

IN RECOGNITION OF ERIC SPEECE
ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE
LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL
OF FAME

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former athlete, coach, and Northeastern Pennsylvania native Eric Speece. Eric will be inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame in 2021 for his distinct athletic achievements in the sport of football. He and his fellow inductees will be honored at a reception on August 8, 2021.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

Eric first stepped on the football field as a member of the West Pittston Rams mini football team. He helped lead the team to two championships, one in 1976 and one in 1978. He played Little League Baseball for Halls Nursery/Millers Economy; his team won the championship in 1979. He also wrestled in junior high.

Eric attended Wyoming Area High School, where he was a key player on the football team. While in high school, he gained over 1700 rushing yards and scored 26 touchdowns. In 1982, he lettered in football and received an honorable mention All-Scholastic. In 1983, he lettered and was named to the first team All-Scholastic as a running back. That year, he rushed for 1100 yards and scored 20 touchdowns. He was a leading scorer in the Wyoming Valley Conference with 20 touchdowns, a safety, and a two-point conversion. For his efforts, the Citizens' Voice named him Offensive Player of the Year, and he was named All-Conference VFW Player of the Year and WVC Second Leading Rusher. He played on the UNICO West Team, and in 2009, he was inducted into the Wyoming Area Ring of Pride. In addition to football, Eric played basketball and ran track.

Eric continued his football and academic careers at Lock Haven University. His freshman year he was the team's leading rusher and started seven games. He lettered in 1984–1985 and had 122 carries for 585 yards, five touchdowns, and one receiving touchdown. He then transferred to Bloomsburg University where he lettered in football in 1987 and 1989. While at Bloomsburg, he had 405 rushing yards with one touchdown and 90 yards receiving with one touchdown.

After graduating from college, Eric continued to pursue his passion for football. He played adult flag football from 1990 to 2006 in the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton area. In 2000, he joined the coaching staff of his alma mater, Wyoming Area. He also returned to West Pittston Rams mini football as coach from 1990 to 2006; his teams made the playoffs nine out of his ten seasons with the team. In 2000, they were the Super Bow1 runners-up.

It is an honor to recognize Eric on his induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May his story and athletic career serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I was absent due to a delay coming to the floor. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 238.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, for vote on final passage of H.R. 4346, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 239.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF COLONEL MARVIN WALKER AS COMMANDER OF THE ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize the retirement of Colonel Marvin Walker today as Commander of the Anniston Army Depot.

Colonel Walker earned his undergraduate degree from Dillard University and his graduate degrees from the U.S. War College and Webster University. He is also a graduate of the Command and General Staff College, the Joint Combined Warfighting School, and the United States Air War College.

In 1996, Colonel Walker received his commission in the Ordnance Corps. During his illustrious career, Colonel Walker held leadership posts around the world in defense of our Nation to include command at the company and battalion level. Colonel Walker repeatedly served our Nation in combat, deploying to Kuwait once, Iraq twice, and commanding the 3–401st Army Field Support Battalion in Afghanistan.

He has received numerous awards and decorations in service to our Nation—including the Bronze Star Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters—but no amount of awards could capture the valor, bravery, and commitment he has provided to our Nation, nor the incalculable debt we owe back to him.

Colonel Walker has served honorably as the 36th commander of the Anniston Army Depot since July 2019, where he has overseen an annual \$850M operating revenue in support of Warfighter readiness and has led a workforce of 3,000 personnel. He has earned the respect and admiration of all those serving at the Depot and led with great fidelity to our Nation. It is a great privilege to call the Anniston Army Depot part of Alabama's Third District, and a tremendous honor to have had Colonel Walker commanding the post.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Colonel Walker on his retirement and distinguished service to the Anniston Army Depot, the United States Army, and our Nation.

YOUTH, PEACE, AND SECURITY
ACT INTRODUCTION

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the reintroduction of my bill, the Youth, Peace, and Security Act of 2021.

Currently, youth make up the majority of the population in conflict-affected countries. However, youth remain under-represented in overseas conflict prevention, management, resolution, and post-conflict relief and recovery efforts. Youth and youth-led groups have shown their ability to play critical roles in deescalating conflict, preventing cyclical violence, and improving the effectiveness and sustainability of peace processes and agreements.

The Youth, Peace and Security Act of 2021 recognizes the importance of youth involvement and leadership in peace-building and conflict-prevention activities. The bill makes it the policy of the United States to promote the inclusive and meaningful participation of youth in peace building and conflict prevention, management, and resolution, as well as post-conflict relief and recovery efforts. The bill directs the State Department and USAID to develop a strategy to implement these goals. The strategy will prioritize providing training and technical assistance to youth; integrate youth consultation in aid programs; facilitate a safe and inclusive environment for youth; and, include youth in assessments of U.S. peace and security initiatives, among other priorities.

The bill would also require the President to appoint a coordinator to implement this strategy, currently held by USAID's Senior Agency Advisor on Youth. The coordinator will lead the implementation of the Youth, Peace, and Security strategy; establish an advisory group made up of youth and civil society organizations to guide the implementation of the strategy; and, oversee the awarding of grants and provision of technical assistance to youth-led, peace-building organizations and individuals. These grants are part of the newly established Youth, Peace, and Security Fund, which seeks to support organizations dedicated to peace building, conflict prevention, conflict management, and conflict resolution.

I am thrilled to be joined in leading this bill with my colleagues Congressman JOHN CURTIS, Congressman DEAN PHILLIPS, and Congressman BRIAN FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this important piece of legislation.

REMEMBERING ALBERT ONIS
WATTS, SR.

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Albert Onis Watts, Sr.,

who passed away on July 8, 2021, surrounded by his loved ones at his home in Terra Bella, California. He was 77 years old.

Born on June 7, 1944, Mr. Watts was a lifelong resident of California's San Joaquin Valley, growing up in Taft before marrying his high school sweetheart Earlene and relocating first to Delano and finally to Terra Bella. He spent thirty years educating children in Delano, teaching physical education and social studies before becoming the principal of Princeton Street Elementary School. Additionally, Mr. Watts was a twenty-year member of the Delano Elks lodge and started the Tulare County Tea Party Patriots organization in Porterville, California.

Throughout his life, Mr. Watts demonstrated a laudable commitment to his community in both his public and private lives. He will be deeply missed. Mr. Watts is survived by his wife Earlene, his children Michelle, Audra, and A.J., his ten grandchildren, his brother John and brother-in-law Michael, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM SEXTON ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor coach and Northeastern Pennsylvania native William Sexton. William will be inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame for his distinct coaching achievements in the sports of wrestling, baseball, and football. He and his fellow inductees will be honored at a reception on August 8, 2021.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

William is a graduate of North Pocono High School and Bloomsburg State College. He spent nearly four decades as a social studies teacher at Towanda Area High School. In 1978, he was named assistant coach of the school's wrestling team, and in 1980, he was promoted to head coach. Under his shrewd and capable leadership, the Black Knights had 676 wins, 233 losses, and three ties. His legendary career varsity record makes him the winningest coach in PIAA District IV history and the second in Pennsylvania all-time history. He coached his wrestlers to eleven Northern Tier League Championships, fifteen PIAA District IV North Section Team Titles, four PIAA District IV Team Titles, and one Northeast Regional Title.

Dedicated to helping young people reach their full potential in sport, William spent forty years, from 1978 to 2018, coaching the Black Knights baseball and football teams. As the head baseball coach, he led the team to 549 wins, and throughout his coaching career, the teams won eleven Northern Tier League Titles and one District IV title.

It is an honor to recognize William on his induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May his story and coaching career

serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

IN RECOGNITION OF BOBBY CLUE

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of my good friend, Bobby Clue who is celebrating his 10th anniversary as Executive Director of the Somerset-Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce.

Bobby returned to his hometown of Somerset, Kentucky ten years ago to take on the task of leading the local Chamber of Commerce, and he has served as one of the greatest advocates for business development and support in southern Kentucky. His achievements in business management, government affairs, public relations and consulting in the public and private sectors have provided him with a great wealth of knowledge to better support members of the Chamber of Commerce and the entire community. I personally appreciate Bobby's decision to return home to use his expertise and talents to promote a brighter, more prosperous future in the Lake Cumberland area with a thriving portfolio of successful local businesses.

In addition to taking on the helm of the chamber, Bobby has also volunteered his time as a board member for several local civic and government organizations, including the Pulaski County Technology Center Steering Committee, the Young Professionals of Eastern Kentucky and the Mill Springs Battlefield Association. Bobby also serves as an Ex-Officio Member of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, lending his voice for the Commonwealth's entire business community.

More importantly, Bobby and his wife Andrea are now raising their beautiful daughters, Chelsea and Shelby Jo in southern Kentucky. I can only hope that they someday follow their father's footsteps to become leaders for the next generation in Pulaski County.

On behalf of Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District, I applaud Bobby Clue for dedicating these last ten years as a true champion for Main Street.

JOE HERRIN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joe Herrin of Lafayette, Colorado for his service to the City of Arvada and our community.

On July 22, 2021, Herrin was involved in a serious accident at Jack B. Tomlinson Park when the mower he was operating overturned into Birdland Lake, pinning him underwater. Herrin was extricated from the water and put on advanced life support at Lutheran Medical Center. He passed away as a result of his injuries on July 28, 2021.

Herrin joined the City of Arvada's Park Maintenance division in May 2018 and was a

dedicated member of the team and public servant. Known as "Joey" to many of his friends and family, Herrin studied Environmental Studies at the University of Colorado Boulder. Herrin recently married his wife, Erin, and together they enjoyed the outdoors and could be found camping, hiking, and kayaking at various locations across the state. He will be remembered by his family and friends as adventurous and a music lover.

Recognizing this difficult time for the Herrin family and the City of Arvada, I want to extend my deepest sympathies for the loss of Joe Herrin as well as my appreciation for his service to the City of Arvada, its residents, and our community.

IN MEMORIAM OF SUSAN SCANLAN, ADVOCATE FOR WOMEN

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Susan Scanlan, the longtime president of the Women's Education and Research Institute (WREI) at the Women's Congressional Policy Institute. Susan passed away peacefully on July 16, 2021. She is known for her steadfast commitment to women's issues and her work in bringing exceptional women into professional roles here in Washington.

Susan was born in Philadelphia, where her father relocated while working during World War II. The family returned to Virginia in 1949 where they settled in Alexandria, where she attended Linconia Elementary and then W.T. Woodson High School before pursuing her collegiate education. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Sweet Briar College with a masters in modern languages from Tulane University, Susan began her career on Capitol Hill as legislative director for Representative Charles Wilson (TX-02), authoring legislation that admitted women to United States Military Academies.

Susan helped found the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues in 1977 and made WREI into an effective policy arm addressing issues crucial to women. In 1980, Susan wrote a proposal that would change the lives of more than three hundred women: to establish the Congressional Fellowships on Women and Public Policy at WREI. Since her proposal, hundreds of extremely driven, intelligent, and service-minded women have been sent to multitudes of congressional offices.

After she served as director of the caucus for five years, she pursued a new role as the Director of WREI's Congressional Fellowships program. Over three-hundred women from all backgrounds of America have been nurtured by this program, which placed them in congressional offices to pursue their passions for public service. After a brief hiatus to pursue other opportunities she returned to WREI as president in 2000. In recognition of her deep care for women and our nation's servicemembers, she was named by President Clinton to the Advisory Committee on Employment and Training for Veterans at the Department of Labor. Her dedication to her principles and values was on display even further in 2003 by her receipt of the Women's Leadership Award from the International Women's