

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF JERRY DESMOND

#### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 10, 2022*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of dedicated public servant, Captain Jerry Desmond, of Stonington, Connecticut. Mr. Desmond tragically passed at the all too young age of 63 on Friday, December 24, 2021 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in 1958 to James and Phillis Desmond in Weymouth, Massachusetts, Jerry attributed his strong work ethic to the model of his parents. From an early age, Jerry was instilled with the value of giving whatever task or challenge laid before him a full "100 percent." This principle guided him through life to the very end, even during his arduous battle with cancer which he did so with an infectious sense of optimism and the can-do attitude that defined his life.

At the age of 5, Jerry moved with his family to Stonington, putting him on a destined path to become an integral part of the local community. The Stonington Public Schools had such an immense impact on him that upon graduating he went on to serve as a substitute teacher and tutor beginning in 1976. This role existed as a further point of inspiration for Jerry, who attended Southern Connecticut State University and earned a Bachelor of Arts of Education.

Though upon graduating he was unable to immediately bridge to a career in teaching, Jerry remained undeterred in his ultimate mission to give back to the community that helped raise him. As someone who was able to appreciate the larger picture, Jerry used the athletic prowess he formed in high school and joined the local police force while simultaneously taking up the role of assistant coach for Stonington High School's football and track and field teams. In addition to football and track and field, Jerry coached the local woman's gymnastics team through to his final moments. A fierce optimist who believed in the value of hard work, Jerry was a perfect fit for the Stonington Public School's athletic programs. He appreciated working with the town's youth—passing onto them the same values taught by Jerry's parents before him—and viewed that work as one of the most rewarding parts of his career—especially enjoying his time as Stonington Police Department's Youth Officer.

Jerry would eventually return back to school and advance his background in education, graduating from the FBI Training Academy in Quantico. He also received a Masters in Homeland Security Leadership from the University of Connecticut. Aimed with a revitalized education, Jerry went on to teach as an adjunct professor at the nearby Mitchell College, in New London, Connecticut.

Of course, the pinnacle of Jerry's career was his remarkable 35 years of service to the

Stonington Police Department, 17 of those years as Captain of the Department. During that time, he helped oversee the department's marine unit and was involved with the dive team and acted as a boating instructor. He was instrumental in the awarding of a \$375,000 federal grant to the Department for a new police boat which went into service in 2014. That same year, Jerry retired from the department. Not content to accept a sedentary retirement, however, Jerry used his spare time to begin a new career with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection as its Boating Safety and Education Representative, maintaining the role of teacher to the very end.

Madam Speaker, it is an incredible honor to represent constituents as loyal to the future of their community as Jerry. I had the privilege to interact with him as congressman and can attest to his diligent professionalism and down to earth personality which was so engaging. Jerry's life was defined by his love for teaching and giving to his community. His actions touched thousands of people, and he served as an excellent role model for Stonington's next generation. Though the gap left by his generous and caring nature could not hope to be filled in the Stonington community, we can find relief in the reality that those whose lives were enriched by Jerry's presence will not soon forget his example. To that end, I ask that my colleagues and this chamber join me in observing the loss of Jerry Desmond.

### RECOGNIZING COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR CHRISTOPHER L. YOUNG

#### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 10, 2022*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the service of Command Sergeant Major Christopher L. Young. He has served in every leadership role within the non-commissioned officers ranks of the Mississippi Army National Guard, and it has been an honor to serve in this capacity with him. I am grateful to his dedication and many years of service to this nation and the state of Mississippi.

CSM Young enlisted into the Mississippi Army National Guard on May 23, 1988. He joined the 1-155th Infantry Regiment "Mississippi Rifles" in McComb, Mississippi. He was mobilized in 1990 in support of Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm. When he returned, CSM Young served in various leadership roles in the 155 Armored Brigade Combat Team. In 2001, he mobilized again in preparation for deployment to Bosnia-Herzegovina in support of Stabilization Forces-10 rotation. There he served as the task force's Chief Protective Services Officer and the Scout Platoon Sergeant. He returned in April 2002 and was promoted to E-8. He also became the Chief Paralegal NCO in the 155.

In 2004, CSM Young was mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III and the War on Terror. There he led a company of 134 Infantry soldiers who were responsible for counter-insurgency and combat operations against hostile insurgents in the Babil province. In 2010, he was promoted to Sergeant Major and would go on to become the Command Sergeant Major in 2012. In this role, he became the senior enlisted advisor to the Battalion Commander and was responsible for the well-being of the soldiers in his unit.

In 2019, CSM Young was promoted to the Mississippi Army National Guard State Command Sergeant Major position. In this role, he serves as both my Senior Enlisted Advisor and as the Command Sergeant Major over all Mississippi Army National Guard Soldiers where he enacted positive reforms that will impact the MSARNG for years to come. I am grateful for CSM leadership, advisement, and friendship. CSM Young has set a precedent for future readers in the MSARNG and will leave a legacy of compassionate, selfless leadership.

### IN REMEMBRANCE OF DAVID GONZALES

#### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 10, 2022*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I rise in remembrance of longtime Yuba Sutter native, David "Speedy" Gonzales, who left us on January 14, 2021. As a pillar in the community, he owned and helped operate the El Zape Restaurant with his wife Ana for over 75 years.

Born in Los Angeles, David moved to Wheatland, California at 7 years old. In 1952, his parents moved into a studio apartment above a Mexican restaurant on Garden Highway in Yuba City known as the El Zape Inn. Together as a family, he and his four siblings helped their parents start the El Zape that has now become one of the oldest family-owned restaurants in the region.

David loved and strived to support his growing community his entire life. He was a proud member of the Yuba City Rotary Club, Alliance for Hispanic Advancement, Yuba Sutter Chamber of Commerce, and various other community events. Throughout the years, David grew friendships with everyone he interacted with, whether it was his fellow Rotarians or all the friends that met at the Colusa Casino. David was preceded in death by his parents Tony and Eleanor Gonzales, Mary Cartago, Gloria Laswell, and Irene James. He is survived by his wife Ana and sons Robert and David (spouse Shannon), 6 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild.

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CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF VETERAN ROBERT TIF-FANY

### HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 10, 2022*

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Mr. Robert E. Tiffany of Angola.

On Saturday, January 29, Robert will celebrate his 100th birthday. On behalf of the United States Congress, I want to congratulate him on this wonderful occasion. We hope his heart is filled with joy knowing he has experienced our country's greatest blessings, including the affection of family and friends over a long, well-lived life.

Our Nation owes Robert a debt of gratitude for his dedicated service to our country while serving in the United States Army Air during World War II. Like many of the Greatest Generation, he enlisted following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. In piloting B-17s over Europe, Robert took part in the Allied strategic bombing campaigns against the German war machine. By the time he left the Army in 1944, he flew a total of 23 missions.

Following his departure from service, he returned home, where he established a career, raised a family and lived out the American Dream. This record is a testament to his service and an appeal to future generations of Americans, that they too may answer the call to help keep lit the torch of American liberty, just as Robert did.

May God Bless him, and may God Bless the United States of America.

TRIBUTE TO COHASSET HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM 2021 MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION VII SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONS

### HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 10, 2022*

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the players, coaches and administration of the Cohasset High School football team. On December 1, 2021, the Cohasset High School Skippers won the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association Division VII Super Bowl, earning them the title, State Champions.

Cohasset High School has a long tradition of excellence in high school football. This is the school's second state championship in the past seven years.

Cohasset High School's 2021 team finished the season by winning ten consecutive games, after starting the season 0-2. The win streak included four hard-fought victories in the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Tournament.

This championship playoff run included a 26-13 home victory over the Mayflower League Champion Nantucket Whalers, a 21-7 road victory over the previously undefeated Cape Ann League Champion Hamilton-Wenham Generals, a 14-8 neutral site victory over the Mashpee Falcons, and culminated with a 27-12 Super Bowl victory over the pre-

viously undefeated Suburban League Champion Waconah Warriors.

Madam Speaker, the young men on this football team conducted themselves in such a way as to bring honor, pride, and recognition to the Town of Cohasset. They represent what is truly best about high school student athletes. Today it is my honor to join the families, friends and residents of Cohasset, Massachusetts, to congratulate the 2021 Cohasset High School football team on their impressive achievement.

Players: Jamie Smith, Liam Appleton, Thomas Hansen, Will Henle, Jack Mullaly, Henry Burke, Mick Dockray, John Shannon, James Appleton, Jack Cullinan, Ryan Lynch, Owen Rigby, Danny McGinty, Will Baker, Grayson Corbett, Sam Ellinger, Charlie Grudinskas, Josh Burke, Charlie Donovan, Blaine Basile, Luke Willmott, Carter Wimberly, Kyle Wakefield, Luke Moore, Declan Lee, Michael Donahue, Lucas Najjar, Henry Dionisio, Levi O'Duggan, Ben Henry, Christian Steinmetz, Simon Frank, Nick Henry, Charlie McKeen, Robbie Norton, Teddy Fox, Ryan Stevens, Michael Hession, Noah Simone, John Higgins, Christopher Comerford, Lincoln Pattison, Charlie Seabastien, Jackie Lyons, Henry Richard, Santiago Talavera-Rubio, Jr., Ben Joyce, Brendan Cingari, Martin Rigby, Jay Fox, Ben Weissensee, Nanbeel Bonifon, Will Norgeot, Will McLoughlin, Sam Larsen. Managers: Bridget Mahoney, Mia Froio, Audrey Ryan. Administration: Superintendent Patrick Sullivan, Principal Brian Scott, Athletic Director Steve Rotondi, Head Coach Pete Afanasiw, Assistant Coaches Brian Pattison, Phil Mahoney, John Maher, Danny Tangherlini, Jake Cuneo.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND CAREER OF DR. KEN HARVEY

### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 10, 2022*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and career of Dr. Ken Harvey who is retiring from medical practice after 37 years of serving the Tupelo community. I am so grateful for his dedication to keeping our State healthy and thank him for his lifetime of service.

Dr. Harvey is a native of Picayune, Mississippi where he graduated from Picayune High School in 1967. He went on to attend Mississippi College where he studied chemistry. He returned home to work in research at Crosby Chemicals. While there, he experienced an accident that introduced him to a doctor who inquired why he never considered medical school. He was skeptical at first, but eventually went on to attend the University of Mississippi School of Medicine and graduated in 1977. He stayed there for his residency in internal medicine. He attended on scholarship from the U.S. Air Force and was assigned to Columbus Air Force Base.

Upon completing his assignment, Dr. Harvey joined a practice in Tupelo founded by Drs. Tannehill, Lummus, Murphey and Wood. They were remarkably busy both in their clinic and at North Mississippi Medical Center. In 1993, these doctors formed the IMA Foundation and worked with North Mississippi Health

Services. Dr. Harvey is known for continuing to see patients long after their standard term of care. He still sees patients from his early days of practicing as well as patients from Columbus Air Force Base. He is truly dedicated to all he has worked with.

While Dr. Harvey has missed practicing medicine, he enjoys spending time with his wife of 46 years, Patricia, and their son Jeff. In his free time, he hopes to travel and enjoy Ole Miss sports.

I am grateful for the outstanding care Dr. Harvey has provided to North Mississippians for nearly four decades and wish him well in this new chapter of life.

HONORING CARROLL EDWIN SWAIN

### HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 10, 2022*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Carroll Edwin Swain of Salem, Virginia, who passed away on December 31, 2021 at the age of 94. Often referred to as "The Colonel," he was a retired Lieutenant Colonel from the United States Army, veteran of World War II and the Korean and Vietnam Wars, and public official in the City of Roanoke.

Colonel Swain was born on August 6, 1927 to Robert Swain Sr. and Mahala Woods Swain. He was a native of Roanoke, Virginia and graduated from Lucy Addison High School in 1945. He served as a military policeman in Italy from 1946 to 1947 before returning to Virginia to work for the railroad.

He graduated from Hampton Institute, now Hampton University, in 1953 with a bachelor's degree. His academic success allowed him to receive the honor of an appointment as Second Lieutenant in the United States Army as an Artillery Officer. When he completed his service, he held the esteemed rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Over the years, Colonel Swain executed staff and command assignments in a number of different units. He performed duties that were related to nuclear weaponry and helped in devising direction and instructional programs to advance race relations in the U.S. Army. His service earned awards including the Soldier's Good Conduct Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Bronze Star, and the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster.

In 1971, Colonel Swain returned to Roanoke and took on a career in education in the Roanoke City Public Schools before retiring in 1992.

In addition to his accomplishments in the U.S. Army and education system, Colonel Swain went on to serve on the Roanoke City Council. He worked to improve crime rates, employee welfare, educational resources, economic development, fiscal efficiency in government spending, as well as a variety of other issues to better the City. Colonel Swain lived a selfless life of leadership and service to others, and he will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Welthea Kasey Swain; his sons, Carroll "Edwin" (Faith) Swain Jr. and Michael (Jacqueline) Swain; daughter, Pastors Stephanie S. (Lewis) Tucker Jr.; four grandchildren, Rae Swain Page, Justin Swain, Kyah and Kourtney