

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

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## HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 7, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Navaeh Sena for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Navaeh Sena is a student at Arvada West High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Navaeh Sena is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Navaeh Sena for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE AND  
LEGACY OF PFC MICHAEL VANCIL

## HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 7, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Private First Class Michael Vancil, a native of Detroit, Michigan on what would be his 75th Birthday. He was killed in action during the Vietnam War, and his service to our nation and his ultimate sacrifice is worthy of commendation.

Michael Vancil was born to Warren and Socorro Vancil on March 11, 1947, in Detroit, Michigan. Growing up he spent time at home in Detroit with his loving siblings David, Arthur, Joseph, Bruce, and Nina. A gifted fisherman, he could often be found fishing around Southeast Michigan and dancing with friends around town. At age 17, he heard the call of his country and decided to join the fight. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on October 7, 1964, joining Company C, 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, 3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF.

During his deployment, he was assigned to patrol the Thùra Thiên Hué province, providing defense in a vital area of South Vietnam. On June 17, 1966, near Route 546 and Highway 1, CAC 7 Alpha lay in their ambush site providing essential defense. The Viet Cong opened fire on the Marine patrolmen and Private First Class Vancil was killed by hostile rifle fire at age 19.

Private First Class Vancil is buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery in his hometown of Detroit,

Michigan. His memory is enshrined forever at Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. where his name is listed at Panel 8E, Line 59. He is also enshrined at the Veterans Memorial Wall at the John D. Dingell, VA Medical Center in Detroit, Michigan that honors City of Detroit residents who lost their lives in combat.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Private First Class Michael Vancil for his invaluable service to this nation. He showed courage and patriotism at such a young age, and his sacrifice has never been forgotten. Private First Class Vancil gave his all. We are grateful for his honorable service and know that his legacy lives on through his loving family and friends.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL  
OF THE ROBERT R. TUCK VET-  
ERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST  
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## HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 7, 2022

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the centennial of the Robert R. Tuck Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 912 in Baytown, Texas.

VFW Post 912 was first organized on March 9, 1922, by Fred E. Simpson, John L. Bartlett, and Grover K. Edge. This Post, the second oldest VFW post in Texas, was named in honor of the first Baytown citizen killed in action during World War I, Robert R. Tuck. Their initial meetings were held in tents and buildings owned by the then-Humble Oil and Refining Company. The oil industry was flourishing across the region, and many veterans moved there to work following World War I. The Post has had many outstanding commanders over the years. One such individual was George L. Kenne, a member who served as the Post Commander in 1937. He was the second most decorated soldier in World War I.

In July of 1941, almost two decades after being organized, the Post finally established its first permanent location. They began hosting fundraisers consisting of dances and raffles with fifty-cent admission per civilian and a quarter per service member. This tradition would continue to the present day.

The Post moved one more time before settling into its current location in 1977. After receiving significant flood damage from Hurricane Harvey in 2017, the Post used reserve funds and fundraiser revenue to resume operations within just six months.

Over the last century, the locations and members of VFW Post 912 have changed, but their mission to serve the needs of veterans and their families has not. They have hosted fundraisers and been a part of many important

programs throughout the years, such as the VFW Buddy Poppy program, which aids disabled and disadvantaged veterans. The red poppy flowers assembled within the program symbolize the bloodshed in World War I and are given out before Memorial Day each year.

The Post also hosts "turkey shoot" fundraisers in which its members and community supporters shoot at targets to win frozen turkeys, hams, or bacon.

VFW Post 912 has been a steadfast servant of the Baytown community. Along with a local Boy Scout troop, Post members would raise the American flag at local football games before the Junior ROTC took over the duty in 1979. Today, members ensure flags are placed on the graves of local veterans for Memorial Day. Over the decades, the Post has sponsored a baseball team, a local Boy Scout Troop, a beauty pageant, a marble tournament, a Voice of Democracy contest, a writing contest for high school students, and a bowling team. They have also given out numerous scholarships to local high school students and entertained patients at Houston's Michael E. DeBakey Veteran Affairs Medical Center.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the members of the Robert R. Tuck, VFW Post 912 on their centennial and thank them for their unwavering service to their nation and community. May God continue to bless our veterans and Post 912 for many years to come.

JEREMY CHAVEZ, JR.

## HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 7, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jeremy Chavez, Jr. for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Jeremy Chavez, Jr. is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jeremy Chavez, Jr. is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jeremy Chavez, Jr. for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

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# RECOGNIZING THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF GHANA'S INDEPENDENCE

## HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 7, 2022*

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, the United States of America is home to hundreds and thousands of people of Ghanaian heritage—including those who were born on this soil to those whose family emigrated here for education, job, or economic opportunities—for the American dream.

Ghanaian Americans are an important fabric in the tapestry of America from the cab driver to the medical doctor. You will find them in all parts of the country from Milwaukee to New York to suburban Ohio and Massachusetts. The culture is hard to ignore with rich food, the iconic Akan Kente cloth, storytelling, inventions, architecture and music.

Today more than ever Ghanaians living in the United States worry about racial injustice, home ownership, access to education, access to small business and immigration support.

Like many Americans, the Ghanaian community in America is not exempt from the COVID-19 crisis. Ghanaian Americans are essential workers and are very active in the health care industry, especially as nurses, personal care aides, and nursing assistants. Ghanaians are included in the 27.5 percent of all Black immigrant workers in the U.S.—more than 750,000—who work in the healthcare sector. Additionally, essential workers include frontline workers in other key industries like food and service & hospitality and leisure.

And Ghanaian Americans have been contributing to the success and business continuity of important industries during these dire times. Ghanaian Americans are included in 23 percent of immigrants in the U.S. who work in the food and service industry, as well as 20 percent of immigrants in the U.S. who work in hospitality and leisure.

On this day, I recognize the 65th anniversary of Ghana's independence and my intention to launch the Congressional Ghana Caucus that will create an inclusive platform in this body for discussing critical policy issues affecting Ghanaians in the Diaspora, as well as bolster the relationship between the U.S. and Ghana.

# RECOGNIZING SILVERDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY

## HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 7, 2022*

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment to commemorate Military Appreciation Day in Kitsap County organized by the Silverdale Chamber of Commerce on March 5, 2022.

Here in Kitsap County, we have a lot to be thankful for. Kitsap County has a vibrant history as a military community. This rich history began in September 1891, when 190 acres of the Pacific Northwest wilderness was purchased for the first Naval Station Puget Sound

in Bremerton, Washington. Today, this presence has grown to include Naval Base Kitsap—Bangor and Naval Base Kitsap Bremerton and Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Keyport.

Part of what makes this area special is not just the physical presence of our Naval Base, but the tens of thousands of military members and veterans who call it home. Members of the military aren't just fighting for the freedom of our community. They are family members, friends, and neighbors who are making a difference in it, too.

In addition to those serving in uniform, our community is home to thousands of Department of Defense civilian employees who serve our country each day and ensure the readiness and safety of our service members.

Veterans and service members are also a critical part of our local economy, doing everything from creating small businesses to bringing their unique work ethic and skills to employers looking to fill jobs. That's why today is a great way to go beyond saying thanks and turning our words into deeds. And that is why events like today's Military Appreciation Day are so important.

Madam Speaker, I applaud the Silverdale Chamber of Commerce and the Military Affairs Committee for hosting Military Appreciation Day to honor those that do and those that have served our nation.

# RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY AND COUNTRY BY SANTA ANA'S SUAVECITO FOUNDERS PETE AND TONY ADAME AND JASON VENABLE

## HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 7, 2022*

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, during the early days of the pandemic, when medical resources and household items were in short supply, Suavecito, Inc., the Santa Ana-based company famous for making hair pomade, decided to start producing much-needed hand sanitizer for frontline workers in our community.

For months, Suavecito donated thousands of bottles of hand sanitizer to first responders, postal workers, grocery store employees, and delivery drivers, filling a critical need for Santa Ana and Orange County.

Like so many people across this country—when their community was in need—Suavecito answered the call. Even when their own production lines shut down, they used their resources to help their community.

Today, Suavecito has rebounded, and its two production warehouses are staffed by more than 100 employees who, last year, produced more than 6 million 4-ounce cans of pomade, as well as other haircare products and merchandise that are sold locally and exported to more than 55 markets around the world.

For their distinguished contribution to U.S. exports during the COVID-19 pandemic, Suavecito earned the President's "E" Award from the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Suavecito founders, Pete and Tony Adame and Jason Venable, have been a beacon of

hope, prosperity, and resiliency in Santa Ana for more than a decade. This band of brothers represent the best of Orange County, of California, and of America.

## SOPHIA PRAMUK

## HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 7, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Sophia Pramuk for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Sophia Pramuk is a student at Arvada West High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Sophia Pramuk is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Sophia Pramuk for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

# HONORING THE LIFE OF CLIFTON N. WEST, JR. OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 7, 2022*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to ask the House of Representatives to recognize Clifton N. West, Jr., an accomplished business owner who served the residents of the District of Columbia.

Clifton N. West, Jr., "Skeeter" was born on December 12, 1933, to Thaddenia West and Clifton N. West, Sr. and was the younger brother of Pat and Beverly. He was raised by his mother and his grandparents in Arlington, Virginia.

In 1952, Skeeter graduated from Dunbar High School in the District of Columbia. During his time at Dunbar, he served in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC). He won many awards with the drill team and the track team.

Skeeter enrolled in Howard University in 1952 as a chemistry major. In 1955, he left college and joined the Air Force. He served for three years at the Chateauroux Air Force base in France. After his discharge, in 1958, he used the GI Bill to continue his education at Howard University and worked part-time at the U.S. Postal Service.

He would go on to work at St. Elizabeths Hospital and later at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center as a medical technologist. In 1963, he started a laboratory in his basement and worked on building his business in the evenings while he worked for Berkley Medical Instruments selling blood analyzers during the day.