

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF REVEREND HAROLD
G. WILLIAMS

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Harold G. Williams of Huntingdon County for his service in the United States Navy. Harold 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 Harold for his service to our nation and our community.

HONORING STEVEN M. DYL

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Steven Dyl in celebration of his decades of work as a father, Fire Chief, and leader in the Town of Kearny and the County of Hudson. I am proud to have such a dedicated and hardworking individual in the Ninth Congressional District of New Jersey. A lifelong resident of Kearny and a product of the Kearny school system, Steven Dyl dedicated his life to the safety and security of his hometown.

Steven's commitment to serve started at a very young age. With the gumption to hold regular meetings with then Mayor Henry Hill, Steven advocated for the establishment of an emergency rescue squad in the Town of Kearny, resulting in the creation of the Kearny Emergency Ambulance squad, an organization responsible for protecting tens of thousands of people. Furthermore, prior to his career in fire safety, Mr. Dyl worked for the McCabe Ambulance in Bayonne and as an EMT for University Hospital in Newark, formally beginning his career in public safety.

Appointed to the Kearny Fire Department (KFD) on October 6, 1984, Steven Dyl would start his thirty-five-year long career with the department. Rising through the ranks from Fire Captain, to Deputy Fire Chief and then Chief in 2007, Steven has a long history of hard work and commitment to reflect upon as he retires. Present for many of the department's greatest challenges such as the attack

on 9/11 and the economic downturn in 2008, Steven's leadership would play a key role in many of the major initiatives enacted by the Kearny Fire Department. I know his guidance and strong force of character will be missed by everyone at the department.

Working closely with other members of his community, Steven has raised money for the people of Kearny and firefighters across New Jersey. While titles may come and go, Mr. Dyl displays the intrinsic qualities that make him a leader irrespective of the title he holds. Regardless of how Steven chooses to spend his retirement, I know he will remain a firefighter in spirit. Retirement means a transition into a new phase of life, and I have every confidence that Steven will make this new phase a wonderful, productive and exciting time.

As the representative for New Jersey's Ninth Congressional District, I have the great honor of representing the residents of Kearny in Congress and it gives me great pride to recognize one of their native sons who has spent his life serving the public. I can say with confidence that Steven is not only a good leader, but an incredible public servant—the kind who can be counted on both in good times and in bad times.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to working with and recognizing the efforts of individuals like Mr. Dyl.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, friends, family, and the residents of New Jersey in recognizing Steven Dyl for his outstanding work, as we celebrate his decades of distinguished service to the Ninth Congressional District and the members of his family and community.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
BETTE BOATMUN

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of an esteemed leader in Contra Costa County, Bette Boatmun.

Bette was appointed to the Contra Costa Water District Board of Directors in 1974 and has held that position for the past 46 years. When initially applying for the Contra Costa Water District Board, Bette was driven by her desire to see more women in the water industry. During her time on the Board of Directors, Bette has served as both the President and Vice President. Her leadership has been integral in the implementation of many projects, including the building of the Randall-Bold Water Treatment Plant and the Multi-Purpose Pipeline, construction and expansion of the Los Vaqueros Reservoir, and an upgrade to the Bollman Water Treatment Plant.

Bette is known by her colleagues as an advocate for customers of the Water District,

demonstrated by her work to provide low-income assistance and avid support of water education. One of California's public demonstration gardens, recognized by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, was named in her honor: the Bette Boatmun Conservation Garden. One of Bette's many accolades for her outstanding career includes the 2013 Hollingsworth Award of Excellence from the California Special Districts Association.

In addition to her numerous professional contributions, Bette is a member of many community organizations, including the Concord American Association of University Women and League of Women Voters of Diablo Valley. She has also served as President of the Association of California Water Agencies and chair of several organizations, including the Governing Board of East County Water Management Association, the Contra Costa Special Districts' Association, and the Sanitation and Water Agencies of Contra Costa County.

We wish Bette well as she retires from the Contra Costa Water District Board of Directors and thank her for inspiring many more to follow in her footsteps. Please join me in honoring Bette Boatmun for her many contributions to our community.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
FREDERICK HILL McDONALD

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to reflect upon the life of Frederick Hill McDonald, an institution of our courts serving almost three decades as a Lucas County Common Pleas judge. A Vietnam War Veteran, a father, a grandfather, a husband, and a missed and cherished member of our community.

A native of Poland, Ohio, Judge McDonald graduated Poland High School and then attended Carleton College graduating with high marks. Following his undergrad, he jumpstarted his law career in receiving his law degree from Georgetown university, then soon after was honorably admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1968.

In the genesis of his career, McDonald joined the Toledo Aid Society in 1970, then took the step into the legal world officially in becoming an assistant county prosecutor. After a few years of service, he was selected as an assistant U.S. attorney in Toledo, and after serving one year as a Judge on the Toledo Municipal Court bench, his candor and professionalism propelled him to be appointed to the Common Pleas Court where his career blossomed.

Judge Frederick McDonald's time on the court was highlighted by his service of equality and equity on the bench and in his own life. In 1997 he received the Arabella Babb Mansfield Award from the Toledo Women's Bar Association, in accordance with his commitment

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to diversity and his general tenacity and grit on the bench.

In his tenure in our courts of law, Judge McDonald displayed a fervent commitment to decency and democracy like no other. At 71 years of age he retired his robes and was remembered by his peers as a dedicated collaborator and mentor, providing leadership and discernment on challenging issues.

A Toledo resident, his life was one filled with love and devotion to family. His three grandsons look onto a great example of a legal legacy and a profoundly sweet man. His Wife, Holly Sydlow, shared his love of law in her career as an assistant U.S. attorney.

Judge McDonald led everyday with the intention of imparting his legal knowledge unto the next generation of impactful lawyers and legal professionals, passing the merits of his valuable tenure unto the future of our courts.

During his time in the courts, Judge McDonald saved all of his jury instructions from his years of trial digitally and passed them on to a currently seated Judge, thus his legacy and institutional knowledge will live on within the systems that miss him so.

Our courts and our hearts mourn the loss of Judge McDonald. I express my great sympathy for his family and all who were lucky enough to call him friend or peer.

IN RECOGNITION OF TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISOR BRIAN LOFTUS

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brian Loftus and his years of distinguished service to Grosse Ile Township. His leadership and community impact are worthy of commendation.

In 2008, Brian Loftus became Grosse Ile Township Supervisor. In this position, Loftus has moderated the Board of Trustees, led the development of the township budget, overseen property assessment, and maintained township records. In addition, he has been a liaison to the Downtown Development Authority, served on the Elections Commission, and has appointed the members of a variety of other township commissions, among other tasks. Supervisor Loftus's leadership has come at a pivotal moment in our state's history. As communities across Michigan are grappling with the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, Supervisor Loftus has remained committed to ensuring Grosse Ile Township continues to be a vibrant, diverse, and welcoming residential community for all.

Supervisor Brian Loftus's sense of dedication transcends Grosse Ile Township. Prior to serving Grosse Ile as township supervisor, Loftus served our nation in uniform. Loftus joined the Air Force in 1970 and graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1974. He served on active duty as a pilot until being transferred to the Michigan Air National Guard in 1981, where he continued serving in several operation and staff duty positions until his retirement in September 2003. Over the course of 33 years of military service, Loftus has come to deeply understand the meaning of duty, sacrifice, and commitment to bettering one's community. Undoubtedly, he applied

these principles throughout his tenure as township supervisor.

In addition, Loftus has been an active member of several community organizations. He volunteers with the Grosse Ile Historical Society, Friends of the Detroit River, and the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge Alliance, to name a few. Throughout all capacities, Loftus has been recognized as a humble and compassionate leader who strives to effect lasting change. He has been a strong voice for Grosse Ile Township and used his authority to bring the community together and positively impact the lives of countless residents. Loftus's impact will forever endure, and we are all grateful for his years of service to our community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Township Supervisor Brian Loftus. We are proud to celebrate his work, accomplishments, and significant community impact. We thank him for his outstanding leadership and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

HONORING WES AND JUDY PIERCE

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Wes and Judy Pierce, two incredible members of our Central Texas community who have devoted their energies and talents toward providing support and aid to our incredible servicemembers, veterans, first responders, and their families.

Originally from Illinois, Wes and Judy married in April 1987. Their journey from child rearing to becoming proud grandparents led them to Texas in 2001. After having five of their own sons serve in the military, Wes and Judy became increasingly aware of the unmet needs of our returning veterans. Through their own children's difficulties with accessing and finding resources, Heroes Night Out was born.

Heroes Night Out is a non-profit community-based organization that is dedicated to enhancing and supporting servicemembers, veterans, first responders, and their family members through programs and services in a caring and safe environment enhanced by the contributions of peers and battle buddies. HNO can quickly address the unique situations they experience by creating an immediate and trusting relationship.

Having nurtured Heroes Night Out into a valued part of the Central Texas community, Wes and Judy are passing the torch to a new generation of leadership. Their richly-deserved retirement is to be celebrated and enjoyed. I proudly join their friends and colleagues in gratitude for their enormous contributions to those who work and sacrifice so much for us.

RANDY DECKER

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to remember and honor Randy

Decker, a man of tremendous character who passed away on February 4, 2020 after a brief, yet brave battle with an aggressive illness.

The youngest of 12 children and the first to be born in a hospital, Randy was born on July 25, 1950. Randy was drafted and served in the U.S. Army. After, he attended Illinois State University where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Business. Family was always a priority for Randy. Randy was married to his beloved wife Mona Belle Decker for 49 years. Randy could always be found supporting his children, being involved in their various sports activities throughout the years. Randy spent his civilian career in sales management roles to provide for his family. In his latest years, raising and supporting his five grandchildren was one of his greatest joys. Randy will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery later this year.

Madam Speaker, I thank Randy Decker for his service and the impact he made in his community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes due to a death in the family. Had I been present for roll call vote number 219, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 327, the Wounded Veterans Recreation Act, I would have voted "yay." Had I been present for roll call vote number 220, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 3147, the Improving Safety and Security for Veterans Act, I would have voted "yay."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Mrs. ROBY. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Monday, November 16, 2020. Had I been present I would have voted as follows: YEA on Roll Call No. 219, and YEA on Roll Call No. 220.

IN HONOR OF JAMES C. WILCOX

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor James C. Wilcox of Huntingdon County for his service in the United States Marine Corps. James 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