

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM  
EMMONS AND HIS SERVICE TO  
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON THE  
JUDICIARY

**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 4, 2022*

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise, along with Representative STEVE COHEN, Chair of the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, to thank William Emmons for his service to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Will received his bachelor's degree from The College of William and Mary and began his career in public policy as a Legislative Intern for Representative SUZANNE BONAMICI. Will first joined the Judiciary Committee as an intern in 2018 and he returned in 2019 as Professional Staff Member for the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

Will's work was essential to the success of much of the Constitution subcommittee's activities, including its 13 hearings on voting rights, two field hearings where he handled almost all of the logistical matters regarding transporting equipment and setting up hearing locations, and a number of other high-profile hearings like the one marking the 100th anniversary of the Tulsa race riots.

Will assisted considerably with respect to helping various counsels involved in the first impeachment of Donald Trump and he also contributed substantive work product on important and politically sensitive matters, most notably with respect to researching the background on our hearing on Congressional authority over member conduct and discipline.

Through it all, in demanding and stressful situations, he proved to be a smart, dedicated staffer who worked very hard on many critical but often unseen tasks with conscientiousness, grace, and good humor.

For nearly four years, I have been fortunate to count Will among my staff. I, and the American people, have greatly benefited from his passion for public policy, his dedication to service, and his commitment to excellence. No doubt he will be successful in his future endeavors and an asset to his future colleagues.

While we are sad to see Will go and he will certainly be missed, we are happy that he will continue to serve the public interest in his new non-profit role in New York.

We thank William Emmons for his service to the Committee and wish him the best of luck with this new chapter.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF THE  
75TH ANNIVERSARY OF 4-H CAMP  
PALMER

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 4, 2022*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 75th anniversary of 4-H Camp Palmer. Camp Palmer has a remarkable history within Northwest Ohio. Over the last 75 years, Camp Palmer has been committed to its mission of engaging with youth and adults to build life skills in a community living environment. Camp Palmer has been an extension of Ohio 4-H and has provided an opportunity for tens of thousands of Ohio's youth to develop the skills to help them succeed.

Located in Fayette, Ohio, 4-H Camp Palmer was founded in 1946, by 4-H leadership in seven Northwest Ohio counties, Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Paulding, Van Wert, and Williams. Each 4-H program shared in the purchase of the land and development of the camp. On July 20, 1947, the camp was officially dedicated and named after W.H. Palmer, the state 4-H leader from 1916 to 1951. The first building was the dining hall which was built out of split-logs due to the lumber shortage after World War II.

The next three decades saw significant expansion for Camp Palmer. In the 1950s, new buildings, cabins, and a swimming pool were added to improve the time campers spent while attending camp. Allen, Putnam, and Auglaize counties joined the corporation and began sending their 4-H members to camp there. The camp added more land in the 1960s, totaling 149 acres. Toilets and warm showers were installed for the campers who originally had to use a bucket and wash basin. In 1973, Wood County became the eleventh member and final member to join the corporation.

In the 1990s, Camp Palmer received accreditation by the American Camp Association and began to develop a close relationship with The Ohio State University. The board hired an extension agent/executive director to manage the overall responsibilities and maintenance of the camp. Camp Palmer has continued to grow, adding new buildings, cabins, and activity areas to better serve campers. Although the COVID-19 pandemic kept campers away in 2020, Camp Palmer campers were still able to stay connected through their innovated camp-in-a-box and Facebook Live videos. Loyal and public support allowed campers to flood back to Camp Palmer in 2021, while still maintaining health safety.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to 4-H Camp Palmer and its staff, past and present, on this remarkable occasion. By celebrating the 75th anniversary, Ohio residents recognize the contribution of Camp Palmer to our region and the Northwest Ohio 4-H community. Congratula-

tions to Camp Palmer on this significant milestone.

CONGRATULATING MR. BARTLEY  
P. DURST FOR EARNING THE  
LABORATORY DIRECTOR OF THE  
YEAR AWARD

**HON. MICHAEL GUEST**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 4, 2022*

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to congratulate Mr. Bartley P. Durst for earning the Laboratory Director of the Year Award from the Federal Labs Consortium. Throughout a long and distinguished career, Mr. Durst has dedicated himself to the service of his fellow citizen. I rise today to recognize him as a community, state, and national leader whose example will continue to motivate and encourage individuals who share the same passion of making a better and safer place for their neighbors, statesmen, and countrymen.

In his five years as director of the Geotechnical and Structures Laboratory (GSL), Mr. Durst has led the way for the development of technologies that emphasize structural resilience. GSL continues to take on some of the greatest civil and military engineering challenges around the world, in which Mr. Durst has successfully integrated his decades of experience and personal knowledge.

The Modular Protective System, which employs technological advancements to safeguard American servicemembers overseas and citizens at home, is the clearest illustration of Mr. Durst's character and dedication. The MPS technology has led to a number of significant advancements that protect American troops and private citizens from weapons, projectiles, and explosions. These advancements have also been made possible by strong federal and private partnerships with the U.S. Department of State, often championed by Mr. Durst himself.

It is my honor to recognize Mr. Bartley P. Durst for the many contributions he has made to create a brighter future for our state and nation, and I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in thanking Mr. Durst for his service and commitment to Mississippi and to the United States of America.

HONORING BRYAN STEVENSON—  
BEST-SELLING AUTHOR AND  
TRAILBLAZING CIVIL RIGHTS  
ATTORNEY

**HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to welcome home the distinguished Delawarean Bryan Stevenson and to

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celebrate his impressive career fighting for fairness and equity in the criminal justice system.

Mr. Stevenson was born in the town of Milton, a rural community in southern Delaware. It was in the First State and at the Prospect African Methodist Episcopal Church where Mr. Stevenson started to nurture his belief in redemption that “each person in our society is more than the worst thing they’ve ever done.” Raised by a strong Sussex County family, Mr. Stevenson began to show the leadership and passion for public service that would propel him in life. At Cape Henlopen High School, he excelled academically and served as the student body president. He won several public speaking contests, demonstrating rhetorical prowess that would soon lead him to argue landmark cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Stevenson would go on to earn a J.D. and M.P.P. from Harvard University and the position of Professor of Law at the New York University School of Law.

In 1989, Mr. Stevenson founded the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI), a non-profit based in Montgomery, Alabama, that provides legal representation to wrongly convicted prisoners, especially Alabama prisoners on death row. One of EJI’s first clients was Walter McMillian, a Black man convicted and sentenced to death for the murder of a young white woman. Due to Mr. Stevenson’s systematic dismantling of the prosecution’s case, the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals ruled that Mr. McMillian’s conviction was unconstitutional. The State of Alabama finally dropped charges after mounting evidence proved Mr. McMillian’s innocence. On March 3, 1993, Mr. McMillian was released from death row and walked out of a courtroom a free man. At the time, Mr. McMillian was one of the first to be exonerated from death row since the end of the civil rights movement. Since Mr. McMillian was exonerated, Mr. Stevenson and EJI prevented more than 130 people from receiving the death penalty.

Mr. Stevenson personally argued several cases before the Supreme Court and won major landmark decisions reshaping American jurisprudence. In the 2012 case, *Miller v. Alabama*, Mr. Stevenson successfully argued that the imposition of a mandatory life-sentence-without-parole for a juvenile violates the 8th Amendment prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment. In the 2019 case, *Madison v. Alabama*, Mr. Stevenson successfully secured a ruling that would protect prisoners who suffer from dementia from execution. These cases before the Supreme Court demonstrate Mr. Stevenson’s commitment to equity in the criminal justice system and prove that Mr. Stevenson is one of America’s best public interest attorneys.

Yet the good works of Mr. Stevenson were not confined to his successes in the courtroom. In 2018, Mr. Stevenson and EJI opened two new museums in Montgomery to chronicle the legacy of slavery and racial segregation. The Legacy Museum chronicled the post-slavery evolution of racial violence in sharecropping, Jim Crow, and mass incarceration. The National Memorial for Peace and Justice records the names of 4,400 victims of lynchings from 1877 through 1950. Through EJI, he launched major efforts to address the legacy of slavery in America. EJI has published several studies on racial violence and inequities in the law and state constitutions, in-

cluding the highly influential *Lynching in America: Confronting the Legacy of Racial Terror*. He also brought public attention to the racial injustices of the U.S. legal system as the author of the bestselling 2015 memoir *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* and adapted into the 2019 film, *Just Mercy*. Both the memoir and film received significant awards and nominations, including NAACP Image Awards, the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction, and the nomination for Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Supporting Role at the 2020 Screen Actors Guild Awards.

On October 8, 2022, I will have the privilege to join the Town of Milton and the Milton Community Foundation to honor the selfless dedication of Mr. Stevenson. Our country is so blessed to have him as a steward of justice. As he has so eloquently said—we all have a responsibility to create a just society. How fortunate we are to have Bryan Stevenson as our leader of that movement.

#### RECOGNITION OF DAN VAN BOXTTEL RECEIVING THE PRIZE FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

#### HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 4, 2022*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise in recognition of Mr. Dan Van Bortel for winning the Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence award.

Mr. Van Bortel, an automotive technology teacher at Kaukauna High School in Kaukauna, Wisconsin, has been recognized for his excellence in teaching by receiving the award and a \$50,000 prize. The Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence award was created to recognize high school trades teachers throughout the United States for their knowledge and excellence in education. Since 2017, the program has awarded more than 100 public high school teachers and their schools with the resources to support and expand skilled trades education. By winning this award, it is evident that Mr. Van Bortel has dedicated his time to ensuring our future generations have the skills needed to be successful and contribute to their communities. I commend Mr. Van Bortel for his expertise in automotive technology and his unwavering commitment to the students of Kaukauna High School.

The 2022 Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence award received over 750 applications from all 50 states. The process of receiving the award included three rounds of judging, responses to questions, and a series of video learning modules designed to draw from a teacher’s personal experience in achieving excellence in the classroom. I applaud Mr. Van Bortel for highlighting the importance and dignity of the skilled trades that will lead his students to numerous opportunities in the workforce and beyond.

In Mr. Van Bortel’s career at Kaukauna he has consistently provided students with the highest quality education in skilled trades. In his nearly two decades of service to Kaukauna he has truly left a lasting impact on the community. Through his critical automotive technology classes, he has generated career

ready students prepared to enter a skilled trade shortly after graduation.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Van Bortel for receiving the Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence award. Mr. Van Bortel has been a wonderful advocate for the trades and is a true credit to Kaukauna High School and Northeast Wisconsin.

#### HONORING SEPTEMBER 2022 AS NATIONAL RICE MONTH

#### HON. ERIC A. “RICK” CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 4, 2022*

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Rice Month, established by an act of Congress and signed into law by President Bush in 1989. Each September during the rice harvest season, we celebrate this important industry which is near and dear to me.

I have the distinct privilege to represent the number one rice-producing district in the number one producing rice state in the United States. Rice farmers in Arkansas contribute \$2.3 billion to my home state’s economic output, supporting nearly 15,000 jobs up and down the supply chain.

As a whole, the rice industry in the United States supports more than 125,000 jobs and generates \$34 billion in economic impact. In fact, each rice farmer in the U.S. contributes \$1 million to his or her local economy.

To expand on rice’s impact beyond the economy, rice is the most popular grain globally and the primary dietary staple for more than half the world’s population. U.S. rice farmers and millers not only supply over 80 percent of the rice we consume here at home, but they also ship it globally to more than 120 countries.

Rice farmers are also conservation minded, creating surrogate wetlands by flooding their fields during the winter that provide habitat to waterfowl and other wildlife.

While I’m here to celebrate this important crop, I would be remiss to not mention that U.S. rice farmers are facing very difficult situations this year. In the southern rice-producing states, stagnant prices coupled with input costs are financially squeezing those farmers, while in California, drought has cut acreage in half. With rampant inflation, rice-dependent rural communities across the country are being adversely impacted by the ongoing recession within the industry. This situation could result in devastating impacts on rice mills, elevators, trucking companies, and other businesses dependent on rice production, which once lost, will not return, further worsening the economic stability in these communities.

I believe that protecting our domestic rice industry is a priority and worthy endeavor, and that rice farmers need assistance to help them weather this storm, and I hope we can accomplish that.