

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, All week America has been in mourning—as we will be for so many weeks to come—as we grieve the passing of one of the greatest heroes of American history: Congressman John Lewis, the Conscience of the Congress.

Thank you, Chairman HAKEEM JEFFRIES, for arranging this tribute to John's beautiful life.

John Lewis was a titan of the civil rights movement. His goodness, faith and bravery transformed our nation—from the determination with which he met discrimination at lunch counters and on Freedom Rides, to the courage he showed as a young man facing down violence on Edmund Pettus Bridge, to the moral leadership he brought to the Congress for more than 30 years.

In the halls of the Capitol, he was fearless in his pursuit of a more perfect union, whether through his Voter Empowerment Act to defend the ballot, his leadership on the Equality Act to end discrimination against LGBTQ Americans, his work as a Senior Member of Ways & Means to ensure that we invest in our values or his commitment to health justice as he fought for the Affordable Care Act.

As John declared 57 years ago during the March on Washington, standing in the shadow of the Lincoln Memorial: "Our minds, souls, and hearts cannot rest until freedom and justice exist for all the people"—words that ring true today.

How fitting it is that even in the last weeks of his battle with cancer, John summoned the strength to visit the peaceful protests in Washington, D.C.

At Black Lives Matter Plaza, he stood with the newest generation who poured into the streets to take up the unfinished work of racial justice; helping complete the march that he began more than a half a century ago in Selma.

His visit with the Mayor of Washington, D.C., painted an iconic picture of justice: an image that will endure, and will inspire our nation for years to come.

John Lewis believed that every person had a spark of divinity making them worthy of respect. To honor John Lewis's life, we must maintain his fight, persisting and resisting until the rights and dignity of all are respected.

What a perfect tribute it would be for the Senate to pass voting rights legislation to safeguard the right to the ballot that John risked his life and dedicated his strength to defending.

Many of us remember how John, a man of goodness and faith, was so moved by the visit

of Pope Francis to Washington and by his Joint Address to Congress, to which he felt a great link.

John later said, "Though I was reluctant to openly shed tears, I cried within to hear his words. I was deeply moved to realize I had a connection in some way with some of those he mentioned [including] Thomas Merton, a monk whose words I studied during non-violence training in the Civil Rights Movement."

"It was amazing that the Pope mentioned the Selma-to-Montgomery March because during the first attempt to March to Montgomery, now known as Bloody Sunday, I carried one of Thomas Merton's books in my backpack."

Thomas Merton, a force for non-violence and peace, like John, once wrote, "We are not at peace with others because we are not at peace with ourselves, and we are not at peace with ourselves because we are not at peace with God."

But John Lewis was a heavenly man who was at peace—with himself, with his fellow man and with God. When I spoke with him the day before he passed, he told me that he was ready to go home.

God truly blessed America with the life and leadership of John Lewis.

Here in the Congress, John was revered and beloved on both sides of the aisle and both sides of the Capitol. We knew that he always worked on the side of the angels—and now, we are comforted to know that he is with them.

May John's goodness be an inspiration that moves us not to hate, but to hope; may his strength inspire us not to fear, but to fight for what is right—and to, in the face of injustice, make "good trouble, necessary trouble."

And may it be a comfort to John's son, John Miles, his entire family, Michael Collins and his entire staff that so many mourn their loss and are praying for them at this sad time.

CONGRATULATING HIS EXCELLENCE FAYÇAL GOUIA ON THE CONCLUSION OF HIS TENURE AS TUNISIA'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2020

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today as the co-chair of the Tunisia Caucus, a caucus I have had the pleasure of co-chairing with my friend, Congressman DAVID SCHWEIKERT of Arizona.

As co-chairs of the Tunisia Caucus, we wish to extend our deepest gratitude and highest praise to His Excellency Fayçal Gouia, Tunisia's Ambassador to the United States, as he concludes his impressive and valuable ambassadorship.

The Ambassador's career has been as impressive as it has been dedicated to the people of Tunisia—a more dedicated son to his mother country would be difficult to find.

Ambassador Gouia has multiple degrees and has studied at the National Defense University in the United States as well as the National Defense Institute in Tunis. With his impressive educational credentials, Ambassador Gouia has represented his country the world over including Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Brunei, and of course, the United States.

Fortunately for the next generation of Tunisian diplomats, the Ambassador has shared his deep and broad experience with students at the Diplomatic Institute for Training and Studies of Tunis and at the High Institute of Human Sciences, University of Tunis. This is an invaluable opportunity for these students and does a great service for Tunisia's standing around the world—a standing as revered as it is today in large part because of Ambassador Gouia's diligent and meaningful work on behalf of the people of Tunisia and their government.

Madam Speaker, on a personal note, the co-chairs have enjoyed immensely their meetings and dinners with the Ambassador. His insights are always enlightening as we all work to make stronger the solid and long-lasting bond between the United States and Tunisia. It is a friendship borne long ago that has only grown stronger over the years as both countries dedicate themselves to the cause of liberty, justice, and democracy.

Madam Speaker, we again thank the Ambassador for his counsel, integrity, and friendship and wish him, his wife, and his two daughters, nothing but peace and prosperity as they embark on their latest journey.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF LISA A. BAKER

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2020

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lisa A. Baker, Chief Executive Officer of Yolo County Housing on her retirement from the agency after 14 successful years. While Ms. Baker was with Yolo Housing, the agency was twice named HUD's PHA of the Year, added 264 affordable partnership units, 104 affordable managed units, 400 voucher units, received 23 awards from HUD, and nearly doubled their annual revenue. It has been my pleasure to work with Ms. Baker throughout her tenure at Yolo Housing, and I look forward to seeing her next chapter in life.

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HONORING THE CAREER OF LIZ
HARRISON

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2020

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Liz Harrison, on the occasion of her retirement from television news after 38 years on the air. Liz has been a familiar face and name with ABC 30 in the Fresno, California community.

Liz, a native of Virginia, attended the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, before graduating from the University of Florida with a degree in Broadcasting. Liz is married to Keith Allen, who works alongside her in the television news industry.

Liz joined Fresno's local ABC affiliate in 1982, a time when women were underrepresented in the news industry. Throughout her career, Liz has served as co-anchor of Action News Live at 5 and at 11. She has covered nearly every type of news story and is proud to have given a voice to so many who's stories needed to be told. In 2010, Liz and photo journalist Richard Harmelink won an Emmy Award for excellence in reporting for their story on the U.S. military training for war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Liz's passion for her work led her to take on the intern coordinator position at the station, where she trained and mentored college students as they pursued a career in television news. She has given her time to numerous organizations, including Mighty Moms Foundation, the Art of Life Cancer Foundation, and the Fresno Rescue Mission.

For 38 years, Liz dedicated her career to telling the stories of the San Joaquin Valley. She has left a lasting impression on our community. Liz is dedicated to her family. She is the proud mom to five children and looks forward to spending more time with her grandchildren. She is also a breast cancer survivor and a role model.

Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Liz Harrison on her career and retirement. I ask that you join me in wishing Liz continued success as she begins her next chapter, as the owner of a leadership, coaching and teaching business.

HONORING JOSEPH DANIEL
HEGEMAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize a special member of my staff. After two and a half years of service, Joseph Daniel Hegeman will be leaving his post in my Kansas City District Office.

Joe took over the field operations in 14 counties in the Great Northwest portion of my district in 2017. He has been an integral member of my field team throughout that time. Joe was tireless in making sure the people of the Sixth Congressional District were treated fairly by federal agencies and that their concerns

were heard by me and his colleagues in Washington. This is especially true as many of the counties Joe represented were hard hit by floods and agricultural crises in 2019. My staff and I relied on Joe to not only assist my hardest hit constituents, but on his background and knowledge of agricultural practices and farm-to-market programs to best form Congress's response to these issues. I am honored to have had Joe on my staff and my constituents were incredibly served by his efforts.

I have received many kind words from constituents praising the outstanding service Joe has provided. His professionalism and dedication to this office and my constituents was a great example of how government should work. While I am losing a valuable member of my team, I am excited for Joe to begin the next chapter of his life.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in thanking Joseph Daniel Hegeman for his years of service to the people of the Sixth Congressional District. I know Joe's colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking him for his commitment to others and wishing him the best of luck in all his endeavors and many years of success to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE
OF POLICE CAPTAIN DUSTIN
KRUEGER

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2020

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding career of Captain Dustin Krueger as he marks his retirement from the Northville Police Department.

Captain Krueger has worked in the Northville community for more than twenty-seven years. During his decades of service, he served as a DARE instructor, Taser Instructor, Active Shooter Instructor, Western Wayne Mobile Field Force Squad Leader, and a Bicycle Officer. He rose through the ranks quickly by demonstrating strong leadership and commitment to his work. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2001 and Captain in 2014. Captain Krueger received numerous honors throughout his career, including the 1995 and 2018 Police Officer of the Year Awards.

In 2018, Captain Krueger was appointed Acting Chief of Police, where he provided decisive leadership and stability during a time of transition. His unfailing dedication to the department and distinguished character were assets to his fellow officers and the community. We, in Michigan's 11th Congressional District, are so very grateful for his service.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in reflecting on the remarkable career of Captain Dustin Krueger and his many contributions to his community in Northville, Michigan.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, Jr.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2020

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Madam Speaker, due to a medical emergency, I was physically

absent from the House of Representatives on July 22, 2020. On that day, I missed 4 recorded votes. Had I been present for those votes. I would have voted as follows:

On Roll Call No. 153 on the adoption of the Rep. Chu House Amendment to Senate Amendment to H.R. 2486, had I been present, I would have voted "Nay."

On Roll Call No. 154 on the adoption of the Rep. Jayapal House Amendment to Senate Amendment to H.R. 2486, had I been present, I would have voted "Nay."

On Roll Call No. 155 on the concurring in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 1957, had I been present, I would have voted "Nay."

On Roll Call No. 156 on the passage of H.R. 7573, had I been present, I would have voted "Yay."

RUSSIAN CYBER ATTACKS ON
COVID RESEARCH CENTERS

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2020

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to strongly condemn the recently reported Russian cyberattacks on United States, United Kingdom and Canadian COVID-19 research centers.

As the world continues to battle the COVID-19 pandemic, Vladimir Putin's regime has once again lived up to its reputation for lawlessness and cynicism by targeting vaccine research and development organizations with "the intention of stealing information and intellectual property relating to the development and testing of COVID-19 vaccines," as assessed by U.S., British and Canadian intelligence agencies.

Sadly, neither this appalling cyberattack, nor the pitiful Kremlin denials which followed, are too surprising to those of us who watch Russia closely.

As a Member of the U.S. Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe—the OSCE PA—and Chairman of the Committee on Political Affairs and Security, I regularly participate in difficult discussions with Russian political leaders about Moscow's geopolitical misconduct. The Kremlin's campaign across the OSCE space and beyond is aimed at destabilizing and undermining the international order by any means necessary, to include the invasion and occupation of OSCE participating States, the assassination of political opponents abroad, disinformation and more.

On July 7, 2020, I communicated directly to the OSCE PA which included the presence of the Russian head of delegation how seriously the United States is taking reports of Russian monetary bounties to Taliban-linked insurgents for the killing of American and NATO soldiers in Afghanistan. The fact of Kremlin support to the Taliban had already surfaced in a hearing of the United States Helsinki Commission which I chaired on June 12, 2019, in open testimony by former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Russia Michael Carpenter.

Madam Speaker, I will continue to work with colleagues here at home and across the Atlantic to ensure the Kremlin's bald-faced denials of its malign actions are countered, and that Vladimir Putin's regime faces the appropriate consequences for its actions. The