

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF SISTER MARGARET CLAYDON

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 7, 2020

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Sister Margaret Claydon, who served as President of Trinity Washington University (then Trinity College), my alma mater. Sister Margaret was a beloved pillar of the Trinity community, a revolutionary who transformed women's education in America and a role model for thousands of young women and me.

Sister Margaret dedicated her life to Trinity. She enrolled at Trinity as a freshman in the fall of 1941, entered the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur (SNDdeN) in 1946 and taught Latin at several SNDdeN high schools before returning to Trinity in the English Department in 1952. She served as Trinity's president from 1959 to 1975, becoming one of the youngest college presidents in the country, and then served as a professor of English until her retirement in 2004. She continued to live in the SNDdeN community at Trinity until moving to Mount Notre Dame in Cincinnati in 2015.

Sister Margaret Claydon was an exemplar of the ideal Trinity Woman: a leader of penetrating intellect, firm faith and inquiring mind, whose keen sense of purpose and courage to question the status quo was an inspiration to all who walked through our school's halls. For the women in my class and me, Sister Margaret, with her youth, sophistication and success, was a symbol of strength and empowerment, whose leadership was a reminder that women could become not only a Secretary or Treasurer, but a President—or the Speaker of the House.

Sister Margaret's leadership of Trinity was transformational. During an era of great upheaval on campuses and in communities across America, she boldly led Trinity into the future: revitalizing and modernizing the curriculum, leading the conversion of governance to the lay board and securing a Phi Beta Kappa Chapter for Trinity, all while holding firm to Trinity's proud heritage as an all women's Catholic institution. The excellence of her leadership was recognized in her being named to many of the great boards of higher education and her serving as the only woman on a significant delegation of presidents of Catholic colleges to the Vatican in the late 1960s.

Speaking before the National Catholic Educational Association fifty years ago, Sister Margaret declared, "We have to be willing to acquaint our students with controversy and problematic knowledge. The emphasis cannot be only on the assemblage and mastery of facts, but must be on how to make sense of them in relation to the whole human condition . . . For the times in which we live, rigidity or timidity have no place. These times, these problems cry out for courage, for openness."

May Sister Margaret's lifetime of courageous leadership to educate and empower

women to seek the truth and pursue progress for all continue to be a blessing to our community. And may it be a comfort to the Trinity community, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, her family and all who knew and loved Sister Margaret that so many mourn their loss and pray for them during this sad time.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF LINA FAT

HON. AMI BERA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BERA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Lina Fat.

Born in Hong Kong, Lina moved to the United States to attend college in Tennessee. She eventually graduated from the University of California, San Francisco School of Pharmacy. She married Ken Fat in 1940 and worked as a pharmacist.

Lina then made a career change and studied at the Culinary Institute of America, Le Cordon Bleu, and the Dickson Culinary School. In 1974, the Fat Family opened China Camp in Old Sacramento, which celebrated the Chinese connection to the Gold Rush. It was Lina's idea to base the menu on grilled meats and she became the chef of China Camp. Eventually, she became the Fat Family Restaurant Group's executive corporate chef and later the vice president of culinary research and development.

In 2000, Lina was named businesswoman of the year by the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce. In 2007 she launched the Sacramento World Music and Dance Festival. Lina and her family also were generous supporters of the Asian American community and other civic efforts.

I am pleased that the Sacramento Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce will honor Lina's legacy by renaming its "Small Business of the Year Award" to the "Fat Family Legacy Award."

Madam Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in remembering Lina's life and her contributions to our community in Sacramento.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MS. TERRY ROWE

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 7, 2020

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate and offer gratitude to Ms. Terry Rowe who dedicated over 40 years of outstanding service to the House of Representatives. Terry started her career at the House as the Junior Secretary for the Member Services Division of House Information Systems; and her final years of service included her time as

the Director of House Graphics Studio and the Art Director of House Creative Services.

For many years, Terry led House Graphics and served the entire House community by providing excellent consultation and design services. Terry's colleagues at the CAO and the countless Congressional offices she worked with over the course of her four-decade career not only praised her insight and talents, but also commended her for her hard work, dedication, professionalism, and contributions, day-in and day-out, to strengthen and protect the institution of the U.S. House of Representatives.

In the aftermath of September 11, 2001 and the subsequent anthrax attack on Capitol Hill, Terry was a steady voice of institutional knowledge, and a "can do" spirit for an impromptu communications team that supported the CAO operations. She served as the liaison with the Government Printing Office and took care of the preparation and printing of all materials needed to support the House community through this very difficult time. Her ability to create partnerships and solutions enabled others on the team to effectively complete their tasks without un-do stress. All required materials would be ready for the House Executive Committee the following morning.

During her service to the House, she provided the highest quality graphic design and artistic work to Members, Committees, Leadership, and support offices. Her work directly contributed to the House of Representatives carrying out the people's work by enabling Members to use high-quality visual aides to support their communications. Many counted on this service for effective, quality products that help to brand and market their services. Terry never said "no" to a service request and always delivered on time and with her famous smile. For those who have known Terry throughout her career on the Hill, it has been an honor to serve with her.

After 40 years of service, Ms. Rowe will leave the House better than when she joined it, and her helping hand will be missed by many.

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF JACK CREIGHTON

HON. DENNY HECK

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 7, 2020

Mr. HECK. Madam Speaker, my heart is at half-mast after the passing of a business leader from my home state, Jack Creighton. He was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather. He was also a mentor and a friend.

Jack had an impressive resume. President and CEO of Weyerhaeuser, Interim Chairman and CEO of United Airlines, national president of the Boy Scouts of America, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army—those are just a few of the highlights. If I were to list all his career accomplishments, board memberships,

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foundation involvements, and community projects, that list would take up more space in the RECORD than I am permitted.

But those who knew Jack—as I was so fortunate to have—understand that there was so much more to him than his resume. Simply reading through his list of accomplishments, impressive as it is, misses the essence of Jack’s contributions to our society and the many people whose lives have been enriched and improved because of him. I am one such person.

Several years before I first ran for Congress, I co-founded a company that provides professional learning and training services to Fortune 500 companies. As the company grew, Jack became the chairman of the board. I had ongoing involvement in the management and operations of the business, as I was also a board member. The truth is that I learned much more than I contributed. Sitting next to Jack every meeting was like going to graduate school for business.

But beyond his vast knowledge and business acumen, Jack brought something else to our board meetings, something that has stayed with me ever since, something I hope to emulate: his compassion. Jack cared deeply for the employees of the company and always looked out for their interests. “We have to take care of our people,” he frequently said. To Jack, a successful business wasn’t measured merely by impressive numbers on a balance sheet; it was about the people. The most effective way to invest in the success of a company was to invest in the success of the people who comprise it.

Madam Speaker, I ask that the House join me in honoring the life and contributions of Jack Creighton, and in sending condolences to his wife, Dr. Jan Creighton, and the entire Creighton family. I will remember Jack as a teacher, a mentor, and a friend. Knowing him has made me a better person. While he is no longer with us, his example remains and will continue to inspire those who knew him, because Jack knew that a successful life is not measured merely by impressive lines on a resume. It is about the people. And the most effective way to make the world a better place is to invest in the success of the people who comprise it.

CALEXICO HIGH SCHOOL NAVY JUNIOR RESERVES OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 7, 2020

Mr. VARGAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Navy Junior Reserves Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) program at Calexico High School. This is the only NJROTC program in the Imperial Valley, CA.

Calexico High School established a Navy National Defense Cadet Corp (NNDCC) program in August of 2016. The establishment of a NNDCC program at Calexico High School included coordination with the Naval Service Training Command and the NJROTC Director.

On September 23, 2019, the Secretary of the Navy, approved Calexico High School’s request to advance from an NNDCC unit to an NJROTC unit. There were 181 students enrolled as NJROTC cadets at this time.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF ROBERT ARMSTRONG

HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 7, 2020

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of long-time community member Robert (Bob) Armstrong as he celebrates his 90th birthday.

Bob was born in Visalia, California, but the Armstrong family eventually relocated to Northern California where Bob graduated from Richmond High School. Following graduation, Bob entered the U.S. Navy and served as an electronic technician. He married Anna Mae Caliri before attending the University of California, Berkeley, and graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering and a teaching certificate in 1957.

In 1958, Bob and Anna moved to Concord where they raised their two children, Janet and Jim. That same year, Bob began a career as a high school teacher, and he would go on to teach math, electronics, and driver’s education at multiple high schools including Mt. Diablo High School, Pacifica High School, Ygnacio Valley High School, and Concord High School. Not only was Bob dedicated to educating youth in our community, but he was also actively involved in the teachers’ union. After 30 years of teaching, Bob retired in order to take care of his aging parents. Retirement also gave Bob time to enjoy his many hobbies, spending many days boating and fishing and even joining a gym at age 86 where he takes cardio dance classes. Bob bowls four times a week and is still picking up new activities to stay busy. His adventurous spirit has led Bob to try many new things in life and he loves sharing his wisdom with others.

Bob has been a member of the community for over 60 years. He is known for always having a smile on his face and spreading joy to everyone who knows him. Please join me in wishing Bob well on his 90th birthday.

NO PUBLIC CHARGE DEPORTATION ACT

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 7, 2020

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, for over 100 years, public charge has been part of U.S. immigration law as a ground of deportation. It is time we change that part of law, especially with how the current administration is weaponizing this rule to hurt families and limit them from accessing critical safety net programs.

Since the Trump administration published the new public charge rule in 2018, there are reports that this has led to chilling impacts on immigrant families participating in safety net programs for fear of jeopardizing their immigration status. One in seven adults in immigrant families reported that they or a family member did not participate in a noncash benefit program in 2018, out of fear of risking future green card status. Even permanent residents who would not be affected by this proposed rule have reported forgoing safety net programs.

Madam Speaker, even more frightening is that this rule instills fear in families with children. In fact, the rule could lead up to 4.7 million people to withdraw from Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program alone. This fear has resulted in parents trying to opt out of free school lunch for their children—New York State schools have free lunch for all students—out of concern that they may be deemed a public charge and even possibly lose status and be deported.

That is why, I am introducing the “No Public Charge Deportation Act”, which would amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to remove public charge as a ground of deportation.

The Trump administration is weaponizing the public charge rule to discriminate against low-income immigrants and immigrants of color. We need to assure families that they will not be deported if they legally use critical benefits such as Medicaid, SNAP, and housing assistance.

Madam Speaker, families should not have to decide between putting food on the table and risk getting deported. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation to make sure families will not forgo programs that help provide basic necessities because of a public charge rule.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID LOEBSACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 7, 2020

Mr. LOEBSACK. I missed the vote on H.R. 2382. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 37.

HONORING MS. LORENA L. LACAR FOR HER COMMITMENT TO THE VETERAN COMMUNITY

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 7, 2020

Mr. VARGAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lorena L. Lacar’s professionalism and dedication to the Veteran community.

Lorena L. Lacar entered employment as an extra-help employee with the County of Imperial on April 7, 1993. She then transferred to the Imperial County Veterans Service Office on January 27, 1995, where she served for over 20 years.

During Ms. Lacar’s tenure, she helped over 20,000 veterans, dependents and widows claim their benefits which amounted to over \$13,449,000 in retroactive payments, \$1,678,032 in monthly award payments and over \$112,447 in lump sum payments, thus allowing veterans to enjoy an increased quality of life owed to them for their service.

Ms. Lacar’s exemplary professionalism and diligence has earned her the love and respect of the Imperial Valley’s veteran community. She has developed a vast array of resources and professional relationships to help enhance the quality of life for veterans. She has also devoted herself to assist veterans in need of shelter, subsistence, and has generously volunteered her time after hours to assist veterans in need of crisis counseling or dependents in need of emergency services.