

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE LIFE, LEGACY,
AND MEMORY OF PATRICIA
"TRISH" BERRY-BELL

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 13, 2020

Ms. DELBENE. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Patricia "Trish" Berry-Bell, a treasured friend and constituent, who passed away peacefully on January 19, 2020 after a courageous battle with glioblastoma. Trish was a retired registered nurse. She began her career at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago in the Neuro-Intensive Care Unit. After moving to Washington in 1983, she became a staple of our health care community. She first worked as an ICU nurse, then later in Recovery and Research, at the University of Washington Medical Center. Though she retired in 2016, she certainly did not remove herself from the health care world. Trish was a strong advocate for both nurses and patients during her career and after her retirement.

Trish was a jack-of-all-trades, receiving a degree in fashion design in addition to her degree in nursing. She exemplified the strong sense of community Washington is known for in so many aspects of her life, and any of us could count on her to be the first to step up if we needed help. Trish was loyal (a member of the same book club for twenty-seven years), loving, caring (my daughter's godmother), and was known for her quick wit and sense of humor. Her favorite holiday was St. Patrick's Day when we would gather at her house for a corned beef dinner. She was easily recognizable from her flaming red hair and her clear zest for life. I know her husband John, daughters Caitlin and Maeve, son-in-law John and all of us whose lives were better because we knew her will keep her memory alive. My family and I will miss her dearly.

RICK ENGLER

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 13, 2020

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Washington, District of Columbia resident, Mr. Rick Engler, for his retirement from the Chemical Safety Board.

In February of 2020, Mr. Rick Engler retired from his position on the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, a position he held since President Barack Obama nominated him in January of 2014 and was confirmed by the United States Senate in December 2014.

Prior to his appointment to the United States Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, Mr. Engler spent more than four decades helping to prevent chemical hazards. Mr. Engler advocated for New Jersey Worker and

Community Right to Know and Toxic Catastrophe laws that increased government transparency and the public's "right to know" about potential chemical dangers they may have been exposed to on the job and in the community.

Moreover, he advocated for national 1990 Clean Air Act amendments which enabled workers and management representatives to fully participate during Environmental Protection Agency and Chemical Safety Board investigations of facilities that use highly hazardous chemicals. He also advocated for several state and federal public policies that promote hazard communication, workforce development, chemical incident prevention, inherently safer processes, and whistleblower protection.

Mr. Engler has consistently been a leader in collaborative labor-management-community initiatives to help investigate and prevent chemical incidents. Among Rick's accomplishments and contributions during his tenure include his role as the Director of the New Jersey Work Environment Council, his founding of the Philadelphia Area Project on Occupational Safety and Health, his service as an elected Vice President of the New Jersey Industrial Union Council, AFL-CIO, as well as his service on the New Jersey Department of Health Occupational Health Surveillance Advisory Committee.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Mr. Rick Engler, a dedicated public servant who has fought tirelessly for the safety of our communities and of all workers.

**HONORING WRESTLING CHAMPION
HEAVEN FITCH**

HON. MARK WALKER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 13, 2020

Mr. WALKER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Heaven Fitch on winning the wrestling state championship for North Carolina's 106-pound weight class. Competing against all boys, Heaven's win makes her the first female athlete in North Carolina to win a wrestling state championship.

She and her three brothers first became interested with wrestling at an early age after watching the sport on television. When Heaven and her brothers joined the local wrestling club, she was the only girl. Heaven wrestled wherever she could, often practicing up to five days a week. Despite being smaller than almost all her high school opponents, Heaven's agility and speed has led her to dominate on the mat finishing the season with a 54-4 record. Heaven currently goes to Uwharrie Charter Academy in Asheboro, North Carolina, where she has gotten support from her classmates, teammates, coaches and parents Ryan and Stacey.

Each March, we come together to celebrate women who have broken barriers, defied stereotypes, and contributed to our country's

history. While we recognize trailblazing women over the course of history, it is our great honor to recognize women making history today in our backyards.

Congratulations to Heaven for all her accomplishments and serving as an inspiration to girls across the country.

**IN HONOR OF THE SAN CARLOS
CHICKEN'S BALL**

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 13, 2020

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 80th anniversary of a San Carlos school fundraiser known as the Chicken's Ball. The name is taken from a tradition of San Francisco's Barbary Coast when local music halls would hold an annual charity fundraiser. Chorus performers wore costumes with a lot of feathers, hence the name Chicken's Ball.

The first ball in San Carlos was held in 1940 and it was organized by Howard J. Demeke, a teacher at Central School. The money benefited the PTA milk fund. Its stated purpose was to build the "unification of a lasting community fellowship." Every two years since, shows have been produced, including this one in March of 2020.

Approximately 250 volunteers and business sponsors produce the ball every two years. It is an "all-consuming effort," to quote a local historian, Linda Garvey, and may be the longest running PTA fundraiser in the country. The show features three melodramas and three variety skits based on people and events of the Barbary Coast era of 1890 to 1918. Since the 1940's, more than 60 PTA and civic groups have contributed original skit ideas. Music is provided by the Poultry (Paltry) Philharmonic.

Humor and the unexpected are a big part of the charm of the Chicken's Ball. While skit writers often produce shows with great laughs, some of the best moments come when the lines are forgotten and actors ad lib to get over an awkward moment.

Watching community members in novel parts is also fun. Children in the audience love seeing siblings and friends on stage, particularly if the part calls for a child to boss around an adult. A lot of the fun comes from the imaginative sets, all locally produced by skilled residents.

Performers range in age from 14-94. Singers, dancers, choreographers, designers, writers and stage crew are all volunteers and accepted regardless of talent. The theme of the 2020 Chicken's Ball is "The Night They Invented Champagne." The year's show opens on March 13th and runs through March 22nd.

This is a chance for San Carlos, a small town with a great deal of talent and charm, to come together for several months of skit development, costume design, set construction,

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rehearsals, and finally theatrical production. I want to extend my congratulations to all who make this event possible. San Carlos is a special place where humor, a love of education, and copious amounts of talent combine to produce a beloved community tradition. Every two years San Carlos lights up the stage to support its schools. Learning to celebrate as a community of Americans is also a profound act of education. I wish this year's Chicken's Ball a spectacular season.

**HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
HAMILTON COUNTY ENGINEER
TED HUBBARD**

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 13, 2020

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Hamilton County Engineer Ted Hubbard for his 38 years of service at the county engineer's office and congratulate him on his recent retirement.

Ted is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati who has committed his career to enhancing Southwest Ohio. He holds deeply the belief that honest public service is key to bettering civil society. Mr. Hubbard is right; our republic is built on the hard work and service of devoted men and women. Ted Hubbard is one such public servant.

Ted's tenure at the Hamilton County engineer's office was marked by a keen ability to forge relationships with the people, groups, and governments around him. Throughout his time at the office, whether as a design engineer, in permitting and construction, or as a deputy engineer, Ted had a positive impact on Hamilton County. Ted's leadership on projects such as Colerain Ave, Montgomery Ave, Fields-Ertel Road, Winton Road, and the Cross County Highway will benefit our community for years to come.

I wish Ted the best as he moves on to a new chapter of his life and thank him for his service.

May God bless Ted and his family.

**HONORING KERISA BAEDKE AS
IOWAN OF THE WEEK**

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 13, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Kerisa Baedke, teacher and educator at Prairieview School in Waukee, as this week's Iowan of the Week.

Kerisa is a foreign language teacher at Prairieview School in Waukee, Iowa. In her Spanish classes, she has built an immersive, vibrant environment in which her students feel comfortable and confident learning a new language. By combining a bright, colorful array of decorations with interactive lessons—taught almost entirely in Spanish—Kerisa brings a world of art, culture, and history to Prairieview School.

Kerisa has a passion for teaching foreign languages and promoting different cultural ex-

periences in her classes. Her whole family speaks three or four languages, she says, and it's where she first discovered love and passion for language. She also comes from a family of educators; her parents both dedicated themselves to teaching. Kerisa said she was born to be a teacher and couldn't imagine doing anything else.

Prairieview School students look forward to Mrs. Baedke's class each year, including her well-known projects like creative cultural dances or the "Día de los Muertos" shoebox. Kerisa has made a lasting impression on her students, cultivating a passion for language and for learning. In fact, it was one of her students that nominated her for the Iowa State Education Association's Excellence in Education Award—and Kerisa won.

The accolades don't stop there. I am proud to say that Kerisa was also awarded with the National Education Association's Horace Mann Award. This prestigious national honor is awarded to only five teachers each year for their outstanding contributions to their students and to the teaching profession. Kerisa is the first ever teacher from Iowa to receive the Horace Mann Award, and I know the entire Prairieview School community is delighted by her achievement.

As a mom, I know that education is the single most important investment we can make in our children. I am proud to know that our children have teachers like Kerisa helping them learn and grow. It is her commitment to creating an engaging, nurturing, and most importantly exciting environment for students to learn that makes her a pillar of our community. It is my honor to celebrate Kerisa Baedke and recognize her as the Iowan of the Week.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF DANIEL
(DAN) DILL**

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 13, 2020

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Daniel Dill, who passed away on September 17, 2019 at the age of 48 after a lifetime of public service to his community.

Born on June 11, 1971, to Danny and Grace Dill, Dan attended Fortuna High School, then studied wildlife management at Humboldt State University. After graduating, Dan worked for the Pacific Lumber Co., where he became a senior wildlife biologist in 1995. In 2008, he went to work as a wildlife biologist at Six Rivers National Forest, and he was named deputy district ranger for the Orleans/Ukonom Ranger District in 2012. He then became district ranger for the Mad River Ranger District in 2015. Dan also was a member of the Scotia and Fortuna volunteer fire departments, and the Scotia School Board.

Dan's commitment to the U.S. Forest Service and the communities it serves was particularly apparent during the 2015 wildfires on Six Rivers National Forest where he displayed tremendous leadership. Recognized for being in tune with residents' needs during and following the fires, he worked diligently to address critical forest fuels management and restoration projects in the area. Dan knew how to bring diverse groups of people together to

bring these efforts to fruition. Even during trying times, Dan remained a cheerful and understanding individual focused on doing good work for the forest and the people who live in it.

Dan is survived by his wife Dawn, his daughters Emily and Ava, his parents Danny and Grace, and his brother Brett. His tremendous service to the country through his work in the U.S. Forest Service is a legacy that will improve the Six Rivers National Forest for generations to come. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Daniel Dill and his many important contributions to Northern California and the U.S. Forest Service.

**RECOGNIZING THE REMARKS OF
AMBASSADOR MARTHA BÁRCENA**

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 13, 2020

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I am honored to include in the RECORD remarks made by Her Excellency, Martha Bárcena Coqui after she was recognized for the prestigious Mr. South Texas Award for the 123rd Washington's Birthday Celebration on February 22nd, 2020 in Laredo, Texas. The Mr. South Texas designation is presented to a deserving individual who has made a significant and lasting contribution to the growth and development of Laredo and the South Texas region. Ambassador Bárcena is a distinguished career diplomat and noted for being the first woman appointed Ambassador of Mexico to the United States.

AMBASSADOR MARTHA BÁRCENA'S REMARKS AT
MR. SOUTH TEXAS LUNCHEON

I am humbled and honored to receive this recognition that showcases the closeness of our ties at a very important time.

I want to thank the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association and the International Bank of Commerce for putting together this great event.

I also want to thank Mayor of Laredo, Pete Saenz, the officials that work at the City of Laredo and the rest of the business community leaders and special guests that join us here today.

American writer James Baldwin used to say that "the past is all that makes the present coherent". Today, I believe that the present of Laredo and the U.S. cannot be understood without its shared history with Mexico.

Texas is close to us because its history is closely intertwined with Mexico and with Mexican and Latino immigrants in this country.

As the first female Ambassador of Mexico to the U.S., I have proudly repeated that the Latino community, and among them, the Mexican community, are the past, the present and the future of this country.

In fact, my own personal story reflects the stories of millions that live on either side of the border but comprise one close-knit community. My grandmother's ancestors arrived from Europe in the Mayflower and finally settled in Texas. They were what Emma Lazarus brilliantly described as the "huddled masses yearning to breathe free".

My great great grandfather, Leonard Pierce Jr., from Maine, served as President Lincoln's Consul in Matamoros, where he cared for the Confederate territory refugees and enlisted Union sympathizers. His family