

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF MRS. ANNA MAE
HOOPER DEBRO

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an inspiring woman, educator, and woman of God, Mrs. Anna Mae Hooper Debro. Sadly, Mrs. Debro passed away on Wednesday, November 25, 2020, at the remarkable age of 104. But, she leaves behind a legacy of impact upon countless people whose lives she touched. Her funeral service was held on Wednesday, December 2, 2020, at the Charles E. Huff International Funeral Home, Incorporated in Columbus, Georgia.

Mrs. Anna Mae Hooper Debro was born in Coffeeville, Mississippi, on October 3, 1916, to the union of Reverend Louis W. Hooper and Mrs. Minnie Hooper. As the daughter of a preacher, she committed her life to being a believer and servant of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, at a very early age.

She graduated from Delta Industrial High School, a historical boarding school for gifted Black children in the Mississippi Delta, before earning her undergraduate degree from Alcorn and Campbell College in 1941. She continued her education at Atlanta University (now Clark Atlanta University), where she received her Master's degree in Math Education in 1960. A lifelong learner, with an immense passion for education, she sought to further her studies at the University of Georgia, Florida A & M University, and Tuskegee University as a National Science Foundation Scholar.

Mrs. Debro committed her life to education. She held the position of Math Department Chair at Carver High School in Columbus, Georgia, she was the Tri Hi Y Chair, Student Advisor, and the PTA Chairwoman from 1954 to 1971. Later, she taught at Columbus High School from 1971 to 1978, where she was among the first African American teachers to desegregate the Muscogee County School District. Mrs. Debro's life story was so impactful that it was featured in the SIS Oral History Project at Spelman College in Atlanta, GA.

In addition to her dedication in the classroom, she was also a devout servant of God and a member of St. Mark A.M.E. Church for over 70 years, where she chaired the Women's Missionary Society and served in several leadership roles. Her pledge to Christ was echoed in her compassionate leadership, which made her a guiding light within her community.

Mother Teresa once said that "At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things that we have done. We will be judged by "I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. I was naked, and you clothed me, I was homeless, and you took me in." Mrs. Anna Mae Hooper

Debro lived her life to help other people. Because of her love for Jesus Christ and her service to the least of these, the world is indeed a better place.

Mrs. Debro accomplished much in her life, but none of it would have been possible without the Grace of God and the love and support of her late husband of 30 years, Mr. James Debro, Sr.; and her children, James Jr., William, Lisa, Harriette, and Dwight. She will be greatly missed by her family but will also be missed by her community and all of those whose lives she touched.

Madam Speaker, my wife, Vivian, and I, along with the more than 730,000 people of the Second Congressional District, and all those who mourn her loss, salute Mrs. Anna Mae Hooper Debro for her lifetime of service to humankind. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join us in extending our deepest condolences to Mrs. Debro's family during this difficult time of bereavement. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

JOHN PINKERTON, VICTOR VALLEY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD MEMBER, RETIRES

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the retirement of John Pinkerton from the Victor Valley Community College Board of Trustees.

Mr. Pinkerton was first elected to the Victor Valley Community College Board of Trustees in November of 2012. Since then John has worked with the other Trustees to help Victor Valley College regain its full accreditation, balance its budget, and increase its enrollment and annual graduates. When John is not serving as a member of the Board of Trustees, he works as a counselor at Silverado High School where he helps students in our community not just by helping them prepare for college and the workforce, but by striving to make a positive impact in their lives.

I offer my sincere gratitude to John for his many years of service on the Victor Valley Community College Board of Trustees and wish him the best in his retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MAX
OSCEOLA, JR.

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to honor the life of former Seminole Tribe Chairwoman, Max Osceola, Jr.

We were heartbroken to learn of her passing and join Floridians in mourning this tremendous loss to the Seminole Tribe and the state of Florida. He leaves an unmatched legacy for the Seminole Tribe, South Florida, and our nation.

Max Osceola, Jr.'s tenure on the Hollywood Council spanned 25 years, and it was during that time, that Seminole Gaming expanded and became the pillar of Florida's gaming industry. Under his leadership, tribal students were afforded scholarships for higher education and tribal culture was preserved for future generations.

He always emphasized improving the management of tribal affairs, whether it was housing, health, employment training or education to advance opportunity for Native American youth. Mr. Osceola was a patron of our South Florida community and supported numerous organizations whose work helps improve our surroundings—the Boys & Girls Clubs, the Ann Storck Center, and the Victory Junction Camp for children with serious medical conditions.

A graduate of McArthur High School in Hollywood, Mr. Osceola was one of the first tribal members to graduate from college, earning his degree from the University of Miami. Education was paramount to him and while serving on the tribal council, he created a scholarship to pay for college or vocational school for any member of the tribe.

I join the Seminole Tribe and South Floridians in mourning the loss of an incredible mentor, tribal leader, brother, father, grandfather, and friend. May his memory be a blessing.

HONORING TEXAS JUDGE EMILY
MISKEL

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Texas Judge Emily Miskel, the recipient of the 2020 William H. Renquist Award for Judicial Excellence, widely recognized as the highest honor bestowed to a state court judge by the National Center for State Courts (NCSC).

As the Judge for the 470th District Court in Collin County, Judge Miskel is lauded for rising to meet the challenges posed during the pandemic by leading the first-ever remote hearing and jury trial in the United States. Judge Miskel, a respected authority on legal technology, not only took leadership in utilizing remote resources in the courts, but also went on to train many of Texas' judges. As a result, more than 175,000 virtual hearings have now taken place, allowing for continued access to fundamental services guaranteed by our Constitution.

Judge Miskel earned a mechanical engineering degree from Stanford University and

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her law degree from Harvard Law School. As a valuable member of the Computer & Technology Section Council of the State Bar of Texas and the Texas Judicial Council, Judge Miskel is a board certified family lawyer and will soon earn her certification in child welfare law.

Now as Judge Miskel is honored by the National Center for State Courts for demonstrating the outstanding qualities of judicial excellence—integrity, fairness, open-mindedness, knowledge of the law, professional ethics, creativity, sound judgement, intellectual courage, and decisiveness, I encourage my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating her many achievements in the area of judicial excellence and leadership.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN BAYLISS,
LOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Mr. JORDAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to pay tribute to Logan County Commissioner John F. Bayliss of Rushsylvania, Ohio. John will retire at the end of this year after nearly a quarter-century of outstanding service to the people of Logan County.

Throughout his six terms on the Board of Commissioners—making him the longest-serving commissioner in Logan County history—John has become known for his superb management skills. His years of experience in the private sector, both as the owner of a residential building and remodeling company and as a farmer, prepared him well for the diverse fiscal challenges of local government.

During his time in office, John has served on numerous boards and committees, including the Logan County Community Improvement Board, the Local Emergency Planning Committee, and several committees of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio. He is also a past county president of the Ohio Farm Bureau and a past county and state president of the Ohio Sheep Improvement Association.

A graduate of The Ohio State University, John and his wife of 44 years, Sharon, are the proud parents of three children: Brian, Courtney, and Brendan. They especially enjoy spending time with their seven grandchildren.

John's colleagues and friends will gather on December 8 to celebrate his many contributions and distinguished record. On behalf of the people of Ohio's Fourth Congressional District, I am proud to join in the accolades to him for his many years of fine public service. We wish him and his family every success as they move to a new chapter in their lives.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS FOR
JOHN LYNCH AND ALEXA
PAPADOPOULOS

HON. TJ COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Mr. John

Lynch and Ms. Alexa Papadopoulos on their upcoming wedding. John was an instrumental part of my team and I am honored to call him a friend and a colleague. He and Alexa are fine examples of young men and women who have stepped up to work in government to make a positive difference in the lives of all Americans through their efforts, capability and professionalism.

As our Senior Legislative Assistant, John has shown great attentiveness and care for some of the most pressing issues of the Central Valley—water infrastructure, economic growth and public policy. John's tireless work serving our communities is invaluable, and his work on water policy will certainly carry on helping thousands of people here in the Valley. John ties our team together with his personality and humor, all while continuing his vital service to so many individuals and communities.

I offer my warmest congratulations and best wishes to John and Alexa as they begin this new chapter in their lives. We all join their family and friends in celebrating this wonderful milestone. I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in celebrating this couple. We wish them well as they continue to build a happy, healthy life together.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WORLD
WAR I AND II VETERAN EXIQUEL
IGLESIAS DE LEON

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of World War I and II veteran Exiquel Iglesias De Leon and his unquestionable dedication to family and country.

At only nineteen years old, Exiquel courageously enlisted in the Navy during the height of World War I. Twenty-six years after his honorable service, he subsequently re-enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve to serve during World War II. Exiquel continued his service for another eight years with the Naval Reserve, stationed at the Eleventh Naval District. For nearly the remainder of his life, he put in hard work as a rigger at the Mare Island Navy Yard in Vallejo, California.

A native Guamanian, Exiquel became a naturalized United States citizen on November 3, 1944, following his decades of honorable service to our country. Never forgetting his roots, he made frequent trips to Long Beach to participate in community events to celebrate the Guamanian people. He believed strongly in celebrating his culture's traditions and the diversity of American culture. As a new American citizen, Exiquel proudly became a California homeowner, residing in Compton, California with his family for the remainder of his life.

His family remembers him as a great cook who always "cooked with love" and as an avid boxing fan. Exiquel and his family frequently took the "Red Car" out on weekends to the Grand Central Market in Los Angeles to enjoy time together and with their community.

For his exemplary life of service, Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Exiquel

Iglesias De Leon on the House floor. As demonstrated by his commitment to American values, service in two World Wars, admirable work ethic, and tenure as an upstanding citizen, Exiquel is the American Dream personified. May he rest in peace.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF
SCARSDALE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize one of the finest civic organizations in my district, the League of Women Voters of Scarsdale, which in January, 2021 will be celebrating its incredible 100th Anniversary.

The Scarsdale League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that grew out of the suffrage movement. There were many suffragists in Scarsdale and Westchester over 100 years ago, fighting for the right for women to vote in public elections. Over its 100 years, the League has worked to protect and expand voting rights in our area. Their mission is to promote civic engagement, to communicate clear voter information, including on the ways to vote, dates of voting, and to help voters understand candidate and policy positions prior to elections. The League prides itself on holding Candidate Forum events in order to help our community members, from Scarsdale and beyond, make informed decisions at the polls.

In addition, The Scarsdale League studies selected governmental issues every year and creates statements through a consensus process. They also organize various speaker events for our community and engage in civics education in the local schools, programming that is particularly important now at this moment in our history.

Madam Speaker, the League of Women Voters of Scarsdale is an active local community organization and they are very excited to be reaching this 100-year milestone. I too am excited that I get to share this wonderful centennial anniversary with them, and I congratulate their team on continuing to raise the bar on civic engagement in New York's 16th Congressional District.

IN HONOR OF SENATOR MARTHA
FULLER CLARK

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor State Senator Martha Fuller Clark, who is retiring from public service after three decades of service to the people of New Hampshire. She has been a fierce advocate for the Seacoast, first serving as a State Representative for 12 years before serving as a State Senator for 12 years.

During our time serving in the state Legislature together, I saw firsthand Senator Fuller Clark's passion, grace, and civility. She is unflinchingly committed to the ideals of public service, always bringing the voices and experiences of those she represents with her to inform her work in Concord. Senator Fuller