

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### TRIBUTE TO ALEXANDER MAZAK

#### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 29, 2022*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month I had the pleasure of attending Alexander Mazak's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Alex started his scouting career 10 years ago as a Tiger Cub Scout and worked his way all the way up to the rank of Eagle Scout. For his Eagle Scout project, which he named the "Remembrance Tree Project," he planted 40 trees at Reed's Organic Farm and Animal Rescue in Egg Harbor Township, South Jersey. Alex also built benches for the farm. In his free time, Alex plays the violin, has a black belt in karate, participates in CrossFit, and is working towards getting Scuba Diving certified. Alex should be proud of his many achievements, and it was my pleasure to attend his Eagle Scout ceremony. God Bless Alex, and God Bless our America.

### RECOGNIZING AMERICAN LEGION POST 79 ON ITS 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 29, 2022*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an incredible Veterans Service Organization within my district on the centennial of its founding. The New Hope, Pennsylvania American Legion Post 79 will celebrate 100 years of service in 2023. The post is named after Private 2nd Class Edgar Denson who served in the 79th Infantry Division in the Great War. Private Denson was killed in the Meuse Argonne Offensive of 1918 and American Legion Post 79 has continued to honor his sacrifice and service through the years.

Since its founding in 1923, Post 79 has been a pillar in the community. Its members have served in every major United States conflict as well as taking part in numerous humanitarian and peace operations. Post 79 supports our community's Veterans through a myriad of programs and efforts. These include support for Wounded Warrior events, participation in the local County Veterans Court, sponsoring entertainment at the local county playhouse, and much more. The Post also helps to develop our youth by sponsoring Little League teams, scholarships at the high school level, and helping local Scouting programs. Additionally, American Legion Post 79 sends care packages to our community's forward deployed troops to remind them of our appreciation for their sacrifice.

I believe it is fitting that such an accomplished and storied organization makes its home just a few miles from the spot that Gen-

eral Washington crossed the Delaware River. The legacy of American Legion Post 79 carries on the patriotic spirit instilled into our country that fateful Christmas Eve, 1776. I am extremely grateful for the example and the impact that Post 79 has had on our community for the past century, and I look forward to the amazing achievements to come in the next 100 years.

### COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF MAE MOODY

#### HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 29, 2022*

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Mae Moody, a leader and pinnacle of the Knox County community, who passed away on October 17, 2022, at age 83.

Mae loved her community and dedicated much of her life to trying to make it better every day. She cared deeply about supporting leaders who would help East Tennessee thrive. Most often, she voted as a Republican, but she was more focused on supporting the best candidate no matter what. For her, each election was not a partisan issue, but a community issue.

Many community leaders honored Mae's life and passing. They talked about her compassion, integrity, honesty, and community advocacy which was apparent to everyone who knew her. She was described as a "community champion," a "neighborhood advocate," and a "virtuous leader."

Mae was incredibly dedicated to supporting our law enforcement and community safety. She taught thousands of children how to properly use 911 and served as a community organizer for the Knoxville Police Department. Mae also completed the Citizen Academies of the FBI, District Attorney, Knox County Sheriffs Office, Tennessee Highway Patrol, and Fire Department to gain a better insight into how our law enforcement operates and how she could help them.

I want to extend my condolences to her husband Jack, her children Susan, Terry, and Chuck, her sister Carol, as well as her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Rest in peace Mae and I thank her for everything she has done for our community.

### TRIBUTE TO DON WILLIAMS

#### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, today, I would like to honor the lifelong achievements of my friend, Don Williams. Don was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and began his broadcasting career in the early 1980s. Ever

since then, his radio show has received top ratings from listeners across South Jersey. Over the years, Don has become a friend of mine and I enjoy frequently joining him on his radio show. In addition to being a popular radio host, Don has an abundance of other noteworthy career highlights. These highlights include broadcasting an announcement with Paul Harvey, interviewing Steve Wynn and James Kalstrom, meeting Rush Limbaugh, being inducted into the New Jersey Broadcasters Hall of Fame, becoming a member of the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation, and interviewing several Medal of Honor recipients. Don currently lives in Brigantine, South Jersey with his wife and two dogs. His radio show continues to play every Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. Don should be proud of his broadcasting achievements and his contributions to the South Jersey community, and it is my pleasure to call him a friend of mine. God Bless Don, and God Bless our United States of America.

### IN APPRECIATION OF LIEUTENANT COMMANDER MARLEY CASSELS FOR HER SERVICE ON MY STAFF

#### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 29, 2022*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition and appreciation of Lieutenant Commander Marley Cassels, U.S. Navy, upon her completion of the Department of Defense Legislative Fellowship program. Assigned to my office for the 2022 calendar year, Lieutenant Commander Cassels quickly became an integral part of my legislative staff.

Lieutenant Commander Cassels' background as a U.S. Navy Surface Warfare Officer directly informed my work as Chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness during a challenging time framed by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and China's continued aggression on the world stage. Working closely with both my personal office and the Readiness Subcommittee staffs on the military's most pressing readiness challenges, her professionalism, positivity, and expertise helped to advance numerous legislative priorities.

Throughout the course of the year, she prepared me for important House Armed Services Committee Hearings, worked with constituents on pressing concerns, and championed legislative priorities dealing with California's Third Congressional District, military readiness, and the maritime industry. The ultimate team-player, she always looked for ways to contribute. There is no doubt her efforts helped to secure a range of priorities within the House passed H.R. 7900, "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023". She made a lasting impact and will be deeply missed after an exceptional year of service.

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Lieutenant Commander Cassels received a naval commission from the U.S. Naval Academy, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in English. She later earned a Master of Business Administration degree from the Naval Postgraduate School. Lieutenant Commander Cassels' operational assignments have included service aboard the USS *Laboon* (DDG 58), USS *Mustin* (DDG 89), and USS *Lake Erie* (CG 70). During her service, she has completed a Sixth Fleet deployment, a Seventh Fleet patrol, and a shipyard overall and modernization. She also served as the flag aide to the Commander of Navy Recruiting Command.

Her extensive expertise, work ethic, and problem-solving skills were critical to my work ensuring that our military is ready when needed. While Lieutenant Commander Cassels will be missed by Team Garamendi, the U.S. Navy is lucky to have her in its ranks and we are excited for all her future successes.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the people of California's Third Congressional District and a grateful country, I wish her fair winds and following seas and extend our deepest appreciation for her dedicated service.

RECOGNIZING THE MOTOR MACHINIST MATE 1ST CLASS (RETIRED) RICHARD EVERETT MARTIN UPON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. SCOTT PERRY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 29, 2022*

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I'm honored to recognize Retired Motor Machinists Mate 1st Class (MM) Richard Everett Martin on this most auspicious occasion of his 100th birthday.

Growing up in the York Area, MM Martin attended William Penn High School, where he took a machinery and cabinet making course, while holding a job at Weaver Piano company. He split his months during his final high school year, between the factory and school, developing his love of machinery and honest labor.

After high school, MM Martin felt a call to serve and use his newfound passion, enlisting in the Navy Reserve in 1942 at the age of 19. Studying at the University of Missouri, as well as traveling to Norfolk and New York City, he completed his training and education to become a Motor Machinist's mate 1st class. He was assigned to the USS *LST-325*, a landing ship for amphibious assaults.

MM Martin was deployed to North Africa, where he would spend one (1) year training along the coast, before taking part in the invasion of Sicily. After a successful landing, during which MM Martin would receive The Purple Heart, the USS *LST-325* was deployed to Great Britain to take part in D-Day, where MM Martin, along with thousands of Allied Soldiers, bravely served.

MM Martin is the last surviving member of the original crew of the USS *LST-325*. His story stands as a testimony to true courage, bravery, and service. His service to our Nation reflects great credit not just upon himself, but also upon the Navy Reserve, as well as all those who served in World War II. As he continues to stand as an icon of selflessness, I wish him many more years of happiness and health.

TRIBUTE TO CHUCK MILLER

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 29, 2022*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor the achievements of Sheriff Charles Miller. Sheriff Miller began his career in law enforcement as a patrolman for the Salem City Police Department in 1979. Then, in 1984, he was hired as an Investigator in the Salem County Prosecutor's Office. Sheriff Miller worked through the ranks at the Salem County Prosecutor's Office to become the Chief of County Detectives. After this, he retired from the Prosecutor's Office and accepted a position as a Security Domestic Planner with the Salem County Department of Homeland Security. Chuck stayed in this role until he was elected to be the sheriff of Salem County in 2006. He is currently serving his fourth term as Sheriff. During his tenure, Sheriff Miller has broadened leadership roles and developed new initiatives at the Salem County Police Department. Additionally, he has been an advocate for protecting the quality of life for seniors in Salem County, South Jersey. Sheriff Miller should be proud of his contributions to the South Jersey community, and it is my honor to have the opportunity to acknowledge his success. God bless Sheriff Miller, and God bless our United States of America.

HONORING RACHEL RUNFOLA

**HON. KEVIN HERN**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 29, 2022*

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor a woman who has served Tulsa veterans with care and compassion for years. Rachel Runfola is a champion for Oklahoma veterans. She works tirelessly to help the men and women who have faithfully served our country. She is an invaluable asset, not only to our veterans, but to all of Oklahoma.

Thanks to Rachel's leadership with Tulsa's Support Services for Veteran Families, our veterans have access to safe housing, and the support they need to maintain it.

SSVF works to help local veterans who are homeless, experiencing a housing crisis, or facing eviction within 21 days. SSVF covers 42 counties and is planning to help over 800 families every year.

Our veterans deserve the very best we have to offer, and I know Rachel gives them exactly that.

I thank Rachel and the entire SSVF team for what they do every day to give our community's veterans a better life. It does not go unnoticed.

NOVEMBER CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH, MASTER SERGEANT RUDY MORENO

**HON. MIKE LEVIN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 29, 2022*

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Master Ser-

geant Rudy Moreno, United States Air Force (Retired) as my November Constituent of the Month. Master Sergeant Moreno is a retired combat engineer who served in the United States Air Force for 20 years and has gone above and beyond to enrich our community.

After retiring from the Air Force in 2013, Master Sergeant Moreno returned to our community and began working as an Engineering Technician at Camp Pendleton. However, his service to our region does not end there. In 2017, he founded Helping Everyone Reach Opportunity (H.E.R.O.) Inc., a non-profit to instill discipline, encouragement, and accountability in at-risk youth through boxing and fitness. The program offers a safe and positive training environment for people ages 10 to mid-20s who are at risk of joining gangs or doing drugs. When the program's usual training space in Vista was no longer available due to the pandemic, Master Sergeant Moreno decided to create a boxing gym in his backyard so he could continue improving participants' mental and physical health.

During Veterans and Military Families Month, I am proud to honor an esteemed veteran like Master Sergeant Moreno, who bravely served our country and continues to contribute to our unique and beautiful district. His expansive military background and passion to improve the lives of others is honorable and it is why I am proud to honor Master Sergeant Rudy Moreno, United States Air Force (Retired) as my November Constituent of the Month.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR MAYA TROUPE, UNITED STATES ARMY

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 29, 2022*

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Major Maya Troupe for her exemplary dedication to duty and service as an Army Congressional Fellow for my office from 1 January through 31 December 2020.

MAJ Troupe distinguished herself by serving in a broad range of assignments during her Army career. In her assignment as the Defense Fellow in my office, MAJ Troupe served as the lead on the defense portfolio and assisted with MILCON/VA and Foreign Operations. She provided insight on national security and Veterans Affairs priorities impacting over 50,000 military and veteran-related constituents and the defense industry in Northern Ohio.

MAJ Troupe transitioned to the Congressional Budget Liaison (BUL) for the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management as an Army budget liaison. In this role, she served as BUL Forward Liaison as the Army's direct budget lead for communicating strategic initiatives and requirements with House Appropriations Committee Members of Congress and professional staff, ensuring seamless synchronization of efforts. She served in this position from 1 January 2021 to 1 December 2022.

In her previous assignment, MAJ Troupe served as the Executive Officer to the Office of the Chief (OCAR), Army Reserve, G-1. Following her XO position, MAJ Troupe did a