

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MR. ROBERT YOUNG

HON. BEN McADAMS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. McADAMS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my constituents, Mr. Robert Young, for his heroic efforts to protect his neighborhood from a threatening wildfire.

Mr. Young lives in Saratoga Springs, where nearby flames recently forced 13,000 people to evacuate their homes. In a show of great courage, Mr. Young sent his family off in their car while he stayed behind, working to protect his neighborhood despite the back pain that recently forced him out of work. He placed the safety of his community over his own.

As the fire raged, he spent hours in a CAT plowing away at the fields behind the homes of Hepler Lane, creating a firebreak in the hope that, if needed, it would slow the progress of blaze. Thankfully, all homes on Hepler Lane were spared.

In a show of humility, Mr. Young downplays the bravery it took to do what he did. He attributes all credit to the valiant firefighters who battled the flames day and night for a full week.

Communities are built by individuals coming together to sacrifice for the greater good. It is my hope that the story of Mr. Young's heroic actions can be an example to us all.

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT JOSEPH DONOHUE

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of a dear family member, Bob Donohue. Bob was a loving father, grandfather and wonderful friend.

Bob spent his entire working career with General Motors, starting in the 1950's as a nuclear physicist and retiring in 1996. Bob always had the ability to light up a room and keep people smiling.

Bob enjoyed planning and orchestrating vacations and trips for his children and grandchildren. He loved being around his family and went out of his way to comfort anyone.

Bob was an avid fan of history, physics and mathematics. He often listened to classical music and enjoyed going to orchestra performances. Bob was a true joy to be around and his presence was always delightful.

I give my dear wishes to Bob's wife of 63 years, Marianne, and his beloved children. Bob will be greatly missed but he is now resting easy in Heaven.

May God rest his soul and bring comfort to his family and friends as we mourn his loss and celebrate Bob's life here on earth.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETE STAUBER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on July 27, 2020 because I had the privilege of advocating for American jobs in northern Minnesota and working with the President's task force to find answers for unsolved Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 167.

ELISA THURSTON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elisa Thurston for receiving the Arvada Chamber's Young Professional Award.

In her current role at the Denver-Area Council of Boy Scouts of America, Elisa manages volunteers, engages donors and builds relationships with the community. She is described by friends and colleagues as passionate, caring and someone who works very hard to make her community a better place. It's clear Elisa has a bright future ahead and her early contributions to our community are obvious.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Elisa Thurston for this well-deserved award and appreciate her contribution to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, due to a death in the family, I was absent from votes on July 24, 2020.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 162; NAY on Roll Call No. 163; YEA on Roll Call No. 164; YEA on Roll Call No. 165; and NAY on Roll Call No. 166.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DOROTHY PRISCILLA JOHNSON

HON. BRIAN J. MAST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. MAST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of one of my constituents, Mrs.

Dorothy Priscilla Johnson. Mrs. Johnson passed away earlier this year, on April 25, 2020, after years of faithful devotion to the Stuart community.

Since her move to South Florida in high school, Dorothy invested heavily in the area, marrying and raising five sons. She also worked for and eventually received her Doctorate in Education from FIU, using her education to pour into the lives of her students as a teacher for 34 years. Beyond her work in the classroom, she showed her generosity by giving and volunteering with a number of local organizations and Catholic charities.

Madam Speaker, it's an honor to get to recognize Dorothy and the life she devoted to the flourishing of her family and her community, and I know that those she leaves behind miss her greatly.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM HAGEDORN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. HAGEDORN. Madam Speaker, had I been present for the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill for S. 2163—"To establish the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys, to study and make recommendations to address social problems affecting Black men and boys, and for other purposes . . .", I would have voted "yea."

COMMISSION ON THE SOCIAL STATUS OF BLACK MEN AND BOYS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Act, which will establish a 19-member commission to examine the social disparities disproportionately affecting Black males in America. Commission members will be directed to review homicide rates, arrest and incarceration rates, poverty, violence, fatherhood, mentorship, drug abuse, death rates, disparate income and wealth levels, school performance in various grade levels, and health issues. The commission also will investigate potential civil rights violations affecting Black men and boys.

By authorizing this Commission to conduct this systematic study of the conditions affecting Black men and boys, it will better inform us on the community impacts of relevant government programs and provide recommendations on how we can remedy the underlying causes of these disparities.

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This bill is part of a critical effort to force our nation to examine how racism and social injustices create heavy mental and emotional burdens for Black men and boys. Our society must create an environment that will better enable them to achieve their full potential. This bipartisan effort rises to meet our moment of national reckoning over racial injustice. As a Congress, we must address the social disparities which limit and constrain the success of Black males in America.

As a longstanding member of the Congressional Black Caucus, I am proud to support the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Act, and I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this bill.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF HUMBERTO TRUJILLO, JR.

HON. RUBEN GALLEG0

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. GALLEG0. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of Humberto "Junior" Trujillo, who passed away July 15, 2020. Mr. Trujillo was the Phoenix postmaster for the United States Postal Service (USPS), the first Latino to hold that position.

Mr. Trujillo's tenure as postmaster in Phoenix was the culmination of a career based in hard work and service. He worked for USPS for 31 years, beginning as a mail handler on the night shift and rising steadily through the ranks, as he demonstrated a commitment to excellence and passion for his work. He was sworn in as postmaster in January of 2015. It is also notable that prior to his USPS career, Mr. Trujillo worked as a mason foreman and helped construct the main post office facility near Van Buren and 48th streets that he would later go on to lead.

In addition to his leadership and professional achievements, Mr. Trujillo was known throughout the community as a man of positivity, humor, and faith. His family and coworkers have spoken about his widespread impact on the lives of those around him and his dedication to coaching, community engagement and volunteering.

Mr. Trujillo's story was one of success and determination, ascending through the USPS to become one of its leaders. He is a reminder of the power of hard work and confidence, and the profound impact they can have when combined with compassion and kindness. On behalf of myself, the U.S. Postal Service, and the state of Arizona, I wish to express my gratitude for the achievements of this great man.

PAIGE BROPHY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Paige Brophy for receiving the Arvada Chamber's Young Professional Award.

Paige took over the role of Director of the Outdoor Lab Foundation in January 2019 and

quickly got to work rebuilding the team and implementing a successful strategic plan that helped lead the organization to have its largest-ever fundraising year in 2019. Paige's colleagues describe her leadership style as passionate and someone who leads by example.

Under Paige's leadership, the Outdoor Lab program serves more than 900 students in Arvada, allowing them to participate in a life-changing program that helps create good stewards and future community leaders. Paige is passionate about ensuring every student attends Outdoor Lab, regardless of their physical abilities or ability to pay.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Paige Brophy for this well-deserved award and appreciate her contribution to our community.

REMEMBERING C. DUANE DAUNER

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I rise with my California colleagues to remember C. Duane Dauner, who tragically passed on July 13th. Mr. Dauner led the California Hospital Association as CEO for three decades, where he dedicated his life to healthcare reform, access, and coverage for not only Californians but all Americans.

During his tenure as president and CEO, Mr. Dauner represented nearly 400 hospital and health systems, played a major role in the development of the Affordable Care Act, and participated in the development of the California Medicaid reform policy option. As a recipient of the American Hospital Association's Distinguished Service Award, Mr. Dauner exemplified his ability to build consensus and dedication to bettering the healthcare system for patients and hospital alike. Mr. Dauner's legacy will always be remembered, and we are incredibly grateful to have had the ability to work with and learn from Mr. Dauner.

I am pleased to be joined in this statement of remembrance today by: Speaker of the House NANCY PELOSI, Hon. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Hon. TJ COX of California, Hon. RAUL RUIZ, M.D. of California, Hon. MARK DESAULNIER of California, Hon. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO of California, Hon. JIM COSTA of California, Hon. BARBARA LEE of California, Hon. ANNA G. ESHOO of California, Hon. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, Hon. JULIA BROWNLEY of California, Hon. ALAN LOWENTAL of California, Hon. JARED HUFFMAN of California, Hon. NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGAN of California, Hon. AMI BERA, M.D. of California.

COMMISSION ON THE SOCIAL STATUS OF BLACK MEN AND BOYS ACT (H.R. 1636)

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I am a co-sponsor of the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Act (H.R. 1636), which passed the House on July 27, 2020. The social disparities that impact Black men

and boys have long needed special attention. In light of these challenges and the demand for community-based solutions, I established the first D.C. Commission on Black Men and Boys in 2001 to educate Members of Congress and staff on issues and problems Black men and boys face and to support ideas and community initiatives that improve their quality of life.

This commission stoked so much interest in Congress that in 2013, Congressman DANNY DAVIS and I established the Congressional Caucus on Black Men and Boys, which seeks to bring the myriad issues facing African-American men and boys to the forefront of congressional and public attention.

The Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Act would create government responsibility for the first time. It would create a Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys within the United States Commission on Civil Rights that would have responsibility for addressing important issues, such as disparities in employment and incarceration rates for African-American men and boys.

When Members are able to meet once COVID-19 subsides, our Congressional Caucus on Black Men and Boys has called for a Caucus hearing to hear directly from the African-American community on the state of justice in America for African-American men and boys following the killings of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota, by white police officers and Ahmaud Arbery, an African-American jogger killed by two armed white men in Georgia. In both cases videos exposed attacks, marking a new social media era for seeking racial justice in real time. The bill I am supporting today would help further address these important issues.

I stand in strong support of the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Act because it makes improving conditions for Black men and boys an official government responsibility.

IN MEMORY OF JOE PAGLIA

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of a dear friend and family member, Joe Paglia.

Joe was a retired police officer and detective that served his community for over 14 years.

Joe was the Chicago Chapter President of the Thin Blue Line Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club and he loved giving back to those wearing a badge.

Joe was a true patriot to his country and he proudly wore the badge to protect his community.

We know Joe is resting easy in Heaven.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PERRY ARTHUR JUSTICE

HON. RUSS FULCHER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. FULCHER. Madam Speaker, the sun is waning on a generation of warriors that were