

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE 108TH BIRTHDAY OF CALHOUN COUNTY NATIVE AND LONG-TIME MALVERN RESIDENT, EDNA RAYBORN REGAN

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 108th birthday of Fourth District native and longtime resident, Mrs. Edna Rayborn Regan. Mrs. Regan spent her birthday celebrating the special occasion in the company of her friends and family.

Born on November 2, 1913, in Calhoun County, Mrs. Regan attended school at Bearden High School where she graduated in 1932. Later, in 1938, she married John Douglas, with whom she shares two sons, three grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. Throughout the years, Mrs. Regan has maintained high spirits and fierce independence, driving until she was 97 and living in her home until she was 100. Early on, Mrs. Regan developed an interest in history, which led to her taking on the role of historian in her family. She is able to trace her family's lineage back several generations without the aid of computers. Thanks to her tireless efforts, her family was able to travel and visit their early ancestral home, which would have never been possible without her determination.

She has since created binders full of stories, pictures, and history to ensure that her family will always cherish from where they came. In Mrs. Regan's spare time, you will rarely find her in her room at her assisted living facility. She enjoys visiting with friends, writing poetry and painting. I take this time today to ask that our Nation join me in wishing Mrs. Edna Rayborn Regan a happy 108th birthday.

HONORING THE ROTARY CLUB OF VALLEJO

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Rotary Club of Vallejo as it celebrates its 100th year anniversary.

The Rotary Club of Vallejo was temporarily formed by 19 businessmen in July 1921 before its permanent admittance to Rotary International on November 6, 1921. As a part of Rotary International, the club's mission is to provide humanitarian service to the community through the improvement of health, support of education, and alleviation of poverty, while promoting high ethical standards, goodwill, and peace.

The Rotary Club of Vallejo promotes local programs, many that benefit the youth in the

Vallejo community. They organized the Dictionary Program to give every third grader a dictionary within the Vallejo City Unified School District and in Vallejo private schools. With a goal to create strong leaders within the community, the Vallejo Rotary Club created a Youth Leadership Program where seven Vallejo high school students participate in a week-long program to learn leadership skills at an outdoor camp. The Club has also generously supported the "Breakfast Club" program, providing breakfast and a safe space to do homework for Vallejo's middle school students before the start of the school day.

Along with the services it has provided, the Rotary Club of Vallejo has also funded the development of many community projects, including the Mullen Theater at the Children's Wonderland Park and the flag pavilion and fountain at California Maritime Academy. Further, the club has generously contributed to the art mural in the children's section at the Vallejo John F. Kennedy Library, and a scholarship program for six graduating seniors.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that the Rotary Club of Vallejo's achievements and contributions have left a profound impact on the Vallejo community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor it here today.

HONORING THE 190TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRESENTATION ACADEMY

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 190th Anniversary of Presentation Academy. This home of academic excellence is not only the first Catholic school in Louisville, but also our city's oldest continually operating school.

In 1831, Mother Catherine Spalding and the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth founded Presentation Academy, and over the past 190 years, the city of Louisville and Presentation have grown and changed together. It is an honor to recognize this iconic institution and its commitment to educating and inspiring young women. In making diversity, inclusivity and individuality a core part of the learning environment at Presentation, you have prepared generations of young women to take on the challenges of the future.

Following a long tradition, senior Toppers sign Presentation's tower on their last day of school, and I am grateful to the many Presentation alumnae who have also left their signature on Louisville and beyond. I have no doubt that this legacy of service and activism will continue for years to come.

Madam Speaker, colleagues, please join me in extending our congratulations to the administration, faculty, staff, parents, students, and alumnae of Presentation Academy as they celebrate nearly two centuries of changing lives

through education and service. They are an absolute treasure to our community, and I wish them the best as they come together to celebrate this incredible milestone.

DR. BERNADETTE ALBANESE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Bernadette Albanese of the Tri-County Health Department for her dedication and service to the people of Adams, Arapahoe and Douglas Counties during the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to her duties as a Pediatric Infectious Disease Specialist and Medical Epidemiologist for Tri-County Health Department, Dr. Albanese went above and beyond to engage, educate and inform the community about COVID-19, including by participating in three Telephone Town Halls with my office and thousands of my constituents.

Dr. Albanese, who specializes in communicable disease control, outbreak investigations, disease surveillance and general health trends, eagerly partnered with our office to help inform constituents on the most up-to-date and accurate information on COVID-19. On these Telephone Town Halls, Dr. Albanese used her background in disease control and epidemiology to facilitate informed conversations with constituents and answer their questions during an uncertain time.

There is no amount of recognition that can accurately display just how much Dr. Albanese has done for us. It is because of essential workers like Dr. Albanese that we have been able to make it this far in the pandemic. I wish her nothing but the best in the future, as we continue to fight against COVID-19.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ERIC SAWYER

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, it is with great sorrow that I rise today to honor the life of the late Eric "Ric" Sawyer, a longstanding eastern Connecticut resident who passed on November 5, 2021, at the age of 76. Having served the State of Connecticut and our nation in a variety of capacities, public service was engrained within Ric's outlook on life. In fact, I can attest to the fact that community service was a vital aspect of the entire Sawyer family, as I had the opportunity to briefly serve with Ric's partner, Pamela Sawyer, in the Connecticut General Assembly, who is now going on to lead the Town of Bolton, Connecticut as its First Selectwoman after more than two decades in the Assembly.

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Born a stone's throw away in Providence, Rhode Island to Dr. Carl and Gertrude Sawyer, Ric was destined to spend his life giving back to his country. Ric joined the military at a young age in 1967, where he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and went on to proudly serve across seas as a pilot with the U.S. Army and National Guard (USANG) during the Vietnam Conflict. After a year on tour in Vietnam, Eric was not only promoted to the rank of captain for his integrity as a commissioned officer but then also shipped across the world to Germany for another two years in foreign service. Captain Sawyer concluded his long stint in active duty with countless recognitions of his skilled leadership through military campaigns. Among his several accolades, Captain Eric Sawyer was most notably bestowed with a Distinguished Flying Cross and the Bronze Star.

After serving abroad, Ric returned home determined to strengthen his New England roots and direct his career in service toward his local community. Upon retiring from the USANG with a total of 27 years as a pilot, Ric spent the remainder of his career as a state police and corporate helicopter pilot. Though he was always dutiful in his work, Ric's prosperity was ultimately reflected by way of spending time with his family, network of friends and cultivation of several hobbies.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to represent constituents who are as humble, dutiful, and distinguished as Ric Sawyer. Though Ric's legacy and character will continue to have a ripple effect as a force of altruism, particularly for those who knew him in the Bolton community, his loss and what it means for the region cannot be understated. It is worth finding solace, however, in the impact that his legacy will have upon the local community as well as his surviving family and loved ones, namely, his wife Pam, daughters Margaret and Elizabeth and son-in-law Sean, and six siblings. He is predeceased by one sibling, Richard Sawyer. To that end, I ask that the entire House join me in setting Eric Sawyer's name further into stone, and recognizing his life and service to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT JASON SHAW FOR RECEIVING A LIFE-SAVER AWARD

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Galesburg Police Department Lieutenant Jason Shaw on receiving a Life-Saver Award by Galesburg Mayor Peter Schwartzman on November 1, 2021.

Fellow GPD Officer Chris Hootman experienced a medical emergency at his residence and contacted Lieutenant Jason Shaw, who acted swiftly to dispatch paramedics and Officer Dan Williams to the scene. After Lieutenant Shaw helped assess that Officer Hootman would require more care than St. Mary Medical Center in Galesburg could offer, with Lieutenant Cromien following behind, Officer Williams and Lieutenant Shaw transported Officer Hootman by ambulance to St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. On the way, paramedics had to pull over to provide immediate life-saving

measures. While Officer Williams and Lieutenant Shaw rendered these mitigations, Lieutenant Cromien got out of her car and drove the ambulance the rest of the way. He was able to receive necessary medical care and is now recovering from his sustained trauma.

Officer Chris Hootman was recently named School Resource Officer at Galesburg High School. Lieutenants Shaw and Cromien and Officer Williams saved his life, and thanks to this act of valor, he can continue to keep our children safe.

It is because of committed and selfless leaders such as these three first responders that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to, again, formally congratulate Lieutenant Jason Shaw and thank him for saving the life of Officer Chris Hootman.

RECOGNIZING MASTER SERGEANT FERNANDO G. SCHIEFELBEIN, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS (RETIRED)

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay a heartfelt tribute to a distinguished Marine, Master Sergeant (MSgt) Fernando Schiefelbein of the United States Marine Corps, to honor his long and illustrious career in public service on active duty and as a civil servant. MSgt. Schiefelbein started his service in 1980 as a private nominated to attend Sea School and has been serving our great Nation with dedication and honor ever since. His retirement after 38 plus years of commitment to the United States Marine Corps and to the United States is extraordinary.

In May 2001, Master Sergeant Schiefelbein retired from active duty after 21 plus years of outstanding service. Master Sergeant Schiefelbein's personal awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Award), Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2nd Award), Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation Medal (2nd Award), Meritorious Unit Commendation (4th Award), Navy "E" Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (2nd Award), Southwest Asia Service Medal (3rd Award), Armed Forces Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (8th Award), Navy Arctic Service Ribbon, Marine Corps Recruiting Service Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), and the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait).

Fernando Schiefelbein now serves as an Operations Specialist for Marine Corps Installations East and Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He has served in this capacity since October 2005.

During this period, Mr. Schiefelbein has successfully assisted in the planning and management of numerous VIP visits including U.S. Presidential and First Lady, U.S. Congressional Members and staff, U.S. Pentagon officials and staff, state and local politicians, foreign political dignitaries, military general officers and staff from all branches of service, veterans, and their families.

Mr. Schiefelbein serves also as an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) operator. An active participant and statistician reporter during this current COVID-19 Pandemic, he helps ensure officers are apprised of needed information for troop readiness. His responsibilities include assisting in plans and procedures for responding to natural disasters and other emergencies and preparing the cumulative reports for all installations included under the Marine Corps Installations East umbrella.

Mr. Schiefelbein is a member of the Beirut Memorial Advisory Board being appointed by the Mayor of Jacksonville, North Carolina. In 2010 Mr. Schiefelbein was appointed Administrator to the Lejeune Memorial Gardens Steering Committee, presiding over these quarterly meetings to the Base's Chief of Staff as well as the City of Jacksonville City Manager's Office. As Administrator he proudly supports requests to fly United States or Branch of Service flags at any of the memorials.

He also schedules reservations for ceremonial use at any of the memorials including professional military education classes, retirements and reenlistments, graduations, funerals, weddings, and formal ceremonies such as the Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day Ceremony, POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony, and the Montfort Point Marine Day Ceremony, and the 9/11 Patriot Day Ceremony. He enjoys acting as docent at the Lejeune Memorial Gardens to visiting dignitaries, veteran reunion groups and public/private school groups as they learn about veteran appreciation and community service.

Mr. Schiefelbein serves as the Camp Lejeune Base's liaison to the annual Jacksonville/Onslow County Veteran's Day Parade Committee and Jacksonville/Onslow County Christmas Parade Committee. Mr. Schiefelbein works with veteran organizations in the community both in his work capacity and as a concerned veteran himself. He is a member and past chairman of the MCB Camp Lejeune Military Retiree Council as well as the MCB Camp Lejeune liaison for the Onslow County Council of Veteran Organizations. He holds memberships in Non-Commissioned Officer Association, Disabled American Veterans, and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Madam Speaker, and all congressional members of the 117th U.S. Congress, please join me in honoring the retirement of this incredible and noble Marine and wishing Master Sergeant Fernando Schiefelbein and his devoted wife Betty, a happy retirement from his life of outstanding public service.

IN RECOGNITION OF ASSISTANT CHIEF WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER CHANDLER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Assistant Chief of Police William Christopher Chandler and his exemplary public service to the City of The Colony, Texas. After over 31 years as a Texas Police Officer, he is retiring as a respected law enforcement professional and community leader.

In high school, Chief Chandler met a fellow student and the love of his life, Olga. Chief