

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE PERMIAN BASIN HONOR FLIGHT

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 87 Veterans from West Texas who will be visiting Washington, D.C. this week, sponsored by the Permian Basin Honor Flight. On behalf of a grateful state and nation, we welcome these heroes to the nation's capital.

The Veterans on this Honor Flight are: Benjamin Acosta, Clinton Adams, Lawrence Adams, George Alexander, Wanliss Armstrong, Edward Atwood, James Basse, Robert Bennett, Thomas Bright, Sidney Bryan, Michael Chaney, Clarence Chapman, Mary Cheek, Richard Cotte, Troy Crosby, William Decker, Jr., David Dilbeck, Truett Eaton, Raymond Flores, Paul Flynn, Jr., Richard Galloway, Jackie Green, Larry Griffith, Gilberto Guzman, Stephen Harrison, John Hufford, Donald Hunt, Daniel Jacques, Enrique Jaramillo, Jr., Raymond Jenkins, Darrell Johnson, Melvin Johnson, Henry Kalawe, Jr., Stanley Klett, Arthur Laengrich, Larry Laengrich, Robert Lathrop, Horace Lloyd, Daryl Locker, Guadalupe Madrid, Alonzo Martinez, Haskell Mayo, Jr., Mickey McCown, Curtis McFarland, Jr., James McKinzie, Jr., Earl Moize, Thomas Molder III, Travis Monday, Eugene Morgan, Stanley Mulsow, Curtis Nicholson, Warren Oakley, Joe Padilla, Lupe Padilla, Solon Page, Armando Perales, Marion Pride, Johnnyc Proctor, David Reeves, Lloyd Ritchey, Donald Rogers, Doyle Schwartz, Robert Schoff, Jr., Don Seales, Wesley Seales, Tommy Seward, Joan Shannon, Joseph Smith III, Robert Sorem, Perry Stevens, Marion Stone, Bobby Stringer, Alfonso Telck, Bobby Trammell, Edward Twood, Gumeccindo Urias, Antonio Urias, Santiago Urias, Jr., Steve Wagner, Alvin Wankowski, Douglas Wankowski, Kenneth Warrington, Gary Watkins, Ben Webb, Danny Whitaker, Kenneth Winford, and Tony Yzaguirre.

Madam Speaker, I am humbled to have the opportunity to meet these brave men and women who exemplify the best of our country. Their sacrifice and commitment to duty to our nation can never be fully repaid, and I hope that they will be able to reflect on the gratitude and respect that Americans have for them as they visit our nation's monuments in Washington, D.C., the gratitude and respect we have for them will truly be reflected.

Colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and their families for their exemplary dedication and service to this great nation. I would also like to extend a special thank you to the local communities, all of the volunteers, and Mr. John West and Mrs. Teresa Galloway for their extensive work in organizing this Honor Flight. This trip would not have been possible without all the financial and emotional support of the people who have

put in so much hard work and personal time to make sure this trip could be possible.

REMEMBERING LAURENCE M. BLOCH

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember an important mentor, advisor and my quasi-brother/father, Laurence M. Bloch, whom the world knew as "Larry."

Larry, a Memphis native and longtime real estate investor and contributor to humanitarian causes, passed away on February 23 in Santa Monica, California, at the age of 87. A font of sage advice, Larry was constantly there for me and for many others who loved him for the caring individual he was. After graduating from Christian Brothers High School in 1949, Larry went to the University of Michigan, serving as a cheerleader for the Wolverines and traveling by train with the team to the 1951 Rose Bowl in which Michigan beat the California Golden Bears 14 to 6.

Larry graduated with a degree in economics in 1953 then served two years in the U.S. Army before returning to Memphis and the real estate investment business. He remained an avid Michigan fan his whole life and used to tape every game. Known for his disheveled salt-and-pepper hair and socks-less and tie-less style, and for riding his bicycle like Albert Einstein, he also drove around town in a Lincoln Continental with coach doors. He celebrated healthy eating habits as a prophet of whole grains and fiber.

An investor with a keen eye for good deals in Memphis' downtown, he had the good sense to own the property kitty-corner from The Peabody on Union Avenue that was torn down to create AutoZone Park. A patron of the arts, he also supported the Memphis Crisis Center, Meals on Wheels and the Church Health Center among his charitable causes. As a cat lover, another of his charitable causes was The House of Mews, where he was for a while the top cat. A charming story teller, he provided useful advice and helped many people solve their problems.

I was fortunate to have had him as a good friend and will miss him greatly. I want to extend my condolences to his daughter Cheryl and to his grandsons Nick and Alex. Larry Bloch led an exemplary life.

HONORING ROBERT H. TWISS, PH.D.

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 85th birthday of Dr.

Robert H. Twiss and a lifetime of work promoting and progressing environmental stewardship in Marin County and the entire Bay Area.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, Dr. Twiss and his family moved to Washington, then Oregon, and finally settled in San Jose, California, when Dr. Twiss was in the second grade. After attending Willow Glen High School, Dr. Twiss graduated from San Jose State University in 1955, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Conservation. During this period, he proudly played the banjo for a band in San Francisco. He then honorably served in the Michigan Air National Guard and the United States Air Force as a tactical fighter pilot. He later earned both his Master's and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, School of Natural Resources.

After completing his education, Dr. Twiss opened his own consulting company, which is still active today. In this capacity, he has consulted on projects for California's Attorney General, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the California Department of Water Resources, and many other important agencies and environmental organizations.

Dr. Twiss was Professor of Environmental Planning at The University of California, Berkeley from 1968 to 1994. In this role, Dr. Twiss taught new generations of environmentalists all aspects of the work including planning, research, and consulting. He was also involved in graduate-level instruction on ecological planning and environmental law and served in a variety of leadership roles including as Chair of the Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning, and Chair of the Faculty of the College of Environmental Design. He also directed the Ph.D. program in Environmental Planning.

Among his many contributions to research on environmental planning, Dr. Twiss was Faculty Principal Investigator for the Research Program in Environmental Planning and Geographic Systems at the University of California, which developed tools and programs to allow open access to geographic information on land use, natural resources, and became the world's first web-based geographic information system in 1993. Dr. Twiss, always wanting to share his knowledge and information with others, received the patent for his system and put it in the public domain for others to use and benefit from.

Dr. Twiss enjoys spending time with his loving wife and partner Amy Skewes-Cox and their son Carson, along with his children Gregory and Gail from a previous marriage. He loves spending his time outside in nature hiking, sailing, and flying his own small plane. He is also known as an avid banjo and ukulele player, much to the delight of his friends and family.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Twiss's leadership and vision has helped make remarkable strides towards maintaining and growing environmentally sustainable practices that will benefit the region and all who work to improve the environment for generations to come. Therefore,

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please join me in recognizing Dr. Robert H. Twiss on the occasion of his 85th birthday.

HONORING PETE RICHMOND

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Pete Richmond as the Napa Valley Grower of the Year for 2019.

Mr. Richmond's career in agriculture began in 1986 after earning a degree in Agricultural Business from California State University, Fresno. He started working for Bien Nacido Vineyards, gaining valuable experience as a vintner. Mr. Richmond went on to work for other prestigious wineries. In 1992 he was at Stag's Leap Winery; he worked at Atlas Peak Winery from 1993 to 1995; from 1995 to 2001 he was at Kendall Jackson. After spending 15 years at various wineries, Mr. Richmond founded the Silverado Farming Company, a vineyard management and client communications company. Wineries contract Silverado Farming Company to tend, field, and harvest grapes in Napa County. The company oversees vineyard management for over 600 acres of Cabernet grapes.

Mr. Richmond's passion for agriculture is not confined to the vineyard. He is involved in our community through his philanthropic efforts and the Boards on which he sits. In 2006, Mr. Richmond established the One Percent for the Community Fund, a foundation that receives one percent of gross revenue profits made by the Silverado Farming Company. The foundation uses the money to support at-risk youth in our community and help find a solution for a variety of issues that impact farm workers. Mr. Richmond is on the Farmworker Foundation Board of Directors, a past member of the Napa Valley Grape grower's Board of Directors, and an Advisory Board Member for Teens Connect. He is active in the housing community as a member of Napa Valley Community Housing and Napa County Housing Commission. Mr. Richmond is also involved with Ag for Youth and is a former Babe Ruth Baseball League Coach.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Richmond is the community member we should all strive to be. He is a person of integrity, generous and caring, and well-deserving of the title Napa Valley 2019 Grower of the Year. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Pete Richmond here today.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF ROBERT HAROLD OGLE, A
FOUNDING MEMBER OF ALPHA
PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY INCOR-
PORATED

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of Representatives DANNY DAVIS, GREGORY MEEKS, DAVID SCOTT, EMANUEL CLEAVER, AL GREEN, STEVEN

HORSFORD and myself, to recognize and honor the life and legacy of Robert Harold Ogle—a founding member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated and a trailblazer in the United States Congress.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated was established on December 4, 1906 at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. The founding members of Alpha Phi Alpha are affectionately known as the Seven Jewels. These men were pioneers in their respective fields and their accomplishments were monumental considering the racial attitudes of our nation in 1906.

Jewel Henry Arthur Callis became a practicing physician and a Professor of Medicine at Howard University. He was also the only member of the "Cornell Seven" to become General President of the fraternity.

Jewel Charles Henry Chapman was a leader in higher education and became a Professor of Agriculture at what is now Florida A&M University.

Jewel Eugene Kinckle Jones became the first Executive Secretary of the National Urban League.

Jewel George Biddle Kelley was the first African American engineer registered in the state of New York.

Jewel Nathaniel Allison Murray pursued a career in education and taught in public schools in Washington, D.C.

Jewel Vertner Woodson Tandy was the first architect registered in New York and the first African American to pass the military commissioning exam, becoming a First Lieutenant in the 15th Infantry of the New York State National Guard.

As members of Alpha Phi Alpha gather on Capitol Hill this week for Alpha Days on the Hill, it is only fitting to recognize the life and legacy of Jewel Robert Harold Ogle, who was the first known African American to have served as a professional Senate committee staffer.

Jewel Ogle was born in Washington, D.C. in 1886. He was educated at the historic M Street School, one of the nation's first public high schools for African American youth. After graduating from the M Street School, Jewel Ogle studied at Cornell University where he earned a degree in agriculture with an emphasis on business administration.

Senate records show that Jewel Ogle was originally hired in 1919 as a "laborer" for the Senate Appropriations Committee, chaired by Senator Francis E. Warren of Wyoming. His title was changed to "messenger" for the committee in 1921, and he was finally named an "additional clerk" in 1930.

It is important that we honor Jewel Ogle, who a century ago, paved the way for African American congressional staffers today. He established and exemplified the ideals of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity in leadership, scholarship, and service. At his funeral service, Jewel Nathaniel Allison recognized Jewel Ogle for "his unabated enthusiasm and his fighting spirit." As members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity visit the United States Capitol this week for Alpha Days on the Hill with a commitment to "Advocacy and Action," Jewel Ogle's "fighting spirit" goes with them, as well as with each of the Members of Congress who are proud members of this fraternity.

Madam Speaker, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity has been at the forefront of advocacy for our communities and in uplifting the downtrodden for 113 years. The tremendous work and ac-

complishments of this fraternity and its members would not have been possible without the Seven Jewels. And here on Capitol Hill, the legacy of Jewel Robert Harold Ogle lives on today in each of the African American congressional staffers who serve behind the scenes of this august institution. I thank Jewel Ogle for being a true trailblazer for these remarkable men and women who followed in his footsteps.

IN RECOGNITION OF ELIZABETH
(BETSY) PAGE ALDRICH AND
HER 65 YEARS OF SERVICE TO
THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMER-
ICAN REVOLUTION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Betsy Aldrich and her 65 years of service to the Daughters of the American Revolution. I would like to personally thank her for her service and dedication to our nation.

Betsy was born in Richmond, Virginia and raised at Shelly in "Coke" Virginia, where she resides today. She attended Mary Washington College for two years and then headed to William and Mary, where she earned a degree in philosophy. Betsy went on to teach early elementary school in Alexandria, Virginia. Betsy married her husband Robert D. Aldrich in 1951 and had two children, John Page Aldrich and Dr. Lee Aldrich Rouse.

Betsy descends from John Page of Rosewell, the 13th Governor of Virginia and Thomas Nelson, Jr., a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Following in the footsteps of her heritage, Betsy has always been incredibly interested in Virginia history and is the only surviving charter member of the Augustine Warner Chapter of the DAR formed in 1953. I commend Betsy for her work with the DAR over the past 65 years and am grateful to have someone such as Betsy in our Virginia community.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in the recognition of Betsy Aldrich. The Commonwealth is fortunate to have someone with such dedication and commitment. May God bless Betsy Aldrich and I look forward to seeing her continued success for many years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on May 7, 2019 for Roll Call Vote 185 and Roll Call Vote 186. Had I been present, my vote would have been the following: Yea on Roll Call Vote 185, and Yea on Roll Call 186.