

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE CAREER OF LORE SEGAL NÉE GROSZMANN

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the illustrious 55-year career of acclaimed writer and Upper West Side resident Lore Segal née Groszmann.

Lore Segal was born to a Jewish middle-class family in Vienna, Austria in 1928. Shortly after Hitler's annexation of Austria in 1938, she participated in the first wave of the Kindertransport which brought thousands of children to safety in England. It was here she first began writing: Segal penned impassioned letters to refugee committees and potential sponsors advocating for her parents to be brought to England, ultimately resulting in her parents' arrival a year later with domestic laborers' visas. Although this effort reunited her family, her parents' roles as domestic laborers required Segal to live with foster families until she was eighteen. After earning her degree in English Literature from the University of London, Segal spent three years in the Dominican Republic, finally making her way to New York with her mother in 1951.

Segal's writing career began in earnest when she began chronicling her experiences as a young émigré living with different families in England in series of articles in *The New Yorker*, which later formed the basis of her first novel, *Other People's Houses*, published in 1964. Segal's other works include five novels, including *Shakespeare's Kitchen* (a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in Fiction in 2008), eight children's books including *Tell Me a Mitzi*, translations such as *The Juniper Tree*, an adaptation of Grimm tales on which she collaborated with her friend Maurice Sendak, and innumerable short stories and essays. Lore Segal's most recent book is the 2019 collection of published and unpublished works entitled, *The Journal I Did Not Keep: New and Selected Writing*. Segal taught writing for almost thirty years at notable institutions, including as a tenured professor at University of Illinois at Chicago and Ohio State University, as well as Columbia University, Princeton, Sarah Lawrence and the 92 Y. She has also been recognized for her work with numerous awards and honors including a Guggenheim Fellowship, National Endowment for the Arts grants and O. Henry awards.

What makes Segal's writing so enduring is the masterful way she balances the themes of displacement and otherness, central to her identities as a refugee and a foster child, with the emotions, humor and conflicts inherent to the universal human condition. Her work provides a unique insight into the immigrant perspective on the American Dream and the Jewish diaspora. Segal's contributions to the diverse community of immigrant voices who illustrate the complexities and vibrancy of American life are well-deserving of tribute.

Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 55th Anniversary of Lore Segal's first publication, and in recognizing the amazing achievements and continued impact of her work.

HONORING M. DIANE HAYS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I pause to recognize M. Diane Hays, who passed away on June 20, 2019. It is both fitting and proper to reflect and recognize her life's accomplishments and for all of her efforts in serving the greater Independence, Missouri, community.

Russell and Diane Hays started the Coins for Canines program in 1997 after budget restraints barred the city from purchasing a replacement K-9 after its only working dog passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Hays raised funds by placing jugs at local businesses, presenting donation request letters to various groups, and lobbying the Jackson County Legislature for funds derived from the anti-drug sales tax. The funds were used to purchase K-9's, their training, and eventually repair and renovation of the Police Department's new K-9 training center. In 2002 Mr. and Mrs. Hays received the Missouri Peace Officers Association's Citizens of the Year Award. This couple embodies the spirit of volunteerism, and their support of law enforcement illustrates the model of exemplary citizenship.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in offering our condolences to Diane's friends and family, particularly her husband, Russell Hays, their daughters Kim and Lynda, their five grandchildren, and seventeen great grandchildren. She will be greatly missed in Independence. I would also like to thank the Hays family for sharing Diane's heart and her commitment to our K-9 officers with the community for so many years.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARJORIE "PEGGY" MURPHY

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the community contributions of Marjorie "Peggy" Murphy at time of her retirement. Peggy has been a prominent and passionate member of Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania's theater community for most of her life. Both on the stage and in the community, Peggy has dedicated her career to making a positive impact on those around her.

For over 50 years, Peggy has been actively involved in bringing live community theater to

audiences in Wayne County. She has directed and performed in all kinds of productions, from dramas and comedies to musicals and mysteries. And her involvement extends far beyond the stage. Along with her late husband Richard Murphy, Peggy helped create the Ritz Company Players, a tight-knit group of community theater performers who forged an unbreakable bond through their love of the arts. Even after her retirement from the board, Peggy remains a board member emeritus for her continued dedication to the company and for the wisdom she entrusts to the next generation of leaders in the theater community.

Outside of the world of theater, Peggy has also served her community in several other capacities. For the past 43 years, for example, Peggy has been a board member of the Wayne County Redevelopment Authority, and for three decades she has served on the board of the Wayne County Housing Authority. In those roles, Peggy has been instrumental in bringing federal funds to the county for housing and community development projects.

Peggy has also been very active in public policy issues and politics, working on the local level in that regard in Hawley for 40 years. She was also the National Vice-Chair of Commissioners of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Authorities, and she co-authored the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials' Handbook for Commissioners.

Through her service both in and outside the theater, Peggy has been an illustrious and impactful resident of Wayne County. Her life of service is one to be recognized and celebrated.

It is an honor to recognize Peggy Murphy at the time of her retirement for her many community accomplishments. Her dedication to Wayne County is admirable and will help ensure a smooth succession to the next generation of leaders. May her journey continue to inspire our community, not just through artistic expression but also through Peggy's continuous, selfless service to others.

RECOGNIZING THE INCREDIBLE WORK OF OUR VA CENTERS

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Mrs. LESKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize some of the incredible work our VA centers are doing. Joseph Faranda is a U.S. Navy veteran who served for almost nine years. During his service, he was diagnosed with cancer. Joe was able to beat cancer the first time, but 17 years later he was diagnosed with cancer again.

When Joe reached out to schedule an appointment at the VA, the team urgently placed an order for an ultrasound and for him to be seen by the end of the week. When Joe went for his ultrasound, his doctor immediately recommended he check himself into the VA's

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Emergency Room—advice that would ultimately save his life.

Joe received treatment and support from his care team and is now recovering quickly. Joe said, “I can confidently say that if I need to return to the Phoenix VA, I will be in good hands.”

I want to recognize Doctor Ronald Jacoby and Nurse Shauna Fox for their exceptional care and dedication to Joe and all of our Arizona veterans. Thankfully, Joe's prognosis is very good, and I have full faith he will beat cancer once again.

HONORING BRIGADIER GENERAL KILLEA ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Brigadier General Kevin J. Killea on the event of his retirement.

Brigadier General Killea has dedicated his life to service. Born in Rockville Centre, New York, he graduated from St. Johns University, the Naval War College, the Industrial College of Armed Forces, and the Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program.

In March 1988, he was commissioned as a second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. He is a career F/A-18 fighter pilot that included multiple combat tours and key billets, which are highlighted by his command of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 122 in the Western Pacific from 2004 to 2006, and the Marine Aircraft Group 11 from 2009 and 2011. He also served as the Chief of Staff to the Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve, and as Assistant Director, Land Domain, for Homeland Defense Policy for the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

In July 2016, Brigadier General Killea assumed command of Marine Corps Installations West, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, and it has been my recent honor to work with him. He has had a profound impact on Camp Pendleton and the surrounding residents providing service support to more than 50,000 Marines, Sailors, families and civilian employees. He has been continually focused on ensuring our warfighters have all of the vital base support necessary to be operationally ready, and all the issues that impact of the quality of life for families. He has been a leader in environmental issues and has been dedicated to finding solutions to a range of complex problems to ensure all of the five Marine Corps West Coast installations remain tremendous neighbors to our local communities.

Brigadier General Killea has dedicated his life to serving his country. We cannot thank him enough for his service to Camp Pendleton, the Marine Corps, and the United States of America.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3055) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes:

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Chair, I rise to speak on the Amendment offered by Mr. BABIN.

Mr. BABIN's amendment concerns the organization of space activities within the Department of Commerce and its National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

NOAA is organized at the Department of Commerce to include the Office of Space Commerce and the Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs Office.

Commercial space is a growing and vibrant sector of our economy. Federal government responsibilities on commercial space, including those of the Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs Office, should be evaluated and considered to determine if any changes are needed to support the Office's ability to meet the pace and innovation of the commercial remote sensing industry.

Mr. BABIN's amendment would move the Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs Office and the Office of Space Commerce into a single organizational entity within the Department of Commerce.

Is this a good idea? What would be the implications?

I don't know, but I do know that these are questions that need answers. And I, as Chair of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology plan to address them as the Committee and its Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics turn to commercial space activities and issues.

These matters should be considered within the Committee of jurisdiction, not within a multi-agency spending bill where they cannot be debated or reviewed in the light of day.

Short-circuiting regular legislative order denies opportunities for Members of the Committee of Jurisdiction to legislate on policy issues they came to Congress to address. I trust that this amendment will be removed before this appropriations bill heads to the President.

HONORING DR. ROBERT VARTABEDIAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dr. Robert Vartabedian. Dr. Vartabedian is retiring as the President of Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph, Missouri, after an exceptional career and distinguished tenure at Missouri Western State University.

Dr. Vartabedian has taught at universities across the country. While each was a very different institution, there was one common thread to each of them—Dr. Vartabedian has made each of them better. If you set foot on the Missouri Western campus during his time there, even if you somehow managed to not see it, you could not have helped but felt it. That unspoken ‘thing’ where a new level is being achieved, a new standard is being set, a new normal is being cemented into place. Of course, you can point to Craig Field at Spratt Stadium, the Craig School of Business Center for Entrepreneurship, the Kit Bond Science and Technology Incubator, the Walter Cronkite Museum, or the sea of red that comes with the Kansas City Chiefs training camp. While he deserves credit for those things and they will remain as reminders of his time here, they are not his true legacy. His true legacy is in his students. The next generation of entrepreneurs and thinkers. The new leaders for northern Missouri, the new educators who will carry along his legacy even further. Those students, those lives he has touched directly or indirectly are his true and lasting legacy.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Dr. Robert Vartabedian upon a well-earned retirement. I wish him the very best and a well-deserved rest. I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on Thursday, June 20 and Friday, June 21. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call Vote Number 368 (Passing H. AMDT. 389 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. JOHN RUTHERFORD): NO;

Roll Call Vote Number 369 (Passing H. AMDT. 389 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. JOHN RUTHERFORD): NO;

Roll Call Vote Number 370 (Passing H. AMDT. 398 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. EARL BLUMENAUER): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 371 (Passing H. AMDT. 402 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. JIM BANKS): NO;

Roll Call Vote Number 372 (Passing H. AMDT. 411 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. JARED GOLDEN): NO;

Roll Call Vote Number 373 (Passing H. AMDT. 423 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. HALEY STEVENS): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 374 (Passing H. AMDT. 424 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. LAUREN UNDERWOOD): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 375 (Passing H. AMDT. 426 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. JIM BANKS): NO;

Roll Call Vote Number 376 (Passing H. AMDT. 428 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. GREG PENCE): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 377 (Passing H. AMDT. 429 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. ABIGAIL SPANBERGER): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 378 (Passing H. AMDT. 432 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ): YES;