

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF BEVERLY CAMP

HON. KEVIN McCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Mr. McCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a dear friend, Beverly “Bev” Camp, of Bakersfield, California. After battling cancer for nearly two years, Bev passed away on February 19, 2022, surrounded by loved ones.

Born in Queens, New York, Bev entered the world on July 29, 1962 to two loving parents. As the youngest of three children, she was curious and patient, always putting others before herself. In 1979, when Bev was 17, her family packed their bags and moved out to Bakersfield, California—the city where Bev would meet her husband and partner in life, raise three beautiful children, and make countless contributions to our community.

A woman of faith and compassion, Bev devoted her time to charitable causes. As a member of Catholic Charities, Bev advanced the launch of Harvest of Hope, an annual fundraiser that provides financial support to low-income families facing hardship, and helped found the organization’s Career and Education Center, which helps students develop career skills for future employment. Along with her husband Jim, Bev’s philanthropic efforts were impactful to many other community initiatives. In 2019, the pair helped establish the county’s first burn unit at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital and more recently, were leading the expansion project for Mercy Hospital Southwest to address the growing needs of Bakersfield residents.

In recognition of her efforts, Bev was regularly recognized with awards by local organizations, including Community Action Partnership of Kern County’s Humanitarian of the Year, the Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce’s Community Service Award, and Garden Pathways’ Woman with a Heart for Bakersfield.

Above all, Bev loved her family. She enjoyed watching her kids grow and took pride in the Sunday family dinners she cooked after church. Bev is survived by her husband Jim; her parents Bruce and Margaret Murray; and her three sons, Bruce and wife, Kayla; Kurt and wife, Montse; and Scott.

On behalf of the 23rd Congressional District of California, it is my privilege to honor Bev’s life and the remarkable service and impact she had on our community. My thoughts and prayers are with her loved ones as they mourn the loss of an incredible woman.

RECOGNIZING OFFICER JONATHAN DIAZ

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of Officer Jonathan Diaz as the California legislature dedicates the Lemoore overpass for Highway 198 and 19th Avenue in his honor.

A Huron native, Mr. Diaz graduated from Coalinga High School. He went on to earn his associates degree in criminal justice from West Hills College. Following his passion for serving his community, he joined the Huron Police Department as a reserve police officer during the summer of 2014. Just one year later, he was named Officer of the Year by the Huron Police Department. He would later join the Lemoore Police Department in 2016, where he earned Officer of the Year in 2018.

Mr. Diaz was equally committed to helping those in his community outside of his regular duties. He was involved in the Youth Adult Awareness Program, where he helped to mentor and guide at-risk children in the community. He also participated in developing juvenile awareness programs to teach local youth about the realities of prison and incarceration and put them on a path to success. Through his dedication to his community and his commitment to service, Mr. Diaz uplifted so many during his life.

Mr. Diaz’s courage, dedication, professionalism, and selflessness was well-known throughout his entire department. He played a vital role in solving a significant number of cases, helping to bring justice to those he swore to protect. While he is missed by his loved ones every day, his service still inspires us all.

I ask all my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life and service of Officer Jonathan Diaz of the Lemoore Police Department.

HONORING ATTORNEY YEMI KINGS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Attorney Yemi Kings from Jackson, Mississippi.

He graduated from Lanier High School and went on to Tougaloo College. Then, received his law degree from Thurgood Marshall School of Law in 2009. Little did the Kings realize that when he valiantly saved the life of a man, who was tragically shot on Thanksgiving Day in 2021, in Jackson, that he was walking straight into fame’s arena.

On Thanksgiving Day 2021, around 4:30 p.m., when there was still a glimmer of day-

light outside, Kings’ friends and family were eating dinner. During the celebration, they heard about 15-gun shots from what sounded like an assault rifle close to where they gathered. Then they heard someone yelling, “I have been shot.”

Kings went outside and saw a man lying on the ground in a pool of gushing blood. He was crying, screaming, and saying, “Please help me! Don’t let me die!” After calling 911, Kings asked him where he was shot. The victim replied, “I can’t feel my arm! Help me! I have been shot! I am fading out! I am dying!” Kings grabbed sweaters and shirts from a car, wrapped them in layers and pressed them on the bullet wound until the bleeding stopped. “I kept pressure on his wound and continued talking to him, telling him that he was going to live.” Kings said.

Firefighters came and took over. They told everyone to step aside as they did their job.

The good Samaritan who courageously saved the person’s life was Deputy Hinds County Attorney Yemi L. Kings.

When asked what motivated him to be so daring in such a dangerous escapade, he said, “One thing that came to mind was that I had to try to help save this man’s life. As a prosecutor, I am always helping people on the other side of tragic situations. I never thought I would ever come that close to a shooting or a shooting victim.”

Kings is the son of Yemi L. Kings and Terri Lyn Smith.

Kings’ motivation is his family. He comes from a large family that includes four brothers, two sisters and one son. He wants to continue being there for his loved ones.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Attorney Yemi Kings for his dedication to serving.

MICHIGAN WORLD WAR II LEGACY MEMORIAL

HON. ANDY LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the groundbreaking of the Michigan World War II (WWII) Legacy Memorial, which will take place in Royal Oak, Michigan on April 7, 2022.

This effort has been a fifteen-year labor of love for a dedicated group of volunteers, many of whom had family members who served in the military, including in World War II, and some who are veterans themselves. In 2007, Honor Flight Michigan began providing one-day trips to Washington, D.C. to allow World War II veterans to visit the national World War II Memorial on the National Mall. Between 2007 and 2010, Honor Flight Michigan operated 33 flights, ensuring that all 1,400 veterans on its waiting list made the trip to our nation’s capital. The group then committed itself to creating a memorial in Michigan. Its intent is best described in the words of the organization itself: “The Michigan WWII Legacy

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Memorial will serve as a place to gather, remember, and inspire. It is a memorial designed with the desire to engage the community and educate future generations on the vision, values, and heroic efforts of the Greatest Generation.”

The organization chose Royal Oak as the location for the memorial because of its central location in the heart of Southeast Michigan, and with the strong support of the City of Royal Oak to host the memorial at Memorial Park on Woodward Avenue and Thirteen Mile Road. The memorial has been designed to be educational and interactive and as a center of community activities as well as serving as a place for contemplation and remembrance.

This week, after fifteen years of work, ground will be broken for the construction of this important tribute to a defining point in history and to the vital contributions millions of Americans made to the essential cause of winning World War II. So many people have played important roles in guiding this project to this significant day, and it would be impossible to name all of them. But I would like to recognize the Board of Directors of the Michigan World War II Legacy Memorial for their efforts: President John Maten, Vice-President Chris Graveline, Secretary Kim Jones, Treasurer J. Michael Mastantuono; board members Debi Hollis, Russell Levine, Judy Maten, Ryan Friedrichs and Molly Gale; and Honorary Director Retired Air Force Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson who served in the legendary Tuskegee Airmen. I would also like to recognize two members of the board who sadly passed away before this occasion: Michael Cameron and former Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson.

Madam Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in celebrating the groundbreaking of the Michigan World War II Legacy Memorial, which I have no doubt will be viewed as a jewel in Southeast Michigan, and in congratulating all those who made vital contributions to this truly momentous occasion.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE LOTTERY

HON. KATHERINE M. CLARK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Massachusetts State Lottery as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

Since selling its first ticket on March 22, 1972, the Mass Lottery has generated over \$137 billion in revenues, returning over \$29 billion in net profit to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. These funds have been distributed to all 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts as unrestricted local aid, supporting a wide range of initiatives, including public safety, snow removal, road improvements, school staffing and services, programs for seniors, and parks and recreation projects.

The Mass Lottery has awarded over \$96 billion in prizes to its loyal customers. Prize winners have been able to put their winnings toward the purchase of homes, sending their kids to college, opening their own businesses, covering medical expenses and making donations to charitable organizations.

The Mass Lottery has been a valuable source of additional income for thousands of businesses across the state, and collectively the Mass Lottery's retail partners have earned over \$7.8 billion in commissions and bonuses over the last fifty years.

Under the guidance of the Mass Lottery, Charitable Gaming events have given non-profit organizations in Massachusetts opportunities to raise money to support their causes while providing social entertainment in their communities.

Over the last five decades, Mass Lottery employees have worked diligently to build the Mass Lottery into one of the most successful lotteries in the world. In turn, the Mass Lottery has been a valuable employer in the state, offering a wide range of career opportunities with pathways for advancement within the organization.

The Mass Lottery will be commemorating “50 Years of Winning” throughout 2022 by showing its appreciation for the customers, retailers, communities and employees who are a part of its amazing success story.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize the Massachusetts State Lottery as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

REMEMBERING ALCEE HASTINGS

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the one-year anniversary of the passing of Representative Alcee Hastings, a civil rights advocate and active leader of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (U.S. Helsinki Commission) for more than twenty years. His work included promoting principled foreign policy, human rights, strengthened democracy across Europe, domestic and international election observations, and diversity and inclusion at all levels of government and foreign policy decision making. Alcee Hastings passed away on April 6, 2021.

As a U.S. Helsinki Commissioner, Rep. Hastings served as Ranking Member, Co-Chairman, and twice as Chairman from 2007–2008 and 2019–2020. He was the first African American Chair of the Commission, and over the full span of his time on the Commission, visited all 57 participating States (pS) of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), 11 Asian and Mediterranean OSCE Partners for Co-operation countries, and attended over three dozen meetings of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (OSCE PA).

In addition to holding various leadership positions at the U.S. Helsinki Commission, Alcee Hastings also held offices with the OSCE PA, including Rapporteur of the First Committee on Political Affairs and Security, Vice Chair of the First Committee, Chair of the First Committee, Special Representative of Mediterranean Affairs, Vice President of the OSCE PA, President of the OSCE PA, and President Emeritus of the OSCE PA. Alcee remains the only American to hold the office of President of the 323-member body.

Alcee brought attention to several issues throughout the OSCE region and pushed to legitimize U.S. authority on human rights stand-

ards. He was a staunch opponent of Russian attempts to undermine security and stability in Europe and beyond, holding hearings as Chair on Russia's support for separatists and introducing legislation aiding Georgia following the 2008 invasion by Russia and supporting Ukraine's democratic gains since the 2004 Orange Revolution. He was an outspoken supporter of Europe's largest ethnic minority, the Roma, and he led efforts to address anti-Semitism and anti-Jewish violence in OSCE pS. Alcee was deeply engaged in the Middle East peace process, improving relations with Mediterranean partners, protections for minorities in the Kosovo independence plan, and strengthening democracy and expansion within the European Union. Thanks to his efforts stressing the importance of having election observers monitor U.S. elections, the OSCE PA held its first election observation mission in the U.S. in 2002.

Representative Hastings believed that diversity and inclusion in foreign policy was critical for upholding democratic values. This included equal representation across different racial, ethnic, gender identity, sexual orientation, religious and geographic communities, including youth participation. He held hearings, introduced legislation, supported programs at the State Department and fellowship programs geared towards promoting minority participation, and worked with European partners on initiatives to meet this end.

Alcee Hastings was born in Altamonte Springs, Florida and received his bachelor's degree from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee and his law degree from Florida A&M University. Prior to serving in government, he tirelessly fought racial injustice as a civil rights lawyer and activist. In 1979, Representative Hastings became the first African American Federal Judge in the State of Florida when President Jimmy Carter appointed him to the bench. When elected to Congress in 1992, he was one of the first three African Americans to represent Florida since the reconstruction era. He has long championed the rights of minorities, women, the elderly, children, and immigrants.

It was an honor to serve with Representative Alcee Hastings in Congress and to have the privilege to work with him on the Helsinki Commission. He was the reason I sought appointment. I am proud to have called him my friend and will be forever grateful to him for introducing me to the Commission on which I now serve as Co-Chairman. He is remembered by all here and at the OSCE PA. His was a life well-lived.

HONORING HAZEL A. WILSON AS WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Hazel Wilson, whom I have named the 2022 Woman of the Year in Solano County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.