

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DRILLING CONTRACTORS 80TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the International Association of Drilling Contractors (IADC), which will celebrate its 80th anniversary in November of this year.

Since its inception in 1940, IADC has grown into one of the world's largest non-profit trade associations, now boasting over 1,000 members across six continents. Members include companies involved in oil and gas drilling, production, well servicing, oilfield manufacturing, and other rig-site services.

As the Chairman of the Oil & Gas Caucus, I am proud to recognize IADC for 80 incredible years of promoting safety and innovation and for its continued commitment to advocacy and education. By convening conferences, issuing publications, offering accreditation courses, and hosting seven Student Chapters, IADC is supporting workers and cultivating the next generation of leaders in the industry.

IADC and its members value community engagement and recognize the risks and opportunities associated with climate change and conventional energy production. IADC continues to invest in education, innovation and research to ensure its members are informed, adaptable, and responsible stewards.

Madam Speaker, for the last eight decades, the International Association of Drilling Contractors has done yeoman's work, and that deserves recognition. I am confident that this organization will continue leading the charge to fuel our world in a responsible and safe way in the decades to come.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL JON A. JENSEN

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Major General Jon A. Jensen on his appointment as Director of the Army National Guard.

Major General Jensen has led a dedicated life of service to our military and the American people. After graduating from the Northwest Missouri State University, he earned his commission from the United States Army Officer Candidate School in Fort Benning, Georgia. He has served in a variety of command and staff positions in the Iowa and Minnesota Army National Guards—including commands at all levels of Minnesota's storied 34th Red Bull Infantry Division—and earned a master's degree from the United States Army Com-

mand and General Staff College, and the United States Army War College.

Following his graduate studies, Major General Jensen served in military operations around the globe, deploying to Kuwait in 2001 as a Major, and Iraq in 2007 as a Lieutenant Colonel. He also served as Deputy Commanding General for U.S. Army Africa.

Since returning home, Major General Jensen has delivered steadfast leadership as the 31st Adjutant General of Minnesota's National Guard. While our state will feel the loss of Major General Jensen's presence, we are fortunate to see his years of dedication and service elevate him to this prestigious post.

Thank you, Major General Jensen, for your friendship and service to Minnesota. I wish you, your wife Cindy, and your entire family all the best in your new role. Our nation is safer because of you.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of my amendment to encourage the United States Postal Service Inspector General to investigate and take corrective action on serious mail delivery problems in Chicago.

For the last several years, I have heard frustrating stories from my constituents about serious deficiencies in mail delivery. These breakdowns in mail service are particularly bad in the Mt. Greenwood neighborhood in Chicago, but are also present in Beverly, Morgan Park, and Scottsdale. Many constituents have reported that they have gone days without receiving their mail, and that they have been treated disrespectfully when visiting the post office to inquire about their mail. These problems have not been rectified despite a town hall meeting I organized with USPS officials last year, and other follow on efforts.

While COVID-19 is undoubtedly a burden on USPS operations, the problems in my community have been ongoing for years. Additionally, recent media reports have indicated that poor mail delivery is not isolated within my district, but instead has impacted much of Chicago.

In these challenging times, reliable mail and package delivery is critical for our communities to function. Constituents may be expecting tax refunds, stimulus payments, prescription drugs, and forms for unemployment insurance and other assistance programs, just to name a few essential items that arrive by mail.

My amendment directs the USPS Inspector General to conduct an independent investigation since USPS has been unresponsive to my constituents' concerns. It's well past time to take action to improve mail delivery in my district and in Chicago once and for all. USPS

leadership must improve service across Chicago to restore public trust in the institution and ensure that essential items arrive on time.

REMEMBERING THE LYNCHING OF BENJAMIN THOMAS

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Benjamin Thomas, a young African American man who was lynched by an angry white mob just down the road from this Capitol in Alexandria, Virginia one hundred and twenty-one years ago. He was accused of assaulting a young white girl but was never given the chance to defend himself. During the evening of August 8, 1899, Thomas was pulled out of a city jail by a large crowd. He was bound with a rope and dragged six blocks to a lamppost on the corner of King and Fairfax Street. He was then stripped of his clothes and hanged. Before dispersing, the mob proceeded to shoot his body several times. No one was ever charged for this heinous crime.

The lynching of Benjamin Thomas is only one of 86 documented lynchings committed in Virginia between 1880 and 1930. These acts of premeditated violence were deliberate attempts by whites to terrorize and control black populations across the state. While the local black community of Alexandria was outraged in the wake of Thomas' death, fear of additional white violence prevented any further action. This was often the case, as members of these mobs rarely faced any consequences for their actions, or worse were implicitly or explicitly supported by members of law enforcement.

It is incumbent on all of us, particularly those born into privilege, to remember this shameful episode of our history and others like it. In doing so, we are better able to see the continuous chain of racially motivated violence against black Americans that spans our nation's history. We can truly honor the memory of Benjamin Thomas along with the countless number of named and unnamed victims of racial violence by seeking justice for all Americans and working to build a more inclusive society.

HONORING VICTORY OVER JAPAN DAY AND THE WORK OF THE HILLMAN VFW POST 2356

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the observance of Victory over Japan (V-J) Day and the efforts of VFW Post 2356 in Hillman, Michigan.

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On August 15, 1945, Imperial Japan surrendered to Allied forces in the Pacific—effectively bringing an end to the hostilities of World War II. More than 150,000 American Servicemembers died in the Pacific Theater of WWII, including many Michiganders. Victory over Japan Day honors their sacrifice and celebrates the victory they helped ensure. In honor of V-J Day, VFW Post 2356 in Hillman, Michigan, hosts an annual community celebration. This celebration has been held for the past 75 years and includes a breakfast for local Veterans and parade—making Hillman the only town in Michigan that still celebrates the occasion with a parade. By coming together to honor those who stood up to defend and to serve, the people of Michigan's First District can ensure that their sacrifice is never forgotten.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the men and women who helped ensure victory in the Pacific Theater of World War II, and in thanking the Hillman VFW Post 2356 for its efforts to ensure their sacrifice and devotion to our nation is never forgotten.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EVAN BATH OF OAK CREEK

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, today I rise to remember the life, service, and sacrifice of Private First Class Evan Bath of Oak Creek, Wisconsin.

Pfc. Bath grew up wanting to serve our country and become a Marine. Evan's mother, Aleta, said he enjoyed typical hobbies for a teenager: drawing, playing video games, and studying his ancestry. However, unlike most his age, Evan answered a higher call—the call to service. After attending Oak Creek High School and graduating from Connections Academy, Bath joined the U.S. Marine Corps. Pfc. Bath was stationed at Camp Pendleton in San Diego, California when he lost his life during a naval exercise on an amphibious assault vehicle.

At only 19, Private First Class Bath displayed courage, strength, and a sense of duty beyond his years.

Those who knew Evan said he was a loyal, loving, and caring man. Pfc. Bath is a hero.

His bravery, dedication, and love of country will never be forgotten.

Pfc. Bath's mother, Aleta, said her son died doing what he loved—protecting his country.

Evan embodied true selflessness and patriotism.

Our nation will be forever grateful for Pfc. Bath's sacrifice.

On behalf of Wisconsin's First Congressional District, I thank Private First Class Evan Bath for his service and pray for his family and friends. We will never forget.

HONORING TANNERS TEAM SPORTS AS A FOURTH DISTRICT HERO

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional work of Tanners Team Sports in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The local company stepped up to the plate during COVID-19, transitioning the production of their famed baseball and pickleball products into developing high-quality face masks.

As an economic shutdown approached, the cancellation of the spring baseball season put Tanners' peak shipping season on hold. While many businesses shut down, Tanners got creative with a way to move forward, keep local jobs available and support the health and well-being of the communities around them.

Owner Vince Signorelli and his staff worked tirelessly with their existing network to create a mask that would not only meet the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's protection recommendations, but also allow athletes to wear and still perform. Within just three weeks of planning and design, Tanners and their in-house clothing brand, Vulcan Sporting Goods, had these masks in production and distribution.

This team of Fourth District citizens are heroes who have battled the COVID-19 pandemic directly. It is my hope that all Arkansans will see the value of their labor. Mr. Signorelli said it best when he said, "I can't help but marvel at how the American Spirit is alive and well right here in Hot Springs, Arkansas."

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF THE REVEREND DOCTOR NATHANIEL EDMOND OF THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH OF ELGIN

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the upcoming retirement of the Reverend Doctor Nathaniel Edmond of the Second Baptist Church of Elgin, and to commend his many decades of service to our community. Pastor Nate can begin the next chapter of his life secure in the knowledge that he built a foundation of spiritual leadership that continues to support the youth he mentored, the local entrepreneurs he advised, and the faithful who found comfort in his ministry.

Pastor Nate began his professional life at Alcoa Corporation, rising to a position of high executive leadership. Although committed to excellence in his chosen career, Pastor Nate found time to assist his church, serving as an Associate Minister, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, spiritual advisor to several church organizations, and coach of many church sports teams. After 31 years in the world of business, Pastor Nate answered a call to the ministry, and on February 20, 2000 was installed as Pastor of Second Baptist Church.

Under his stewardship, Second Baptist Church delivered strong moral leadership and

tended to the needs of communities devastated by poverty, disaster, famine and disease. Under his guidance, the church partnered with local schools to mentor at-risk youth, and led initiatives including the Prison Ministry, "Operation Joshua" street ministry, and SAFE Ministry (to break the often multi-generational cycle of domestic violence). In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Second Baptist Church rallied to aid families rendered homeless by the storm's devastation, and in 2007, as part of its effort to support the ongoing ministry of World Vision, extended its compassion to the people of Africa, helping to build a housing complex for teachers in Tanzania, and pledging continuing monetary support to over 130 Tanzanian children.

This ever-expanding circle of service to others was accompanied by growth in Second Baptist's membership. Pastor Nate can take great satisfaction in the organization that will continue after his retirement, a structure that has evolved in size and sophistication enabling 32 active ministries to flourish and attend to its members' spiritual needs. He can rest easy knowing that under his leadership, Second Baptist Church acquired and constructed a campus sufficient to serve its community for years to come.

Pastor Nate's ministry extended well beyond his church. He served on boards or in other capacities for many important organizations in the Elgin area, including the Alignment Collaborative for Education, Advocate Sherman Hospital, the United Way, Judson University, U-46 School District, the NAACP of Greater Elgin, and the African-American Christian Minister's Alliance. He has been honored for his work by the Rotary Club of Elgin and received the Partner in Peace Award from the Community Crisis Center for Domestic Violence, the City of Elgin's Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award, the Lasting Impact Award from Elgin Community College, and the Boys and Girls Club of Elgin Distinguished Citizen Award.

For 26 years, Pastor Nate has ministered to his community and guided a vibrant congregation whose love and generosity reached far beyond its church walls. While he may be ending his service as Pastor, I know Pastor Nate will continue his life's work of service to others. On behalf of the people of Illinois and all Americans, I wish Pastor Nate and his family great happiness and fulfillment in the journey ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MIAMI BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 7, 2020

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce for its 100th anniversary.

The Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce has reached a monumental milestone this year, helping local businesses flourish for an entire century. The Chamber is a valued organization in our South Florida community, boasting a membership network upwards of 1,000 businesses. Between providing industry-specific advice, hosting monthly networking events, and offering informational seminars