

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MS.
ELAINE SHAMIR

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 27, 2020

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of my friend Ms. Elaine Shamir, who passed away at the age of 48 on October 5, 2020. Elaine dedicated her life to advocating for causes that would help her fellow human beings and promote democracy and fairness. Elaine believed passionately in the equality of all persons no matter what race, gender, or religion, and lived her life in a way that reflected that. She attributed her love of all mankind to the loving influence of her father, Mordechai Shamir.

Born on October 12, 1971, Elaine grew up in Randolph, New Jersey. She attended the University of Maryland and worked in Washington, D.C. until she came to Los Angeles to work for the senatorial campaign of former United States Senator Barbara Boxer. For the following 20 years, Elaine would continue to work for Senator Boxer in addition to her work as the founder of Integrity Matters, a full-service firm that provides elected officials, candidates, and organizations the tools and resources necessary to succeed. Elaine dedicated much of her time to advocating for causes close to her heart. Elaine was passionate about mental health causes and was a driving force behind the passage of mental health parity laws through Mind Matters, an organization she founded to fight for access to mental health care for all Americans. Most recently, she had been working to protect voter's rights and fight against voter suppression with Fair Fight, a national voting rights organization based in Georgia. When she wasn't working, Elaine spent her time enjoying music, cinema, swimming, the ocean, and spending time with her family and friends.

Elaine is survived by her mother, Ruth Shamir, her sister, Karen Marks, her brother-in-law, Ian Marks, her niece, Madison Marks, and her nephews Mason and Maxwell Marks, as well as many other loving family members and friends. It was an honor for me to have known and worked with Elaine. May Elaine's memory be a blessing to us all.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF TROY
LEE JONES

HON. JODEY C. ARRINGTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 27, 2020

Mr. ARRINGTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life, and honor the memory of Troy Lee Jones, a member of the Greatest Generation who I had the privilege of representing in the United States House of Representatives.

It cannot be disputed, Madam Speaker, that Mr. Jones' life was defined by his devotion to the Lord, a fierce American patriotism, and a specialty for salesmanship—traits he no doubt passed along to the children and grandchildren he raised, all of whom have made tremendous contributions to the economic, health and educational wellbeing of West Texas.

Troy Lee Jones drew the first breath of his extraordinary life on May 14, 1924, in Radium, Jones County, Texas. Born to Georgia Mae and Lacy D. Jones, Mr. Jones grew up in small towns on the South Plains before graduating in 1941 from Sparenberg High School, located at Five Mile, Dawson County, Texas. After high school, he worked several jobs, including that of Civilian Quartermaster at Lamesa Field, a United States Army Air Force glider training school. Despite qualifying for a deferment, and against his mother's wishes, Mr. Jones enlisted in the United States Army in 1943. He trained at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, and Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, New York.

A member of the 487th Port Battalion, Company B, 5th Engineers Special Brigade, 1st Army, Mr. Jones trained for Operation Overlord with his fellow soldiers in Wales' Rhondda Valley before landing on Omaha Beach during the first wave of the Allied invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944. A recipient of multiple campaign awards and the Purple Heart, Private Jones served the remainder of the war in Antwerp, supporting supply chains to arm and feed the Allied Forces, all the while, under constant bombardment by the Nazis.

After returning from Europe, Mr. Jones lived in Lamesa where he worked for several years before meeting the woman with whom he would spend the rest of his life. Troy and Minnie Margaret "Marge" Ward met on a blind date on New Year's Eve, 1947 and the couple married on March 31, 1950, in Lovington, New Mexico. Troy and Marge lived and worked alongside one another for the next seventy years, and their devotion to one another was evident even during the final days of their life together. During the decade following their nuptials, the couple was blessed with three children, Cathy, Terry and Jeff.

A natural-born salesman, Mr. Jones peddled ointment door-to-door as a boy before beginning his formal sales career at Fair Department Store in Lamesa the week following his marriage. He worked in and managed consumer sales enterprises for over fifteen years until he operated his own—Jones Department Store—in Silvertown, Texas. Not only was Mr. Jones a business leader in Briscoe County, he was elected to the Silvertown City Council and served as the town's mayor during the twenty-two years he lived there. Marge and Troy sold their store in 1986 and moved to Lubbock, where he worked in several sales positions prior to his retirement in 1999.

It's true that Troy Lee Jones performed heroically on the battlefield and that he made many positive civic and economic contributions to West Texas, but what his family ap-

preciates most, Madam Speaker, is the faith heritage that Troy passed along to them. He accepted Christ as his Savior at the age of seven, was baptized in Moran, Texas and spent the next nine decades living out his faith alongside his family and his community. He was an active member in several Baptist churches and was an ordained deacon.

Mr. Jones was preceded in death by his parents Georgia Mae Loudder Jones and Lacy D. Jones. He is survived by his devoted wife Minnie Margaret "Marge" Ward Jones and his children, Cathy Marion Jones Buchanan (Michael) of Lubbock, Terry Lee Jones Byers (James) of Muleshoe and Jeffery Ward Jones (L' Anna) of Lubbock. He is also survived by eight grandchildren: Juli Catherine Buchanan McCauley, Cameron Ward Buchanan, Michael Dee Buchanan, Riley Mac Byers, Russell Ward Byers, Austin Keith Jones, Linley Brittain Jones Melham, Jeffery Nicholas Jones, and seventeen great-grandchildren.

While Mr. Jones resided in Lubbock for the final thirty-four years of his life, he lived and worked in towns such as Radium, Lorenzo, Tuxedo and Levelland, communities that are the heart and soul of West Texas and the life book of Texas' 19th Congressional District. Like so many other rural Americans, Mr. Jones decided as a young man to trade a life of relative tranquility on the South Plains for one of grueling sacrifice on the battlefields of World War II. We must never forget those brave Americans, like Troy Lee Jones, who risked everything to secure not only America's freedom, but also to liberate the world from tyranny and terror. Private Jones and his fellow soldiers, airmen, sailors and Marines returned home to build their families and communities, laying the groundwork for the moral strength and economic prosperity that, even today, extends across the dusty plains of West Texas and from sea to shining sea.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of my constituents and the Texas congressional delegation, I wish to thank Troy Lee Jones for his sacrifice for the cause of freedom, his legacy of faith and service to Almighty God, and his deep and lasting contributions to West Texas.

RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER AS COM-
PLEX REGIONAL PAIN SYN-
DROME AWARENESS MONTH

HON. KATHLEEN M. RICE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 27, 2020

Miss RICE of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize November as Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Awareness Month and to join my colleagues in Congress and individuals around the United States and the world in recognizing the unique hardships faced by those living with chronic pain.

Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS) is a rare neurological disorder that causes significant chronic or acute pain, most often in

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the arms or legs. According to the National Organization for Rare Disorders, it is estimated that there are as many as 200,000 people in the United States who are affected by CRPS each year. While many of these individuals do eventually recover, its effects can last for months or years, and for those with more severe forms of the disorder, CRPS can cause long-term disability.

Although our country has made great progress in diagnosing and treating CRPS, we have so much more to learn about this little-understood disorder and other rare conditions that cause chronic pain. That is why I am proud to support the great work of the National Institutes of Health, the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, and the Institute's Brain Resources and Information Network (BRAIN) program.

In the midst of the ongoing pandemic, we must recognize the significant additional hardships that many of our fellow citizens face due to CRPS and other rare diseases. On November 2nd, New York landmarks from Nassau County to Niagara Falls were lit up in orange in honor of those living with CRPS. Please join me in recognizing November as CRPS Awareness Month to spread further awareness of CRPS and those that it affects.