPHEN P. MARKO, PAST GRAND KNIGHT OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 302

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Stephen P. Marko, who will be honored by the Knights of Columbus Council 302 during their 121st Anniversary celebration on Saturday, January 26, 2019. Stephen is the immediate past Grand Knight of Wilkes-Barre Council 302.

Stephen was born on February 25, 1971 to the late Stephen J. Marko and the former Joanne Dezinski. He is a graduate of James M. Coughlin High School Class of 1989. He continued his education at Luzerne County Community College, where he studied Electronics and Laser Electro Optics Technology. Stephen is a veteran of the United States Army Reserve and was deployed with the 365th Engineering Company C during Operation Desert Storm in 1991. He is currently employed at Tobyhanna Army Depot as an Electronics Mechanic.

Stephen joined Knights of Columbus Council 302 in 2012. He served as Warden and Deputy Grand Knight of the Council and was elected to the role of Grand Knight in 2016. Following his two-year tenure as Grand Knight, he now serves as the treasurer for the council. He is also a member and Pilot of the Bishop Hafey 4th Degree Assembly.

Stephen married the former Jacqueline Cromack of Wilkes-Barre on November 25, 2000. They are active members of Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church in Hanover Township. They are step-parent and parent, respectively, to four children: Abigail, Alison, Kerry Anne, and Richard.

It is an honor to celebrate Stephen as he is recognized as Past Grand Knight. May he continue to serve the Knights of Columbus and his community with commitment and dedication.

HONORING THE LONGVIEW HIGH SCHOOL LOBOS, 2018 CLASS 6A DIVISION II TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, it may have taken eighty-one years, but the doggedness and passion that fueled the city of Longview, Texas, to harness the great oil boom and a state championship title in 1937 has once again proven undaunted—resulting in the Longview High School Lobos capturing the top rung in Texas high school athletics to

become the 2018 Class 6A Division II Texas State High School Football Champions.

As the Lobos' fight song attests, the team was determined to "circle in and hit them hard" when facing the tangle with the Beaumont West Brook Bruins, culminating in a thrilling 35–34 victory for the Wolf Pack in front of a spectacular throng numbering more than 48,000 strong, a big majority of which were apparently loyal Lobos fans.

The down-to-the-wire fight was the culmination of a perfect 16–0 season for the Lobos, and was even more gratifying since the Lobos had faced West Brook in the playoffs for three straight years. This was the first opportunity, however, for the two teams to grapple for the state trophy.

This represented the first top tier title opportunity for the Lobos after decades of near misses and close calls, providing passionate fans a long season to bask in the momentum and a history making trip to capture state wide bragging rights.

Though the Lobos were down at halftime 28 to 20, they certainly were not out because of their heart, their talent, their coaching and their community support. This was a Longview team that simply refused to stay down, and refused to lose.

And the Lobos earned those bragging rights in spectacular fashion, coming from behind in the closing minutes of the fourth quarter to secure a fantastic win. Trailing Beaumont West Brook 34–29 with 8:17 left in the 4th quarter, Quarterback Haynes King's outstanding passing pushed the Lobos offense to West Brook's red zone. Stalwart running back Jessie Anderson then punched through to the end zone, giving the Lobos a 35–34 lead with 4:42 left in the game. The Lobos were ahead by one, but played the odds and went for two points in case West Brook tried a field goal. Though the extra two-point conversion was unsuccessful, the two were unneeded because of the way the Lobo defense, yet again, rose to the occasion and crushed the Bruins' comeback attempt along with their hopes for victory.

No question Beaumont West Brook deserved to be in the State Championship, had an absolutely fabulous team, and played a stellar game. But the Longview Lobos proved they had everything a fan could want in an unbeatable football team. They made Longview, Gregg County, and all East Texas swell with pride.

The game's Offensive Most Valuable Player was Lobo quarterback Haynes King who was 16-of-27 for 423 passing yards. He connected on two touchdown passes and rushed for a touchdown as part of his 65 rushing yards.

Kamden Perry secured a Class 6A state championship game record of 8 catches for 218 yards including a 77-yard touchdown catch. Perry's amazing reception record was joined by Kaden Kearbey's great catches that added another 87 yards, which included a touchdown on a 40-yard catch.

Kyas Moore, who also has another year to play with the Lobos, caught a breathtaking pass that took Longview 54 yards down the field on their 4th quarter go-ahead drive.

Though Jessie Anderson's total rushing yards was not his high this year, he showed once again how incredibly valuable he is to this championship team. His two touchdowns on two punishing runs showed him to be a weapon that is anything but secret. In fact, his second touchdown was the final and go-ahead score of the game.

The Lobo defense showed the huge crowd at Cowboy Stadium in Arlington that both sides of the ball deserved to be State Champs. Tyshawn Taylor made 11 brutal tackles, including pairing with a crashing hit by Ja'vontae Writt, creating a final Bruin drive-stop because of its recovery by Micheal Martin with 1:02 left in the game.

The Defensive Most Valuable Player was Jephaniah Lister with a team-high 12 tackles. Yet another defensive standout was Isiah Rodgers who had 10 tackles and one broken up pass. Of course the play of Robert Pierce and Jaylon Allen have to be mentioned as they both participated in an important sack.

As many college and pro teams have learned, a team must have a good kicker to be of championship caliber which is exactly what the Lobos have in J.K. Martin, who kicked a fourth quarter 28-yard field goal, and four times prevented any runback at all with touchbacks in the end zone. He also showed college quality in averaging 44 yards on his two punts.

Proving who had the better offense not only with the score, Longview had 569 yards of total offense compared to 493 by West Brook.

After the Lobo go-ahead score in the 4th quarter, West Brook Bruins took the Lobo kick off and began their drive to try to retake the lead. But that is when the crushing blow created the fumble Martin recovered. Even then the game was not on ice until a first down was made by a long run by Keilyn Williams to create a first and goal with only 2:08 to play, but Longview showed its grace in victory by taking a knee until the clock ran out and the Lobos' stellar win was secure.

It is an esteemed honor to pay tribute to the members of the 2018 state championship Longview Lobos team: Otarvio Buchanan, Jephaniah Lister, Kybrien Jackson-Jamerson, Ja'vontae Writt, Ty'monyahe Abney, Jessie Anderson, Cedric Hopkins, Dylan Davis, Jacob Johnson, Daquavion Randall, Jy'christon Baxter, Haynes King, Marqualon Haynes, Kamden Perry, Jayden Williams, Jacoby Jackson, Jordan Malone, Spiro Mijalis, Da'kiemion Mumfrey, Datravious Nelson, Micheal Martin, Markevion Haynes, J.K. Martin, Tyree Hale, Kameron Sublett, Keith Halton, Dalton Serrato, Kaden Kearbey, Jacobie Bowman, Keilyn Williams, Patrick Webb, Cameron Wilson, Jakobe Ross, Isiah Rodgers, Jaharious Jones, Jamien Horne, Dezmond Armstrong, Reginald Hutchins, De'leon Jones, Tainique Taylor, Aisaiah Taylor, Charlie Templeton, Shannon Jackson, Kevin Jones, Robert Vinson, Tyshawn Taylor, De'cameron Thomas, Kaden Meredith, Jacorey Valentine, Lavayvian Godlock, Davyon Mitchell, Laqualon Hale, Asiyas Hall, Alex Zulueta, Hunter Jones, Coy Sanders,

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The Lobos are a perfect representation of what can be accomplished when a team possesses both perseverance and discipline, combined with motivation, guidance, and resolve from an experienced and proficient coaching staff. Among those individuals committed to "Making A Difference: One Student At A Time" are: Superintendent Dr. James Wilcox; Assistant Superintendent Secondary Education James Brewer, Athletic Director/Head Football Coach John King; Assistant Athletic Director Johnny Hamilton; Football Staff consisting of Oscar Wilson, Chris Vallery, Jon Witt, C.J. Lottinger, David Ashley, Casey Pearce, Randy Huffstickler, Scott Hartt, Chris Lashley, Brandon Bonds, Trevor Murphy, Brad Faulkner, Tracy Carpenter, Jalen Claiborne, Robert Hanna, Cade Carnett; Athletic Trainers Deirdre Scotter, Jessica Hill, Kristin Croley; as well as Band Director Tommy Moore, Viewette Director Deborah McGowan, and Cheerleader Sponsor Heather Gee.

It is with great pride that I join with the citizens of Longview, as well as the entire First District of Texas, in congratulating the Longview Lobos on their State Football Championship. This is an outstanding accomplishment, and may God continue to bless these young people, along with their families, friends and neighbors in Longview.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
RANDY GHAN

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of my longtime friend Mr. Randy Ghan, who passed away on December 7, 2018 at the age of 67. Randy will be remembered as a dedicated and committed labor leader and advocate for worker rights in the Central Valley. Randy worked tirelessly to ratify the Central Labor Council, creating one of the strongest labor councils in California.

He dedicated his life to the labor movement and is known as a labor icon.

Randy was born on November 5, 1951 in Fresno, California to Irene Kuns and Melvin Ghan. He attended Humboldt State University. Randy's labor career began when he joined the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers Union and Local 85 (Bakers 85) at the Perfection Macaroni factory in Fresno. Randy was elected as the first shop steward in the history of the factory when he was just 20 years old. His efficiency and passion to succeed earned him a position on the union bargaining team. While on the bargaining team, Randy showed strong work ethic and was offered a job with the union and joined the executive board of the Central Labor Council (CLC).

After being on the executive board of the CLC for 15 years, Randy ran for Secretary-Treasurer (CEO) and won with the support from his allies in UFCW 1288 and SEIU 752. Randy took on the position when the CLC was struggling financially and he successfully revamped the organization. Randy got CLC out of debt by affiliating dozens of new unions and brokering deals to save money and build political capacity. Today, the CLC stands as one of the best funded labor councils in California.

One of Randy's proudest accomplishments was the creation of the CLC Partnership, which provides employment readiness services to workers across Fresno. The joint efforts of CLC, Propath and Regenerate California Innovation has assisted numerous people in finding gainful employment. In an act of kindness and true leadership, Randy gave his salary for the hours worked in the partnership to hire additional staff at the CLC.

In appreciation of his years of hard work, Randy was recognized as Labor Leader of the Year by the CLC in 1992 and 2017. He was the only labor leader to ever receive this honor twice.

Randy was preceded in death by his loving partner Sharon Hodson. He leaves behind his sister Judy, daughters Maria and Tracey, numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and many friends.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and achievements of my friend Randy Ghan. Randy leaves a legacy of advocacy and selflessness to improve the lives of so many in the Valley. He will be missed dearly by those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. JOHNNIE LEE
BROWN COLLIER

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated woman of God, great wife, steadfast mother, and friend of longstanding, Mrs. Johnnie Lee Brown Collier. Sadly, Mrs. Collier passed away on December 27, 2018. Her funeral service was held on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 11 a.m. at the Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia.

Mrs. Johnnie Lee Brown Collier was born on October 22, 1926, in Columbus, Georgia to the union of Cleola Daniel Brown and John Brown, Sr. She gave her life to Christ and was

baptized at an early age at Rosehill Memorial Baptist Church. From that time on, God continued to be the center of her life until her passing. She served as the Sunday School Superintendent and Church Clerk at Rosehill before moving her membership to the Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church in 1957. Her first pastor at Fourth Street was the late Reverend Henry Harris. Mrs. Collier paved the way for others as she was the first Church Secretary at Fourth Street. She was a natural and gifted leader as she served in a variety of leadership positions at Fourth Street to include the Deacon's Wives (she served as Chairperson for two terms), PICCM Community Leader in Zebulon Community, Women's Day Speaker, 1961, Chairperson of Program and Pastoral Relations Committee, and was the Roast and Toast Honoree in 1996.

Mrs. Collier was the epitome of a great wife and mother. She married the late Deacon Samuel Lee Collier on April 26, 1950. God blessed this union for 34 years until Deacon Collier's untimely death on May 27, 1984. Six children were born to this union to include two sets of twins: Bernice Collier Collins, Bernard Collier (deceased), Agnes Collier Averett, Samuel Lee Collier, Jr., Michelle Collier McClain, and Michael Collier. Fred Rogers once said that, "It's not so much what you have in life that matters, it's what we do with what we have." Mrs. Collier did a lot for others with what she had. In addition to her own children, she served as a mother figure to her siblings and countless others she found in need of guidance and a helping hand.

Former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm once said that, "Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." Mrs. Collier paid her rent and she paid it well. She served in a variety of community organizations to include: Electric City Chapter 482 of the Order of the Eastern Stars (Worthy Matron), Spencer High Alumni (Class of 1943), Muscogee County Board of Elections (Voting Precinct Manager); and she traveled to various state conventions to further her knowledge of the voting process. She was also an entrepreneur and a photographer. Her professional career took her to the Medical Center, the Area Mental Health Clinic, and the Enrichment Services Program. Her benevolence extended throughout the community and she often used her influence and networking to help others to find gainful employment.

Madam Speaker, my wife Vivian and I, along with the more than 730,000 constituents of the Second Congressional District of Georgia, salute and honor the life of Mrs. Johnnie Lee Brown Collier. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join us in extending our deepest condolences to Mrs. Collier's family during this time of bereavement. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes due to a funeral. Had I been present for roll call vote number