

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTION UNITED WAY OF TARRANT COUNTY 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 28, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I include in the Record the following Resolution.

Whereas, the United Way of Tarrant County is celebrating 100 years of serving residents from across Tarrant County and Texas—24 this November; and

Whereas, United Way of Tarrant County empowers residents, volunteers, donors, businesses, governments, nonprofits, and community stakeholders to come together to not only fix problems, but to tackle the reasons the problems exist in the first place; and

Whereas, United Way of Tarrant County is supporting major areas of need in our communities and across the county including education and learning, financial stability, community health, and community response; and

Whereas, United Way of Tarrant County works to build relationships and trust alongside the communities in which it serves; and

Whereas, United Way of Tarrant County encourages all residents to get united to create change and build stronger communities for all by all.

Be it therefore Resolved that I, Congresswoman BETH VAN DUYNE, do hereby recognize United Way of Tarrant County for supporting our communities and enriching the lives of everyone in Texas—24.

Be it therefore Resolved that I, Congresswoman BETH VAN DUYNE, do hereby congratulate United Way of Tarrant County on the occasion of their 100th Anniversary.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE JEWISH MUSEUM

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 28, 2022

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the opening ceremony of the New Hampshire Jewish Museum, or the NHJM. With a mission to collect, preserve, and display the Jewish history of our state, the NHJM will serve as both an educational center and a cultural preservation site intended to celebrate the important contributions of Jews to our state history. I'm thrilled to see that the NHJM's first exhibit will be dedicated to the life of New Hampshire hero, Dr. Benjamin Bronstein. A Lieutenant in the Navy Medical Corps, Dr. Bronstein was the first Naval officer to die in defense of our nation in WWII. In tandem with the recognition of Dr. Bronstein, the museum will also be honoring all New Hampshire Jewish veterans and current service members.

Established by the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, the NHJM will provide Granite Staters with a comprehensive overview of Jewish history here in our state. Its curated exhibits will deepen community understanding of Jewish culture while working to deconstruct harmful stereotypes. By preserving Jewish heritage in our local communities, we inspire current and future generations to embrace and celebrate the unique diversity found throughout our state. The museum will assure the continuity of the Jewish people and broaden awareness of issues concerning Jews within the state and abroad.

The Museum of New Hampshire Jewish History is a welcome addition in honoring the state's rich and diverse culture, and I look forward to visiting soon to learn more about the amazing historical figures from the Jewish community whose contributions to our state have made it one of the best places to live, work, and play. On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I congratulate the New Hampshire Jewish Museum on its opening, and I wish them the best of luck in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE ESCANABA VET CENTER STAFF

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 28, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize the staff of the Escanaba Vet Center. Their continued commitment to Veterans and their families throughout the pandemic is immeasurable, and they have become an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

The Escanaba Vet Center specializes in confidential services, offering counseling for post-traumatic stress disorder to services for general depression. By focusing on mental health and specializing in issues the public often does not see, the Escanaba Vet Center has had a direct impact on the lives of all those who utilize their services. Providing impactful and personable counseling services is the core mission of the Escanaba Vet Center—ensuring our Nation's Veterans are cared for in times of need. The individuals responsible for providing care to our Veterans deserve our unwavering gratitude.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a lasting impact on our country and drastically limited the ability for service providers to offer safe care to Veteran communities across the country. The drive and determination of the Escanaba Vet Center's staff is steadfast and laudable. Their work throughout the pandemic has allowed thousands of Veterans to receive the necessary assistance they need and deserve. They have given our Veterans in the state of Michigan a chance to heal and reshape their lives outside of military service.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the staff of the Escanaba Vet Center in their

fight to continually provide services to our Veterans. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I wish all staff members of the Escanaba Vet Center the best in their future endeavors. Michigan's First District commends their continued support of our Nation's Veterans and thanks them for their work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

RECOGNIZING THE TUCHMAN FOUNDATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 28, 2022

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize The Tuchman Foundation for its incredible leadership in creating and donating a temporary medical care unit to Astoria Houses for COVID-19 vaccinations and tests.

Founded by Tuchman Group CEO Martin Tuchman, The Tuchman Foundation has used its platform and capital to support research on health care, including diseases and cures such as Parkinson's Disease. The Tuchman Foundation also provided initial funding to develop the prototype for the temporary medical care unit, which was fashioned through a partnership with the New Jersey Institute of Technology and the University Hospital in Newark in July 2020.

Through this collaboration, temporary medical care facilities were developed to be placed in areas with COVID-19 outbreaks and other disasters as well as regions without adequate health care infrastructure. The containers are 32 by 40 feet long and were made from recycled shipping containers. When I heard about this incredible creation, I reached out to see if we could work together to bring one of these units to Astoria Houses in New York's Twelfth Congressional District, which I have the privilege to represent.

At the time, there were no vaccination sites within half a mile of Astoria Houses, and of the vaccination sites within a mile of Astoria Houses, none of them had vaccines in stock. With limited public transportation options to reach the existing vaccination sites, residents were forced to walk, which was not a practical option for many of the senior residents, who account for a large percentage of the development population.

But The Tuchman Foundation was here to fund and provide this incredibly innovative temporary medical care unit, which has been in place at Astoria Houses to provide COVID-19 tests and vaccines since April 2022.

Health care is and should always be a human right, and The Tuchman Foundation helped to make that a reality for so many New Yorkers by creating and providing this health care unit to the people of Astoria Houses.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the amazing work being done by The Tuchman Foundation and look forward to seeing the work they do next.

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NATIONAL SPINA BIFIDA
AWARENESS MONTH

HON. PAUL TONKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 28, 2022

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize October as National Spina Bifida Awareness Month, and to pay tribute to my constituents with Spina Bifida and their loved ones.

In the past I have been honored to have the opportunity to attend the Spina Bifida Walk and Roll as well as the Spina Bifida Dare to Dream Gala which are both held by the Spina Bifida Association (SBA) of Northeastern New York. During these special events SBA raised funds for research, brought awareness to the public, and told the stories of those in our community with this disease.

There are currently an estimated 166,000 individuals in the United States living with Spina Bifida. According to the CDC, each year approximately 1,400 babies born in the United States have Spina Bifida. While there is no known cause, we know that taking folic acid before and during the first three months of pregnancy helps reduce the incidence of Spina Bifida.

I am so impressed with the breakthroughs in research that have helped to give those living with this disease a more fulfilling life. Thanks to the work of organizations like SBA, new medical treatments and technologies have been developed that allow most people with Spina Bifida to live a normal life span, ensuring they can have a full career, get married, and start a family—no different than those without this disease.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House of Representatives to ensure that organizations like the Spina Bifida Association continue to receive the funding and support they have earned. I also will continue to support federal research funding for better understanding the condition, the cause, and treatments. I hope that together we can continue to raise awareness.

HONORING ANN SWENSON AS
IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 28, 2022

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today and ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Ann Swenson as our Iowan of the Week.

Ann Swenson is the daughter of two public school teachers who taught her the importance of empowering young people in their classrooms and standing up for educators everywhere with the local teachers' union.

After graduating from college, Ann found herself merging her personal love for music and passion for education by following in her mother's footsteps and becoming an elementary music teacher.

As an elementary music teacher in Waukee Community Schools, she spends her days connecting kids to music—helping them discover new talents, gain a new perspective,

and most importantly, have fun, even during the COVID-19 pandemic. During the throes of the COVID-19 pandemic, Ann found herself finding new and creative ways to brighten her students' days through music—whether it be over Zoom during virtual learning, or wheeling a cart of materials around so students wouldn't have to travel from classroom to classroom.

Ann's impact reaches far beyond the classroom. She also serves as copresident of the Waukee Education Association and on the executive board of the Iowa State Education Association. She works directly with educators and support staff to ensure that they are treated with the dignity and respect they deserve.

As Ann says, "all teachers deserve to have a voice because happy teachers help make happy kids."

She has spent her entire career inspiring her students and fighting for educators across Iowa, and I'm so proud to name her this week's Iowan of the Week.

COMMEMORATING THE 80TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE PUERTO RICO
HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 28, 2022

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Madam Speaker, I congratulate the Puerto Rico Hospital Association (PRHA) in its 80th anniversary of service to the people of Puerto Rico.

The PRHA was established in 1942 with the mission of ensuring the quality of the services provided by the hospitals to the residents of Puerto Rico, and of improving the health of the residents of Puerto Rico by helping to provide the most comprehensive services possible.

Throughout the years, the PRHA has participated in numerous national and international forums—such as the American Association of Hospitals (Washington D.C.), the International Federation of Hospitals (London, England), the Latin American Federation of Hospitals (Buenos Aires, Argentina) and the Ibero-American Organization of Private Healthcare Providers (Madrid, Spain)—in order to guarantee that the services provided by their members are world-class.

The PRHA has consistently been a steadfast and an invaluable ally to the Office of the Resident Commissioner for Puerto Rico in the fight against the discriminatory treatment of the residents of Puerto Rico in federal social and healthcare programs.

I recognize the assistance of the PRHA in our fight for the fair and sustainable funding of Puerto Rico's Medicaid program and of the fair and equitable treatment for Medicaid beneficiaries and providers in Puerto Rico. I also commend their steadfast advocacy in Congress on behalf of their members.

HONORING LYN HAWTHORNE
HOWARD

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 28, 2022

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the distinguished career and public service of my Texas constituent and good friend, Mrs. Lyn Hawthorne Howard. Lyn is a cherished business leader, philanthropist, community leader, and artist. Passionate about Texas history and culture, she has led significant efforts to restore and preserve historic buildings and homes in and around Conroe, Texas.

Lyn was born in Shreveport, Louisiana. But as they say, she "got to Texas as soon as she could." She attended Texas Woman's University, graduating with a degree in Education. Lyn was also a member of the famous Kilgore Rangerettes—one of America's most prestigious dance and drill teams. As a Rangerette, Lyn grew a deep appreciation for Texas culture as she traveled and performed throughout our great state.

Lyn is a principled business leader, and her devotion to hard work has served as an inspiration to women all over Texas. Lyn broke through the glass windshield, becoming the first woman to own and manage a successful Toyota dealership. Invited to visit Japan with a group of American car dealers, the Toyota Company was surprised to learn there was a woman in the group. The company suggested she may be more comfortable participating in the tours arranged for "dealers' wives." Confidently, Lyn replied, "no, thank you," and reminded her Japanese hosts that she too was a car dealer and insisted on attending all the meetings with her fellow Toyota auto brokers. Another one of Lyn's successful business ventures was her investment in the San Antonio-based LDS Telecom company. As a result of Lyn's leadership, she led the business to become a major telecom company in Texas, and she sold her stake in the early 1980s with tremendous results.

Lyn always puts her community first, playing a vital role in preserving Texas's history. Recently, Lyn is devoted to preserving the history of Conroe, Texas. She purchased and restored the original home of Conroe city founder, Isaac Conroe and has played a leading role in several important historic preservation and restoration projects. She has long been a leader and organizer of Conroe's annual Founder's Day celebration.

Lyn is also a passionate member of multiple historical preservation societies. In 2021, she was recognized as a fifty-year member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas in two chapters: The Alamo Missions Chapter and The Judge Nathaniel Hart Davis Chapter.

Lyn has been involved in beauty pageants for over forty years, winning titles of Miss United America Elite 2012 and Miss United Royal 2013. She is also a talented singer, dancer, and painter. Always seeking new artistic challenges, Lyn recently became interested in sculpture which has become her latest passion. She has sculpted bronze busts of her husband and another bust of President Donald Trump which has been displayed in Washington. Currently, she is working on a sculpture of Conroe founder Isaac Conroe.