

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF DR. PAUL FARMER

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 3, 2022*

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of a pioneer of global health and the dear friend of many in the Congress. Dr. Paul Farmer sadly passed away last week in Rwanda at a hospital and university that he helped establish, while doing what he loved most: working to improve the lives of those in need.

Dr. Farmer saw a world in need and worked to heal it. A true revolutionary in the field of medicine, he forever altered our understanding of the fight against global poverty and how to care for those in need. Driven by an unyielding belief in the dignity of every person, he devoted his life to realizing this essential truth: health care is a human right, not a privilege.

As the Co-Founder of Partners In Health, Dr. Farmer brought his brilliant medical acumen, tireless work ethic and deep compassion to deliver his unique and innovative brand of compassionate care around the world. Alongside his dedicated colleagues Dr. Jim Yong Kim and Ophelia Dahl, he helped to fight HIV in Haiti, tuberculosis in Peru, Ebola in Sierra Leone—to name just a few.

With his life-changing work in Rwanda, he helped the government rebuild the nation's entire public health system and drastically improve outcomes for the Rwandan people. Personally, it was a privilege to see his saintly work first-hand on our Congressional delegation to Haiti in 2015, when we visited one of his initiatives to address the needs of orphan children.

Beyond his heroic work abroad, Dr. Farmer was also deeply committed to shaping the next generation of doctors and public health leaders. At Harvard Medical School, he served as the Kolokotronis University Professor and Chair of the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine, where he inspired so many students to carry on his lifelong mission, as articulated by the title of one of his books: *To Repair the World*.

The world was in awe of Dr. Farmer's immense love for others—even those who lived half a world away and whom he had never met. Often, he would live in the communities he served, relocating his family for extended periods of time so they could be closer to those in need. It is a testament to his legendary ability to connect with others that he was godfather to more than 100 children, most of whom he met during his service in Haiti. And the partnership in public health and beautiful love he shared with his wife, Didi, was a joy to behold for all fortunate enough to know them.

While Dr. Farmer's passing is an enormous loss for the world, his powerful vision lives on in the institutions he built, the students he

mentored, the hearts he touched and the lives he saved.

May it be a comfort to Didi and their three children that so many in Congress, our Country and in the world join them in mourning this extraordinary hero. May he rest in peace.

## SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

SPEECH OF

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 2, 2022*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, since Russia launched its unprovoked, premeditated war, the world has been awed by the extraordinary courage and resolve of the Ukrainian people, who—as we speak—are fighting against great odds to defend their sovereignty, their country's territorial integrity and their lives.

Their resilience is an inspiration. Their iron will is nothing short of heroic. And their determination to save their democracy is a beacon to which the world has rallied.

But as they fight, Ukrainians face a situation of severe violence and chaos unleashed by Putin. Congress remains extremely concerned about reports of potentially thousands of Ukrainian civilian casualties, including children. And we are concerned about the humanitarian situation facing the nearly 1 million Ukrainians who have been forced to flee their country.

During this time of suffering for the Ukrainian people, America and the world must be there for them: without delay or reservation.

Led by President Biden and our allies, the international community has come together with historic strength and coordination to hold Russia accountable and to support Ukraine.

President Biden prepared or this moment: for months, calling out Putin and countering his lies, building a coalition of freedom-loving countries, and making clear that we stand with Ukraine.

Indeed, instead of dividing the U.S. from its partners, Putin's actions have united the world, further isolated Russia and strengthened NATO.

Now, with our partners, we are imposing costs on Russia for its lethal aggression that will leave it diminished on the world stage and weakened in every way: economically, diplomatically, and strategically.

Our actions include powerful economic sanctions, cutting off Russia's banks, hamstringing its Central Bank, choking off its access to technology, going after the oligarchs that fund war, and much more.

And we are continuing to fully support the people of Ukraine—with America delivering over \$1 billion in direct security assistance over the last year alone. With our allies, we will continue to provide security assistance, humanitarian and economic assistance, and bolster NATO.

Today, with this resolution, Congress is sending a further message to Ukraine and the

world of our unwavering support for Ukraine, as we:

Demand an immediate withdrawal of Russian forces and end to their violence;

Support, unequivocally, Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity; and

Reaffirm our commitment to further action to support Ukraine and to isolate Russia, together with our partners and NATO allies.

As the resolution states, Congress “stands steadfastly, staunchly, proudly, and fervently behind the Ukrainian people in their fight against the authoritarian Putin regime.”

I thank Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman GREGORY MEEKS, and the Congressional Ukraine Caucus, particularly Congresswoman MARCY KAPTUR, who has been a champion for Ukraine in the Congress for decades. I also thank Congresswoman VICTORIA SPARTZ (born and raised in Ukraine).

As President Biden said in his State of the Union Address yesterday evening: “When the history of this era is written, Putin's war on Ukraine will have left Russia weaker and the rest of the world stronger.”

“In the battle between democracy and autocracy, democracies are rising to the moment, and the world is clearly choosing the side of peace and security.”

“Putin may circle Kyiv with tanks, but he will never gain the hearts and souls of the Ukrainian people. He will never extinguish their love of freedom. He will never weaken the resolve of the free world.”

As we pray for the people of Ukraine, we remain resolute in our commitment to action to hold Putin accountable and to supporting democracy, peace, and security in the region and around the world.

I urge a strong bipartisan vote for this resolution to support Ukraine as its people fight for peace, freedom and the future of their nation.

IN HONOR OF L. ALLEN DOBSON, JR. MD FOR RECEIVING THE 2021 CABARRUS REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DUKE ENERGY CITIZENSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 3, 2022*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Dr. L. Allen Dobson, Jr. for receiving the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce Duke Energy Citizenship and Service Award.

Dr. Dobson has provided his community with excellent service through medical and economic initiatives he has pursued as a doctor and small business owner. He began his career by opening Cabarrus Family Medicine where he established a residency program to train doctors for work in rural settings. Additionally, he served as the chair of the Board of Managers of the Community Care Physicians

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Network, LLC (CCPN) to create business and medical connections between more than 3,600 North Carolinian clinicians. He also helped found and served as the President and Executive Officer of Community Care of North Carolina (CCNC) which currently offers primary care medical home services to over 1.5 million people across the state. His medical and management expertise is nationally renowned, and he serves as a steady consultant to the National Governor's Association, the White House, Congress, and the National Institutes of Medicine on account of the innovative success of the CCNC model.

In addition to his accomplishments in the medical field, Dr. Dobson's leadership has brought much economic growth and development to Cabarrus County. He founded 73 & Main in Mount Pleasant which remains one of the most popular restaurants in Cabarrus County. He also played a paramount role in establishing Southern Grace Distilleries at old Mount Pleasant Prison. These ventures affected great economic progress in the region by encouraging the development of many new small businesses.

Dr. Dobson's unmeasurable contributions to his community make him truly deserving of this award. His hard work and dedication to supporting those in need will serve as a model for all healthcare providers and entrepreneurs to emulate. I know I speak for our entire community in wishing him continued success and happiness as he continues to affect positive change through excellent leadership and service.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Dr. L. Allen Dobson, Jr. on receiving the 2021 Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce Duke Energy Citizenship and Service Award.

IN MEMORY OF BISHOP LEONARD  
N. SMITH

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 3, 2022*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay homage to an outstanding man of God, published author, distinguished educator, life coach, and mentor, Bishop Leonard N. Smith. Bishop Smith transitioned from labor to reward on Sunday, February 20, 2022. His homegoing service will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at 11 a.m. at the Mount Zion Baptist Church located at 18410 Chapel Drive in Triangle, Virginia. He leaves behind a loving family, his dedicated church congregation at the Mount Zion Baptist Church (MZBC), and an appreciative community for his extraordinary life of service to God and humankind.

Bishop Leonard N. Smith was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and raised in Washington, D.C. He was a man of God, truly devoted to his calling—a calling from God, passed to him through his grandmother, whose powerful Christian teachings would later become the base for his powerful sermons.

Looking for further knowledge of the Word for himself and others, throughout his life, Bishop Smith pursued a bachelor's degree from Richmond Virginia Seminary, a master's

degree in Divinity, and a Doctor of Ministry from the Virginia University of Lynchburg in addition to receiving nine honorary degrees. He also taught online classes at two seminaries as he furthered his own education.

His commitment to pastoral ministry excellence began in 1985 when Union Baptist Church in Gordonsville, Virginia called on him to serve as their Pastor and spiritual leader. After four and half years at Union Baptist, Bishop Smith was chosen to shepherd the congregation at Rivermont Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Virginia. In 1991, Mount Zion Baptist Church called him to become the successor to their then leader, Dr. Oswald G. Smith. Through Bishop Smith's dedicated leadership, Mount Zion grew both spiritually and numerically as it exemplified the teachings of Christ by provided tutoring, food assistance, financial and missions support to the surrounding community, and its residents as well as people and organizations throughout the state, nation, and world. Bishop Smith would go on to serve as the Senior Minister of Mount Zion Baptist Church for 30 years until his retirement from the ministry of God on December 31, 2021.

Bishop Smith believed strongly that involvement in his communities was an integral part of his calling as a Minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Accordingly, he served in numerous roles that had as their purpose the uplift of humankind. In addition to being the beloved Pastor of MZBC, he served proudly as the President of the Richmond, Virginia Seminary (2005 to 2008) and the President of the Virginia Baptist State Convention (2009 to 2012), where he served with integrity, innovation, and impassioned leadership. Bishop Smith was also involved with numerous county, denominational, educational, non-profit, and state boards & commissions including the Arlington County Fire and Police Departments (where he served as the Chaplain); the Richmond Virginia Seminary (where he was the Chancellor); Virginia University (where he served as the Assistant to the President); the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. (where he was an active member who served in several capacities); the Global United Fellowship (where he was the Vice Presiding Bishop and the Global Leader of Pastors); and the Gospel Heritage Foundation (where he was an advisory board member).

Bishop Smith was also a sought-after lecturer, teacher, and with the release of his book entitled, "We Need to Talk: Saying What We Need to Say Without Hurting Each Other", he was also an author.

Bishop Smith accomplished much in his life, but none of it would have been possible without the Grace of God and the love and support of his family including his wife, Yalonda; his children, Tiffany and Phillip; and all those in his congregation and community.

Mother Teresa once said that "At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by whether "... when I was hungry, you gave me something to eat, when I was naked, you clothed me, and whether, when I was homeless, you took me in." Bishop Leonard N. Smith, in his life and ministry, did just that, for the "least of these", and the world is better because he did.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join my wife,

Vivian, and me, along with countless others throughout the nation in honoring Bishop Leonard N. Smith for his service to God, his ministry, to his country, and to humankind; and in extending our deepest condolences to Dr. Smith's family, friends, loved ones, and all those who mourn his loss. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

IN HONOR OF MARKET STREET  
STUDIOS FOR RECEIVING THE  
2021 CABARRUS REGIONAL CHAM-  
BER OF COMMERCE COMMUNITY  
IMPACT AWARD

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 3, 2022*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Market Street Studios for receiving the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce Community Impact Award.

Market Street Studios has worked diligently to document many of Cabarrus County's important and historical events and milestones. In doing so, they have exerted sincere efforts to positively portray our community in order to uplift all those who experience their work.

Market Street Studios has captured some of the most significant moments in Cabarrus County's recent history. They organized the reveal of the local minor-league baseball team's new identity and documented the gathering in support of frontline healthcare workers at Atrium Health Cabarrus at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Market Street Studios' work has also provided integral support to nonprofit organizations in our community. In response to much adversity brought on by the pandemic, they implemented video and livestream services that nonprofits could employ for fundraising efforts. Market Street Studios also took initiative to create a documentary series to showcase the good work of local and small business, create public awareness for the many issues brought on by the pandemic, and reveal how businesses are adapting to cope with such issues. Through these initiatives, Market Street Studios has supported the Cabarrus Arts Council, the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Mental Health Alliance, the Three Rivers Land Trust and many other local organizations.

Market Street Studios exemplifies the highest level of commitment to our community and serves as a model for all other businesses to follow. I speak for all in our community in wishing Market Street Studios success and prosperity as they continue to affect positive change through excellent leadership and service.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Market Street Studios on receiving the 2021 Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce Community Impact Award.