

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF HON.  
TILMAN "TILLIE" BISHOP

**HON. JOE NEGUSE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, today I wish to honor the great Colorado statesman and devoted community member, University of Colorado Regent Emeritus Tilman "Tillie" Bishop, who passed away at the age of 86 on Sunday, June 16th.

Born and raised in Colorado, Tillie dedicated his long and influential life to service for the people of our state. In 1970, he was elected to the Colorado General Assembly and served for four years in the Colorado House of Representatives and an additional 24 years in the Colorado Senate, during the last six years of which he was president pro tem. Tillie's 28 years of service in the General Assembly place him fourth in Colorado history for years of continuous service, and he is the longest-serving state senator from the Western Slope. His tenure of public service also includes four years as a Mesa County Commissioner. Finally, Tillie represented our state's 3rd Congressional District on the University Board of Regents from 2007 to 2013.

Nationally, Tillie served as Colorado's representative on the Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures. He also sat on the Executive Committee of the Energy Council.

Tillie's passion for education and commitment to promoting a school system that diligently serves each and every student that passes through it was tangible, and no doubt came from the seven years he taught in public schools and the 31 years he served as a Mesa State College administrator.

It was my honor to serve on the Board of Regents alongside Regent Bishop. Together, we consistently found ways to work across the aisle in order to ensure that the students at the University of Colorado were given a top-tier education which would prepare them for a successful future. I'll never forget Tillie's determination and devotion to the University and the people of Colorado.

I send my deepest condolences to Regent Bishop's wife Pat, and to all of his family.

RECOGNIZING JAN ISRAEL  
CHARMAN ON HIS 95TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jan Israel Charman, a constituent of Illinois's Tenth District, who celebrated his 95th birthday on March 10th.

Mr. Charman was born in Wodzislaw, Poland. In 1947, he wedded his wife Estelle, the beginning of a loving marriage that would span more than half a century. Shortly after their marriage, the family immigrated to New York with their new daughter in 1949. He continued to move around the country, learning English and repairing clothes to make a living.

Mr. Charman eventually settled in the Chicago suburbs. He found a deep interest in business and worked many years at Manny Berger Shoes where he became a General Manager and Buyer. Eventually, the Charmans and their three children, moved to Buffalo Grove. In Buffalo Grove, Mr. Charman has become a leader at his synagogue, Congregation Beth Judea, where his zest for life, love of family and friends, and dedication to his Jewish faith is an inspiration for all that surround him.

Mr. Charman still enjoys pursuing his many interests including travelling and spending time with his eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

As he celebrates his 95th birthday, it is my great honor and privilege to recognize the inspiring life of Jan Israel Charman and celebrate his continued contributions to the Tenth District community.

RECOGNIZING THE INDIAN  
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

**HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Indian Business Association (IBA) for its achievements representing Indian-American businesses and its assistance to numerous Indian-Americans across the country.

The IBA was conceived in Edison, New Jersey by a group of concerned citizens who felt the need to act when they witnessed injustices within their community. This experience was a catalyst for the IBA's founding principles of fairness, solidarity, and social activism. The IBA has played an important role nationwide to encourage the Indian-American community to embrace entrepreneurship.

As their members use their voice to build a better America, the IBA has worked to become a leader in reinforcing civic participation in Indian-American community. Members of the IBA have worked tirelessly to generate greater voter engagement by organizing non-partisan voter registration drives. These efforts by members of the IBA have garnered significant attention and helped make the IBA a pillar of the community.

As the IBA has expanded its footprint, the organization continues to uphold and share Indian culture and tradition with Americans of all walks of life. In its 39th year of existence, the

IBA will host and celebrate its annual New Jersey India Day Parade, our nation's largest such parade honoring India's independence and the creation of the world's largest democracy. Attended by nearly 40,000 people and includes more than 100 organizations, giving the parade and opportunity to celebrate the rich and cultural heritage of Indian-Americans and their contributions to our country.

Madam Speaker, I want to recognize the great achievements of the IBA and acknowledge its continuing actions to support Indian-American entrepreneurs and the jobs they create, its dedication to civic engagement, and its steadfast efforts to advance civil rights protections for all Americans.

REMEMBERING FRANK LAMERE

**HON. DEBRA A. HAALAND**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Ms. HAALAND. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I recognize my dear friend and lifelong Native American activist, Frank LaMere. I want to join his family, the Nebraska community, and the national tribal community in celebrating him and his decades-long dedication to civil rights for all, particularly for Native Americans.

An activist from the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, Mr. LaMere was a prominent grassroots leader always ready for action. He was the longest serving Native American member of the Democratic National Committee, serving from 1996 to 2006. He founded both the Nebraska Native American Caucus and the Native American Caucus of the Democratic National Committee. In Nebraska, he also served as the state's Democratic Party First Associate Chair. I am proud to have served alongside him in the Democratic National Committee, and I will always have fond memories of his leadership, his stories, perspective and empathetic spirit.

Frank served as a tireless advocate for Native American rights, leaving behind a legacy of tremendous and significant change for the state of Nebraska. He had the gift of truly connecting with any individual and used his voice to lift and empower others. Mr. LaMere fought against the loss of Native children to the child welfare system and against the violence they faced in their foster homes. He was instrumental in ending border town beer sales in Whiteclay, Nebraska, eliminating decades of predatory sales that fueled alcohol-related issues on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Mr. LaMere advocated to ensure that Native Americans were always involved in the political process and were guaranteed a seat at every table. He will be greatly missed.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND CAREER OF THE HONORABLE JAMES TORMEY III

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and career of the Honorable James Tormey III, a beloved father and husband, distinguished judge, and honorable public servant, who passed away on June 22, 2019.

A 1972 graduate of SUNY Cortland, and 1976 graduate of Syracuse University College of Law, Judge Tormey committed much of his life to public service. Serving on the Onondaga County Legislature for ten years, and later, as a Syracuse City Court Judge, Supreme Court Justice and District Administrative Judge for the 5th Judicial District of New York, Jim Tormey earned the respect, praise and trust of many in our community.

Over the course of his esteemed judicial career, Judge Tormey took a measured approach in upholding the law and applying it fairly. He firmly believed in the justice system and worked to ensure everyone had access to it.

As District Administrative Judge, Judge Tormey supervised the operations and schedules of more than 300 judges serving in the Fifth Judicial District — many of whom, since his passing this week, have shared stories of his strong leadership, his commitment to ensuring justice, and his respect for all. They have spoken of his commitment to continued legal education and pro bono work, and, importantly, of his friendship, mentorship and distinguished leadership.

Judge Tormey was committed to making Central New York a better place, and the impact of his work went far beyond the courtroom. He used his role to address some of the most pressing issues plaguing our community—overseeing the establishment of local Drug Courts, Opioid Courts, Human Trafficking Court, Youthful Offender Court, and Community Court for lower level offenders. His dedication to Central New York was visible in all of his actions and he will be truly missed.

Above all, Judge Tormey was a family man, and deeply loved his wife, Sue, their children Andrew and Colleen, and his grandchildren. I ask my colleagues to keep them in mind, as we honor and remember the life of this devoted civil servant.

OATH CEREMONY ON JULY 4, 2019

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate the fifty-one individuals who will take their oaths of citizenship on July 4, 2019. In true patriotic fashion, on the day of our great Nation's celebration of independence, a naturalization ceremony will take place, welcoming new citizens of the United States of America. This memorable occasion, coordinated by the League of Women Voters

of the Calumet Area and presided over by Magistrate Judge Andrew Rodovich, will be held at The Pavilion at Wolf Lake in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. The oath ceremony is a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On July 4, 2019, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, will take their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Mounir Oumansour, Taimoor Syed, Johnson Y. Gah, Joseph Han, Alex Nguyen, Mubarak Bakhit Haroun, Naga Sudhakar Chodavarapu, Daniel Jaewon Kim, Elena Ugwoke, Brendan Chidobe Ugwoke, Rani Saxena, Sumesh Saxena, Zaira Nashley Velazquez, Giuseppe Mazzone, Nargis Natasha Yasir, Erika Anabel Saldivar, Rajesh Kumar Sharma, Maya Hamwi, Ibrahim Miss Lissane, Farouk Al Kurdi, Amparo Isabel Alban Montalvo, Ma Teresa Leon, Sikholisile Nyoni, Isabella Njeri Muturi, Lal Lian Mawi, Belinda Radiceska, Ljupco Radiceski, Milka Cocovska, Ananivi Apamba Komla, Blanca Estela Monsivais, Gianella Feoli Soto, Mauricio Leal, Mphasa Maria Mwanza, Sreelatha Chodavarapu, Rajko Vukobrat, Denise Alejandra Godinez, Antonio Manzo Gonzalez, Sirak Kifle Negash, Ahmed E. Khalil, Vidal Torres Alvarado, Eder Jahir Nunez Benitez, David Guillermo Barba, Ai Ong, Jagoda Petroska, Maria Julia Garcilazo, Gustavo Adolfo Osorio, Sergey Borisovich Leonov, Gisela Johanna Kreczmer, Marc Tuyizere, Muhammad Yasir Hanif Khan, and Francisco Javier Contreras Torres.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country “. . . of the people, by the people, and for the people.” They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these fifty-one individuals who will become citizens of the United States of America on July 4, 2019, the anniversary of our Nation's independence. They, too, will be American citizens, guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

HONORING RACINE POLICE OFFICER JOHN HETLAND

**HON. BRYAN STEIL**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, today, our Racine community honors the life and service of Racine Police Officer John Hetland.

On June 17, Officer Hetland was killed while trying to stop an armed robbery in Racine. Even when off-duty, Officer Hetland did not waver to act.

Officer Hetland served the Racine community for 24 years as a police officer. Born in Racine, he attended the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to study criminal justice.

Those who knew Officer Hetland described him as a compassionate, brave man. A great baseball player. A loving father of two and devoted husband. A protector of our community. But to our Racine community, Officer Hetland will always be regarded as a hero.

This tragedy is a solemn reminder of the sacrifices members of law enforcement make every day to protect us.

My prayers are with the Hetland family, friends, and the entire law enforcement community grieving this loss.

We will never forget Officer Hetland.

RENDITION & TORTURE: AN ACCOUNTING

**HON. DAVID E. PRICE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to include in the Record the executive summary of the North Carolina Commission of Inquiry on Torture's (NCCIT) seminal report, *Torture Flights: North Carolina's Role in the CIA's Rendition and Torture Program*. I do so today in recognition of the United Nation's "International Day in Support of Victims of Torture," and to emphasize the continuing role of Congress as well as informed and engaged citizens in bringing to light the Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA) Rendition, Detention, and Interrogation (RDI) program.

I am reminded of this important duty by an exceptional group of North Carolinians who established NCCIT—a non-governmental and non-partisan commission—to investigate North Carolina's participation in the CIA's RDI program following the September 11 attacks, which is described in its September 2018 report.

The report found that in the first stage of the RDI program, a private company based in North Carolina used publicly-funded infrastructure to conduct over 80 percent of identified CIA rendition flights from September 2001 to March 2004. North Carolina public infrastructure was therefore involved in the detention and rendition of at least 49 individuals, without regard for the rule of law or due process. According to the report, some of these individuals turned out not to be involved in terrorism and have yet to receive official acknowledgment or redress, and some of these individuals continue to suffer from their mistreatment.