

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL SCHWARZ

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker. I rise to thank Daniel Schwarz for nearly six years of service in my personal office and on the Judiciary Committee. Throughout his time on my staff, he has provided key advice across a range of issues, and he has crafted effective strategies for communicating my office's vision and accomplishments to my constituents and to the American people.

Growing up in the Washington, D.C. area, it is perhaps no surprise that Danny has a keen understanding and appreciation of government and politics. After graduating from Indiana University, he earned a master's degree in politics and communication in the media from the London School of Economics and Political Science. He then worked in a variety of communications roles in both domestic and international politics.

Danny began working in my personal office as Communications Director in April 2015. He added the role of Director of Strategic Communications for the Judiciary Committee in January 2018, skillfully handling two high-profile and high-pressure positions at once. He also ensured that the need to keep my constituents informed never got lost among a sea of national press requests.

In addition to his responsibilities as Communications Director, he has been a key advisor on issues relating to the Jewish community and Israel in my personal office. When President Obama negotiated a controversial and highly technical agreement preventing Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons, Danny's strategic thinking and advice was essential to evaluating the agreement and navigating the complicated political challenges that the deal presented.

Once I decided to support the deal, Danny helped craft a lengthy statement describing my decision and why I believed it was in the public interest, which he helped present to the public in a way that was nothing short of masterful. This statement was vital to building confidence with my constituents and with the broader public that I had arrived at this difficult decision with great thought and care. Danny's knowledge and keen analysis on issues relating to Israel has also made him an invaluable asset to staff from other offices who rely on his expertise in advising their Members.

Danny's work has always been integral to the office, but we needed his effort more than ever when President Trump came to office and it became necessary to hold him and his Administration accountable. As I became involved in more and more high-profile events—from rushing to the airport on the day the Muslim Ban was enacted, to introducing a Resolution of Inquiry about the President's connection to Russia, to calling out the racism and anti-Semitism coming out of Charlottes-

ville with a powerful censure resolution. Danny was there every step of the way to ensure that my work was visible and understandable to the public.

He also helped guide the communications strategy during the impeachment proceeding of 2019. At a time when the eyes of the world were on the Judiciary Committee, Danny had the difficult task of helping to shape our message and working with all of the Committee Members as well as House Leadership and the broader Democratic Caucus to ensure that we spoke with one voice to make the case to the American public.

At the same time, Danny helped me navigate a local and national press corps hungry for information about our work. He developed strong relationships with journalists, skillfully balanced the needs of different news outlets, and he worked hard to keep me on message with clear and concise talking points.

Long before I became Chairman, Danny worked tirelessly to ensure that coverage of my work would put me and the positions I advocated in the best light. Danny's hard work behind the scenes also helped me rise to Ranking Member and, later, to become Chairman, and I am grateful for everything he did to get me where I am today.

Danny's skill as a writer and as a strategic thinker, combined with his good judgment, have been invaluable. His thoughtful advice, his deep understanding of how our words and deeds will be interpreted by the public, and his skill in shaping a clear, direct message to effectively communicate my work will be greatly missed.

Danny enjoys the respect, admiration, and friendship of many staffers on the Hill who will miss his keen insights, his sense of humor, and his unique perspective on many of the most pressing issues of the day.

He is moving on to new challenges in the private sector, but we wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

I thank him for his service to my office, to the Congress, and to the country.

HONORING COL. MARIA A. JUAREZ
ON HER PROMOTION TO BRIGADIER
GENERAL

HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of U.S. Army Reserve Colonel Maria A. Juarez on the occasion of her promotion to Brigadier General.

Colonel Juarez entered the U.S. Army through the R.O.T.C. program at the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras campus in 1992, with honors as distinguished military graduate. Specializing in logistics she has served in the Quartermaster corps as a Regular Army and Army Reserve Officer for over 28 years, serving in multiple staff positions at

all levels including Office of the Chief of Army Reserves, divisional and major Subordinate Command levels; with deployments and postings in the Continental States, Germany, the Balkans, Korea, and the Middle East.

Since 2017, she has been the commander of the 166th Regional Support Group in Puerto Rico, part of the Army Reserve Caribbean Geographical Command under 1st Mission Support Command. She took command of the RSG in July 2017 and within two months was faced with the largest domestic relief operation of the Army Reserve in Puerto Rico's history. During the Hurricane Maria Relief Effort the 166th carried out over 700 logistical support missions to remote locations throughout Puerto Rico.

From January to September 2019, she deployed with the 166th Group to Afghanistan, where she served as the Commander for the Regional Support Group in Kabul, Afghanistan, after which she was selected to serve with the U.S. Central Command as the Deputy Plans Chief for Iran Branch. So, she has been tested both at home and abroad, facing threats both foreign and domestic with distinction.

During her career, our newest Brigadier General has achieved two Masters degrees, in Strategic Studies and in Information Systems from the Army War College and Central Michigan University, and earned military awards and decorations including the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, six Meritorious Service Medals and Army Commendation Medal, among many others.

Maria Juarez represents thousands of our Army Reserve soldiers in Puerto Rico, serving in our home front as part the largest U.S. Army command in the Caribbean, in the best tradition of service of Puerto Ricans in the U.S. military for more than a century. She also represents the high achievement of our women in uniform, breaking barriers and proving they are a priceless resource for the preparedness of our Armed Forces.

As she enters the next stage in her military career as a Brigadier General, I congratulate Maria A. Juarez and I know she will continue to reach great achievements. As the Representative from Puerto Rico and Co-Chair of the Congressional Women's Caucus, I am especially proud to be able to offer this recognition and to hold forth her example for young women at home and across the nation of what is possible with commitment, effort and dedication.

HONORING MEREDITH ANDING, JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Meredith Anding, Jr., a native of Myles, Mississippi. Mr. Anding and eight other undergraduate students at Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, MS

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were on a mission to desegregate the library system in Jackson, Mississippi. As part of their effort they courageously staged a sit-in on March 27, 1961 at the Jackson Public Library in Jackson, MS. This sit-in was initiated after the students recognized the lack of books at the George Washington Branch Library (colored). Prior to their "read-in" the students had been trained by the president of the Jackson Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). The nine students were all members of the Jackson Council of the NAACP. As a result of their historic impact in integrating the public library system in Mississippi, they will be forever known as "The Tougaloo Nine".

The nine students were arrested and after being released from jail Mr. Anding joined the Air Force, due to losing his private loan to continue his studies at Tougaloo College. Mr. Anding would serve four years in the Air Force and later return to Tougaloo in 1969 to finish his degree. Mr. Anding moved to Buffalo, New York, to attend the University of Buffalo and earned his master's degree in Mathematics. He met his wife of 50 years, Mrs. Maurice Anding. He taught at the State University of New York and Niagara University until his retirement in 2007.

Mr. Anding and his wife eventually moved back to Mississippi to be close to family. Anding was involved in the Tougaloo community and he also attended the 50th anniversary of the protest in 2017.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the late Mr. Meredith Anding Jr.

FEDERAL RISK AND AUTHORIZATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

Mr. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 21, the FedRAMP Authorization Act.

As Ranking Member of the Government Operations Subcommittee, it's my focus to ensure the American taxpayer enjoys the benefit of efficient, effective, user-friendly I.T. systems.

We all know the appropriate use of cloud computing technologies can help achieve all of those goals, and I thank Subcommittee Chairman CONNOLLY for his work on this legislation.

As we work to understand and respond to the recently discovered SUNBURST cyberattack, the underlying purpose of the FedRAMP program—the security of cloud operations—has never been more important.

But as we also continue to respond to the ongoing pandemic, the demand for constituents and federal employees to interact remotely has never been greater. Thus, the flexibility that comes with cloud technologies has also never been more important.

I am pleased the FedRAMP authorization includes provisions that will reduce the time required for companies to be certified as FedRAMP compliant at a given agency after they have already been certified elsewhere in the federal government. This provision will go

a long way towards giving agencies the cloud-based tools they need in these trying times.

Codifying FedRAMP is an important step in realizing the savings offered by cloud adoption and the savings offered by a more efficient security authorization process.

I urge my colleagues to support the bill and look forward to continuing to work to improve government services for the American people.

IN MEMORY OF HAZEL F. WILSON

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, Hazel F. Wilson taught school in Houston Independent School District from 1954 until 1968 and in Fort Worth from 1969 until 1990. She earned two degrees from Texas Southern and remained an active alumna of both TSU and Jack Yates High School. She was a board member of the South East Areas Churches (S.E.A.R.C.H) and volunteered for Sickle Cell Anemia Association, Cook Children's Medical Center and the Susan G. Kamen Cancer Center. Most of her time was divided between St. Mark Cumberland Presbyterian Church, NAACP, Greater Fort Worth Area Negro Business and Professional Women's Club and Zeta Phi Sorority, Psi Zeta Chapter.

She was an ordained Elder of her church since 1984, a Southern Region Director for Zeta Phi Beta from 1965 to 1972, President of the Greater Fort Worth Area Negro Business and Professional Women's Club and has won countless honors and awards which include 1000 Volunteer Hours Pin from Cook Children's Medical Center. She was recognized as Outstanding Women of Zeta in 1980 and African American Legislative Summit Public Service Award in 2017.

Hazel F. Wilson was founder of the Zeta Amicae Auxiliary of Fort Worth, Texas (Friends of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority) and Sponsor of the Amicae Auxiliary since its inception in 1975. She was also the Co-Founder of the Greater Fort Worth Area Negro BPW Club which started in August 1975. She worked within her community through several organizations, held many offices and received numerous awards and recognitions for her volunteerism, community involvement and activism.

Her favorite quote was "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."—John Wesley

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KIWANIS CLUB OF FAYETTEVILLE

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Fayetteville, located in North Carolina's Eighth Congressional District. Since a small group of businessmen met with Kiwanis

International on November 10, 1920, the Kiwanis Club of Fayetteville has made countless contributions to our community.

Over the years, the Kiwanis Club of Fayetteville has embodied its motto of "Serving the Children of the World." As a fierce advocate for our children and youth, the organization has supported clinics for disabled infants, driving instruction for teenagers, and the construction of an athletic facility at Fayetteville High School, now Terry Sanford High School.

I know I speak for our entire community in offering my most heartfelt gratitude to the Kiwanis Club of Fayetteville for their century of service. These exemplary men and women are the heart and soul of our community and I wish them continued success as they serve our community.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring the 100th anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Fayetteville.

HONORING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DAY

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, since 1993, every year on January 16th, our nation commemorates the 1786 passage of the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom, authored by Thomas Jefferson. That landmark statute would go on to serve as the framework of the establishment clause of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, providing the foundation for religious freedom here in our great nation.

The past four years have made clear that there are those who would choose to distort the true definition of religious freedom, in order to allow the proliferation of discrimination under the guise of what they refer to as "religious liberty". The result of this callous and malignant effort culminated a week and a half ago with the storming of the United States Capitol building by White Christian Nationalist groups allied with the President, and the deaths of five Americans. The evidence of this fact is made clear by the thousands of "Jesus" signs, banners, and flags that flew beside those bearing the President's name, and those representing the White Supremacist movement.

From the erosion of the Johnson Amendment, to the numerous executive orders issued which have served to undermine the rights of women and workers, the damage done to true religious freedom by a malicious administration, is drastic and undeniable. However, I stand before you today to pledge that with the aid of this body, my colleagues and I in the Congressional Freethought Caucus will do everything within our Constitutional powers to correct this distortion of America's "first freedom".

It is a new day for our nation. The discriminating policies of the last four years are no more. I look forward to working with President-elect Biden, Vice President-elect HARRIS to correct the harmful policies enacted by the Trump administration. On this Religious Freedom Day, I call upon my colleagues in the House and Senate to pass the Do No Harm