

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JANE MORRISON

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and leadership of legendary progressive organizer Jane Morrison: an historic and trailblazing force for progress in America, beloved by all who were blessed to know her, particularly in our home city of San Francisco.

Jane and her late husband, former San Francisco Supervisor Jack Morrison, lived their lives at the crossroads of some of the most pivotal moments in our nation's history. Jane helped elect some of our most transformational leaders, from President John F. Kennedy to California Governor Jerry Brown. In 2012, I had the great honor to appoint Jane, who was born before women had won the right to vote, to cast our district's vote in the Electoral College for President Barack Obama: a true measure of our progress as a nation.

Forged in Depression-era Oklahoma, Jane was known by all for her optimism, perseverance and courage. She began her career as a reporter during the Second World War, at a time when women were rarely in the newsroom, and later joined KNBR, where she would work for more than 30 years to bring more women into broadcasting. The same spirit of justice, progress and commitment to the truth propelled her to enter political activism and action.

Over five decades, Jane was a godmother of progressive causes in San Francisco. She was a grassroots champion who brought unwavering grace and good humor, boundless energy and extraordinary persistence to her life's mission to make our City and Country more just, equal and fair. Her home was a gathering place and a launching pad, where she masterfully wove together progressive coalitions for change in our city and country. She was a volunteer in the truest sense: dedicating every degree of her time, energy and passion to achieving social justice, from empowering women to combating homelessness to championing the environment and the economic prosperity of all San Franciscans.

Jane advanced progress both from behind the scenes and from the center of the political arena. As she helped elect progressive leaders, she served in her own right, including as Delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1960 and 1964, Women's Chair of the California Democratic Party in 1960, president of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, president of the San Francisco Democratic Women's Forum, Chair of the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee, longtime president of San Francisco Tomorrow and on the Chinese Newcomers Service Center. Her greatness was recognized in her many awards, including the California State Assembly's "Woman of the Year," which she received several times.

Jane was a mentor and friend to so many. Personally, I learned so much from her. May her lifetime of courageous leadership be a source of inspiration to all. And may it be a comfort to Gimmy Park Li and all Jane's loved ones that so many mourn their loss and are praying for them at this sad time.

REMEMBERING OFFICER JASON JUDD

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. LESKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today with great sadness over the passing of Peoria Police Officer Jason Judd who was killed in the line of duty on July 1, 2020.

He was beloved by many and was a loving husband to Teresa, and father to Terrence and Connor.

He was a veteran and served eleven years and nine months in the United States Air Force before joining the Peoria Police Department in July of 1999.

He was a 21-year veteran with the Peoria Police Department and put his life on the line every day to keep Arizonans safe. He was a well-respected leader and hero to many.

Officer Judd received numerous commendations for his excellent investigative police work, contributing to the arrests and convictions for crimes such as burglary, carjacking, DUI accidents, fraud, stabbing, and second-degree murder.

He also received the Lifesaving Medal and over 50 commendations from citizens, fellow officers, other agencies, and community leaders.

Throughout his career, he was involved in the annual Peoria Bike Rodeo, Youth Citizen's Police Academy, multi-agency DUI enforcement campaigns, school safety presentations, and the 4th of July celebrations at Lake Pleasant, just to name a few.

We are eternally grateful for his service to our state and nation. On this day, we, as a community, honor him and ask those who knew him to pray for his family during this time of mourning.

HYPERLOOP TECHNOLOGY

HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my support for a new and exciting technology called hyperloop, a modern innovation to enhance our Nation's transportation infrastructure. Hyperloop consists of a network of sealed tubes where trains carrying cargo or passengers can pass through without air resistance or friction. This could

drastically reduce travel time from hours to mere minutes. Benefits of this technology are numerous: in addition to shortening travel time, hyperloop is energy efficient and has the potential to dramatically cut greenhouse gases from our atmosphere. Additionally, while we enter a time of economic uncertainty, hyperloop represents an entirely new sector of the economy and would provide opportunities for new jobs and could stimulate commerce.

Madam Speaker, I am especially excited about this new technology because of its unique tie to Kansas and the Third District. One of our finest constituent companies in Kansas' Third District, Black and Veatch, has been working on hyperloop projects for some time, demonstrating that Kansas City would be a welcome location for any pilot program. Spirit AeroSystems, our neighbors in Wichita, have been tapped to help build the high-tech capsules for Virgin Hyperloop One, which has a project site in Kansas City, Missouri that could serve as the starting point for an eventual Kansas City-to-St. Louis stretch, cutting travel times from a nearly 4 hour drive to just 30 minutes by hyperloop. And Kansas City has long been heralded as a talent center for high-tech and engineering jobs, which aligns well with the growth of this cutting-edge technology sector. Last October, I hosted a Small Business Committee field hearing in my district, bringing together various startups and entrepreneurs to discuss innovation and expanding capital for high-tech small businesses. In that same vein, I would be excited to see hyperloop introduced in the greater Kansas City metro area and look forward to showing what Kansas' Third District has to offer.

HONORING THE CAREER OF CATALINA HORAK

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Catalina Horak for her devoted service to our community as she prepares to enter the next chapter of her life at the end of this month.

Ms. Horak cofounded and led Building One Community, a nonprofit organization in Stamford, Connecticut. Since its establishment in 2011, Building One Community has served more than 10,000 immigrants from over 100 countries with language, vocational, legal and many other kinds of support.

The Fourth Congressional District is home to a remarkably diverse range of people. We take pride in embodying key values such as openness, tolerance and altruism. Thanks in large part to Ms. Horak's tireless efforts, Building One Community has helped thousands of immigrants successfully integrate into the broader community. I'm proud that the Fourth Congressional District, in partnership with organizations like Building One Community, continues to serve as an example of the important

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contributions that immigrants make across our country.

For her 20 years of distinguished experience in the nonprofit sector, Ms. Horak was named an honoree for the 2017 Women of Distinction Awards by the YWCA of Darien and Norwalk. This year, she was appointed to the Board of Directors of Americares Free Clinics.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me, along with a grateful Fourth Congressional District, in congratulating Ms. Catalina Horak for her extensive public service and in wishing her success in all her future endeavors.

HONORING THE LEFLORE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable group of leaders, the Leflore County Board of Supervisors.

On Monday, June 22, 2020 the Leflore County Board of Supervisors voted to remove the Confederate monument located on the Leflore County Courthouse lawn. This Confederate monument has long been a divisive symbol for the citizens in the city of Greenwood, MS and Leflore County.

Unveiled on October 9, 1913 on the courthouse lawn, this monument has intimidated and invoked fear for over 100 years in citizens that have come to the courthouse to conduct county business. As a symbol of treason and slavery, this monument had no right to be in a public place.

After legal advisement from Board Attorney Joyce Chiles, Supervisor Reginald Moore made a motion to have the Confederate monument removed from the courthouse lawn. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Eric Mitchell. Supervisors Robert Collins and Anjuan Brown joined in support and the motion was carried 4–0, with one member, Sam Abraham, absent from the meeting. This is a historic achievement for Leflore County as Mississippians move to create a more inclusive climate throughout the state.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Leflore County Board of Supervisors for their dedication and bravery to promote racial equality.

RECOGNITION OF MR. KENT D. FARMER'S RETIREMENT FROM RAPPAHANNOCK ELECTRIC CO-OPERATIVE

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Kent D. Farmer's retirement as President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Rappahannock Electric Cooperative. Mr. Farmer will retire on August 1, 2020.

Mr. Farmer has served as president and CEO of Rappahannock Electric Cooperative

since 2004 and has been with REC for a total of 41 years. The Rappahannock Electric Cooperative serves a wide range of Virginia, from the Blue Ridge Mountains to the Chesapeake Bay. Mr. Farmer is leaving a positive legacy with the Rappahannock Electric Cooperative that will not be forgotten. His strong leadership and genuine care and concern for local citizens has contributed to many successes during his time with the Rappahannock Electric Cooperative.

I am proud of Mr. Farmer's work with the REC, and I know he will be greatly missed. I have worked closely with Mr. Farmer and the REC, and I am honored to serve them in the First District of Virginia. Mr. Farmer has laid a strong foundation that will serve the REC in years to come.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask that you rise with me in recognition of Mr. Kent D. Farmer's contributions to the Rappahannock Electric Cooperative and the First District of Virginia. I wish Mr. Farmer the best of luck in his next chapter, and I look forward to continuing to serve Mr. Farmer and the First District of Virginia.

HONORING OFFICER ANTHONY DIA

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today. In my district and my hometown city of Toledo, Ohio, our community is putting to rest a young Toledo Police Officer killed in the line of duty in the early hours of July 4th.

Officer Anthony Dia, 26 years old, was known throughout our community as a dedicated husband, father, son, valiant public servant, and revered member of the Muslim community. In the words of his wife, Jayme Dia, he worked every day of his life to provide for his family, including their two sons, Younes and Maytham. He lived and breathed family. In Officer Dia's final words, which he radioed to the department after being fatally wounded were: "Tell my family I love them."

Officer Dia's death serves as a telling reminder of the constant dangers law enforcement officers face every single day in service to our communities. Officer Dia died a hero—Toledo will never forget his service and the ultimate sacrifice he made for the safety and security of our city and our families.

I join in spirit with our community in Toledo to pay respects at Officer Dia's memorial service today. My sincerest condolences and prayers are with Officer Dia's family, the Toledo Police Department, and the entire Toledo community during this in extraordinarily difficult time. Our hearts are broken.

In his memory, today in Washington D.C., an American flag is being hoisted above the U.S. Capitol in his memory to be presented in lasting gratitude for his laying down of his life for those he was sworn to protect and serve.

May the memory of Officer Anthony Dia live on in our hearts and in our community forever.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL KEILHOLZ

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Michael Keilholz on his years of devotion to the Vocational Agriculture program and its students. Mr. Keilholz retired from Pleasant Hill High School after 31 years of teaching agriculture.

Michael Keilholz grew up in the small Catholic community of Frankenstein, Missouri. He attended the University of Missouri and graduated in 1989. He had several different jobs before he began teaching at Pleasant Hill High School, where he remained for 26 years. Over the years he oversaw 77 American FFA Degrees, 113 State FFA Degrees, 7 State Stars in either FFA Star Agribusiness, Star Placement or Star Farmer with 1 State Winner in Agribusiness, 1 State FFA 1st Vice President, 85 State Qualifying Teams in Vo-Ag/FFA, 110 State Qualifying Proficiency Awards based upon FFA Leadership and SAE's (4 State Winning Proficiency awards), 14 State Talent, 2 National Talent, 1 National Band, 3 State Band, 25 State Chorus, 7 Student Teachers, 264 District Vo-Ag/FFA Teams, Countless Scrapbook and Record Books displayed at state. In addition, he worked as an instructor for 28 years.

Throughout the years he has been recognized for his efforts by being awarded Top 6 Nationally—NAAE (State and Region IV Winner); Two time State Ideas Unlimited Winner, One time Regional Winner, two time National Presenter; 30-Year Service Award, Missouri Ag Teachers; Honorary American FFA Degree, National FFA Organization, 2011; Distinguished Service Award, Missouri Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association; Honorary State FFA Degree, Missouri FFA, 1999; Supervised Agricultural Experience Best Practices, National FFA, 1998; Region IV (U.S.) New Vocational Teacher of the Year, American Vocational Association, 1993; New Vocational Teacher, Missouri Vocational Association, 1993; Outstanding Young Member, MVATA, 1993; Outstanding Young Professional, University of Missouri College of Education Alumni Award, 1993; Teaching Ideas—District Winner, 1996; Instructional Materials Lab, Sold Copyright-Crop & Weed Plant ID, 1993.

Perhaps the greatest achievement of all is the number of lives Mr. Keilholz has impacted over the years. Thousands of young people have been blessed by his tutelage as they have learned invaluable life lessons taught through agriculture, the leadership opportunities provided through FFA, and the work ethic instilled through student SAE projects. Mr. Keilholz's interest in every student, his encouragement, and personal example of character and commitment will leave a legacy of amazing future leaders in agriculture who will impact our nation and our world.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Michael Keilholz for his hard work and dedication, and I thank him for his years of selfless devotion to agriculture.