

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 4639

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 9, 2020*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 75th Anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4639 in Williamsburg, Virginia. On November 16, 1945, 72 Veterans returning from World War II founded Post 4639, and this Post has honorably served the community ever since.

Post 4639 is named in honor of Sergeant John Taylor Blacknall, Jr. and 1st Lieutenant Philip Sheridan Chess, Jr. who were both killed in action during World War II. Sergeant Blacknall, who was a soldier in the 116th Regiment of the 29th Infantry Division, was killed in action on June 6, 1944 at Basse-Normandie, France. 1st Lieutenant Chess was killed in action on July 17, 1944 at Villamagna, Volterra, Pisa, Toscana, Italy. I want to express my deepest gratitude to SGT Blacknall and 1LT Chess, and every American hero who has paid the ultimate price to service and protect our nation.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is comprised of veterans that served in combat zones during our nation's wars who return to continue to serve our nation's communities. Post 4639 has been an All-American Veterans of Foreign Wars Post four times, and an All State Post eleven times.

As the United States Representative for Virginia's First District, I am honored to work with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4639. I am particularly inspired by the dedication and hard work of Post 4639, and the commitment to their core values including, but not limited to: promoting patriotism, honoring military service, ensuring the care of Veterans and their families, and serving their communities. The service men and women at Post 4639 are true American heroes and serve as an example of what makes our nation special.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask that you rise with me to recognize the 75th Anniversary of The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4639. I am deeply grateful for the men and women not only who serve at Post 4639, but who dedicate their life to service for our great nation.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF  
LIFENET PARAMEDIC SHON MATTHEWS

**HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 9, 2020*

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and remember the legacy of Shon Matthews. A paramedic with the

LifeNet Texarkana Division since October 2007, Shon was a wonderful example of service above self.

Shon passed away on Monday, November 2 after a battle with COVID-19. The Fourth District of Arkansas will grieve not only the loss of a friend, but also an exemplary public servant. For the past 23 years, Shon committed his life to working as a first responder, even volunteering for his local fire department in addition to working as an EMT and, eventually, a paramedic.

Beyond his own service on LifeNet Air medical helicopters, he sought to teach others those life-saving skills as Operations Manager for the Texarkana Division. Later becoming an area manager, Shon is said to have done "whatever the company needed to take care of patients and to serve the community."

I first met Shon when he visited my office in 2019 for the American Ambulance Association's Stars of Life event. He was dubbed "The Selfie King" during that trip to Washington, and I am honored I had the chance to visit with him and learn more about his work in Arkansas. I take this time to honor Shon and his family for their selfless love of community and their sacrifice for the safety and well-being of their fellow man.

IN HONOR OF DANIEL O'SULLIVAN

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 9, 2020*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Daniel O'Sullivan of Huntingdon County for his service in the United States Army. He is an outstanding Pennsylvanian, and I am grateful for his service to our nation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and our community.

In Pennsylvania and across the country, our veterans have served and sacrificed for Americans' freedom and our values. They answered the call to serve and fight for us—at a great cost. Truly, our veterans are the best of America.

In Congress, it is my privilege—and my responsibility—to stand up for those who have served our country in uniform, as well as to recognize these brave Americans. As a nation, we are indebted to them. On behalf of the 13th Congressional District, I thank Mr. O'Sullivan for his service to our nation and our community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ALFRED  
LLEWELLYN HOBGOOD III

**HON. GEORGE HOLDING**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 9, 2020*

Mr. HOLDING. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Alfred Llewellyn Hobgood, III.

Hobgood spent his entire life in North Carolina. He was a successful businessman, a fixture in the community and, above all, a loving husband and father of two.

Alfred Hobgood was born on December 3, 1946, in Kinston, North Carolina, to Alfred Llewellyn Hobgood, Jr., and Suefan Gooding Hobgood.

He was raised in Smithfield and attended Darlington High School before attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His time at UNC was formative to his life and the lessons he learned set him up for a successful career in the business world.

After leaving UNC, he began his career under the arms of Jim Wheat of Wheat First Securities.

Then he went to Scott and Stringfellow in Eastern North Carolina. After that, he went on to work for RBC Wealth Management, where he served as Senior Vice President.

Alfred was a passionate UNC fan and an active alumnus, serving as an officer on several boards, including as president of the Co-Founders Club and chairman of the Excellence Fund.

Alfred was also an avid golfer. He was a founding board member of Old Chatham Golf Club and a board member of The Rex Hospital Open. And he passionately supported the First Tee of the Triangle as a past Director.

His weight as a member of the community was felt all over North Carolina as he supported the Parrot Academy of Kinston, the LMH Foundation, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, St. Mary's School in Raleigh, Rex Hospital, and many other charitable causes.

Sadly, Alfred Llewellyn Hobgood, III, passed away on October 6, 2019, at the age of 72. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and the entire community.

IN HONOR OF MICHAEL NORELL

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 9, 2020*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Norell of Huntingdon County for his service in the United States Army. He is an outstanding Pennsylvanian, and I am grateful for his service to our nation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and our community.

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IN HONOR OF THE JED FOUNDATION'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 9, 2020*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 20th anniversary of the Jed Foundation and to commend the Foundation's cofounders, Donna and Phillip Satow, for their unrelenting dedication to improving mental health among teens and young adults.

The Jed Foundation, which is headquartered in my district, has become a national leader in the development of policies, programs, and systems to nurture mental and emotional health and prevent suicide among teens and young adults. In the past 20 years, The Jed Foundation has provided programs and resources that have helped more than 3,000 high schools, colleges and universities across the country strengthen their mental health safety nets.

After the tragic loss of their son Jed, Donna and Phillip Satow established the Jed Foundation to better equip all teens and young adults to navigate mental health challenges, successfully enter adulthood, and meet their full potential. The Satows recognized the need for a uniform model for suicide prevention on college and university campuses, and they understood the importance of addressing the stigma and secrecy associated with mental health in these communities.

With this vision in mind, the Jed Foundation created JED Campus, a program that implements a comprehensive approach to mental health and substance abuse. In the past two decades JED Campus has been utilized by over 300 colleges, representing nearly 3.7 million students, across the nation. Additionally, the Jed Foundation has partnered with over 1,600 colleges and universities to utilize the foundation's ULifeline.org on line resource center, which provides students with information about mental health and how to seek help if they are struggling.

From ensuring that mental health resources are culturally responsive for Latinx teens, young adults, and their families, to conducting in-depth research on how communities can effectively understand and support the mental health of LGBTQ+ teens and young adults, the Jed Foundation has gone above and beyond to address the mental health needs of diverse communities.

Madam Speaker, I recognize the Jed Foundation for its outstanding public service, and I laud Donna and Phillip Satow's continued commitment to promoting the well-being of students, families, and schools. They have improved the lives and mental health outcomes of millions of students in their twenty years of service, and I wish them the best as they continue their lifesaving work.

IN HONOR OF DONALD MILLER

### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 9, 2020*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Donald Miller of Huntingdon County for his service in the United States Army. He is an outstanding Pennsylvanian, and I am grateful for his service to our nation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and our community.

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In Congress, it is my privilege—and my responsibility—to stand up for those who have served our country in uniform, as well as to recognize these brave Americans. As a nation, we are indebted to them. On behalf of the 13th Congressional District, I thank Mr. Miller for his service to our nation and our community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF THADDEUS W. GAY, SR.

### HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 9, 2020*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Thaddeus W. Gay, Sr., a true American hero and inspiration to many throughout North Carolina's Eighth Congressional District.

Mr. Gay was born on June 27, 1922 and after graduating from West Southern Pines "Rosenwald" School, he attended North Carolina A&T State University before enlisting in the U.S. Army during the height of World War II. A decorated military servant, Mr. Gay served our great nation in New Guinea and the South Pacific and received the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal with a bronze service star, Good Conduct Medal, and World War II Victory Medal.

Mr. Gay represents the best our nation has to offer and served with honor and distinction until 1944. Following the war, he found success running various small businesses and even sought patents for several of his inventions. Mr. Gay's service to our community extended far beyond his military service and entrepreneurial success. He was a tireless advocate on behalf of the West Southern Pines Civic Club, the Rufus L. McLaughlin American Legion Post No. 177, the Southern Pines Land and Housing Trust, and the NAACP.

Mr. Gay passed away on October 20, 2020 and left behind a legacy of extraordinary accomplishment. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and all who knew and loved him. Mr. Gay will live on in the hearts and minds of all who felt his kindness and I join the entire community in honoring his extraordinary life.

Madam SPEAKER, please join me today in honoring the life and legacy of Thaddeus W. Gay, Sr.

IN HONOR OF RONALD MESAVAGE

### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 9, 2020*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ronald Mesavage of Huntingdon County for his service in the United States Air Force. He is an outstanding Pennsylvanian, and I am grateful for his service to our nation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and our community.

In Pennsylvania and across the country, our veterans have served and sacrificed for Americans' freedom and our values. They answered the call to serve and fight for us—at a great cost. Truly, our veterans are the best of America.

In Congress, it is my privilege—and my responsibility—to stand up for those who have served our country in uniform, as well as to recognize these brave Americans. As a nation, we are indebted to them. On behalf of the 13th Congressional District, I thank Mr. Mesavage for his service to our nation and our community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FRANCES STAGG NICHOLSON SANDERS

### HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 9, 2020*

Mr. HOLDING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to take pause and reflect on the life of Frances Stagg Nicholson Sanders.

Madam Speaker, Frances Stagg was born on December 10, 1929, to Sterling Johnston Nicholson and Mary Washington Stagg. She was the youngest of five siblings and grew up in Durham, North Carolina. Shortly after attending Duke University, Mrs. Stagg married her childhood sweetheart, Bill Sanders.

Frances Stagg was a beloved pillar of her community. She joined the Raleigh Junior League in 1955, was a member of the first Docent class of the North Carolina Museum of Art, President of Rex Hospital Guild Board and served as the Chair of the Wake Committee of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames, an organization devoted to historic preservation and patriotic services. She was also chair of the Girls Committee and honorary chair for the North Carolina Terpsichorean Club Debutante Ball. Stagg's greatest joy was spending time with family and friends at her home in Morehead City. Always with a smile, Stagg had a full and vibrant life filled with love and laughter. She enjoyed the salt air and sunshine, and loved boating on the Harem with Bill and their girls. She always loved having her dogs nearby as well as her many wonderful friends.

Sadly, Frances Stagg Nicholson Sanders passed away peacefully in her sleep on August 13, 2019. She was 89 years old. She will be greatly missed by her friends, family, and her entire community.