

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### REMEMBERING FREDERICK LANGSTON HUNT

#### HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 17, 2020*

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory of Frederick Langston Hunt, who passed away peacefully on April 8, 2020. My thoughts are with his family.

Frederick Langston Hunt, the only child of Frederick F. Hunt and Bernice S. Hunt, grew up in the close-knit community of Coconut Grove, FL. He graduated with honors from G.W. Carver High School and was a member of the Thorians Class of '64. After completing his undergraduate education at Howard University and earning his master's degree from Montclair University, he moved to Albany, Georgia where he met Celestine Hill, whom he married in 1972. He and Celestine shared a dedication to the civil rights movement and a gift for making each other laugh.

In the early seventies, the Hunts moved to Greensboro, NC, where Frederick was a doctoral candidate at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Over the years, he served as Director of African American Studies at Guilford College and as a professor at Shaw University. Fred was also instrumental in establishing the Head Start program in the Triad area. It was during this time that Maia Nataki Celestine Hunt, their only child, was born. Fred took such pride in his only child, who favored him so much, that some joked she should have been named "Fredericka".

Frederick was an educator with the mind of an entrepreneur, a heart for his people, and the spirit of a musician. The common thread in everything he pursued was his commitment to racial, social, and economic justice. His passion for education and learning dominated his early professional life, and he always made time to be a trusted counselor and guide for young people. Frederick started a mentoring group for young men, frequently hosted Kwanzaa celebrations at his home or community centers, and dedicated himself to serving Dudley High School through the Parent Teacher Association. He always remained active in local politics and service organizations like the N.A.A.C.P.

Even when Fred focused his professional efforts on real estate, first as an agent and later establishing his own real estate firm, he continued to find ways to serve. He hosted workshops to prepare people for home ownership and frequently assisted customers with their first home purchases. He was regularly recognized by his peers and the High Point Regional Association of Realtors for excelling in the field, and he continued his real estate business when he returned to Miami to be closer to his mother.

Once he settled in Coconut Grove, he joined Greater St. Paul, A.M.E., where his mother was a lifelong member. He was also a member of the Greater St. Paul Male Chorus

and the Sons of Allen, a group dedicated to fellowship and mentoring in the community. In 2012, as his health challenges mounted, he moved to Maryland to be closer to his daughter.

Frederick is survived by his daughter, Maia Hunt Estes; his son-in-law, Elliott; his chosen siblings, Dr. Thomas Garvin and June Garvin; his niece Loren Statia (Jeff); and nephew Khari Garvin (Leslie); his in-laws, Estell Scott Estes and Eric and Jacinta Estes; his grandnephew Ethan Estes; and a host of friends and loved ones who became his family.

#### MIGUEL MAY

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 17, 2020*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Miguel May for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Miguel May is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Miguel May is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Miguel May for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

#### RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF GUY THOMAS HARRIS

#### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 17, 2020*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the life of Guy Thomas Harris, who passed away peacefully on April 6, 2020 at the age of 81.

A lifelong resident of Lee County, Guy proudly served our nation in the Mississippi Army National Guard and Reserves for 13 years. After being honorably discharged, Guy joined the Tupelo Police Department in 1963 where he served as a law enforcement officer for 20 years, he retired as a Captain in 1983. Following his retirement, Guy became a salesman at Tupelo Auto Sales until he retired permanently in 1999.

Guy was known for many things, he was a faithful member of Saltillo First United Methodist Church where he enjoyed listening to

Brother Tim Greene's sermons. Guy frequently enjoyed fellowship with his many friends over a good meal, and could always be seen with his wife, Elaine; on their front porch waving to honking friends as they drove by. He was an avid sports fan and especially enjoyed watching his daughter's softball games, coaching men's softball, and watching the New York Yankees and Dallas Cowboys. Guy was most well-known for being a childhood friend of Elvis Presley. Guy took great pride in his role as a historian for the Elvis Presley Birthplace and Museum in Tupelo and helped author "We Remember Elvis" with his first-hand accounts of growing up with the King of Rock and Roll.

Guy leaves behind his wife of 61 years, his daughter, three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and many other close family members and friends. He loved his family, and especially cherished spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The life Guy lead was one of love, service, passion, and loyalty. Guy never met a stranger and will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

#### HONORING DR. PHAM DO THIEN HUONG FOR HER EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO PRESERVING VIETNAMESE AMERICAN HERITAGE

#### HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 17, 2020*

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Pham Do Thien Huong, who created "Uoc Mo Viet" (Vietnamese Dream), a competition encouraging Vietnamese American children to learn Vietnamese in creative and innovative ways. Dr. Pham Do Thien Huong has spent her life serving her community.

Dr. Pham Do Thien Huong is an optometrist practicing in Garden Grove, California and spends her spare time promoting important causes in her community. Dr. Pham Do Thien Huong is a passionate activist who leads Huong Viet Scout Troop (with more than 200 scouts) and the Southern California Du Ca Group, a group of famous community singers with more than 60 members. Recently, she has created a competition named "Uoc Mo Viet" (Vietnamese Dream), to encourage Vietnamese American children to learn the Vietnamese language through Vietnamese songs and short stories. The competition started at the beginning of 2020 and has since flourished with more than 100 contestants. Even in the face of COVID-19, the competition will continue online to acknowledge the hard work of all its participants.

Due to her passionate and inspirational leadership, Dr. Pham Do Thien Huong is recognized as a hero, both within the Vietnamese American community and to all of us who

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value the preservation of Vietnamese American heritage.

I ask that all Members join me in honoring the extraordinary leadership and activism of Dr. Pham Do Thien Huong.

NOLAN SOVOLD

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 17, 2020*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nolan Sovold for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Nolan Sovold is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Nolan Sovold is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Nolan Sovold for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

CELEBRATING GREENSBURG ROTARY CLUB'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. GREG PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 17, 2020*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Greensburg Rotary Club for celebrating 100 years of service.

For a century now, the Greensburg Rotary Club has been a beacon of service in the Greensburg and Decatur County community.

The Rotary Club continues to raise funds for the Decatur County Special Olympics and supports local service projects around the community.

I want to thank the members of the Rotary Club for their service and dedication to the people of Greensburg and congratulate them on their 100th anniversary.

HONORING DR. MARGIE BROWN PULLEY

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 17, 2020*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Margie Brown Pulley.

Dr. Margie Brown Pulley is a lifelong resident of Greenwood and Leflore County. She is a 1971 honor graduate of Amanda Elzy High School. At Amanda Elzy, Dr. Pulley excelled both academically and athletically. She was

captain of the 1970 Amanda Elzy girl's state championship basketball team. In September 1971, she entered Jackson State University, and three years later in May 1974, she graduated with honors with a B.S. degree in Social Science. She later received her Master's, Specialist, and Doctorate degrees in School Administration from Delta State University.

Dr. Pulley spent thirty-eight (38) years working with the Greenwood Public School District. Her professional career began in 1974 as a teacher of Social Studies at Greenwood High School. During the next fifteen (15) years, Dr. Pulley taught Mississippi History, World History, U.S. History, and Government and Economics. She also later served as Assistant Principal at Greenwood High School. From 1990 until 1999, she served as the Principal of Threadgill School. According to Dr. Pulley, that experience as principal was both challenging and rewarding. At Threadgill, Dr. Pulley set high expectations for herself, her faculty and her students. Under Dr. Pulley's administration as principal of Threadgill, the culture, climate and academic achievement improved significantly. She is proud to say that her tenure as Principal at Threadgill was a major highlight in her career. In 1999, Dr. Pulley became Assistant Superintendent of the Greenwood Public School District. In this capacity Dr. Pulley worked passionately with principals to ensure that faculty, staff, and students' needs were met. She specifically directed Federal Programs, Personnel, Curriculum and Technology. In July 2008, Dr. Pulley was appointed Interim Superintendent of the Greenwood Public School District. In January 2009, she was named Superintendent of the Greenwood Public School District. Under Dr. Pulley's leadership, the school district received district-wide SACS accreditation, implemented a dress code, modified the grading system to a 10 point scale, brought dual enrollment from Mississippi Valley State University to Greenwood High School, restructured the athletic program and significantly improved student achievement by placing academics first. Ultimately, according to the State Department of Education, the Greenwood Public School District was rated as a 'Successful School District for Three Years in a Row': 2009–2010, 2010–2011, and 2011–2012'. The school district was also presented The TORCH Award by the Mississippi School Boards Association. Further, under her leadership, the Mississippi Teacher of the Year was selected from Greenwood High School, and Bankston Elementary School was named as a National Blue-Ribbon School.

Dr. Pulley retired in 2012 and was later named as Conservator of the Oktibbeha County School District. Dr. Pulley successfully cleared all accreditation violations and successfully led the consolidation efforts of the Oktibbeha County School District with the Starkville School District. Oktibbeha County Schools was rated a "C" school district. In July 2015, Dr. Pulley was named as Conservator in the Tunica County School District. Under her leadership, academic achievement has improved, and the Tunica County School District has been recognized by the Mississippi Department of Education for having the highest achievement in the state for math growth among the lowest 25 percent of high school students. Additionally, Dundee Elementary has been recognized as having the highest achievement in the state for math growth

among the lowest 25 percent of elementary students. Recently, the principals at Dundee Elementary and Rosa Fort High School received recognition as finalists for the MS principal of the year. Presently, Rosa Fort ranks No. 8 in the state for its graduation rate (93.1 percent).

Dr. Pulley has received numerous awards and recognitions which includes but are not limited to: National Association of Federal Programs Administrators Service Award; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Service Award; Certificate of Achievement from the Yale Child Study Center; Administrator of the Year for the Greenwood Public School District; Friendship Baptist Church: Badge of Courage Ward (2010); Greenwood Voters' League: Lady of the Year (2010); Superintendent of the Year: Delta Area Association for the Improvement of Schools (2010); Delta's Best in Education Award: 2011; and Shiloh 7th Day Adventist: Educator of the Year: 2011.

Dr. Pulley is a lifelong member of Springhill Baptist Church in the Browning Community where she serves as a trustee and church secretary. In Dr. Pulley's spare time she loves to attend and watch basketball and football games, read, and cook for her entire family every Sunday and all holidays. She also takes care of her eighty-eight (88) year old mother who lives with her. Dr. Pulley, a widow, was married to the former Superintendent of the Leflore County School District, Mr. Cedell Pulley. She has three adult sons: Bill, a recreation center director; Kelvin, an attorney; and Kenneth, deputy superintendent of schools. She also has three beautiful grandchildren: William, Rhaegan, and Morgan, and a daughter-in-law, Jessica.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Margie Brown Pulley for her dedication to serving her community and this great state.

MONICA TELLES RODRIGUEZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 17, 2020*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Monica Telles Rodriguez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Monica Telles Rodriguez is a student at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Monica Telles Rodriguez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Monica Telles Rodriguez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.