

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNITION OF BRENT HILL SERVICE TO THE IDAHO SENATE

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2020

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend Brent Hill on nearly two decades of service in the Idaho State Senate.

Born and raised in Idaho, Brent graduated from Madison High School in Rexburg, the very city he would represent. He went on to graduate from my alma mater, Utah State University.

Hill had an impressive career in accounting, serving over twenty years as the Chief Executive Office of Rudd & Company and a member of the Board of Directors of Citizens Community Bank in Eastern Idaho. This expertise would make him the go-to lawmaker on tax issues in the legislature.

In 2001, Hill was first appointed to the Idaho Senate. Ten years into his political career he was elected Senate President Pro Tempore. He held this position for a decade, making him the longest serving pro tempore in Idaho history.

Hill is admired by his colleagues in both chambers for his commitment to honesty and civility. He is someone who wants to bring all parties to the table and reach solutions together. His selfless service has been a template for the countless lawmakers that have looked to him as a mentor.

With twenty grandchildren, he may find himself busier now than ever. The citizens of Idaho have greatly benefited by having leaders like Brent Hill in office. He has been a great friend to Kathy and me over the years, and I want to thank him for his diligent service and congratulate him on his retirement from the Idaho State Senate.

IN HONOR OF ROBERT J. FLANIGAN

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2020

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert J. Flanigan of Huntingdon County for his service in the United States Air Force. Robert 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 Robert for his service to our nation and our community.

HONORING WILLIAM F. MILLER, JR. FOR HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY DURING WORLD WAR II

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2020

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor William F. Miller Jr. for his unwavering service to our country during World War II as Radioman Petty Officer Second Class aboard the USS *Oglethorpe* in the Navy.

William was born in Albany, New York on March 21, 1926. He was drafted into the Navy in July 1944 at the end of his junior year of high school, prior to receiving his diploma. William went on to serve in the Pacific theater and earned his Shellback after crossing the Equator on multiple occasions before he was honorably discharged in 1946. During his time in the Navy, he exemplified extreme courage and bravery as he valiantly protected our American values and our nation from enemies.

As Lake George High School presents William with an honorary diploma on this Veterans Day, November 11, 2020, we reflect on his many lifetime achievements. William has been happily married to Marie Luther since 1949, and they are celebrating their 71st anniversary this year with their five children, eight grandchildren, and a great-grandchild due in February. For many years, William ran a successful small business as a general contractor. The family continues William's strong military tradition and commitment to our nation as both his son and grandson have served in the Navy.

On behalf of New York's 21st district, I would like to thank William for his service to our country and congratulate him on officially receiving his diploma from Lake George High School. We owe our veterans a great deal of gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy today. I wish him and his family continued health and happiness.

MARION COUNTY INDUSTRIAL FOUNDATION

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2020

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Marion County Industrial Founda-

tion, which has been leading economic development efforts in Marion County since 1972. The MCIF is a non-profit, municipal and county-funded economic development organization. The MCIF has recently redoubled their efforts by purchasing the industries housed at 405 Old Springfield Road, or as locals call it, the Jane and Linda building.

This site has been a staple in the community since 1946, when Handmacher-Vogel built Lebanon Manufacturing Company. With over 500 employees, Handmacher-Vogel became the largest employer in Marion County at the time. The building underwent an ownership change in 1952, when Jane and Linda Sportswear took over the building. Ownership would eventually switch to Telecom in 1973 for a period ending in 1993.

After sitting unoccupied for over 20 years, the MCIF purchased the property earlier this summer. Staying true to their mission, the MCIF will market the property for new economic development opportunities. I am confident in this proud organization's ability to bring jobs to central Kentucky, which will create opportunity and hope for residents, businesses, and industries.

I join with everyone in Marion County and the Commonwealth in celebrating the extraordinary work of the Marion County Industrial Foundation. I am honored to represent this foundation as they continue to lead economic development efforts in the 1st District.

RECOGNIZING COUNCILOR BOB CAVANAUGH

HON. TOM RICE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2020

Mr. RICE of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize North Myrtle Beach City Councilman Bob Cavanaugh for his years of service to the North Myrtle Beach community.

Since beginning his tenure in 2001, Bob has provided invaluable service to the community and seen North Myrtle Beach expand into the tourist destination it has become. His experience in the private sector as an executive for General Electric provided an important perspective on city council.

During Bob's tenure, North Myrtle Beach further developed the North Myrtle Beach Park and Sports Complex, as well as the aquatic center. In his nearly two decades of service, he has seen North Myrtle Beach continually evolve.

Madam Speaker, I join the people of North Myrtle Beach in recognizing and thanking Councilman Bob Cavanaugh for his commitment to the community. We wish him the best in retirement.

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IN HONOR OF DAVID P. FRYER

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2020

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor David P. Fryer of Huntingdon County for his service in the United States Army Military Police. David 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 David for his service to our nation and our community.

HONORING THE 2020 WOMEN OF
THE YEAR**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2020

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 2020 Women of the Year. The honorees represent some of the most outstanding and dedicated women in the 3rd Congressional District. Nominated by their peers, these women and the leadership they have provided are being recognized for playing an integral and crucial role in improving the lives of everyone in their communities. This year, we mark the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote. Since then, our nation has seen women take great strides in every American industry from business to politics to the arts. This progress has not come easy and many women who have come before have worked hard and strived to achieve the independence and rights women have today. Though there is more work to be done to ensure that women have equal pay, flexible work schedules, and affordable education, each of the honorees will be a vital part of the work to get there.

2020's Women of the Year are:

Born and raised in Colusa County, Janita Smith has used her creativity, determination, and skilled leadership to make a vast and visible impact on her community. Janita is a dedicated advocate for the most vulnerable populations in her community. For years, she has donated her time to reducing hunger by volunteering at and coordinating food drives, including an annual giveaway for the Christmas holiday. In 1998 she co-founded the Colusa County Food Basket Association, creating a nonprofit organization that dedicates itself to serving those in most need throughout Colusa. What began as a very small community outreach program has now grown into an immensely rewarding Colusa County community service program that has served and fed an

average of 450 local families every holiday season for the past ten years. Recently, Janita collaborated with a local veteran's group to identify and create a register of all deceased veterans interred at the local Catholic cemetery. She spent nearly two years researching and networking with local families to ensure that all veterans were accounted for. Her work ensured that all 245 veterans were honored on Memorial Day with an American flag on their grave, marking their service and sacrifice. Janita's compassion, generosity, and heartfelt dedication to making her community a better place are an inspiration to all who know her.

Gina Tarke is more than just a volunteer in the Sutter County area, but a devoted leader with an extensive record of service to her community. Gina is known for her work ethic and constantly extends her hand to assist projects across the community with a kind heart. She has been the driving force behind many student, youth, and community projects. She spearheaded the Sutter Community Flag Project, has been in 4H Leadership for over 18 years, directs Sutter Union High School Football fundraising dinners and annual Meet the Huskies events, and never hesitates to lend a hand to the Sutter Youth Organization. Despite having children who have outgrown the youth activities in her community, Gina continues to volunteer her time ensuring that all Sutter youth have the opportunity to benefit from these programs. Under her leadership, the Yuba-Sutter 4H has expanded its reach over the years, providing vital learning opportunities to thousands of students in the community and offering invaluable leadership experiences. Gina has not only given her own time and generosity to youth organizations throughout her community, but also encouraged others to do the same by raising awareness of the need and benefit of each program. Her leadership, volunteerism, and generosity have touched countless individuals and left a lasting impact throughout her community.

Marie Teria is a dedicated community servant whose leadership, generosity, and compassion inspire all who know her. Her volunteer work with organizations such as the Casa De Esperanza, the Shady Creek Outdoor Education Foundation, the Live Oak High School Key Club, and local Kiwanis Clubs demonstrate her commitment to helping those in need. As a leader within the Kiwanis Clubs of Yuba City and Live Oak, Marie has worked tirelessly to organize fundraising events like the annual Kiwanis Lobster Feed that enable the organization to support students, families, and charitable organizations throughout the community. She also serves as the Key Club Advisor at Live Oak High School, teaching students important values such as cooperation, responsibility, and community service. Under her leadership, the club has tripled its membership and increased their community involvement. Marie also serves on the board of the Shady Creek Outdoor Education Foundation which provides scholarships to low income families to send their children to outdoor education camps. She works to ensure that no child is deprived the benefit of these formative experiences due to their family's economic situation. Her passion for serving others led her to serve on the board of Casa de Esperanza for the past eight years, where she demonstrates her commitment to improving the lives of survivors of domestic abuse and human trafficking. Over her many years of

community service, she has been recognized with numerous awards, including the Modern Woodmen "Hometown Hero" Award, State of California Legislature and Congressional Recognition as Ambassador of the Year, the William A. Dunlap Fellowship, and many more. Marie's extensive volunteer work and tireless advocacy on behalf of children and families has touched the lives of many and will leave a lasting impact on her community.

Raji Tumber has made vast and meaningful contributions to the Yuba-Sutter area throughout her lifetime. As a caring mother, exceptional community leader, and engaged volunteer, she finds countless ways to make an impact, whether as a past board member of the American Red Cross or by volunteering her time to the local Tierra Buena Gurdwara, which serves over 20,000 Sikhs in the area. Her work as a board member of the Yuba-Sutter Food Bank has helped the organization further its mission to distribute food to over 16,000 individuals each and every month. She also gives her time working with SEV A, an organization that promotes selfless service and works to provide meals to homeless individuals across the region. Raji's leadership is characterized by a warm and outgoing nature, coupled with the highest standards of integrity and professionalism in all she does. Her work has promoted transparency in the Punjabi community, allowing more women to be actively involved in breaking down barriers at two of the local Gurdwaras. Through her effective leadership and enthusiastic approach, she continues to touch the lives of many throughout the Yuba-Sutter community.

Mary Vasquez is a third-generation resident of Vacaville who has followed in her family's footsteps to support and represent her community. For several years, Mary worked with her father in the family business, where she was instilled with a strong and independent work ethic. Using this experience as a foundation, Mary attended UC Davis and San Francisco State University, becoming the first member of her family to receive a graduate degree. Mary has now worked for 13 years at UC Davis where she is the Associate Director of the Academic Senate. Through her work, she enables UC Davis to carry out their mission of teaching, research, and public service. In her free time, Mary dedicates herself to supporting and improving her local community. As a devoted mother of three, Mary is heavily involved with her children's schools and served on the Vacaville Bobby Sox Board for two years. She has also spent seven years supporting the Cal Inc. Cares Relay for Life Team where she has helped to raise over 20 million dollars for the American Cancer Society. Most recently, Mary was appointed by the mayor to the Vacaville Parks and Recreation Commission where she advises the City Council on matters important to her community. Mary is an engaged and dedicated member of her community who is always working willing and eager to help out where it is needed.

A long-time resident and devoted civic leader in Vacaville, Jeanette Wylie is a determined advocate for everyone in her community. Having retired after 22 years teaching with Travis Unified School District, education is one of Jeanette's many passions. She spent eight years as President of the Travis Unified Teachers Association where she supported teachers at all levels and worked to advance