

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO RETIRING SUPERINTENDENT HENDERSON LEWIS, JR., PHD

### HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, Dr. Henderson Lewis, Jr. has served as the Superintendent of NOLA Public Schools since March 18, 2015, becoming one of the youngest and longest tenured leaders in the 180-year history of public education in New Orleans. With over 25 years of educational experience as a teacher, mentor, assistant principal, instructional coach, curriculum expert, principal, and school district leader, Superintendent Lewis brings a unique, classroom focused perspective to the table.

Dr. Lewis first worked for the Algiers Charter Schools Association for six years, serving as the founding principal at Algiers Technology Academy. He taught for seven years at neighboring St. Bernard Parish Public Schools and represented District 9 on the St. Bernard Parish Public School Board for 11 years. Dr. Lewis then went on to become a celebrated superintendent for East Feliciana Parish, which is just north of Baton Rouge. Under his leadership, the district was recognized by the Louisiana Department of Education as second in the state for elementary student academic growth. Throughout his tenure at New Orleans Public Schools, he has not wavered from his mission as a citywide regulator of schools, a protector of family and student rights, and a thoughtful steward of public resources.

Superintendent Lewis has been at the helm of NOLA-PS during a pivotal time in the school system's history. He oversaw the 2018 unification of public schools in New Orleans with those schools run by the state of Louisiana. NOLA-PS now has 76 schools under the oversight of the Orleans Parish School Board.

Thanks to his team and his leadership, New Orleans community of schools is better structured today than ever before. NOLA-PS established an accountability framework that holds charter schools to high standards. During his tenure, Dr. Lewis has worked to add strong school options to the portfolio, including new and innovative school models, transformations, and replication of successful school models to provide the best possible options for students.

During his time as Superintendent, he faced the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. He helped NOLA-PS lead the way nationally by building partnerships, using data to drive decisions, and leading NOLA Public Schools through the COVID-19 pandemic. That work has helped NOLA-PS lead the way nationally when it came to reopening schools with adequate technology, gaining access to COVID testing, and securing access to vaccines. Dr. Lewis also coordinated the district-wide commitment to add the COVID-19 vac-

cine to the list of required vaccinations for students five years and up.

His dedication to promoting equality and equity led to the renaming of 21 school buildings in 2021 to separate the school system of today from the dubious honors bestowed in the past to slaveholders and segregation sympathizers. He also implemented an equity initiative within the school district to continue to advance public education as a right for all children, no matter their race, gender, or economic position.

At the heart of Dr. Lewis' work remains his unwavering commitment to the well-being and high-quality education of every child, every day.

IN RECOGNITION OF LEROY ARTHUR PETRY FOR NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR DAY 2022

### HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Leroy Arthur Petry of Santa Fe, New Mexico for his life of service to our nation and in recognition of tomorrow's National Medal of Honor Day.

Just one year after graduating high school, Mr. Petry joined the United States Army in 1999.

Mr. Petry was deployed eight times, which included deployments to support Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

On May 26, 2008, Mr. Petry and his regiment came under fire from Taliban forces in Afghanistan. During this skirmish, he was wounded by a round that pierced both of his legs.

Although wounded, Mr. Petry led another Ranger to cover.

When a Taliban fighter threw a grenade that landed just a few feet from him and his fellow soldiers, Mr. Petry selflessly lunged forward, picked up the grenade, and threw it back in the direction of the Taliban fighters as it exploded.

At great personal cost, Mr. Petry saved the lives of his fellow soldiers.

For his courageous actions in Afghanistan, Mr. Petry was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Barack Obama on July 12, 2011. He is the second living recipient of the medal after the Vietnam War.

Mr. Petry continues to serve his fellow veterans and his community. I am thankful to Mr. Petry for his service and tremendous sacrifice for our nation. It is an honor to represent him in Congress.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF COLE EVANS FOR WINNING THE DIVISION I WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

### HON. ROBERT E. LATTI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. LATTI. Madam Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an outstanding high school wrestler in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. Cole Evans, a freshman at Perrysburg High School, has represented his school ably on his way to achieving the Division I State Wrestling Title. Cole overcame the challenges posed by intense competition in his effort to win the Division I State Wrestling Championship.

In pursuing the State Championship, Cole Evans defeated his opponent in the finals of the 106-pound classification. His hard work and dedication, both on and off the mat, in achieving this accomplishment is truly outstanding. Cole led his team to rank second place overall in the championship. He has achieved an impressive season record bringing pride to his school and community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Cole Evans of Perrysburg High School. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement.

REMEMBERING MARVIS JONES, ONE OF THE MEMPHIS STATE EIGHT

### HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Marvis LaVerne Kneeland Jones, a renowned Memphis educator and one of the courageous Memphis State Eight who integrated then-Memphis State University in 1959 following the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* ruling (1954) declaring segregation of public schools unconstitutional. Mrs. Jones was born in Chicago in 1941 and was raised in Memphis where she graduated from Hamilton High School. She obtained a master's degree from what is now the University of Memphis and taught in the Memphis City Schools for 25 years. As a civil rights trailblazer, her heroic integration of Memphis State opened the doors of opportunity to thousands. In 2006, the University honored the Memphis State Eight by recognizing their pioneering work desegregating the campus, and Mrs. Jones was among the remaining five who returned to the University in 2019 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of their achievement. Mrs. Jones was a marvelous singer and piano player and tickled the ivories to the delight of audiences. She was married

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to the late state Representative Rufus Jones for 57 years, helping at the Rufus Jones Big Star grocery store at College and McLemore and on his political campaigns. She loved her children and saw them earn significant advanced degrees, and guided her talented grandchildren who called her "Granna." I extend my condolences to Mrs. Jones' four children—Dr. Gladys A. Jones, Rufus E. Jones Jr., Dr. Ida L. Jones Pittman, and Dorothy D. Jones—and to her many friends, colleagues and admirers.

RECOGNIZING THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PECARD LEATHER CARE COMPANY

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 24, 2022*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Pecard Leather Care Company as they celebrate their 120th anniversary.

The company came from humble beginnings when Phil Pecard, resident of Lena, WI, began to experiment with formulas to protect, restore, and seal leather goods in 1902. Mr. Pecard's mission was to provide the lumbermen of Wisconsin with the resources they needed to protect their expensive leather boots in the cold and wet environment that was the north woods.

The business continued to grow and shortly after World War Two, Mr. Pecard constructed a small factory in the Green Bay area and later sold his business to a local businessman, Arthur Wadzinski. Over the next 20 years, the business continued to grow as original formulas were refined and legally patented. The company was formally incorporated in 1964 and a new manufacturing plant was built in 1975 to accommodate their rapid growth and overwhelming success. I commend the Pecard Leather Care Company for its service and dedication to the craft.

120 years later, it is more than fitting to take time to recognize the company's pledge in continuing the authentic craftsmanship and high-quality traditions that began with Mr. Pecard. A small idea that began in Lena, WI, has grown to serve customers worldwide for over a century. I applaud the Pecard Leather Care Company for its exceptional work, continued growth, and success for the past 120 years.

I invite all Members of this body to join me in celebrating the 120th anniversary of Pecard Leather Care Company. I extend my sincerest congratulations to the Pecard Leather team on this remarkable milestone and wish them success for many more years to follow.

RECOGNIZING THE ORIANNE & PHIL COLLINS' LITTLE DREAMS FOUNDATION

**HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 24, 2022*

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Orianne & Phil Collins' Little

Dreams Foundation (LDF). The LDF was founded in 2000 and has been headquartered in Miami since 2013. The foundation's goals are to provide training and advice for aspiring young artists, athletes, and musicians by pairing them with a mentor who is a professional in their respective area.

Being able to extract creative talent out of students in Miami is important to Lourdes and I. Studies show that when students are introduced to music and the arts at a young age, it helps improve cognitive ability particularly in the math and sciences. In a world that is rapidly evolving and growing technologically, it is crucial that students at a young age have the ability to compete on a global stage in STEM courses. Organizations like The Orianne & Phil Collins' Little Dreams Foundation are crucial for giving students skills that they may not necessarily learn inside the classroom.

Now more than ever are LDF's contributions and mission critical to the surrounding community. I congratulate The Orianne & Phil Collins' Little Dreams Foundation. I look forward to their continued success and prosperity in the future.

IN HONOR OF KRISTI SHREVE

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 24, 2022*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kristi Shreve who is receiving the 2020 Hillsborough Schools' Community Care Award. Every year, the Associated Parents' Group of Hillsborough selects a non-resident employee who has made sustained, significant and lasting contributions that have touched the lives of our children and benefited the community as a whole.

Mrs. Shreve is an outstanding educator who has dedicated her life to teaching and uplifting the next generation. She began teaching in Hillsborough 24 years ago as a teacher at South Preschool. She became a student-teacher at South School and was hired by Hillsborough School District in 2002 as a 2nd-grade teacher at South. A year later, she transferred to West School where she has been a 1st through 3rd-grade teacher ever since. Mrs. Shreve is a member of the Leadership Team at West, a Data Advisor, a New Teacher Mentor, a Teacher in Charge, a Technology Mentor, an HTA Site Representative, HTA Negotiator, and HTA President, among the many leadership roles she is holding. Her work ethic and compassion have earned her the respect and adoration of her colleagues, students and their parents.

An essential quality of an outstanding teacher is the ability to meet students where they are. Mrs. Shreve gets to know each student and his or her unique needs. She becomes a true advocate and will always go the extra mile. With parents, she forms partnerships that are characterized by flawless communication, strong and trusting relationships, and joint advocacy for the students. These relationships live on beyond their time at the school.

Mrs. Shreve led the first Tyler Yamagishi Walk-a-Thon at West School raising money for the Tyler Yamagishi Scholarship Fund and the Riekes Center in Menlo Park. Tyler Yamagishi was a West student who succumbed to

osteosarcoma at the young age of 14. The Riekes Center is a non-profit community space that offers character-building programs in art, music, nature awareness, sports training, and other life skill areas. Mrs. Shreve also worked with the Hillsborough Beautification Committee and the West Parent Group on the memorial tree project in Tyler's memory. Another project that showcased her inexhaustible empathy was the "Love Notes for Montecito." All students at West made valentines for students and staff at Montecito Union Elementary School in Santa Barbara County after devastating fires and mud slides in 2018.

When not at school, Mrs. Shreve loves to spend time with her husband, John, their own children, Alyssa and Brendan, and their two cats, Snowy and Cookies. They reside in Daly City.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Kristi Shreve for being an exemplary teacher, one of the most influential and noble vocations in shaping our common future. She is a role model and an inspiration to us all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 24, 2022*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, I missed a vote on H. Con. Res. 70. I would have voted "YES" on roll call vote No. 61 (on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 70, as amended).

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF MELANIE MONTROLL, ORLEANS PARISH HARBOR POLICE

**HON. TROY A. CARTER**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 24, 2022*

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, "Law enforcement is my existence; I have strived to make this world a better place for all of us. Service to humankind is the only way to show appreciation for being chosen by God to live this life."

Those words are Chief Montroll's mantra every day. Born the youngest child to a doting police officer father and a loving mother who worked in accounting, her parents knew at a very early age that she would live a transformative life.

Chief Montroll was born on New Orleans' Eastbank and was a rambunctious youth filled with vigor and determination. She was always known to be the life of the classroom, filled with jokes and playfulness. Academics came easy to her also. Chief Montroll is a graduate of Oliver Perry Walker High School in New Orleans' Algiers area and graduated with a 4.0 average. After her high school graduation, she attended community college and concurrently made the decision to follow in the footsteps of her father and become a police officer. After graduating from the Harbor Police Academy, Melanie was full steam ahead in her career serving the community.