

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE AND SACRIFICE OF RICHARD LOPEZ

HON. TOM O'HALLERAN

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and sacrifice of Yavapai County Sheriff Deputy Richard Lopez, who was killed in the line of duty last month.

I was incredibly humbled to attend Officer Lopez's service, and to see and feel the outpouring of love and support. I saw right away that Officer Lopez left an indelible mark on Yavapai County.

Beloved by his community, respected by those he served, and mourned deeply by his family and his colleagues, I saw right away that he was a wonderful person.

As a former police officer and homicide investigator, I know that police work is an incredibly dangerous profession. Any arrest can turn dangerous in an instant, putting officers and all involved in jeopardy in a single moment.

We must always keep our brave law enforcement officers and their families in our thoughts and in our prayers.

Today, I extend my sincerest condolences to Kimberly Lopez and their two children, and to the men and women of the Yavapai County Sheriff's Department.

RECOGNITION OF LARNIE ALLGOOD

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Larnie Allgood for his contributions to the Mechanicsville Tea Party.

Larnie joined the Mechanicsville Tea Party when it was established in 2010. He then served as its president in 2014 and 2018, and as its vice president in 2015 and 2017.

He is affectionately described by his fellow Tea Party members as a "workhorse" who is "loyal to the preservation of our constitutional form of governance and conservative principles." He has selflessly dedicated his time and money to help the Mechanicsville Tea Party inform others about the constitutional principles of our Nation's Founders.

Specifically, he preserved the Mechanicsville Tea Party during the COVID-19 pandemic. He established and maintained the Party's post office box with his own money. He advocated for government officials who supported the Constitution and opposed those who did not. And he frequently canvassed for candidates he believed in.

He is also a dedicated father and husband. He and his wife, Rachel, have been married

for 58 years. Both are from Mecklenburg County in Southside Virginia. They have two children: Teresa and Richard. They also have four grandchildren: William, Nathan, Kyle, and Emma.

Larnie and Rachel moved to the Richmond area in 1972 and have lived there ever since. Larnie worked for the Commonwealth of Virginia, and later for the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company. He also served on the Hanover Sheriff's Citizen Advisory Board.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the accomplishments and service of Mr. Larnie Allgood. A U.S. flag has been flown over the U.S. Capitol in honor of his service to the Mechanicsville Tea Party and his community. May God bless him and his family.

CELEBRATING RETIRED ARMY LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROD- ERICK "RICO" ALVENDIA TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT AND A TREMENDOUS MILESTONE OF LIFE ON HIS 52ND BIRTHDAY

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to celebrate a dear friend and committed servant across the Country, retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Roderick "Rico" Alvendia upon his appointment to the board of directors at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point; and celebrating his 52nd birthday.

President Joe Biden has appointed New Orleans attorney and retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Roderick "Rico" Alvendia to the board of directors at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Biden selected Alvendia to serve a three-year term on the board. He will advise the president on the ongoing status and morale of the U.S. Military Academy.

Since 1802, West Point has educated and trained future officers to lead in the U.S. Army, and Alvendia will serve on its historic 200-year-old Board of Directors alongside senior members of Congress, including U.S. Senator JOE MANCHIN, U.S. Senator RICHARD BURR, and fellow Iraq War veteran U.S. Senator TAMMY DUCKWORTH.

Alvendia served honorably as an Army Officer for 25 years and received the Bronze Star Medal for his service during combat operations in Iraq in 2005 with the Louisiana National Guard 256th Brigade Combat Team, where he was part of an international team of lawyers who assisted Iraqi prosecutors in their criminal trials against insurgents.

A Loyola Law School graduate, Alvendia dedicates his time to raising his son, Noah, and co-managing the Alvendia, Kelly, and Demarest Law Firm as a successful trial law-

yer, while also helping Louisiana veterans in need. In 2013, together with other Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans, Alvendia started the Legion of Mars Mardi Gras Krewe, the first New Orleans carnival organization established to honor U.S. military veterans and their families. Alvendia and the Mars Krewe have since helped thousands of local veterans while deployed or in financial hardship. Alvendia is also recognized as a major philanthropist throughout Louisiana, assuring those less fortunate are never left behind. Alvendia is also recognized as a major philanthropist throughout Louisiana, assuring those less fortunate are never left behind.

I am beyond proud of my friend as he represents his fellow New Orleanians and Louisianans, continuing to help local veterans as he serves on the Board of Visitors. Alvendia will continue working at his law firm and remain based in New Orleans while traveling to New York and Washington, D.C. throughout his 3-year Presidential Appointment.

A huge congratulations to retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Roderick "Rico" Alvendia. It is a remarkable achievement that deserves to be celebrated and marked in the most fitting way. We thank him for his service, while celebrating his 52nd birthday.

HONORING WWII VETERAN HARRY NIBLOCK ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Mr. Harry Niblock of Okemos, Michigan on the occasion of his 100th birthday. Mr. Niblock is among the bravest of men our great nation has ever known—those who led the Allied invasion of German-occupied France in June of 1944. It is with profound gratitude for his service to our nation, and in celebration of his long and fruitful life, that I recognize him today.

Before he was a war hero, Harry was a Michigander, the second of five children born to Raymond and Pearl Niblock on October 9, 1922. He graduated from Howell High School in 1940 and married Margaret Fay three years later, after he had been drafted into the Army and was stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Niblock trained as a tank driver, and was sent to Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, where he joined the 3rd Armored Division. His unit was sent to Warmminster, England for additional training, and thanks to his outstanding leadership and skills, Harry was made the driver for the captain of his company. And when the call came in the summer of 1944 to waterproof the tanks and prepare for invasion, he was ready.

Nearly 80 years later, Harry still recalls the harrowing details of the day he arrived on Omaha Beach in Normandy, France, and immediately began pushing through the German

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lines to Paris. Along the way, Harry's tank motor died and he had to wait, alone, for an airdropped replacement from a C47 before continuing on to join his outfit. From Paris they turned north toward Belgium, encountering sporadic gunfire along the way, as German troops were making a desperate attempt to return home. A few days later Harry and his crew were among the very first American troops to cross into Germany, a day forever etched in his memory. Harry spent two months camped near the city of Stolberg before the fateful day a sniper attack killed his captain and his radioman, right before a bazooka took out the majority of the unit. With severed nerves in his arms and legs, and shrapnel in much of his body, Harry was eventually flown to a hospital in England, where he was awarded the Purple Heart for his bravery.

By February of 1945, Harry was able to return home to continue his recovery, and he laid eyes for the first time on two miraculous sights: first the Statue of Liberty as he sailed into harbor, followed a few days later by his baby girl, Barbara, who awaited his arrival in his wife's arms. Harry continued his healing in a Battle Creek hospital and eventually returned to Howell with his family, where they settled and added another daughter, Susan. Harry worked for several local companies, including Howell Motors, Parker Industries, and his own homebuilding company. After his beloved wife passed away in 2011, and Harry retired from work, he and his eldest daughter moved to Okemos, where Harry is a proud member of the Disabled American Veterans. In addition to his devoted daughters, Harry is beloved by his 8 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and 12 great, great grandchildren.

In his 100 years, Harry Niblock has not just lived through our history—he is our history. As he celebrates this remarkable milestone birthday, it is my great honor to inscribe his life of service to our nation and to his family in the official record of the House of Representatives so that generations to come will know of his heroism, bravery, and heart.

HONORING JENN RIGGS AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Jenn Riggs, founder of Wander Women Iowa, as Iowan of the Week.

Jenn was born and raised in Iowa in a family with a real love of the outdoors. As a child, her family would take day trips to explore Iowa's many parks and recreational areas. Her grandmother worked at a state-run rest area educating visitors about Iowa's outdoor spaces and tourism opportunities, and Jenn would join her on the job. All of these experiences bestowed in Jenn a deep appreciation of Iowa's natural beauty and a drive to spend more time outside.

Prior to founding Wander Women, Jenn worked as a sustainability coordinator at the Des Moines Area Community College's Urban Campus in Des Moines and helped students set up various sustainability efforts. One of her

favorite projects was the establishment of a half-acre food forest on campus in the heart of Iowa's largest metro area. She and the students involved learned about permaculture as the project developed, and today the half-acre forest boasts fruitful apple trees, different perennial food sources, and more.

The idea for Wander Women was years in the making. After many conversations with friends and community members and receiving a plethora of good guidance, Jenn officially made the leap into small business ownership when she founded the company in 2018. It's only grown since then.

Wander Women Iowa connects, guides, and empowers women through all-inclusive camping and hiking trips throughout Iowa. The goal of the business is to help women find community in the natural world and with one another in lasting, meaningful forms. It also empowers women by building confidence and learning important skills from other women within the outdoor recreation world, which is typically very male-dominated. Jenn also hopes bestowing a love of Iowa's natural wonders and outdoor recreation will help retain more young families in the state.

Jenn believes there is power and magic when women gather, and is dedicated to creating a path to the outdoor world for everyone. The ladies participating in Wander Women trips come from all walks of life, gather in the woods without technology or preconceived notions, and can simply be themselves while fully immersing in nature and the experience. It's been transformative for participants, many of whom have since become involved in other initiatives like volunteering and advocacy, have stayed connected to other women in the group, and have taken their friends and family members to these wild spaces to share their joy and appreciation.

The success of Wander Women is remarkable. The small business started with nine trips its first year, and has since grown to 44 trips planned for this year between backpacking trips, paddling trips, and educational courses across the state. Jenn brought on a co-owner, Kerri Sorrell, and they now have 14 female trip guides and a new, part-time employee.

When she's not working on trips and initiatives through Wander Women, Jenn remains passionately involved in environmental issues and advocacy. She also keeps busy caring for her two young kids and enjoys sharing her love of Iowa's outdoor spaces with her children. Her daughter, already a brave outdoor adventurer, has even asked about taking over Wander Women someday.

As we collectively breathe a sigh of relief at the coming of spring and Women's History Month draws to a close, I am happy to honor this strong, adventurous woman who dreamt of connecting more women with Iowa's wild spaces and then made that dream a reality. In sharing her love and knowledge of Iowa's natural heritage, Jenn is bringing a community of women together to help preserve these spaces and pass along the appreciation to future generations. I'm inspired by Jenn and the brave ladies of Wander Women Iowa and am proud to name her Iowan of the Week.

HONORING HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR
HENRY STERN ON HIS 95TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Henry Stern, a resident of Cold Spring, New York, for his 95th birthday on October 15, 2022. Henry was born in 1927 and spent his first eleven years growing up in Augsburg, Germany. Facing Nazi persecution of the Jewish people, Henry and his family escaped to England in 1939, just one week before war was officially declared. Henry and his family were aided financially by an uncle living in the United States, where they later immigrated.

Henry is dedicated to spreading awareness about the horrors of the Holocaust and preserving the memories of his family. He participated in a project called Lifelines, directed by the Jewish Museum Augsburg Swabia, which chronicles the experiences of Holocaust survivors and their loved ones. Henry's experiences, and those of his family, formed the subject of the sixth volume of Lifelines. Henry later travelled to Augsburg to educate people about the Holocaust, including through a museum exhibit, a theater performance, and four days of workshops at local high schools.

On May 4, 2014, Henry presented a talk at Marina Gallery in Cold Spring about his experiences during the Holocaust and his work with the Lifelines project to record them for posterity. Henry ended his talk with a poem his brother wrote in memory of their cousins, Margo and Trude, who perished on a transport to Poland during the Holocaust. The talk was organized by the Philipstown Reform Synagogue, of which Henry is a member, and was presented in honor of Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, which occurred a few days earlier, from sundown April 27 to sundown April 28.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Henry Stern for his selfless contributions to our shared village of Cold Spring, to his hometown community in Augsburg, and to our world. I ask that you join me in thanking him for his important work and wishing him a happy 95th birthday.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHERRY STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH IN ATTALLA,
ALABAMA

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, one hundred years ago this month, Cherry Street Baptist Church in Attalla, Alabama held its first service on October 22, 1922. It was that day that laid the foundation for a century of worship and fellowship that continues to serve the community to this day.

Located in Etowah County, and in the Fourth Congressional District that I represent, Cherry Street Baptist has continuously and faithfully executed the mission bestowed upon