

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING SILVER KEY

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the fiftieth anniversary of Silver Key, a non-profit organization in Colorado Springs, Colorado, whose mission is to support a healthy quality of life for seniors, allowing them to age safely with dignity and independence.

Silver Key was founded in 1970 by Betsey Myers-Burroughs, Clifford King, and a group of concerned citizens who wished to improve the well-being of older individuals in the Pikes Peak region. From extremely humble origins grew a Nursing Home Volunteer Program to help alleviate isolation and loneliness for elderly residents. Silver Key soon broadened its mission to assist seniors who desired to age in place, independently, in their homes.

Thanks to visionary leadership, impassioned volunteers, dedicated staff, diverse funding sources, and the philanthropic culture of this community, Silver Key has helped more than half a million seniors remain safe, independent, healthy, and thriving over the last half-century. They have grown to include services such as Silver Key Connections Café, home-delivered meals including Meals on Wheels, Reserve & Ride transportation services, volunteer events, and service opportunities, and vital Silver Key Health & Wellness Services providing a wide array of senior assistance services including behavioral health, companionship, case management, and government food program distribution.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in honoring this important organization's history and mission. I congratulate and thank Silver Key and all of those who make independence and health a reality for senior citizens in Colorado's Fifth Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF EQUAL PAY AND THE DISPARITY IN WAGES PAID TO MEN AND TO BLACK WOMEN

HON. ALMA S. ADAMS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Ms. ADAMS. Madam Speaker, I introduced a resolution to recognize today, August 3, 2021, as Black Women's Equal Pay Day.

Two-hundred and fourteen days—that's how long into 2021 that Black women have to work to earn the same wage paid to white, non-Hispanic men. Black women are being paid 63 cents for every dollar white, non-Hispanic men are being paid.

The crossroads at which black women stand, between two walls of prejudice, one for

race and one for gender, are unique and deserve singular attention. The toil and struggle of Black women stretches over centuries, and the acknowledgement of this has been too little, too late.

That is why I am introducing this Resolution to recognize August 3, 2021 as Black Women's Equal Pay Day. Because the value of those thirty-seven cents is so much more than thirty-seven cents.

It is equality, dignity, and independence.

America was founded upon imperfect equality, inequality, as we all recognize. But as America's history has shown us thus far, its arc of history bends towards equality.

I fervently urge my colleagues to examine the pressing issue of pay disparity that Black women face. When Black women are not paid equal wages, the negative impacts of lower pay are profound: lower pay impacts the life-long ability of a Black woman to pay for her education, her health, and food for her family.

Let this Resolution be the penny that brings forth great ripples of change.

RECOGNIZING FOREST CITY GUN CLUB JUNIORS OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Forest City Gun Club Juniors of Savannah, Georgia, for winning the 2021 Scholastic Clay Target Program National Championship.

The Scholastic Clay Target Program is an annual competition among amateur shooters across the country. This year, thousands of athletes traveled to Ohio to compete in this event.

In the championship match, a number of Forest City Gun Club Junior athletes rose to the challenge on the nation's largest stage.

This is the second year in a row Forest City Gun Club Juniors has won the Scholastic Clay Target Program National Championship.

I commend this team for their hard work and dedication in achieving success.

I am extremely proud to have these great athletes and program here in the First Congressional District of Georgia.

To the coaches, parents, and team at the Forest City Gun Club: Congratulations on another year of success, and keep up the good work.

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SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4502, the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education; Agriculture, Rural Development; Energy and Water Development; Financial Services and General Government; Interior, Environment; Military Construction, Veterans Affairs; Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act of 2022.

I sponsored the 400 Years of African American History Commission Act with Senator TIM KAINE. This bill includes \$3.3 million for the Commission to continue their critical work. Since the Commission was first funded in Fiscal Year 2020, it facilitated participation in the 400-year anniversary commemoration of the arrival of Africans in the U.S. colonies at Fort Monroe in Hampton, Virginia; initiated the 400 Distinguished Award to honor African American social justice leaders; supported programming to engage students in historic preservation; and sponsored a documentary film on Black economic empowerment. More recently, the Commission has also launched a series of virtual public education meetings to continue its mission during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The legislation also includes a major federal investment in Hampton Roads by including \$83.7 million for the deepening and widening of the Norfolk Harbor's channels. This project, while authorized, has not yet received its share of federal funds; however, the Port of Virginia has already begun construction on this critical project and these funds will ensure that the project maintains its timeline. The deepening and widening at the Port will allow for larger container and bulk ships visiting the Port of Virginia to arrive and depart fully loaded, providing for safer and more timely passage. The project is expected to deliver nearly \$4 billion of benefits to the national economy.

As a co-chair of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Taskforce, I am also pleased that this package includes much needed support for the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. This bill provides \$90.5 million for the Environmental Protection Agency's Chesapeake Bay program as well as \$15 million for the Chesapeake WILD (Watershed Investments in Landscape Defense) Program. I sponsored legislation, with Reps. SARBANES and WITTMAN, to

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create Chesapeake WILD grants to leverage the expertise of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service throughout the Bay's 64,000 square mile watershed. These grants will fund on-the-ground work to enhance water quality, mitigate flooding, provide opportunities for recreation, and protect habitat. This funding and these projects will advance efforts to restore the Chesapeake Bay by the 2025 deadline.

I am also pleased that my amendments supporting essential funding for our National Labs were adopted. These changes highlighted the need for funding for Nuclear Physics and Medium Energy Operations within the Department of Energy's Office of Science. Scientists and researchers at Jefferson Lab, located in the heart of my district in Newport News, train the next generation of scientists, advance lifesaving cancer radiation therapies, and have been awarded more than 150 patents. The funding included in the President's Budget for the Electron-Ion Collider and the design of a High Performance Data Facility at Jefferson Lab would advance our understanding of nuclear physics and increase the National Laboratories' computing power, supporting experiments that contribute to our understanding of matter and enhance our safety, quality of life, and even medical care.

Also included in the legislation is funding for eight Community Projects in Hampton Roads. These projects include the expansion of rural broadband in Isle of Wight; an inventory of lead drinking water pipes in Portsmouth; the buildout and expansion of an LGBT community center on the Peninsula; an expansion of mobile health services in Franklin and Isle of Wight; the sidewalk extension for safe pedestrian connectivity in the South Norfolk community of Chesapeake; replacing athletic field lighting at public schools and a community center in Newport News; the development of a Maritime Trades magnet program for K–12 students; and the relocation of a frequently flooded YMCA in Norfolk. Federal investments like these are critical to the development and resilience of communities in Hampton Roads.

This bill helps us move forward by spurring innovation, creating jobs, enhancing opportunities for trade and economic development, restoring ecosystems, and making necessary local investments. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST AERIAL APPLICATION MADE BY AN AIRPLANE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very special anniversary for our country, an anniversary that exemplifies American ingenuity in aviation and agriculture—two industries very dear and important to me as well as vital to our planet. This anniversary is that of the first aerial agriculture aircraft taking flight. This type of aircraft makes it possible to feed not just America, but the entire globe.

Exactly 100 years ago today, on August 3, 1921, Lt. John Macready piloted a modified Curtiss JN–6 “Super Jenny” over a plot of ca-

talpa trees. Macready had a passenger that used a hand-crank 10 dispense lead arsenate from a rudimentary hopper, which helped eradicate insects that were harming the crucial crops. Crop-dusting, now also known as aerial application or agricultural aviation, was born.

Today's agricultural aviation industry consists of 1,560 aerial application businesses that make aerial applications in all 50 states. The average agricultural pilot has approximately 25 years of experience. These pilots treat 127 million acres, or approximately 28 percent of cropland, each year. That means that just under a third of the food, fiber, and bioenergy produced in the United States today receives an aerial application. Not only does agricultural aviation feed our population—but it protects forests and eradicates disease-carrying pests. The industry's ability to constantly evolve to the technological needs of the nation over the past hundred years is why aerial applicators have remained so important for a century.

Certainly, the future will be filled with unimaginable advances just as the past has. Lt. Macready in 1921 likely never could have imagined flying a massive aircraft, led by orbiting satellites and warned of weather, to a specific plot of farmland. Agricultural aviation's history is the story of agriculture's history—which is the story of American innovation. It is a story of adaptation and overcoming challenges for the public good. We give thanks to the industry and those that gave their lives to the industry. Please join me in wishing a happy 100th anniversary to this great American invention, and in looking forward to many, many more anniversaries in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Mrs. Rodgers of Washington. Madam Speaker, due to a scheduling constraint, I missed the vote on final passage for H.R. 4346 on July 28, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted no on final passage.

HONORING THE GRAND OPENING OF THE COLLEGE OF THE FLORIDA KEYS UPPER KEYS CENTER

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the grand opening of the College of the Florida Keys Upper Keys Center. The College of the Florida Keys, CFK, is part of the Florida College System and has been an integral part of higher education in Florida for nearly 50 years.

Over the years, CFK has accomplished significant milestones such as instating bachelor programs that are accessible to the neighboring communities, introducing prominent skilled programs, and preparing students for their future endeavors.

The grand opening of the Upper Keys Center will expand and enhance the college's mis-

sion in equipping the student body with additional space that will allow them to study, learn, and grow. The new center will include new classrooms, nursing labs, a bio-chemical lab, apprenticeship labs, an auditorium, a testing center, and a library. Additionally, the center will also feature learning spaces, lounges, an activities room, and a patio deck.

Again, I rise to recognize the College of the Florida Keys Upper Keys Center. CFK has provided meaningful contributions to the Florida Keys community. Many individuals from all walks of life have been able to fulfill their goals and foster meaningful relationships that have helped them advance and enrich their academic careers. I know that CFK will continue to do this for decades to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JULIA LETLOW

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Ms. LETLOW. Madam Speaker, I voted incorrectly on roll call vote 231, I intended to vote YEA.

EMERGENCY CHILD & ADULT NUTRITION ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2021

HON. ALMA S. ADAMS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Ms. ADAMS. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the Emergency Child & Adult Nutrition Assistance Act of 2021. This legislation will extend COVID–19 relief for both the Child and Adult Care Food Program and the school food authorities through the end of the 2021 school year to help cover their operational costs. This bill will also extend the availability of funds through September 2022. Additionally, each state that carries out a reimbursement program, will be required to submit a report on the use of such funds no later than March 2023.

As we continue to recover from the pandemic, many school districts and school food authorities are still facing major challenges to the fiscal sustainability of their school meal programs due to decreases in meals served and supplemental sales, and many adult and child care centers and after school programs continue to need support to feed children and adults in need during the public health crisis. The increased cost of food and supplies and the loss of revenue have dealt critical blows to funding for these essential programs.

The supplemental funding provided by the Emergency Child & Adult Nutrition Assistance Act will ensure that school meal programs and child and adult care programs have sufficient support to continue feeding the most vulnerable in our communities as we grapple with the continued impacts of this pandemic.