

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### CELEBRATING UCLA SOFTBALL'S 2019 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. TED LIEU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 2, 2019*

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the softball team from the University of California, Los Angeles, which took home the 2019 NCAA championship on the 4th of June against the University of Oklahoma.

This year's championship is the program's 13th national championship and 118th overall NCAA championship earned by a UCLA Bruins team in any sport. With 12 NCAA Division I titles, UCLA softball has the most championships of any school since softball became an NCAA sport in 1982 and one of the most successful teams on campus.

Coach Kelly Inouye-Perez and the team should be proud of their accomplishments, winning a Pac-12 championship along the way and losing only six out of 62 games this season. Bringing a national title back to Easton Stadium is a fitting end for the collegiate careers for the seven graduating seniors on this year's team. I would also like to commend pitcher Rachel Garcia for being named Collegiate Woman Athlete of the Year and receiving the Honda Cup on June 24.

I would like to sincerely congratulate the UCLA softball team once again on winning the national championship and wish them best of luck next season.

### HONORING D-DAY VETERAN LLOYD DAVIS CARTER

**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 2, 2019*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable man from Northeast Georgia who courageously fought on the front lines in Normandy on June 6, 1944.

Mr. Lloyd Davis Carter was raised to be a farmer in Hull, Georgia, but, after the attack at Pearl Harbor, he courageously decided to join the Armed Forces. He began training with the United States Army at the young age of 19. His first assignment out of training was the amphibious assault of North Africa followed by the mission to daringly invade Sicily—led by General Omar Bradley and General George Patton. After returning to England for seven months of intense combat training, Carter eventually became one of the brave men who stormed Omaha beach in Normandy with the 16th Infantry.

Mr. Carter barely survived being killed by Nazi fire, escaping with the bones in his right forearm shattered. He made it back to America with little more than his life and a small

copy of the New Testament that he kept in his pocket throughout the fight. Carter accredits his survival to the Lord looking after him, reflecting on his favorite Bible verse, Psalm 23.

To honor his bravery and valor, Mr. Carter was awarded a Purple Heart, Silver Star and Presidential Citation. His heroism on that day changed the course of history as he fought to protect not only our country's freedom, but the freedom of the world.

As we reflect upon his bravery, we are reminded to never take for granted the freedom we hold so dear. Because of Mr. Carter and the many other D-Day veterans, the free world exists today.

Because of those brave patriots, our country remains the strongest force of freedom the world has ever witnessed. On behalf of the people of the Ninth District of Georgia, I salute Mr. Carter—alongside the thousands of other men who fought that day—for his incredible service to our country.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JACKIE WALORSKI**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 2, 2019*

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, on June 27, 2019, I wasn't able to vote due to a family emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on Roll Call No. 425; "yea" on Roll Call No. 426; "yea" on Roll Call No. 427; "nay" on Roll Call No. 428; and "yea" on Roll Call No. 429.

### IN RECOGNITION OF CYNTHIA CANTY FOR HER EXEMPLARY SERVICE

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 2, 2019*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cynthia Canty for her exemplary service as a radio and TV host. Her continued dedication to journalism is worthy of commendation.

A lifelong resident of Detroit, Cynthia Canty is the host of Michigan Radio's Stateside talk show and has dedicated her life to journalism in a career spanning over 40 years. Prior to working at Michigan Radio, she was a television news anchor, producer, and radio host in the Detroit area. In her various roles, she has interviewed numerous influential figures including governors, authors, musicians, and experts in a variety of fields. Mrs. Canty has received several awards for her work, including an Emmy Award and honors from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters, the Associated Press, and the Detroit Press Club. After her many years of service, Cynthia Canty will retire from Michigan Radio at the end of 2019.

Throughout her decorated career, Mrs. Canty has explored critical issues impacting the residents of Michigan. Her talent for encouraging thought-provoking dialogue has been crucial in dissecting these important topics. Beyond her work in journalism, Mrs. Canty has dedicated numerous hours to supporting healthcare and cancer treatment in partnership with the American Cancer Society, the Karmanos Cancer Center, and the Henry Ford Health System. We thank Cynthia Canty for her commitment to journalistic excellence and we congratulate her on her retirement. Her dedicated leadership will be missed, but we wish her good health and every happiness in her retirement years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Cynthia Canty for her expertise in the realm of TV and radio journalism. Her work discussing art, culture, politics, and lifestyle has had a profound impact on the people of Michigan.

### CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF ANGELO BORDONARO

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 2, 2019*

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Angelo Bordonaro's 100th birthday. A lifelong resident of Central New York, Mr. Bordonaro has lived an incredible life—he started working at the age of 10, served in World War II, and dedicated 60 years to the Taunton Volunteer Fire Department.

Angelo Bordonaro was born in Syracuse to a family of five children. When he was five years old, his father passed away in a car accident, leaving his mother to care for the rest of the family. Mr. Bordonaro and his family moved to St. Louis, Missouri shortly after his father's death to find work. During this time, he began working as a shoe-shine boy at 10 years old to help pay his family's bills. The family later returned to Syracuse after the Great Depression and, along with his three brothers, Mr. Bordonaro went to work in the local factories.

When the United States joined World War II in 1941, Mr. Bordonaro and his brothers joined the Army. He served in Europe and reached the rank of sergeant—a distinction he would give up in 1944 in order to re-deploy to the Pacific Theatre. During the battle at Fortress Corregidor in 1945, Mr. Bordonaro exhibited remarkable feats of fearlessness and commitment to his duties. After surviving behind enemy lines alone for three days—while suffering from malaria and shrapnel wounds—he finally reunited with his unit and refused to be taken off the front lines for treatment.

Following his military service, Mr. Bordonaro returned to Syracuse and settled in the town of Camillus with his wife, Josephine. Mr. Bordonaro worked as a high-skilled mason and was employed by Prestolite Co. for 35

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years. He later held a position at Solvay Process for 11 years. He built a home in Camillus where he and his wife raised four daughters. To this day, Mr. Bordonaro still lives in the home he built.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the remarkable life of Angelo Bordonaro. As a member of America's greatest generation, Mr. Bordonaro has bravely defended our nation and helped shape the country we live in today. He is a cherished member of the Central New York community and I wish him all the best on his 100th birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF CPL. JOSE  
LUIS "SPEEDY" ESPERICUETA

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Cpl. Jose Luis "Speedy" Espericueta.

Cpl. Espericueta was an 18-year law enforcement veteran, most of which was spent with the City of Mission Police Department. He began his career with the San Benito Police Department where he received several accolades including, Police Officer of the Year. He then joined the Mission Police Department as a patrol officer before he was promoted to patrol corporal.

During his career, he was noted for saving two young children who were trapped in a car and for apprehending multiple armed suspects during a home invasion. He also received a Meritorious Service Award after he saved an elderly individual from a burning house. In addition, he was featured on A&E's *Live PD* and National Geographic's *Border Wars*.

Cpl. Espericueta is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of 21 years, Roberta "Bobbie" De Leon Espericueta, and their two children, Brianna and Joaquin.

It is important to remember that law enforcement officials risk their lives every day for our safety. Cpl. Espericueta's heroic life and career embodies the integrity and servitude of a truly influential community leader and law enforcement official. I am grateful for the opportunity to honor the life of this remarkable and exemplary officer. His legacy will live on through the lives of the many people he helped to protect.

Madam Speaker, I again, recognize Cpl. Espericueta and his heroic service to his community.

COMMENTS ON YOHO AMENDMENT  
25 TO H.R. 3055

**HON. TED S. YOHO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

Mr. YOHO. Madam Speaker, last week I had amendment number 25 accepted as part of the Commerce Justice Science appropriations package. This amendment increased and decreased the NASA science and research fund by \$1,000,000 in order to highlight the importance of funding research to better understand human development in space in

order to promote future space colonies. However, I would like to clarify that while I think these embryology experiments are of the utmost importance, I do not believe they should be done using human embryos or babies. The intent of this amendment was strictly to highlight the importance of non-human embryology experiments.

IN RECOGNITION OF DEPUTY  
CHIEF DEAN L. MELANSON

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the retirement of Deputy Chief Dean L. Melanson, after over three decades of service with the Hyannis Fire Department.

Deputy Chief Melanson's 44 years in the line of duty began in 1975 at the Acton Fire's Auxiliary Department. Later, he joined the Hyannis Fire Department in 1985 as a Fire Prevention Officer and quickly came to assume positions of leadership.

Deputy Chief Melanson is widely recognized as an expert on fire prevention, and over the course of his career, Hyannis transitioned from a small vacation community to a much larger, more urbanized municipality. It was with his knowledge and expertise that greater public work projects were undertaken and completed to accommodate the town's growing population.

Further, as an instructor at the Massachusetts Fire Academy, Barnstable County Fire Academy and in the Fire Sciences Division at Cape Cod Community College, Deputy Chief Melanson helped to shape the training and readiness of the next generation of public servants.

Deputy Chief Melanson has dedicated his life to serving his community, and I wish him many years of well-deserved happiness and more with his family in retirement.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Dean L. Melanson, Deputy Chief of the Hyannis Fire Department, and I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his years of dedication to his community.

HONORING ANDRES PONCE  
"ANDY" RUIZ, JR.

**HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Andres Ponce "Andy" Ruiz, Jr., the first Mexican-American boxer to win the heavyweight title.

Andy Ruiz, Jr. was born and raised in Imperial, California, a city roughly 18 miles from the U.S.-Mexico border. Andy began boxing at the age of six with the support of his father, Andres Ruiz, Sr. Despite his skill and resilience, Andy was often judged based on his appearance. He did not let this deter him and quickly became an early standout, achieving a remarkable amateur boxing record of 105-5.

Andy started his professional career at 19 years of age on March 28, 2009, at the Plaza

de Toros in Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico. Andy had his first opportunity to become the world boxing heavyweight champion in 2016, against Joseph Parker. Unfortunately, he lost the fight by decision, but the loss only furthered his ambitions to continue striving in the world of boxing. On June 1, 2019, Andy learned he could compete for the world heavyweight champion for a second time.

Andy stunned the world by upsetting the previously undefeated heavyweight champion of the world, Anthony Joshua, by technical knockout (TKO) after seven rounds at Madison Square Garden in New York City, New York. This victory made history, declaring Andy to be the first heavyweight champion of Mexican descent and winning the WBA, IBF, WBO, IBO heavyweight titles. As of June 6, 2019, Andy Ruiz, Jr., has won a staggering 33 fights with only one loss.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Andy Ruiz, Jr. has worked tirelessly to prove that with hard work, determination, and dedication, we can accomplish anything we set ourselves to do. He has reminded the world that one should not judge a person by their appearance nor judge a book by its cover. It is an honor to recognize a dedicated, ambitious individual who has greatly impacted the world of boxing. Andy has made history, giving young people across our country the hope to achieve anything they set their mind to and for that I stand here today to recognize him.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NICKI  
SANCHEZ MEYER

**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Nicki Sanchez Meyer, who went to be with the Lord on June 13, 2019.

Although Nicki had only called the City of Hartwell home for eight years, she was a pillar in the Hart County community. As Director of the Chamber of Commerce, Nicki spent five years working tirelessly to promote the businesses and amenities that make Hart County so attractive. Even after retiring from her position as director, Nicki continued to serve her community by working as an economic development specialist for the chamber.

Nicki's attitude of service impacted her community well beyond her economic development work. She devoted her time to volunteering with countless groups, including the Hartwell Service League, Hart Habitat, Hartwell Downtown Development Authority, Northeast Georgia Council for Domestic Violence, and Have a Hope Ministries, just to name a few.

What those around her recall the most was Nicki's love and passion for her community and improving it for future generations. She leaves behind a remarkable legacy of service, and her passing is felt deeply by the people of Hartwell, in addition to her beloved family and friends. On behalf of the Ninth District of Georgia, I want to thank Nicki for showing us all how to live—in service towards others.