

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MARY ANN ULLRICH
ON HER RETIREMENT FROM GPO

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I wish to honor a distinguished public servant and an inspiring resident of Maryland's Fifth District: Mary Ann Ullrich, Manager of the Office of Congressional Publishing of the Government Publishing Office (GPO). After spending 37 years in public service, Mary will begin her well-deserved retirement at the end of this year.

Equipped with typing skills, a high school diploma, and a good work ethic, Mary started as a Clerk Typist in the GPO's Personnel Office in 1980. Through her determination, talent, and dedication to GPO's mission, she will retire as the GPO's second shift Manager in Congressional Publishing.

As she advanced through the ranks, Mary helped the GPO navigate a period of great change and modernization as computers and digitization became increasingly common. She played an important role in the GPOAccess initiative, which made the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, the Federal Register, and other key government publications accessible to the public online. Mary even received a prestigious Hammer Award in recognition of her crucial contributions to this project to ensure the transparency and accessibility of government information.

Similarly, during her time in the Typography and Design division, she typeset many prestigious products, including the card and program for President Ronald Reagan's lying-in-state ceremony, Colin Powell's Joint Force Quarterly magazine, and fine-art books such as the Senate Catalogue of Fine Art and Glenn Brown's History of the Capitol. Perhaps the most important project she worked on, however, was the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony Program. Upon learning of the attacks on the morning September 11, 2001, Mary worked for nearly thirty-two hours straight to ensure that all the programs were ready for the memorial service at the National Cathedral the following morning. First Lady Laura Bush was so grateful for Mary's work on that solemn day that she sent her a personally signed thank-you note. In the following years, Mary brought her same diligent and dedicated work ethic to leadership roles with GPO's Congressional Publishing team.

If you ask Mary, she will tell you how fortunate she felt every day to work at the GPO and how proud she is to be a career federal employee. Mary looked up at the Capitol every day from the front door of the GPO building and was proud to be a small part of the daily congressional legislative process and GPO's mission to 'Keep America Informed.' Similarly, her district, state, country, and Congress take pride in her and in all those federal employees like her who work behind the scenes to make

our government function For the People. That's why I ask that all my colleagues join me in congratulating Mary Ann Ullrich on starting her well-earned retirement after decades of loyal service.

RECOGNIZING THE DEPARTURE OF
WARREN LIEBERMAN FROM THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
BELMONT

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize my friend and colleague Belmont City Councilman Warren Lieberman upon the occasion of his departure from the Belmont City Council after 22 years of remarkable service to Belmont, including three terms as Mayor. He served for 17 years on the council and for 5 years on the city's Finance Commission. He has lived in Belmont for over 20 years. He and his wife, Gracie, raised two children in Belmont, Vanessa and Max.

Warren graduated from Yale University with a Ph.D. in Operations Research and from SUNY Binghamton with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Computer Science. He is President of Veritec Solutions, and helps companies improve pricing and revenue management practices.

When first elected to the city council in 2005, Warren focused on improving opportunities for youth sports and recreation. He was a coach in AYSO Soccer and Little League and realized that Belmont needed improved facilities. Substantial improvements were made to the city's sports complex.

Given its steep, wooded canyons and grassy areas, Belmont is at risk of a catastrophic wildfire. As a councilmember, Warren worked hard to ensure that residents were always served by a fire department with adequate personnel and equipment. He joined the Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department Board and negotiated to restructure the obligations of his city so that they were fairer to Belmont residents. He was later selected by his colleagues on the city council to negotiate entry of Belmont into the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department. He serves on its governing board.

As a councilmember, Warren Lieberman also supported numerous efforts to stabilize and then grow Belmont's tax base. Business development was his central focus, but he also supported increasing the hotel occupancy tax and a local sales tax measure, both of which were approved by voters. As COVID ravaged the community, then acting-Mayor Lieberman led virtual meetings of the council and helped direct student energies in a positive manner during protests originating at Carlmont High School.

Affordable housing is a challenge for all communities in my district. Warren voted to

approve developments and made the case to the community that Belmont's success hinged on families of all income groups being able to feel secure in their housing. When residents objected to placing cannabis businesses near their homes and schools, Warren listened patiently. The council eventually voted to ban these businesses from school routes and neighborhoods.

At the time that Warren joined the city council, its meetings were often fractious. He has worked hard to build relationships with other councilmembers so that the city's governance is more sure-footed. In 2014, he led the Council's effort to develop and implement a Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials. The public appreciates his focus, and that of his colleagues, on policymaking rather than disputes. In part due to this focus, the city's infrastructure is being upgraded, affordable housing was constructed and is in the pipeline, and the city's budget has weathered the challenges of COVID and recessions. Growing families now may also utilize city rules that are more friendly to remodeling.

Other council accomplishments during his time in office include: creation of a construction time ordinance; development of a better relationship with Notre Dame de Namur University; creation of the Beautify Belmont Awards; and, conversion of Davey Glen Park from a passive park into an active park.

Madam Speaker, I note that this longtime civic leader will now return to private life so that he may concentrate on personal and business affairs. City Council work is a volunteer job, and it takes quite a bit of time away from one's family. I know that Gracie, Vanessa and Max will appreciate having more time to hear from Warren, and time for him to participate in family events. I wish Warren a wonderful life in the many years ahead. He made a difference, and as he travels around Belmont his accomplishments will stand before his eyes everywhere that he goes.

HONORING LANGSTON LONGLEY

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize and honor the late Mr. Langston Longley, Sr., a beloved husband, father, and friend.

Whereas, Langston O. Longley was born in Nassau, Bahamas. His youth was filled with many activities and organizations, including the Boys Brigade, church and athletics. He came to Miami at an early age and lived in the greater Miami area for over 40 years; and

Whereas, Mr. Longley furthered his education in Miami, graduating from Miami Dade Community College, University of Miami & Barry University in Real Estate Business/Marketing Programs. He successfully completed

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the required courses and training for the American Real Estate University, earning the designation of Certified REO Specialist (CREO) which better equipped him to utilize his real estate knowledge to assist those in critical need; and

Whereas, for nearly four decades, Mr. Longley served Dade and Broward counties as a licensed Realtor. He was an experienced Real Estate Developer, having built and sold single family homes. He also provided rental housing for Miami-Dade Section Eight and Moderate Rehab clients for over 25 years; and

Whereas, Mr. Longley was an active member in several cultural/community organizations. He was a mentor with the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project, appointed to the Miami-Dade Housing Program Landlord Advisory Council, a member of Dade and Broward Real Estate Investment Associations as well as a longtime member of the National Association of the Bahamas. Mr. Longley served as Chairman of St. Mary's Wesleyan Methodist Church as Trustee Chairman for over 20 years; and

Whereas, Mr. Longley was immensely proud of his Bahamian heritage. He was a Bahamian Junkanoo Musician and Costume Maker. He was the co-leader and founder of the Bahamas Junkanoo Revue of Miami, which performs the colorful Bahamian masquerade tradition throughout the United States. For decades, Langston served as a cultural bridge between the United States and the Bahamas promoting junkanoo all across the United States; and

Whereas, Mr. Longley leaves behind to cherish his precious memory: his lovely wife of 50 years Lula; his three children; seven adorable grandchildren; and numerous relatives and friends; and now, therefore,

Be it resolved That I, FREDERICA S. WILSON, a Member of the United States House of Representatives representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, am honored to recognize the late Mr. Langston Longley, Sr. for his commitment, dedication, and service to our community.

HONORING SHERIFF BRIAN MARTIN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sheriff Brian Martin in recognition of his retirement and decades of service to the people of Lake County, California.

Mr. Martin was born in Granada Hills, California to Deputy District Attorney Joyce Campbell and Judge Richard Martin. After moving to Lake County, Mr. Martin attended Clear Lake High School and later received his bachelor's degree in Public Administration from Union Institute and University. His lifetime of service began with a tour of duty in the United States Army's Military Police Corps.

Mr. Martin then served with the Pismo Beach Police Department as Patrol Officer and Motors Officer before joining the Lake County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy in 2005. He has also worked as a Special Agent with the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement and as

the Assistant Chief Probation Officer in the Lake County Probation Office. Continuing his service with the Lake County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Martin rose to the rank of Lieutenant before successfully running for two terms as the Lake County Sheriff.

As Sheriff, Mr. Martin has provided exemplary leadership in the face of unprecedented challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic, major flood events and devastating wildfires like the LNU-Lightning Complex Fire, North Bay Complex Fires and the Sulphur Fire. He has testified in front of the California State Senate following the Valley Fire and made major technological advancements to the County's notification system. Additionally, Mr. Martin reclassified Correctional Officers to Peace Officers and promoted the first two female Deputy Sheriff Sergeants in the department's history. Some of his other achievements include safety improvements to Sheriff's Office buildings and vehicles, the addition of body-worn camera technology and the formation of the Sheriff's Foundation. In recognition of his outstanding work, I was proud to recognize Sheriff Martin as a Public Safety Hero of the Year for Lake County in 2016.

Mr. Martin is a devoted husband of 28 years to Crystal Martin and father of three. His children, Brian, Hayley and Matthew have all continued their family's proud tradition of military service.

Madam Speaker, I thank Sheriff Martin for his many years of selfless service and commitment to the people of Lake County. His efforts have undoubtedly made his community a safer place to live. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH COMMEMORATIVE WORK

SPEECH OF

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 6611, which would authorize the Embassy of France in Washington, D.C., to establish a commemorative bench honoring the extraordinary contributions of Jean Monnet to restoring peace between European nations and establishing the European Union.

Jean Monnet, known as the "Father of Europe," was a French diplomat and political economist who was instrumental behind the scenes in negotiating an early end to the Second World War, fortifying American and French relations, and politically and economically integrating Europe in the post-war era. Thanks to his innovation and vision, the United States and the European Union continue to share an enduring commitment to defending peace and liberty around the world and to standing together in the face of great challenges.

Throughout his many years of diplomatic service, Jean Monnet was a frequent visitor to Washington, D.C.—and like many of us, he felt a special connection to the natural beauty of Rock Creek Park. My hope is that this small token of respect in the place he loved will inspire others to follow in his footsteps and celebrate the democratic values that unite us all.

I ask all members to join me in supporting H.R. 6611, and in paying tribute to one of the great peacemakers of the 20th century.

RECOGNIZING KRISTI MALLARD ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise as Chair of the Appropriations Committee, and on behalf of the Members of the Committee, and its staff, to pay tribute to Kristi "Kris" Mallard as she retires following 24 years of government service, including over two decades within the House of Representatives.

Kris began her career in the Office of Congressman Sonny Montgomery from her home-state of Mississippi. After serving at the Pentagon, including during the terrorist attacks of 9/11, Kris came to Congress as a Navy detailee in 2002 with a unique perspective. Following these challenging years, Kris left the Department of the Navy to join the House Appropriations Committee as professional staff where she has served diligently and assiduously—first on the Defense Subcommittee and later the Homeland Security Subcommittee—since 2003.

With exceptional understanding of both the Defense and Homeland Security Appropriations bills, Kris has worked on a wide range of issues that have made our nation stronger and the world safer. Her expertise has made her a strong negotiator of some of the toughest policy areas under our Committee's jurisdiction, leading to responsible investments that have strengthened our national and domestic security. Her hard work and oversight efforts have helped our government work better for the American people, and her kindness and dedication to mentoring other staffers has made our Committee and our Congress stronger.

I believe I speak for myself and all Members of the Committee in saying we will miss Kris's valuable insight and her hard work greatly. Her dedication to the Appropriations Committee and to advancing reforms to make government work better have made her an unparalleled asset. I congratulate Kris on a wonderful career. The Nation and this body are deeply thankful to her for her leadership, service, and dedication.

RECOGNIZING LINDA MARTÍN MASON UPON HER DEPARTURE FROM THE SAN BRUNO CITY COUNCIL

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Linda Martin Mason who served on the San Bruno City Council for three years, the last one as Vice Mayor. The timing of her term was truly challenging because the majority of it was during the COVID-19 pandemic, a once-in-a-century event that no city council candidate could have possibly foreseen. Linda, her council colleagues and city staff rose to the occasion and found ways to keep San Bruno residents as safe as possible and to assist small businesses through these difficult years.

The challenges of the pandemic played out in the Mason household. Linda, as General