

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2019 CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG/BUNDESRAT EXCHANGE

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, since 1983, the U.S. Congress House and Senate and the German Bundestag and Bundesrat have conducted an annual exchange program for staff members from both countries. The program gives professional staff the opportunity to observe and learn about each other's political institutions and interact on issues of mutual interest.

A staff delegation from the U.S. Congress will be selected to visit Germany from Friday, November 1 to Sunday, November 10, 2019. During this exchange, the delegation will attend meetings with Bundestag/Bundesrat party staff members, and representatives of numerous political, business, academic and media agencies.

A comparable delegation of German staff members will visit the United States from Saturday, September 14 to Sunday, September 22, 2019. They will attend similar meetings in Washington.

The Congress-Bundestag/Bundesrat Exchange is highly regarded in Germany and the United States and is one of several exchange programs sponsored by public and private institutions in the United States and Germany to foster better understanding of the politics and policies of both countries. This exchange is funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The U.S. delegation should consist of experienced and accomplished Hill staff who can contribute to the success of the exchange on both sides of the Atlantic. The Bundestag reciprocates by sending senior staff professionals to the United States.

Applicants should have a demonstrable interest in events in Europe. Applicants need not be working in the field of foreign affairs, although such a background can be helpful. The composite U.S. delegation should exhibit a range of expertise in issues of mutual concern to the United States and Germany such as, but not limited to, trade, security, the environment, economic development, health care, and other social policy issues. This year's delegation should be familiar with transatlantic relations within the context of recent world events.

Please note that the U.S. participants are expected to plan and implement the meetings and programs for the Bundestag/Bundesrat staff members when they visit the United States.

Participants are selected by a bipartisan committee.

Members of the House and Senate who would like a member of their staff to apply for participation in this year's program should direct them to submit a resume and cover letter

in which they state their qualifications, the contributions they can make to a successful program and some assurances of their ability to participate during the time stated.

Applications should be sent to the Office of Interparliamentary Affairs, HC-4, the Capitol, by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2019.

IN RECOGNITION OF AMERICAN COASTER ENTHUSIASTS

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the American Coaster Enthusiasts (ACE), a non-profit organization founded in 1978, that represents the interests of the most ardent amusement ride enthusiasts. With more than 5,500 members from over 16 countries, ACE amasses a collective historical perspective making ACE the world's largest club of its kind.

It all started when four coaster lovers met at a coaster-riding marathon in Virginia in 1977. Today, ACE is an international volunteer run organization that offers an online newspaper, a quarterly magazine, and a National Roller Coaster Museum and Archive.

ACE's goal is to promote the conservation, appreciation, and enjoyment of roller coasters and their place in history as architectural and engineering landmarks. ACE celebrates wooden roller coasters as an integral part of the fabric that is Americana.

ACE has successfully saved and refurbished endangered coasters, including Leap-the-Dips, the world's oldest roller coaster located at Lakemont Park in Altoona, Pennsylvania and the 1925 Giant Dipper in San Diego. Since 1985, the club has either directly or indirectly helped to save more than half a dozen classic coasters and presents awards in recognition of significant roller coasters.

ACE holds many events including tours throughout the world to celebrate extreme coasters of all kinds and an annual Coaster Convention.

At this year's Coaster Convention Gala at the Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel on June 20th, the ACE "Landmark Coasters" Award will honor Montezooma's Revenge, the first flywheel-launched roller coaster in the world. Introduced May 21, 1978, Montezooma's Revenge is the last roller coaster of its kind still in operation in the United States.

Please join me in honoring the accomplishments of the American Coaster Enthusiasts, who certainly live up to their motto: "You join ACE for the roller coasters; you stay for the friendships."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, in a long vote series Thursday evening, I unintentionally voted nay for Mr. CUNNINGHAM's amendment No. 167. Had I been able to correct my vote, I would have voted aye.

RECOGNIZING KYLA JOHNSTON OF COLUMBIA FALLS AND KARLEE ALBERTSON OF BILLINGS

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kyla Johnston of Columbia Falls and Karlee Albertson of Billings for their entrepreneurial spirit that has contributed to their communities. Kyla conducts a children's reading program, donates books, and encourages kids to read. Karlee paints nails for charity and has raised more than \$20,000 for Christmas gift-giving programs.

Kyla is a recent graduate of Columbia Falls High School. As part of a monthly community dinner program that brings together area families, Kyla reads to the children and brings them books to read at home. She is raising funds to purchase new books and to expand the program. Kyla's strong sense of volunteerism also leads her to shovel snow for seniors and plant flowers at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Karlee recently completed sixth grade at Castle Rock Elementary in Billings. She began her "Nails for a Cause" program as a first-grade student. By painting nails at school and community events and through donations, Karlee has raised more than \$20,000 for charity. Every year, she shops for Christmas presents and wraps them with the help of other volunteers. Her efforts have reached over 250 less fortunate people in her community.

For their work in their communities, Kyla and Karlee were recently recognized as Montana's top youth volunteers by the National Association of Secondary School Principals and Prudential Financial, Inc.

Madam Speaker, for their entrepreneurial spirit and dedication to serving their communities, I recognize Kyla Johnston and Karlee Albertson for their spirit of Montana.

IRAN AND 2001 AUMF REPEAL

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, this week, the U.S. inched closer to a dangerous military confrontation with Iran.

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From President Trump's decision to unilaterally withdraw from the Iran deal to alienating our key allies and imposing crushing sanctions on Iran, it's clear that Trump Administration has no interest in pursuing principled, diplomatic engagement to resolve our differences.

In addition, Secretary of State Pompeo once again floated the idea of using the 2001 AUMF as the legal basis for the use of force against Iran—allowing the Administration to circumvent Congress.

This is a stark reminder of the dangers of leaving the overly-broad 2001 AUMF on the books.

That's why I was proud that the House passed a federal spending package this week that included my language to sunset the 2001 AUMF after 8 months.

This sent a clear message to the Administration that the 2001 AUMF cannot be used as the legal authority to go to war and that it MUST come to Congress to seek authority for the use of force against Iran—as required by the Constitution.

Congress must work to repeal the 2001 AUMF and ensure that the U.S. doesn't barrel into another disastrous war in the Middle East.

**RECOGNIZING DR. GUY "ZAK"
ZAKREVSKY**

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Guy "Zak" Zakrevsky on the occasion of his retirement after 34 years of service to education in the East Bay, the last six of which he devoted to the Hayward Unified School District (HUSD).

Zak joined HUSD in 2013 as the Director of the Hayward Center for Education and Careers at the Hayward Adult School (HAS). He took on this role with one goal in mind: ensuring students have the education, literacy, and job skills training required to reach their full potential.

In pursuit of this goal, Zak set out to implement and bolster innovative and impactful programs that would work to improve student achievement. Under his stewardship, programs such as Career Technical and Vocational Education and Youth Re-engagement for At-Risk Youth have flourished and provided students with invaluable exposure and workplace experience.

Zak understands that, if given the right resources, each student has the potential to excel. It is why he, alongside his team and in partnership with other community organizations, helped create the Raising Leaders in Hayward Workshops. These workshops leveraged access within the City of Hayward's Human Resources Department and set out to inspire students with experiences from a cross-section of industries while placed in paid internships and developing the skills needed to succeed in their desired careers.

Zak always strived to make HAS a hub for our community. He worked closely with outside organizations, such as the Alameda County Deputy Sheriff's Activities League for disadvantaged communities, to provide new soccer fields, boxing coaches and tournaments, the construction of a new gym-

nasium, and a dance studio open to everyone. It was through these collaborative efforts that a new Makerspace became available for anyone interested in fostering their creative energy or entrepreneurial spirit. In 2017 the Makerspace graciously hosted my office's successful Congressional App Challenge at which students could operate 3D printers and plasma cutters during breaks from writing lines of code. Zak knew that it took bringing everyone together to make a positive impact in the lives of our students.

I want to thank Dr. Guy Zakrevsky for the contributions he has made to the 15th Congressional District and his dedication to all our students in the East Bay. His work will have a lasting and profound impact on the shape of our community, and I wish him a long and relaxing retirement.

**HONORING DOROTHY "MOM"
BROWN FOR HER DEDICATION TO
THE PHI KAPPA PSI HOUSE**

HON. JAMES R. BAIRD

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Dorothy "Mom" Brown for her dedication to the Phi Kappa Psi house at DePauw University. Few individuals have had an impact on Phi Kappa Psi as great as Dorothy, and we thank her for her selflessness.

Prior to her time with Phi Kappa Psi, Dorothy graduated from Indiana University, receiving her Bachelor of Science in Education and Master of Science in Administration and Supervision, and began a teaching career in Gary, Indiana. After serving as principal in Warren Township Schools in Indianapolis in the 1980's, Dorothy returned to her home in Greencastle in 1986 to teach in the education department at DePauw University.

In 1993, Dorothy took on a new role as Housemother of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. She quickly became an "anchor" of Phi Kappa Psi and made it a memorable experience for generations of young men over the next 26 years.

She was honored in 2009 for her contributions to DePauw by the city of Greencastle as the DePauw Cultural Resource center was renamed in her honor. Whether during her time as an elementary school teacher or fraternity Housemother, she exemplified leadership and compassion. I am proud to call her a fellow Hoosier.

On behalf of the 4th District of Indiana, I thank her for her dedication to her community, and I wish her the very best in retirement.

IN APPRECIATION OF THE SERVICE OF MR. MICHAEL ANTHONY NELSON

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today I recognize Mr. Michael A. Nelson of the United States Army Legislative Liaison office for his extraordinary dedication to duty and

service to our Nation. Mr. Nelson will soon transition from his current assignment as a Department of the Army Civilian and Congressional Operations Analyst with the Department of the Army in the House of Representatives to serve as the Congressional Travel Manager for the Office of the Chief Legislative Liaison at the Pentagon.

A native of Little Rock, Arkansas, Mike is a former Navy Legislative Liaison and served 24 honorable years in the United States Navy. He enlisted in the Navy and reported to Recruit Training Command San Diego, California in February 1993 and served on a myriad of sea and shore duty assignments until his retirement in February 2017.

In July 2017, Mike was selected to serve as a Department of the Army Civilian and Congressional Operations Analyst in the Army House Liaison Office. In his role as an Analyst, Mike served as the primary liaison between Members of the 115th and 116th Congresses, their Staff, Legislative Committees, and the U.S. Army. Mike also provided factual, coordinated, and timely replies to Congressional Inquiries. Additionally, Mr. Nelson planned, scheduled and coordinated Secretary of the Army events and accompanied Congressional and Staff Delegations on worldwide fact-finding and investigative missions and built the relationships needed to increase the trust and confidence the U.S. Congress has in the U.S. Army.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of a grateful nation, it is my honor to recognize the selfless service and sacrifice of a fellow Arkansan, Michael Anthony Nelson, as he proceeds to the next chapter in his remarkable career. I wish him the very best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, June 19, 2019, I was unable to vote on roll call no. 364. If I had been present, I would have voted YEA.

IN HONOR OF PAT BOWLEN

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Ms. DeGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with Congressman ED PERLMUTTER, Congressman DOUG LAMBORN, Congressman SCOTT TIPTON, Congressman KEN BUCK, Congressman JASON CROW, and Congressman JOE NEGUSE, to honor the life of Pat Bowlen, a beloved husband, father and long-time owner of the Denver Broncos.

Pat is a household name for anyone who watches football. For over three decades, Pat made the city of Denver and the state of Colorado proud by demanding excellence in his team.

"I want to be No. 1 in everything" Pat was famously known for saying. And, having brought home three Superbowl championships for Colorado, it's a motto he certainly lived by.