EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

MARTIN F. McKERNAN, JR., ESQ.

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, after years of demonstrated dedication and commitment to his community and country, we celebrate the life and achievements of Martin F. McKernan, Jr. Devoted to his family, faith, and the law, Martin McKernan, Jr. had an immeasurable impact on all who knew him. A devout Roman Catholic, Martin F. McKernan, Jr. was named a knight of St. Gregory by Pope John Paul II and carried his faith and values with him in all his endeavors. He was a beloved uncle, brother, son, friend, and colleague.

Born and raised in South Jersey, he completed his undergraduate education at St. Joseph's University and earned his JD from Georgetown University before serving his country in the 404th Civil Affairs Battalion of the U.S. Army Reserves in Trenton, NJ. Upon his discharge, he returned to Camden City to serve as the City Attorney and went on to hold numerous prestigious positions to the benefit of his community.

Martin McKernan, Jr. served in numerous roles and capacities, some of which include legal counsel to the Diocese of Camden, a member of the bar of the U.S. District Court of New Jersey, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court; an original trustee of the Camden Center for Law and Justice, trustee of Rowan University and the Cooper Medical School of Rowan, along with the attorney of record for the Camden County Board of Social Services among many, many more.

HONORING ANTHONY TATE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and ambitious gentleman, Mr. Anthony Tate. Anthony has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to achieve.

Anthony Tate is a Chicago native, Yazoo City resident and graduate of Yazoo City High School. Tate has been employed at Mississippi State Hospital (MSH) for over 11 years and is a Mental Health Technician working in Forensic Services.

Anthony has been named MSH August Employee of the Month for Direct Care. The MSH Employee of the Month award recognizes employees who have made outstanding contributions to the hospital through their work.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Anthony Tate for his passion and desire to serve others.

REMEMBERING LISA SANDOMIR

HON. RUBEN GALLEGO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. GALLEGO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and mourn the loss of Lisa Sandomir. Ms. Sandomir was a longtime Phoenix-area educator and principal of Maurice C. Cash Elementary School for the past sixteen years. She passed away tragically last week as the result of a car accident.

Ms. Sandomir was beloved by students, parents, and fellow teachers. During her time as principal, M.C. Cash was named an A+ School of Excellence and, in 2015, she was awarded the prestigious Rodel Exemplary Principal award for her leadership. Ms. Sandomir believed in creating a positive environment where every student was given the opportunity to succeed and often reminded her students to never stop believing in themselves, just as she never stopped believing in them.

My thoughts are with Ms. Sandomir's family, the students and staff of M.C. Cash Elementary School, and the entire Laveen community during this difficult time. Although Ms. Sandomir will be greatly missed, her legacy will be carried on through the thousands of students whose lives she touched.

RESOLUTION RELATED TO CUBA, H. RES. 760

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, on November 3, 2021, I inadvertently voted in favor of H. Res. 760 when I intended to vote against it. Even though the resolution passed by a large margin in the House of Representatives, I oppose this resolution and am disappointed it passed the House.

Let me be clear: I strongly support those in Cuba who are protesting against the repressive and anti-democratic Cuban regime, and I support this resolution's sentiment in solidarity with Cubans who are demonstrating peacefully for fundamental freedoms.

However, this resolution is flawed and does not present real solutions for Cuba or its people. It completely ignores the U.S.'s decades-long failed policy toward Cuba and fails to acknowledge the negative impact that this failed U.S. policy has had on the Cuban people.

Throughout my time in Congress, I have worked with my colleagues to change the decades-long failed U.S. policy toward Cuba. Among the goals I've worked toward are lifting the ban on U.S. citizens traveling to Cuba and lifting the restrictions on selling food and medicine to Cuba. I have supported legislation that would achieve these goals.

I was also a supporter of former President Obama's proposals to allow U.S. companies to establish banking relations, ease travel restrictions, and export some goods including agricultural products—and I strongly oppose former President Trump's reversal of these Obama-era policies.

At the beginning of President Biden's administration, I joined several of my colleagues in urging President Biden to take executive action to reverse the Trump administration's wrong-headed policies toward Cuba, return to the Obama administration's diplomatic proposals, and pursue an end to the nearly six-decade-long economic embargo of Cuba.

As a longtime supporter of reviewing our country's position on Cuba, I will continue to support reform efforts.

HONORING BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR MS. LATANIA DODD

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a resilient individual and breast cancer survivor, Ms. Latania Dodd.

Ms. Latania Dodd, CEO of Dodd Consulting Co. in Itta Bena, MS, is a certified Community Health Worker with Cross Roads Clinic under the governance of Delta Regional Health Center in Greenville, MS. Her ongoing aspiration is evidenced in her passionate outreach work in supporting the health needs of people throughout the Delta communities.

Ms. Dodd's career path of Community Health Worker aligns with her work experience in years past, as Director of Community Engagement with the University Medical Center/Patient Center Outreach Research Institute, SPOIV Regional Diabetes Coordinator with the Mississippi State Dept. of Health Office of Prevention, and worked as a volunteer with The Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation of Ruleville, MS under the leadership of CEO Freddie White.

She has studied at Mississippi Valley State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, South Eastern Career and Vocational School, and Lamar Medical Institute. Ms. Dodd has several certifications, including Clinical Medical Assistant, Direct Care Nurse, Phlebotomist, Certified Lifestyle Coach, Community Health Worker, and Community Health Advisor and Trainer.

She is the mother of Dezmond A. Dodd, her teenage son, the daughter of the late Willie C. Dodd, her loving and supportive father, and her mother, Bertha L. Dodd. In 2020, with the onset of COVID–19, Ms. Dodd was faced with two of the most devastating challenges in her life—a diagnosis of Stage IIb In Situ Carcinoma Breast Cancer and the loss of her father at the same time. It was the toughest battle she has ever encountered, but her faith in

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God and her fighting spirit sustained her through the double mastectomy with reconstruction and chemotherapy treatments.

Ms. Dodd is a cancer survivor, as of February 4, 2021. Her desire is to help support other young women in their battle with breast cancer by sharing her story and her belief: "You Can Do This; We Can Do This Together!"

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Latania Dodd for her resilience and willpower despite obstacles such as breast cancer.

GWENDOLYN A. FAISON

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, Gwendolyn A. Faison was a Clinton, North Carolina native, but has called Camden home for most of her life. A loving mother and grandmother, Faison dedicated her life to her family, city and her country.

Mayor Gwendolyn A. Faison retired with 27 years devoted to public service. Faison was first elected to the Camden City Council in 1983. Two years later she became a member of the Camden County Board of Commissioners, and in 1997 she would become the first female African-American Camden City Council President.

Mayor Faison's commitment to serving her city and country did not stop there. She would be elected as the first female African-American Mayor of Camden, New Jersey in the December of 2000. Her term began on July 1, 2001. She won reelection in 2005 and served until 2010.

RECOGNIZING FIRST LIEUTENANT GRANT HAXTON

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize U.S. Army First Lieutenant Grant Haxton for his bravery, heroism, and service to our country. I had the distinct pleasure of meeting Grant when he interned in my Washington, D.C. office in spring 2018.

Grant is an infantry platoon leader with the 82nd Airborne Division, which was deployed in August to the Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, Afghanistan as the Taliban closed in on the city. He and his fellow soldiers helped secure the perimeter of the airport for two weeks as they evacuated over 120,000 Americans, Afghan allies, and other vulnerable people to safety. After weeks of selfless dedication to the mission, Grant left on one of the last transport planes out of Kabul. It is thanks to heroes like Grant that our military was able to coordinate one of the largest airlifts in history.

Grant is a 2015 graduate of La Cañada High School, just outside of my congressional district. He was a member of Boy Scout Troop 509 at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 2014. As a student at the University of Wisconsin—Madison, Grant served as a legislative intern in my Washington, D.C. office. Through this position, he helped respond to constituents over the phone and through mail, greeted visitors in the front office, conducted tours of the U.S. Capitol, and assisted my legislative team with research and administrative support. He is remembered fondly by my staff for his diligent work, sense of humor, and passion for public service.

I commend Grant for his dedication to his community and to his country. I am fortunate to have had such a selfless public servant on my team, and I am proud to see all of Grant's incredible accomplishments since his time in my office.

IN MEMORY OF MABEL KEHINDE SODEINDE

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and contributions of Mabel Kehinde Sodeinde of Arlington, Texas.

Mabel was a diligent, respectful, and intelligent young woman who lit up the lives of all those around her during the twenty-three years that she spent on this earth. Mabel was a proud 2017 high school graduate of the Uplift Summit International Preparatory and then went on to study at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. During her time at Texas Tech University, Mabel held multiple leadership positions and graduated magna cum laude with dual degrees in both political science and history and numerous honors in 2021.

My office and I had the privilege of getting to know Mabel as a congressional intern in our office in early 2020. She was a great member of our team who worked with both our staffers and the other interns to serve the people of Texas' 33rd District.

Most recently, Mabel was focused on making a difference in the world and advancing civil rights through continuing her education as a first-year student at the Northwestern Pritzker School of Law.

Her loss is devastatingly painful for her family, friends, and all of us who had to privilege to know her during her time on Capitol Hill. Our thoughts and prayers are with her loved ones. We will miss her dearly.

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENVIVA FACILITY IN AHOSKIE, NORTH CAROLINA

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 10th anniversary of the Enviva's flagship facility in Ahoskie, North Carolina, in my congressional district.

Enviva produces renewable wood bioenergy from low-value and residual wood. For the past decade, Enviva has grown to become a valued and trusted member of the community. The Ahoskie facility has created over 300 jobs and has an economic footprint of $160 million per year in the area. In total, Enviva has generated 1,800 jobs and nearly $1 billion in economic output through their four production facilities and port terminal in North Carolina.

Enviva's sustainable forestry practices help fight climate change, strengthen rural communities, create well-paid jobs, and contribute to the health and vitality of North Carolina's beloved forests. It supports North Carolina's forestry industry, purchasing low-grade wood and forestry residuals that would otherwise go to waste or rot in the fields. Their work connects the citizens of my district in the global effort to reduce energy derived from coal and mitigate climate change.

Madam Speaker, Enviva's contributions to the First District and the entire state of North Carolina have been profound. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 10th anniversary of Enviva's flagship facility in Ahoskie, North Carolina.

CELEBRATING CONEY ISLAND'S 100TH YEAR IN BUSINESS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Coney Island's 100th year in business. Coney Island was founded in 1921 by brothers Paul and George Nickolpolous. Through many changes of ownership over the years, Coney Island has remained a staple in the Galesburg community. Current owners Maria Valdez and her son, Jesus Valdez, have operated Coney Island since 2004. Each day, the restaurant serves up its famous Coney Island pork hot dogs with brown mustard and onions, covered in beef sauce. The topsecret recipe has remained largely the same over the years and the grill and dining counter are the originals from 1921. I commend Coney Island for its 100 years serving customers.

It is because of strong businesses such as Coney Island in Galesburg, Illinois that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Coney Island on its 100th Year in business.

IN RECOGNITION OF CYNTHIA LEHR'S 26 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF GIBRALTAR

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize City Clerk Cynthia A. Lehr on the occasion of her retirement after 26 years of service to the City of Gibraltar, Michigan. Her significant contributions to the Gibraltar community are worthy of commendation.

Clerk Lehr began serving the people of Gibraltar in 1995. She earned her Municipal Clerk Certification from Michigan State University's Municipal Clerk Institute on January 31, 2004. A skilled and accomplished clerk, she was elected Treasurer of the Association of