

IN RECOGNITION OF ROSEMARIE  
MYRDAL

**HON. KELLY ARMSTRONG**

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 21, 2019*

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding constituent and public servant, Rosemarie Myrdal.

Rosemarie's tremendous career and life is a testament to her strong spirit, hard work, and determination.

Rosemarie was born in Minot in 1929, graduated from Fargo Central High School, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from North Dakota Agricultural College. She married John Myrdal in 1952 and the couple began farming near Edinburg and raising five children.

Rosemarie's public service to the state began in 1984, when she was elected to the North Dakota House of Representatives. In 1992, Rosemarie was elected as the first Republican woman to serve as Lieutenant Governor in North Dakota history. She served alongside Governor Ed Schafer from 1992 to 2000.

Rosemarie continued her service to her community after her terms as Lieutenant Governor, staying active in the Edinburg School Board, the Icelandic Communities Association, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the North Dakota Diabetes Association, the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council, Preservation North Dakota, and Red River Resource Conservation and Development.

May 19 was Rosemarie's 90th birthday. On this special occasion, I send her warmest greetings on behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and blessings to her and her family.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 21, 2019*

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the centennial of the 19th amendment.

Such an achievement as women's suffrage, long overdue, was not the result of one grand swoop of action. It took a million little steps from women across the country. A million little steps from women who wore the sash or carried the torch in their own way, a million little steps from those who marched in the streets or stood up for their place in the direction of our country.

Let us follow their example today.

I am reminded of my mother. In 1933, at the age of 20, she wrote a charge for women. It was just over a decade after the 19th amendment. She wrote, and I quote:

"It is not my intention to be critical, rather my motive in writing this article is to encourage the female members of this organization to take a more active part in its affairs. We are not living in the middle ages when a woman's part in life was merely to serve her master in her home, but we have gradually taken our

place in every phase of human endeavor, and even in the here-to-fore stronghold of the male sex: politics.

"I have noticed that the girls, unlike the men, are timid in asserting themselves, and many a good idea is lost, having been suppressed by its creator. Come on girls, let's make ourselves heard."

It will take another million little steps to move this country forward in all the ways it must. On health care, on reproductive rights, on equal pay, on education, and more. So, come on girls, let us make ourselves heard.

COMMEMORATING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 21, 2019*

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the women's right to vote.

Madam Speaker I am the youngest of 12, raised by a single mother on a Social Security check. To say I understand the power of women would be an understatement.

That is why today, on the centennial anniversary, I rise to applaud and celebrate the passage of the 19th amendment which gave women in this country the right to vote.

Representing Seneca Falls, NY I understand all that generations of brave and intelligent women went through to bring us to the 100th anniversary of the women's right to vote.

The Seneca Falls Convention, right in New York 23, was the first women's rights convention in the United States.

Held in July 1848, the meeting launched the women's suffrage movement, which more than seven decades later ensured women the right to vote.

Despite scarce publicity, 300 people—mostly area residents—showed up. There this group of strong women demanded the right to vote sparking a 70-year push for this essential right.

But the fight is not over.

This is why I have been a strong advocate of the equal rights amendment. We are so close to ratification with just 1 more state needed to ratify.

So as I stand here with this yellow rose on my lapel signaling my support for women's right to vote, I want everyone to know this rose means much more to me.

It means my support of equal rights to women.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF  
MR. JOHN SUTTON

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 21, 2019*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to salute a veteran of the U.S. Army from Independence, Missouri, for his heroism and dedication to a life long career serving our country. As a young boy in Hutchinson, Kan-

sas, brave soldiers inspired Mr. Sutton to join the ranks of the millions of women and men serving in our military.

A man of unwavering grit and tenacity, Mr. Sutton was not discouraged when his application to join the Army and Navy Air Corps was denied due to his color-blindness. He was studying at the University of Kansas when he was drafted into the Army in 1944. After his conscription, Mr. Sutton attended West Point and received his Bachelor of Science in 1949 from the Army Engineering school. This wealth of knowledge eventually led Mr. Sutton and his wife Dana to travel internationally to Germany with the Army.

Using his engineering skills and personal fortitude, Mr. Sutton served the U.S. Army's Engineering and Transportation units in Germany. During his time there, Mr. Sutton worked with an all-black Engineering Battalion where he learned the meaning of service and brotherhood. To this day, Mr. Sutton cherishes the time he spent with that battalion. Years later, Mr. Sutton honored his time spent with the battalion by creating a course focusing on Black Men in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Sutton eventually returned to the U.S. and furthered his education by receiving a Master's in Business Administration with an emphasis in Transportation Management. Shortly thereafter, he once again served his country as a professor of mathematics at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point for three years.

Mr. Sutton took classes until he was once again sent to Korea in the 1st Cavalry Division. Being both an energetic scholar and dedicated service member, Mr. Sutton eventually returned to Virginia to work for the Pentagon. At the Pentagon, he was an assistant to a three-star general, a position which led him to travel all around the world. For instance, this occurred when the U.S. Army sent Mr. Sutton to Vietnam, where he oversaw a battalion of 3,000 troops and spent countless days and nights living under the fear of an attack.

Upon his return to the States, he became a Colonel and was sent to Pennsylvania for 3 more years. After teaching and serving in Germany and Fort Leavenworth, Mr. Sutton was ready to return home to care for his family and his elderly parents. As a retiree from the Army, Mr. Sutton began working at Park University first as the supervisor of their Military Extension Program and later as the Assistant Dean of the University.

A man who pursues his passions and goals, Mr. Sutton received his private pilot's license and eventually bought his own plane. To this day, he flies his plane at Fort Leavenworth. Today, Mr. Sutton's extensive military history is honored at Veterans Hall in the Truman Memorial Building.

In addition to his 35 years of active duty service, he has been married for 69 years of marriage with two children, his five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Though their travels have taken them all over the world, we are fortunate to have Mr. Sutton and his wife call Independence, Missouri, their home.

Madam Speaker, please join me and all of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in congratulating Mr. Sutton for his 35 years of active duty service and outstanding accomplishments. It is with great respect that I urge all my colleagues and fellow citizens across the

country to join me in showing our appreciation to Mr. Sutton for his unwavering strength and dedication to our country.

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**SUPPORTING H. RES. 354****HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 21, 2019*

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 354, which celebrates the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment passing this body. This centennial is a moment to celebrate the women who fought to make the right to vote a reality for all women and to honor their dedication to our nation. As we gather to reflect on this important cause, it is important to recognize that because of generations of women's commitment to our democracy, today I serve along with a record number of women in the United States Congress.

As a Member of Congress, I recognize that the right to vote is the most precious right of any American citizen. It is the collective responsibility of all today to preserve what generations of women before us fought to earn, and I am committed to continuing this great

legacy for the sake of this country and the future of our democracy.

Even with these historic moments, our work is far from over as women still struggle for the right to equal pay and the right to affordable health care. Today, let us reaffirm our commitment to removing barriers that prevent women in America and around the world from achieving their full potential.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution honoring the centennial of the House passage of the 19th Amendment. I yield back the balance of my time.

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**HONORING DENNIS PEDISICH****HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 21, 2019*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dennis Pedisich for his involvement with Community Health Initiative and his leadership in providing health insurance to residents of Napa County.

Mr. Pedisich has been active in our community since earning his Master in Business Administration from Santa Clara University. He sat on the Community Health Initiative Board of Directors for nine years. During his time on

the Board, he held many positions, including that of Vice President. Mr. Pedisich has selflessly given many hours of his time to Community Health Initiative, which has provided over 18,000 uninsured individuals with health insurance and access to care.

Mr. Pedisich has been active in our community in other positions as well. He has been the President of the Napa Valley College Foundation, the Justin-Siena High School Board of Trustees, and the Kiwanis Club of Napa Valley. He also sits on the Board of Trustees for the Queen of the Valley Medical Center. As the former President of Napa Community Bank and Vice President of Rabobank, Mr. Pedisich has shared his expertise of the finance community with the local non-profit sector and has helped many businesses thrive through his generosity with his time and knowledge.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Pedisich is an active member of our community who uses his expertise to assist others and help important local institutions, such as the Community Health Initiative, thrive. Community Health Initiative has been able to reach such a large number of Napa residents in no small part because of Mr. Pedisich. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Dennis Pedisich here today.