

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND LOUIS P. SHELDON

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2020

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an individual, Reverend Louis P. Sheldon, who passed away at the age of 85 on May 29, 2020 in Orange County, California.

Born in Washington, D.C. in 1934, Sheldon became a Christian in his teens and earned a B.S. in history from Michigan State University in 1957. Sheldon and his wife, Beverly, married on August 24, 1957 and had four children. In 1960, Sheldon was ordained a Presbyterian minister. He would go on to serve as a pastor for churches in North Dakota and California. After spending 52 years in the Presbyterian church, Sheldon left in 2012 and was ordained as an Anglican priest.

Throughout his life Sheldon was a grassroots religious organizer and active advocate on many social and religious liberty issues in Washington, D.C. On many issues, Sheldon built coalitions encompassing hundreds, if not thousands, of churches across the nation. He was also a vocal proponent of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas during his nomination process, organizing the support of many churches and religious leaders.

I had the pleasure of knowing Sheldon throughout my time serving in Congress. He was a tremendously patriotic man of faith. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the Sheldon family and to all those who knew Rev. Sheldon.

HONORING IZAAH KNOX AS THE IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Izaah Knox, community leader and Executive Director of Des Moines' own Urban Dreams, as our Iowan of the Week.

Service for the betterment of others is more than a hallmark of Izaah's career: it's his life-style. He's the epitome of a "walk the walk" leader—involved in all manners of activities intended to educate, empower, and raise up individuals in his community.

In his role as Executive Director of Urban Dreams, he leads a team of similarly dedicated Iowans within the heart of urban Des Moines to provide human service programs to the underserved and underrepresented. The non-profit offers critical services like outpatient substance abuse treatment and OWI weekend diversion classes, employment and after-school IT programs, community-police relations initiatives, mental health treatment, and

nonpartisan voter education. They're currently working on a project to build a community park adjacent to the Urban Dreams building so neighbors can gather, celebrate, and engage with one another. Despite narrow operating margins and much to do, Izaah is consistently finding ways to strengthen and expand programming to serve more Iowans in need.

Outside of Urban Dreams, Izaah sits on many boards and commissions working to raise awareness and combat issues of poverty, substance abuse, racial injustice, and urban blight. He's a past chair and current commissioner on the Des Moines Human and Civil Rights Commission, a Social Capital Tri-Chair for the Capital Crossroads project to address diversity and inclusion within metro Des Moines, and a board member for The Guardian Project to strengthen ties between Des Moines Police officers and community members. While there are more formal roles to mention, I'd rather note how Izaah also spends mornings having breakfast with students at Des Moines North High School. His efforts to make meaningful connections and address tough issues head on are leadership in action.

This honor today is hardly the first to recognize the unique determination and impact of Izaah Knox. In 2012, he was awarded the United States of America President's Volunteer Service Award, and in 2013 he was named one of Iowa's most influential people by the Des Moines Register. In 2016 he became one of the Des Moines Business Record's Forty Under 40. Central Iowa is watching this leader grow and recognizing his accomplishments along the way, and for very good reason.

Our future as a nation depends on the strength of our neighborhoods and communities; that's never been more evident than during these past few months. As COVID-19 spread, Izaah and the Urban Dreams team kept serving those in need by giving away free, hot meals in Evelyn K. Davis Park, providing mental health and substance abuse services through telehealth, and meeting in smaller groups to continue workforce training. And as protesters took to the streets following George Floyd's murder, Izaah has been there night after night to protect and support the youth voices leading the movement. His steady presence and dedication are helping guide Des Moines through these uncertain times.

Advocates like Izaah—those who are passionate about lifelong learning, connecting with people, and doing the work—are our most valuable agents of change. They push all of us to reflect on where we can be giving more of ourselves to make things better for those around us. We need people like Izaah to keep us moving forward. We need organizations like Urban Dreams to thrive so the individuals they serve can meet their highest potential. When we lift up one another, the whole community does better. That's something Izaah Knox not only understands, but also embodies, and it is my distinct honor to recognize him as our Iowan of the Week.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PLASTIC WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING ACT

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2020

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I am proud to introduce the Plastic Waste Reduction and Recycling Act with my colleague Representative GONZALEZ, as well as Chairwoman EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON and Ranking Member FRANK LUCAS, who have joined us as leading cosponsors of this bipartisan bill.

Plastic is invaluable in many applications. It's used as a high-performance material for medical devices and in safety components for automobiles. Plastic is also convenient. It's a mainstay in American households from our toothbrushes to food storage to shampoo and detergent bottles. Global plastic production increased from 2 million tons per year in 1950 to 400 million tons annually in recent years. What happens to all of the discarded plastic is why I am introducing this legislation today.

We can no longer deny that we face a plastic waste crisis. In 2018, the U.S. woke up to the fragile predicament of our plastic waste management system. No longer able to ship our plastic waste to international markets, U.S. cities were forced to cut longstanding recycling programs. Instead, they had to resort to incinerating recyclables or tossing them in landfills. There are plenty of reasons for why and how we got here; however, a major factor is because we failed as a nation to invest in domestic recycling infrastructure and policies to account for the growing demand for plastic. As a result, today, the U.S. recycles just 9 percent of its plastic waste.

The Plastic Waste Reduction and Recycling Act directs the establishment of a plastic waste reduction and recycling research and development program to develop a world-leading U.S. industry in advanced plastics recycling technologies, and unleash the innovative potential of our nation to address our plastic waste crisis and generate greater value from the plastics we do produce.

This approach has the potential to create jobs, develop supply chains, and meet environmental needs.

Most notably, this legislation authorizes research and development across several agencies and a range of topics, including plastics that are recyclable by design, next generation recycling technologies, upcycling into high-value products, and environmental impacts of plastic waste. This bill also calls on the Federal government to develop a strategic plan for plastic waste reduction and recycling and plastic waste remediation and to develop partnerships with States, local governments, academia, industry, and international partners to achieve those goals.

Finally, this legislation would help ensure U.S. leadership in national and international research and standards development for plastics recycling technologies. Advanced sorting

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technologies and updated standards are urgently needed for characterizing the multi-layered plastic packaging materials used today. Most consumers are not even aware that many of these materials are not easily recycled by most local materials recovery facilities, which just exacerbates the challenges for the facilities, even as consumers are trying to do their part.

This bill alone will not solve the plastic waste crisis in this country, but it is an essential and important step. Supporting this bill is an investment in our recycling industry and a demonstration of our recommitment to American manufacturing jobs and the ingenuity so very much needed at this time in our nation's history. I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan bill and see it signed into law.

HONORING NANCY ROSSMAN, A
CHAMPION FOR THE MINNESOTA
RECOVERY COMMUNITY

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2020

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Nancy Rossman of the Central Minnesota Mental Health Center (CMMHC). For over sixteen years, Nancy has served as the Program Director for the center's Detox Program and designated Registered Nurse for their Crisis Program.

Nancy joined CMMHC in 1972 after completing her nursing degree at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph. Since then, Nancy has dedicated what can only be described as a lifetime of service to CMMHC and the Detox Program, acting as a community-based case manager to patients in need.

Nancy's career spans the Detox Program's whole lifetime, and indeed, Nancy is the program's "unofficial historian." Her work has not only impacted countless patients, but also given them the greatest possible gift—a second chance at life.

I congratulate Nancy on her retirement. I have no doubt her commitment to CMMHC will be touching patients for years to come. I thank her and hope she enjoys her well-earned retirement.

IN HONOR OF ANTHONY PHILIP
ANDREOTTI OF CANTON, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2020

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Anthony (Tony) Philip Andreotti, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to his hometown of Canton, Massachusetts, and to commend him for over 50 years of dedicated service to his community and our country.

The son of Angelina and Carmine Andreotti, immigrants from Naples, Italy, Tony was born on May 22, 1933, on Staten Island in New York. The family moved to Canton in 1935 where Tony attended St. John's Elementary School and graduated from Canton High

School in 1951. In 1953, Tony was drafted into the United States Army, serving in both Korea and Japan before he was honorably discharged in 1955. Upon completion of his military service, Tony attended Burdett College in Boston and earned an associate degree in accounting in 1957. Subsequently, he worked at Norfolk County Trust until 1960 and Crosby Valve from 1960 until 1983. In 1981, Tony was elected to the Board of Selectmen in Canton and also served as Town Treasurer. In addition to his elective service, Tony served on the Board of Directors at Norwood Hospital, serving as Chairman from 1996 until 1998.

Madam Speaker, Tony has made his biggest impact by advocating for veterans. He was appointed Veterans' Agent in Canton in 1999, a position he held for over 20 years. His relentless pursuit of benefits for veterans is legendary and his accomplishments are many. Tony created the Veterans' Memorial Park at Canton Corner Cemetery, consolidating veterans' monuments dispersed throughout Canton into one location. Tony also organized a Legion Walk of Honor in Canton, complete with bricks engraved with the names of the 77 Canton residents who died while serving our country during the Civil War, WWI, WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Iraq War. Tony also founded the Fallen Heroes Street Sign Program, a local initiative honoring the same 77 residents who made the ultimate sacrifice. Furthermore, Tony established a Funeral Honor Guard which presides at veterans' funerals throughout Massachusetts, and worked tirelessly to ensure that Canton residents who left high school early to serve in the armed forces, received their diplomas upon returning. Quite simply, Tony is perhaps the most effective and most dedicated Veterans' Agent in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, if not the entire United States of America.

Tony has had the good fortune to have been married to Patricia for 35 years. They are the proud parents of two sons, David and James. On October 26, 2019, the Town of Canton dedicated the roadway in front of Veterans' Memorial Park to Tony, naming it Andreotti Way. Generations to come will know of Tony's contributions to the Town of Canton.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to join with Tony Andreotti's family, friends and contemporaries to thank him for his remarkable service to his town of Canton and to the United States of America.

IN RECOGNITION OF BATTALION
CHIEF DAVID LAMBRIX FOR A
DISTINGUISHED CAREER WITH
THE DEARBORN FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my heartfelt congratulations to Battalion Chief David Lambrix as he celebrates his retirement and recognize his many years of distinguished service with the Dearborn Fire Department. His contributions to the community are worthy of commendation.

Battalion Chief David Lambrix joined the Dearborn Fire Department as a firefighter on

September 6th, 1994. Throughout his twenty-five years with the force, Lambrix rose through the ranks of firefighter, fire lieutenant, and captain. In 2017, Lambrix was promoted to battalion chief, and has held the position ever since. Among his friends, colleagues, and peers, Lambrix is recognized as a humble leader who strives to make a difference without seeking praise or recognition for any of his significant accomplishments.

Prior to his career with the fire department, David Lambrix dutifully served his country. He served as an EM2 in the U.S. Navy from 1984 to 1988 in Alamenda, California. Without a doubt, Lambrix understands what it means to be an active and loyal community member. He devotes himself to causes he believes in and has made a difference in all the lives he has touched. Lambrix has received numerous honors and accolades for his outstanding work including the Fire Chief Life Saving Award, the Perfect Attendance Award, and the Meritorious Service Award, among a host of others. Most recently, Lambrix was bestowed the John D. Dingell Medal of Freedom Memorial Commendation in 2019 for his dedicated career in public service and commitment to Dearborn.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the retirement of Battalion Chief David Lambrix from the Dearborn Fire Department. I am proud to honor his work, accomplishments, and significant community impact. We thank him for his outstanding service and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR MIKE
WALSH'S 24 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2020

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Mayor Mike Walsh of De Pere, Wisconsin.

Mr. Walsh has served his community faithfully as mayor since 1996, after 14 years on the city's Park Board. A De Pere native, Mike Walsh brought valuable experience and a community-based approach with him to the mayor's office that helped him better serve the people of his hometown.

Over the course of Mike Walsh's 24-year tenure as mayor, he revitalized De Pere's infrastructure and recreational sites, drawing on his experience from the city's Park Board. One of Mr. Walsh's most notable accomplishments was the creation of the scenic De Pere Riverwalk, which led to new housing developments and increased use of the Fox River Trail. Mr. Walsh also facilitated the development of both the city's east and west sides and championed the reconstruction of the historic Claude Allouez Memorial Bridge.

As the City of De Pere's economy grew under Mayor Walsh's leadership, so did the number of people eager to move to the area. He oversaw the city's population growth from 16,000 in 1990, to 25,000 by the time he left office this April.

Mayor Walsh's devoted leadership to the City of De Pere will be remembered by a grateful community. In his retirement, he is looking forward to spending more time with his grandchildren.