

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF
ALBERT JUDD

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Albert “Randy” Randolph Judd on his remarkable life.

Mr. Judd passed peacefully in his sleep on April 11, 2019 and is survived by his wife Patricia “Pat” Roan Judd of 46 years and his son Liam Judd. Known as a long-time leader in the great city of Birmingham, Randy served as a City Commissioner for 10 years and as Mayor in 1989. Mr. Judd also joyfully spent his time as a scuba instructor and underwater photographer who certified scuba students in local lakes. He remained deeply committed to philanthropic efforts related to the arts and media while supporting various charitable causes focused on those in need.

Mr. Judd’s remarkable life offers perspective on what makes communities and families thrive, a compassionate heart, quick wit, and an ability to show up when people need it most.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in reflecting on the remarkable life of Albert Randolph Judd and his many contributions to his community in Birmingham, Michigan.

INTRODUCTION OF THE REWARD
WORK ACT

HON. JESÚS G. “CHUY” GARCÍA

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support a bill I have introduced with Congressman KHANNA, the Reward Work Act.

Economic inequality has been spiraling for decades, and since the 1970s, corporate firms have increasingly relied on stock buybacks—juicing the price of their own stock in order to pay out huge sums to their executives and wealthy shareholders. These buybacks divert investment away from workers, long-term business growth, and research and development.

Since the tax overhaul in 2017, corporations have spent more than \$1 trillion on buybacks, while failing to deliver promised wage increases to workers. Wells Fargo was the single biggest beneficiary of the tax bill. Even as they have laid off workers and been exposed for numerous consumer protection scandals, they have bought back \$40 billion of their own stock.

Starbucks spent nearly \$6 billion on stock buybacks in 2018. If Starbucks reallocated money from share buybacks to compensation, every worker could get a \$7,000 raise. If Wal Mart ended its stock buybacks and spent \$10

billion on increasing wages instead, 1 million low-wage Wal Mart workers would enjoy an hourly wage increase of \$5.66.

Pharmaceutical giants are increasingly diverting money that could be spent on life-saving drugs into stock buybacks. In 2017 and 2018, shareholder payments by the 10 largest pharmaceutical companies increased by 75 percent to nearly \$115 billion. Shortly before the tax bill passed, Pfizer announced a \$10 billion buyback, then turned around and announced that they were ending research into Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s.

Firms like Wal Mart are so committed to paying out their wealthiest shareholders that they’ll even take on new debt to do it. Firms are increasingly doing share buybacks with risky leveraged loans, which have been identified by regulators as a growing threat to financial stability.

The Reward Work Act will give workers a voice in choosing how their company is run. Instead of enriching executives and shareholders, directors elected by workers can advocate for better wages. Wages in countries that require worker representation on corporate boards are 18-25 percent higher than wages in the United States.

I am grateful for the support of the AFL-CIO, Communication Workers of America, Americans for Financial Reform, and Take On Wall Street.

I urge this body to swiftly pass this bill and help curb the growth of runaway inequality.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Ms. FRANKEL. Madam Speaker, on roll call vote 355, I was not present because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present to cast the first vote during the first vote series on June 18, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call No. 323.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MARRIAGE OF NISHA CHOKSI AND HETAL PATEL

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nisha Choksi and Hetal Patel on their remarkable relationship and to wish them well on a lifetime of marriage.

Nisha and Hetal were wed in a beautiful ceremony on May 11, 2019 in Atlanta, Georgia. Surrounded by friends and family from across the globe, their three days of festivities symbolize their deep commitment to one another and their future life.

Their wedding symbolizes the beginning of a journey that will carry them through the joys and hardships of life. Their ability to work together professionally and grow only closer is another testament to the powerful bond they share.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Nisha Choksi and Hetal Patel for embarking on a new chapter in their lives and wishing them well on their journey together.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO
SABLAN**

OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on June 18, 2019, during the vote on Ms. Speier’s amendment to prevent the Department of Defense from spending funds to implement the ban on open transgender service in the U.S. military. Had I been present, I would have voted “Aye.”

HONORING WILLIAM L. NETTLE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and self-driven community servant, William L. Nettle.

William Nettle is a lifelong resident of Vicksburg, Mississippi. After graduating from Warren Central High School in 2004, he earned his bachelor’s degree in Mass Communications from Jackson State University. During his college tenure he worked at Factory Brand Shoes, where he learned the art of customer service.

William started his real estate career in 2010, after a short time spent working in the

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television industry. In August of 2016, William joined the Keller Williams family.

William Nettle is a member of the Bypass Church of Christ, where he serves as the Youth Coordinator, LIFE Group Leader, Bible School Teacher and Audio/Visual Coordinator.

He serves the community in numerous ways. William is on the Board of Directors for two nonprofit organizations: Warren County Habitat for Humanity and It's Time Media. He is a member of the Vicksburg Kiwanis Club, the Vicksburg Optimist Club, Vicksburg Young Professionals, and the Vicksburg/Warren County Chapter of the Jackson State University National Alumni Association. Mr. Nettle also frequently volunteers with United Way of West Central Mississippi by reading to 3rd graders as a part of the L.E.A.R.N. (Leaders Encouraging Advancements in Reading Now) Program. For fun, William likes watching sports, fishing, watching comedy and action movies and listening to good music. He also enjoys playing sports, especially bowling. He loves to sing and make people laugh.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing William L. Nettle for his hard work, dedication and tenacity to serving others.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE BAPTISM
OF HENRY WINTERHALTER

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Henry Graham Winterhalter and his baptism on Sunday, May 12, 2019.

I have the honor of being the Godmother to Henry and the lifelong friend of his parents Lindsay and Brian Winterhalter. On May 12th we gathered at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, a religious institution open to all children to witness Henry's baptism. Born on June 28, 2018, Henry is now freed from sin and baptized to Christ.

Without shedding a tear, and symbolizing his gentle heart and growing mind, Henry was baptized by Pastor John Spangler.

As his sponsor, I promised before friends and family to nurture Henry Graham in the Christian faith and to serve as a role model throughout his life. His life a blessing, we are inspired by all Henry will become, a true gift from God.

Let us all reflect on this as we work to make this country a better country for Henry.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in reflecting on another milestone in the life of Henry Graham Winterhalter and his bright future.

RECOGNIZING THE HAYMARKET
POLICE DEPARTMENT 2019
PRINCE WILLIAM CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE VALOR AWARD RE-
CIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend the Haymarket Police Department

and its outstanding member who has demonstrated superior dedication to ensuring the safety of his colleagues and members of the community and his designation as a 2019 Prince William Chamber of Commerce Valor Award recipient. The annual Valor Awards ceremony recognizes the remarkable heroism and bravery above and beyond the line of duty exemplified by our public safety and law enforcement professionals. For the past 33 years, the Prince William Chamber of Commerce has paid tribute to police officers, firefighters, and emergency personnel for their extraordinary service.

Our public safety and law enforcement workforces put their lives at risk on a daily basis to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. In recognition of acts of valor, we award the following honoree for demonstrating extraordinary dedication and outstanding performance under unusually difficult or dangerous circumstances. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following name of the Haymarket Police Department law enforcement professional:

Merit Award for Valor: Officer John Gregory.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 2019 Prince William Chamber of Commerce Valor Award recipient from the Haymarket Police Department. The selfless acts of heroism by this distinguished individual merit our highest praise. I thank the honoree, as well as all the Haymarket Police Department law enforcement professionals, for their dedication and commitment to the protection of our communities.

CONGRATULATING MARGO DEAN
AND THE BALLET CONCERTO ON
50 YEARS OF BRINGING DANCE
AND INSPIRATION TO THE FORT
WORTH COMMUNITY

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Margo Dean and the Ballet Concerto on 50 years of bringing dance and inspiration to the Fort Worth Community.

Ballet Concerto was founded in 1969 by Artistic Director, Margo Dean, who has served in that role since its inception. The program has brought the art of ballet and other forms of dance to people of all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds in Fort Worth.

Ballet Concerto was the first ballet program in the State of Texas to go into public schools, and was the first arts program of any kind, to be approved by the Fort Worth Independent School District, to present educational lecture demonstrations to its students.

Margo Dean and the Ballet Concerto annually presents the Summer Dance Concert, a free, professional, outdoor performance to the Fort Worth Community that creates an outlet for talented young dancers, employment for local professionals, and opportunities for emerging local choreographers, and nationally and internationally renowned choreographers to premiere original, ground-breaking works.

I offer my thanks and congratulations to Margo Dean and the Ballet Concerto for enlightening and enriching the lives of the citizens of Fort Worth for the past 50 years.

THE AMERICAN LEGION
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the American Legion on their 100th birthday. The American Legion has been a leading voice in advocating for veterans, servicemembers, their families and communities.

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans' organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of community-based programs, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to fellow servicemembers and veterans.

The American Legion Department of New Hampshire was chartered on August 1, 1920. There are currently 107 American Legion Posts located throughout the Granite State, boasting nearly 18,000 members. American Legion members contribute significantly to their local communities. Members participate in blood drives, and contribute generously to scholarships, community projects, emergency aid and youth activities. Many of the Posts have halls, where community enjoy social functions for events throughout the year.

The American Legion works closely with the Veterans Administration to ensure that the veterans in New Hampshire and across our country are cared for following their service to the United States. New Hampshire leaders work closely with military organizations and are proud to have two military installations within the state serving thousands of military members and their families.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, congratulations to the American Legion community for 100 years and all the best in the years to come.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2740) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes:

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Chair, I rise in support of the amendment offered with my colleague from New Hampshire, Congresswoman ANNIE KUSTER.

Department of Defense leadership is needed to develop lead-free electronics to solve a pressing defense industrial base supply chain issue.