

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REMEMBERING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TREATY OF TRIANON WITH HUNGARY

HON. ANDY HARRIS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Mr. HARRIS. Madam Speaker, as Co-Chair of the Congressional Hungarian-American Caucus, I rise today on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the Treaty of Trianon with Hungary signed on June 4, 1920, at the Paris Peace Conference at the end of the First World War.

The non-negotiable treaty cost Hungary over 70 percent of her territory and one-third or three million of her indigenous ethnic-Hungarian population. For the last one hundred years, these ethnic Hungarian minorities have had to live in neighboring countries, with their cultural and political lives suffering at times.

The Hungarian-American Caucus is a bipartisan group of distinguished House members, which seeks to represent the interests of Hungarian American constituents; foster bilateral relations between Hungary, a strong NATO ally, and the United States; and protect the rights of Hungarian minorities in Europe.

To that end, I include in the RECORD the following statement by the American Hungarian Federation, the oldest American Hungarian association in the United States, founded in 1906 in Cleveland, Ohio, and based in Washington, D.C., on the occasion of this 100th Anniversary of the Treaty of Trianon.

AMERICAN HUNGARIAN FOUNDATION

Akos L. Nagy, President of American Hungarian Federation.

Paul Kamenar, Chair, Executive Committee.

Frank Koszorus, Jr., Chair, International Relations Committee.

THE TREATY OF TRIANON: A HUNGARIAN TRAGEDY

"Ancient poets and theologians could not imagine such suffering, which Trianon brought to the innocent. In their eyes, that was for the damned in Hell."—Sir Winston Churchill

One hundred years ago, June 4, 1920, the Hungarian delegation to the Paris Peace Conference was forced to sign the punishing Treaty of Trianon, arguably the most severe of all the post-World War I settlements concluded at the conference. Led by the Big Four—the United States, Great Britain, France and Italy—those treaties were collectively designed to conclude the First World War and make the "world safe for democracy," according to President Woodrow Wilson.

The "peacemakers" instead concocted a hazardous brew. The ostensible "peace" turned out to be only an armistice as World War II erupted merely 20 years later. Tens of millions of civilians and members of the military died in that war; the Holocaust devastated the European Jewish community; a murderous Stalin occupied Central and Eastern Europe; and the world was thrust into a costly and dangerous Cold War. Supposedly

in the name of national self-determination, Trianon dismembered the thousand-year-old Kingdom of Hungary, a self-contained, geographically and economically coherent and durable formation in the Carpathian Basin, boasting the longest lasting historical borders in Europe.

The resulting non-negotiable treaty cost Hungary over 70 percent of her territory and one-third or three million of her indigenous ethnic-Hungarian population. Add to this the loss of all her seaports and up to 90 percent of her vast natural resources, industry, railways, and other infrastructure.

Millions of Hungarians woke up one morning and saw borders arbitrarily redrawn around them without plebiscites, ignoring Wilson's lofty goal of national self-determination. The "absurd" treaty, as Wilson later referred to it, was never ratified by the United States; ignored a millennia of nation building and age-old cultural affiliations; created new and enlarged countries; and produced millions of new minorities who today struggle for survival of their ethnic identity.

To this very day, Hungarian minorities have been subjected to discrimination, intolerance and violence. Schools in the successor states limit students from studying in their native Hungarian language; Hungarian church properties have been confiscated; and cemeteries and cultural monuments have been vandalized. The "peacemakers" did insist that the new successor states, Romania, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia, sign various international instruments that included provisions for the protection of minorities. But those promises are largely unkept.

Despite these promises and the fact that Romania obtained Transylvania from Hungary under Trianon—more territory than remained as Hungary—Romania continues to ignore its obligations. Just recently in April, Romania's president incited animosity against its ethnic Hungarians by making inflammatory statements resulting in tensions between Hungary and Romania, two NATO allies. The Hungarian historical communities in Romania, particularly the Szeklers, are denied a range of rights that threatens their very cultural existence.

Hungarians in Serbia, Slovakia, Romania, and Ukraine have all requested semi-autonomy by peaceful and democratic means. Such local governance would ensure democracy to beleaguered Hungarians, fulfill promises made to them one hundred years ago, and strengthen the democratic process by serving as a model of how majorities and minorities can work together to redress past wrongs.

Considering the far-reaching implications of discrimination, intolerance, and animosity directed at the Hungarian minorities, the response from the European Union and the United States to date has been tepid. Stronger measures must be taken to remedy the ongoing abuses of minority rights that contravene numerous European Commission standards.

Together, the European Union and United States must ensure that democratic principles and international norms and practices relating to national minorities will finally prevail in Central and Eastern Europe and bring regional tension to a just and lasting end, all of which is in the strategic interests of the United States and the American people. Only then will the Tragedy of Trianon be addressed.

HONORING JOHN MCCALL III

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable student, Mr. John McCall III.

John William McCall, III was born to Gladys and John William McCall, Jr. He is a native of Sidon, Mississippi, and the eldest of three siblings. His two brothers are Jamarkus and Jeremiah McCall.

John is a 2016 graduate of Amanda Elzy High School where he graduated as the salutatorian of his class. Currently, he serves as a member of the choir and volunteer sound engineer at his church, St. James Temple of Deliverance C.O.G.I.C. in Cruger, MS.

As a Presidential Scholar at MVSU, McCall is a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society and was appointed as the chapter's Historian. Growing up, he developed an interest in the arts and has continued to cultivate that interest throughout his matriculation at MVSU. John has always been fascinated with various forms of art—particularly film and performances by historical and modern actors. His career goal is to become a film director and professional actor.

John recently graduated from Mississippi Valley State University as the valedictorian of his class with a 4.0 grade point average. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communications with an emphasis in Broadcasting and a minor in Business Administration. He also represented The Valley as Mister Mississippi Valley State University during the 2019–2020 academic school year.

While at MVSU, he directed and starred in various productions, including two short films—"The Contrast Between a Boy and a Man" and, "Leopard Highway." In addition, he has directed and starred in a small three-episode mini-series entitled "Fading Corners," and has directed a music video entitled "Invisible," which was performed by Timothy Adams Jr., a cousin, good friend, and upcoming artist. John has starred in numerous theatrical skits at his church as well as MVSU, including, "Family: An Adaptation" and "The New Mrs. Jones." John said he has fallen in love with the power of storytelling.

McCall aspires to live a life filled with gratitude. He is grateful to God for life and His direction, which he finds in His Word. Moreover, he is grateful to his parents for all the days and nights they have worked hard to put food on the table and to ensure that he and his brothers are well taken care of. He is also thankful for the ways they've nurtured him through life and for the prayers they have sent up on his behalf. Lastly, he is grateful for his family, church, and friends for their unwavering love and support.

Upon graduating this May 2020, John plans to attend graduate school to further study filming and acting. John is a firm believer that

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God will always have his back if he remains focused and continues to follow the right path in life.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. John McCall, III for his dedication to academic excellence, tenacity to serving his community and desire to be an example for all.

REMEMBERING DR. MARSHALL MITZMAN

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the life of Dr. Marshall Mitzman, on the occasion of his passing on Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

Born on May 23, 1946, to Moe Mitzman and Nellie Mitzman-Schwartz, Marshall and his four siblings grew up in Angola, Indiana. His family remembers, even as a boy, Marshall valued his education and worked hard to ensure an opportunity to continue his education after high school.

Marshall made his way to California in 1964 and landed in the Bay Area. Using his education at Foothill College and De Anza College as a launching pad, he obtained a bachelor's degree at San Jose State University; but, he did not stop there. Marshall went on to obtain a master's degree from Judge College, Cambridge University, at which he later became Dr. Mitzman upon the completion of his doctoral program.

Marshall would then return to California where he started several small businesses. He quickly became an integral part of the fabric of our community by lending his expertise to several networks. He served as an adjunct professor at several of our community colleges and held a lifetime California Community College teaching credential. He also taught at the UC Berkeley Haas School of Business. The boards on which Marshall served are almost too numerous to name, but notable among them are the Alameda County School Board Association, the Hayward Education Foundation, and the Friends of Chabot College Foundation.

In 2008, Marshall became a board member of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District (CLPCCD), with which he worked to increase access to education in the parts of our community where opportunity has not been distributed as equally as the capability of our students. Marshall served on the CLPCCD Board of Directors until his passing. His commitment to students will be among his greatest legacies. We're all grateful to Marshall, for always putting the needs and education of our students first.

Marshall was recovering from a brain tumor in one of our community's skilled nursing facilities when the cruelty of COVID-19 stole him from us. He is survived by his wife Felie, two children, and seven grandchildren.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF DR. CASSANDRA "MELODY" MONTGOMERY

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the hard work and service of Dr. Cassandra Montgomery on behalf of the communities of Detroit.

Over the years, Dr. Montgomery has taken on many roles, working in different capacities, but she has always remained steadfast in the pursuit of social justice. Dr. Montgomery first moved to Detroit from Alabama as a young child. She grew up in the beautiful city of Detroit in its golden age of growth. She experienced Motown's musical scene and enjoyed her youth spent in neighborhoods where goods and services could be found without even leaving the community. Dr. Montgomery also witnessed Detroit in the midst of the 1960s civil rights movement. She knew the pain of segregation through her childhood visits to Alabama, but she also bore witness to one of the most important speeches delivered by Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at a speech at Cobo Hall in 1963.

These memories instilled in Dr. Montgomery that social justice is a need worth fighting for, something she carried through in her work. Dr. Montgomery built the foundation of her professional life in service to others, whether in social work, advocacy, or in counseling, she was a friend to the people of the City of Detroit. Those of us who knew her in her capacity at People's Community Services in Southwest Detroit know her particularly for her tenacity in preserving the culture of the neighborhood of Delray.

I therefore ask you to join me in tribute to Dr. Cassandra Montgomery, a beautiful soul and fighter for justice.

THANKFUL FOR THE GENEROSITY OF AIKEN CITIZENS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, as I travel throughout the Second Congressional District, I have been inspired by the outpouring of support and generosity for those in need defeating the Wuhan Virus. In Aiken County, many individuals and organizations have stepped forward to assist their fellow South Carolinians, including Apazza di Napoli owner Cliff Garzillo, who donated over 400 pasta meals to local grocery stores and medical workers. Prime Steakhouse owner Randy Stamm, with the help of local Real Estate Agent Barb Gould Uskup, donated 150 meals to Aiken Regional Medical Centers (ARMC) hospital workers. Palmetto Golf Club, led by Pro Emeritus Brooks Blackburn in Aiken, donated 350 lunches from talented Newberry Hall owners Patrick and Natalie Carlisle to Aiken Regional Medical Center thanks to Club member donations.

Aiken Senior Life Center, under the leadership of Executive Director Aimee Hanna, has

partnered with local restaurants to feed seniors over 60 with their weekly Drive N' Dine event, serving 250 meals so far. This is a weekly event created with the federal CARES Act funding.

The Aiken County NAACP Adult Branch & Youth Council, under Chapter President Eugene White, delivered lunches from Honey Baked Ham owner Jignesh Desai to the workers of Pruitt Health in both Aiken and North Augusta in recognition of National Skilled Nursing Care Week. Aiken's Civil Air Patrol squadron members Nancy Reason, Ron Kight, and Chris Medlin delivered homemade and store-bought snacks to Aiken Regional Medical Center's hospital employees who work in environmental services. Golden Harvest Food Bank, under Executive Director Amy Breitmman and its community partners, including Recleim a recycling company in Graniteville, South Carolina, the Horse Creek Trust's Turner Simkins and the Graniteville Valcluse Warrenville Fire Department, under Chief Raymond Scott, Jr. loaded and distributed boxes containing meals.

I am honored and inspired to represent the Aiken community.

HONORING ERIC THOMPSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a hardworking and ambitious man, Mr. Eric Thompson. Eric has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to serve others.

Eric Thompson is a native of Rolling Fork, Mississippi and a graduate of South Delta High School in 2013. During his high school career, he participated in football, basketball, and track. Eric excelled in football, becoming an All-District Wide Receiver his Junior and Senior year. He made the decision to attend the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff majoring in Computer Science.

During his years on the university's campus, Mr. Thompson spent most of his time with the ROTC program. This interaction directly affected his development as an impactful leader and his ability to work well with others while building a cohesive environment. Eric was a member of the Golden Lion Football Team while at UAPB. He worked his way into a starting position as a wide receiver and on special teams. He also became a member of the Gamma Sigma Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He graduated in 2018 with his Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science.

After graduating he became a Math Teacher and Coach for the South Delta School District (Middle School), giving back to the community that raised him. Within his first year as a coach, his leadership skills and his ability to create a TEAM approach; his students increased their test scores from 21 to 69 percent. He made a significant impact with his students on the field as well as a new coach taking over the reins with only one week before the season started; his team produced a winning season finishing 5-2. His basketball team finished 8-6 in his first year. He is now in his second year of teaching and his student's test scores have continued to increase