

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF ANNE HUGHES,
PH.D., RN

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with Speaker NANCY PELOSI to pay tribute to a registered nurse and leader in health care for marginalized people, specifically people with AIDS and the impoverished. Anne Hughes, Ph.D., RN was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1953 and studied nursing there at Gwynedd Mercy College. She went on to Boston College to receive her Master's Degree and then to the University of Washington in Seattle. She received a Ph.D. in nursing from the University of California, San Francisco, in 2007.

Dr. Hughes died earlier this year after more than 30 years of service to San Francisco's public health hospitals. She worked at San Francisco General Hospital as a clinical nurse specialist; hospice nurse and on the HIV/AIDS unit. From 1987 to 2000, at the height of the epidemic, she provided compassionate care when HIV/AIDS was highly stigmatized because it affected primarily gay men. She began in an era when few in the country knew much about this disease.

Dr. Hughes was a soft-spoken leader known for her kindness to patients, and colleagues. She also served beyond San Francisco and helped found the American Association of Nurses in AIDS CARE, serving as President of the organization in its early years. Dr. Hughes used her clinical expertise and served as the first co-editor of the "Core Curriculum for Nurses in HIV/AIDS Care," a major undertaking with over 102 contributors.

In 2000, Dr. Hughes left San Francisco General to work at San Francisco's Laguna Honda Hospital, the largest skilled nursing facility in the country. Her doctoral study research focused on how poor and homeless people die in San Francisco. She brought her knowledge of the emerging field of palliative care and her hospice experience to Laguna Honda. She was the first nurse selected to be a department director. She served on San Francisco's End of Life Task Force, an interdisciplinary, inter-health system group that sought to improve care throughout San Francisco.

Dr. Hughes wrote numerous chapters and articles on HIV/AIDS, hospice care and palliative care. She was elected to, and served on, the board of the national Hospice and Palliative Care Nurses Association. Her many accomplishments won her an invitation to be inducted as a Fellow into the American Academy of Nursing.

As I close these remarks, let me offer Speaker PELOSI's and my condolences to her wife, Marilyn Dodd, Ph.D. RN, and to her extended family. The requirements of a public health professional likely cost Dr. Hughes many hours that might otherwise have been

devoted to family and friends. In their grief they can take comfort from the reality that her hours were spent in heroic work, tending to the needs of those who, many times, had few others who would acknowledge their humanity. They can justifiably be proud of all that she achieved in her professional life.

Dr. Hughes gave us a wonderful example of what public service can mean to this nation. Our nation now extends to her this acknowledgement, in its chronicle of the proceedings of Congress. We hope that other stories and facts related herein today will rise to the outstanding example of duty and honor demonstrated by the life of Dr. Hughes.

HONORING ROB WEISS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rob S. Weiss in recognition of his 25-year career at Mentis, Napa's oldest non-profit organization dedicated to providing affordable bilingual mental health services.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, California, Mr. Weiss earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) in 1989. He then entered UCLA's Master of Social Welfare (MSW) program, where he received his graduate degree in social welfare in 1995 and became a licensed clinical social worker. Early in his career, Mr. Weiss discovered a passion for helping those struggling with their emotional and mental health. In 1996, Mr. Weiss began working at Mentis, providing therapy and supportive structure for adults living with mental illness. As a result of Mr. Weiss' dedication and service, he was promoted first to clinical director and then to executive director of the agency in 2011. His tireless work and stewardship of the agency is reflected in the growth of the population Mentis serves each year, which has grown from a few hundred people a year to over 3,500 individuals.

In addition to aiding those with mental health illnesses, Mr. Weiss has dedicated time to support youth through coaching youth sports. His holistic philosophy to coaching has provided hundreds of young athletes with the mental and emotional skills to face challenges both on and off the court.

Mr. Weiss' numerous leadership roles include serving on the Providence Queen of the Valley Medical Center's Committee on Community Benefits to measure progress of the Center's community outreach health initiatives. Mr. Weiss has also served on the Adventist Health Community Health Needs Assessment Steering Committee to better understand the needs of his community. He is a member of both the Napa County Aging Population Initiative, a group dedicated to supporting older adults in Napa County, and the Community

Leaders Coalition, a group that supports vulnerable populations in Napa County.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Mr. Weiss has worked endlessly to serve the most vulnerable individuals in our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

CONGRATULATING LEWISTOWN'S "MUSIC IN THE PARK" FOR RECEIVING THE 2020 GOVERNOR'S HOMETOWN PROJECT AWARD

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the residents of Lewistown, Illinois for their weekly community event, "Music in the Park."

Each Thursday night during the summer, Lewistown residents bring lawn chairs and blankets to the town square to listen to local musicians perform as a part of "Music in the Park." This event has been a vital place of gathering and community and a safe and positive outlet for human connection during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is because of gatherings such as "Music in the Park" and their organizers that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally recognize Lewistown, IL for their community event, "Music in the Park."

CONGRATULATING CRAIG BRANDENBURG ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ALEXANDER X. MOONEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Craig Brandenburg, a true public servant, on his retirement following five decades within the federal government.

The majority of Craig's career was spent as a civilian employee within the United States Navy. Most recently he has served as the Director of Business Operations for Logistics, Maintenance, and Industrial Operations at Naval Sea Systems Command. In this capacity he has been responsible for policy development, mission direction, program execution, operation and evaluation of naval ship life cycle logistics, information systems, and corporate leadership of the Naval Shipyards, and Supervisors of Shipbuilding. You could say he has come a long way from his beginnings with the federal government as a typist with the National Archives in the 1970s.

Throughout his long career, Craig has championed cutting-edge ideas, coordinated Navy-wide support of sailor's and their family's needs, and overseen a variety of efforts to include billion dollar programs. Thanks to his

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strategic leveraging of IT solutions, the warfighter can now reach out and touch the shore-based infrastructure anytime any day. In fact, we have Craig to thank for many new and groundbreaking developments within the United States Navy.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the Navy, Craig has received the Chief Information Officer eBusiness Government Award, the Civilian Meritorious Achievement Medal, the National Partnership for Reinventing Government Vice President Hammer Award, the CNO's VADM Stanley Arthur Logistics Excellence Award, and the American Society of Naval Engineers Clifford G. Geiger Award recognizing his 25 years of significant career contributions to logistics readiness of the Naval services.

Craig managed many large programs throughout his impressive career, but his true passion was for leading those who worked for him. He has touched many programs and many people, and I know he will be missed by them all. I thank Craig for his contributions to this country and congratulations on his retirement. We know that his family and his children Lauren and Connor are proud of his accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING BARBARA ZIARKO,
MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE'S
NEW VICE PRESIDENT

HON. ANDY LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Barbara Ziarko who has been selected as the Michigan Municipal League's 2021–2022 Vice President.

Barbara has been a Sterling Heights resident for forty-two years and has given much of her time and talent to the community, including serving as a member of the Sterling Heights City Council for twenty years. She was a Macomb Foundation Athena Award nominee, which helps to demonstrate her exemplary leadership and community service. Throughout the years, Barbara has been deeply involved with numerous community organizations, including serving as co-coordinator for the Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team at St. Blase Catholic Community, as a committee member of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event in Sterling Heights for five years, as a member of the Regina High School Board of Directors for seven years, and as a member of the American Polish Century Club Ladies Auxiliary.

In her new role with the Michigan Municipal League, Barbara has pledged to work on the organization's ongoing community wealth building and diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts. I have no doubt that the remarkable leadership she has displayed in Sterling Heights will benefit the entire State of Michigan.

I am truly proud to have the honor of recognizing Barbara Ziarko as she takes on this important role for the Michigan Municipal League in 2021–22. I invite my colleagues to join me in offering her, and the Michigan Municipal League, very best wishes for a successful year ahead.

REMEMBERING MICHELLE LYN
PRESENT

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a close friend who passed away late last year following a courageous battle against cancer.

Michelle Lyn Present was a young woman blessed with many talents and virtues. She possessed an abounding faith, which enabled her to persevere through a very long and difficult struggle until her passing on December 3, 2020. Not only did she not allow darkness to shadow her days, Michelle was a beacon of light that never flickered but always shone brightly; indeed, hers was a light that helped to guide others in overcoming challenges of their own.

I came to know Michelle through her parents, Marti and Kenny Cox. Kenny was a former member of the District of Columbia Fire Department and, for many years, the Vice President of the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 26. Michelle's parents instilled in her their value of service to others and their love of community and country.

Among her many talents, Michelle was a very gifted singer. She was always willing to share her beautiful voice, whether in her church or at fire-service events. For many years, she performed at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Ceremony. At the request of the late Hal Bruno, former Chairman of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, she would perform the song 'Precious Memories.' The sound of her voice resonated throughout the gathered assembly of family members and fire-service officials. It was a voice that I always looked forward to hearing each year at the very moving ceremony.

On behalf of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus leadership, I extend my condolences to Michelle's husband Jack and their daughter Taylor, to her parents Kenny and Marti, to her brother Ken Jr., and to her entire family. In remembrance of a dear friend who was called home too early, I would like to share the words from 'Precious Memories' with my fellow Members of the House. I hope you will find them as uplifting as I did whenever Michelle sang them to the families of fallen firefighters and all of us who were there to support them each year.

Precious memories, unseen angels,
Sent from somewhere to my soul
How they linger, ever near me,
And the sacred scenes unfold

Precious memories, how they linger,
How they ever flood my soul
In the stillness of the midnight,
Precious, sacred scenes unfold
Precious father, loving mother,
Fly across the lonely years
And old home scenes of my childhood,
In fond memory appear

In the stillness of the midnight,
Echoes from the past I hear
Old-time singing, gladness bringing,
From that lovely land somewhere

I remember mother praying,
Father, too, on bended knee
Sun is sinking, shadows falling,
But their prayers still follow me
As I travel on life's pathway,

Know not what the years may hold
As I ponder, hope grows fonder,
Precious memories flood my soul

May the precious memories of Michelle Lyn Present be a comfort and a blessing to all those who knew her and to all those to whom she brought her many gifts in life.

RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRAVERSE CITY ELKS LODGE

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 125th Anniversary of the Traverse City Elks Lodge. Through their steadfast devotion and service to their community, Lodge No. 323 has become an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

Since 1896, the Traverse City Elks Lodge has not only worked to provide a supportive environment for their members, but has also continuously assisted others in their community through service and charity. Since their establishment, TCEL has worked to follow and uphold their four cardinal virtues: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

As a result, their organization has helped many Michiganders and families through the multiple charities and scholarships they work with. This notably includes the Elks National Foundation which provides \$3.64 million in college scholarships each year. In addition, their work with the Michigan Elks Major Project supports special needs children that do not receive assistance from other agencies or groups. Their help has improved the lives of countless Americans and their families, and their dedication to the well-being of our communities cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Traverse City Elks Lodge for decades of success and service to Northern Michigan. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING ROCKFORD'S
"BUILDING NEW OPPORTUNITIES"
PROJECT FOR RECEIVING
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HON. CHERI BUSTOS

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Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rockford's "Building New Opportunities" project for bringing together high school students and families in need to create affordable housing. The organization received the 2020 Governor's Hometown Project Award for the incredible work they have done in the community.

Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity and the Rockford Public School District came together to have construction trades students at Rockford's Guilford High School build a house from the ground up as part of their academic year