

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT DEMOCRATIC CLUB

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2022

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to congratulate the members of the Hammond, Indiana Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR) Democratic Club as they celebrate the organization's 90th anniversary. In honor of this momentous occasion, the FDR Club will be hosting an anniversary banquet on April 30, 2022, at the Hammond Mohawk Athletic & Conservation Club.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Club of Hammond was founded by forty-two members of Polish ancestry on December 3, 1932. Since the time of its founding, the club's members set out to engage in the promotion and advancement of civic progress within the Democratic Party. Since its inception, club members have selflessly given their time and support to the community of Northwest Indiana. The residents of Northwest Indiana are grateful for the club's "Candidates' Night," which is held prior to each primary and general election. This is an outstanding opportunity for voters to meet candidates and discuss the needs of their community. For their significant contributions to upholding the ideals of the democratic process in their communities and throughout Northwest Indiana, the members and leaders of the FDR Club are to be commended.

At this time, I would like to acknowledge the 2020 FDR Club Officers. They are: President Suzette Kubacki, First Vice President Lee Ward, Second Vice President Anna Mamala, Secretary Mark Szpak, Treasurer Ted Oberc, and Trustees Rich Chmielik, Mary T. Hildebranski, and Brian Krupinski.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating the Hammond Franklin D. Roosevelt Democratic Club on its 90th anniversary. The work of this truly admirable organization is a great asset to the people of Northwest Indiana, and for their selfless service, the leadership and members are worthy of the highest praise, and I am proud to serve as their representative in Washington, D.C.

HONORING INDIANA STATE REPRESENTATIVE DOUG GUTWEIN FOR HIS SERVICE TO HOOSIERS

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2022

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Indiana State Representative Doug Gutwein on his remarkable career in service to our state and nation as he prepares to retire this year. Representative Gutwein,

who represents Indiana House District 16, has dedicated his life to making his fellow Hoosiers safer, stronger, and more prosperous.

A lifelong Hoosier, Representative Gutwein was born and raised in Francesville. After graduating from high school, he served in the United States Army. He returned to Pulaski County to run his brother's small business, which he later acquired.

In 1991, Representative Gutwein began his career in public service as a member of the Francesville Town Board and he was elected president of the board in 1992.

First elected to the Indiana State House of Representatives in 2008, Representative Gutwein quickly began delivering results for Hoosiers.

During his tenure, he has served as a leader in expanding newborn screenings and safeguarding the most vulnerable Hoosiers. Representative Gutwein has sponsored legislation, including both Graham's Law and Bryce's Bill, to update and expand the list of screenings newborns receive in Indiana shortly after birth—increasing awareness of conditions and saving lives.

Representative Gutwein also introduced legislation to address flooding and drainage issues along the Kankakee and Yellow rivers by the Kankakee River Basin and Yellow River Basin Commission, which will have long-lasting benefits for our region.

As a veteran, Representative Gutwein has remained active in advocating for his fellow veterans and supporting our troops. He led legislative solutions to equip Hoosier veterans with resources, improve communication with the veteran community, and cut taxes for our heroes. In addition to his work in the State Assembly, Representative Gutwein also is an active member of the American Legion and continues to fight every day for his fellow veterans. He has been instrumental in sending Indiana-grown popcorn to American troops to share a taste of home.

Throughout his time at the Statehouse, Representative Gutwein has been a strong leader for agriculture, small business, and other vital Hoosier priorities. He also served as chairman of the Environmental Affairs Committee, the Employment, Labor and Pensions Committee, and the Select Committee on Government Reduction.

Representative Gutwein and his wife, Mary Lew, have been blessed with three children and seven grandchildren. The entire Gutwein family is a cherished part of our Pulaski County community.

On behalf of the 2nd District of Indiana, it is my privilege to honor State Representative Doug Gutwein for his distinguished service to Hoosiers and Americans across the country. As he prepares to retire from the Indiana State House of Representatives, I wish Representative Gutwein and his family all the best in the chapters ahead.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF RABBI MENACHEM M. SCHNEERSON

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2022

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and include in the RECORD the words of Rabbi Mendel Alperowitz of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, honoring the life and legacy of Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson.

Remarks by Rabbi Mendel Alperowitz:
Today we recognize the life and leadership of the global spiritual leader Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, known universally as "the Rebbe" and head of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement.

Rabbi Schneerson arrived with his wife, Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka Schneerson, to our shores in 1941 from the Nazi inferno, just as our nation was celebrating our independence on July 4—a bearded, Yiddish-speaking, childless and penniless Soviet emigre.

Yet, without the benefit of material resources or political power, only the force of his convictions, a selfless dedication to the Supreme Being and to every human being, the Rebbe resuscitated and guided a demoralized and depleted world Jewry to rebuild and even to flourish after the Holocaust. Though he came to this country with nothing, through his work the Rebbe became the most influential rabbi in modern history.

One result of his leadership is the Chabad-Lubavitch movement, which, by following his teachings and example, became the world's largest Jewish educational organization. Today there are more than 3,500 permanent Chabad-Lubavitch centers providing educational, religious, and humanitarian programming, serving people in all 50 States, including in my home state of South Dakota, and in over 100 countries around the world.

The Rebbe's message to all peoples everywhere in the world community calls for focusing serious concern on the values of education and acts of charity, to provide an education which is imbued with ethical, moral and spiritual values. The recognition that there is "an Eye that Sees and an Ear that Hears,"—that all humankind is accountable to the Creator who provided us with the only true guide for life. The Rebbe teaches that these moral and ethical values, as enshrined in the Seven Laws given to Noah, must be an integral part of any educational system if humankind is to live in harmony with a fellow human and if humanity is to realize G-ds expectation of her or him. When does this education begin? The moment life starts. When does education end? It never does.

The Rebbe always extolled America's unique role and mission on the world stage and had meaningful relationships with several of our nation's leaders who saw him as the moral guide to so many. For the Rebbe, America was a beacon of light with a historic prominence to be utilized in influencing the betterment of all humanity. The Rebbe called America "a nation of kindness" and pointed to the words "In God We Trust" enshrined on all American currency as a defining element of the great American story.

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It is to the eternal merit of our country and this august body that we honored the Rebbe's outstanding and enduring contributions toward world education, morality, and acts of charity, by awarding him the Congressional Gold Medal posthumously. His efforts for the betterment of education for all Americans are also recognized annually by the President of the United States, marking Education and Sharing Day USA each year on his birthday, calling on all Americans to reflect and act on the critical importance of moral and ethical education, especially for our youth.

This year, our country will celebrate Education and Sharing Day on April 12, corresponding to the 11th day of Nissan on the Jewish calendar. This year is a milestone year when we celebrate the 120th anniversary of the Rebbe's birth.

As our minds and hearts are never far from the people of Ukraine and the brutal war they are enduring, it is surely Providential to recognize and reflect on the life lessons of someone so exceptional, who was himself born and raised in Ukraine.

The Rebbe was born in Nikolaev, Ukraine in 1902, to Rabbi Levi Yitzchak and Rebbetzin Chana Schneerson. His family moved to Yekaterinislav, now Dinepr, where his father served as Chief Rabbi. During the Bolshevik revolution the Rebbe's childhood home became the epicenter for the many refugees flocking through Dinepr. In an act of love and sacrifice, the Rebbe, though only a child, gave away his own bed and food to allow those he had never met before to have a more comfortable and dignified life. That was the example his parents set. This was the life he lived.

His mother would recall that once, when the family was in hiding during a brutal pogrom, the Rebbe who was three years old at the time, walked around the cellar of a pharmacy, and consoled and calmed the other terrified children who were hiding there. Later when he was nine years old, the Rebbe dove into the Black Sea to save the life of a boy who had fallen from the deck of a moored ship. The adult onlookers didn't feel confident enough to jump in. Those who witnessed this heroic act recalled the sacrifice the Rebbe had made that day. He himself collapsed, almost lifeless, soon after bringing the young boy to shore.

These stories are emblematic of the Rebbe's life; the sacrifice and deep sense of responsibility for all who cry out for help. The call of those drowning and no one hearing their cries. For people calling out for moral guidance in a world engulfed in darkness, the Rebbe rose to this historic calling offering guidance and leadership.

The Rebbe grew up under the oppression of communism, his father stood firm, displaying courage and sacrifice, leading his family and community in the Jewish religious resistance across Ukraine.

From his humble one room office in New York, the Rebbe built and maintained a clandestine network of operatives throughout the USSR. Young couples were inspired by his teachings, and he sent them to make what was then significant sacrifices for western raised kids, to devote themselves completely to the needs of others, in foreign lands.

With the fall of communism, the Rebbe was able to ensure that those underground activities sprouted forth and quickly developed thriving Jewish communities, creating unprecedented Jewish infrastructure, serving hundreds of communities across the USSR, and resulting in the golden era of Ukrainian Jewry for the last 30 years.

Right now, during the current Russia-Ukraine war, it is the hundreds of Chabad-Lubavitch representatives of the Rebbe, and

their thousands of employees and volunteers, who are at the forefront of the humanitarian, social and religious efforts being provided for the refugees and their loved ones left behind.

Overnight they have transformed their schools, synagogues, and orphanages into centers for humanitarian relief, shelters, and call centers.

The Rebbe's message is clear and serves as an important calling for all of us. We must put ourselves aside and be ready to sacrifice for the needs of others. With this urgent sense of responsibility and love, we will make the world a better place. This is what the Rebbe's people are doing in Ukraine. This is the life he exemplified. This is what we can all do.

2022 WINTER OLYMPIAN RECOGNITION AND GAINESVILLE DAR 100TH ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2022

Mrs. CAMMACK. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Mr. Joey Mantia on the remarkable achievement of winning a Bronze Medal for speedskating in the Men's Team Pursuit at the 2022 Winter Olympics. I commend Mr. Mantia and his teammates for the commitment, hard work, and effort dedicated to this hard-fought victory, what an honor it is to be able to represent the United States of America at such a level. As a 28-time world champion and world recordholder, he knows the hard work and dedication it takes. May he continue to make Florida and our country proud with his persistence.

I am proud to recognize Ms. Erin Jackson on winning the Gold Medal in the Women's 500m Short Track Speed Skate at the 2022 Winter Olympics. This victory is well deserved, as I know it reflects the hard work and dedication Ms. Jackson has put in throughout her life. Not only does Ms. Jackson hold the title as a gold medalist, but as the first black woman to medal in speedskating at the Winter Olympics and the first American to win this event since 1994. May she continue to make Florida and our country proud with her persistence.

I am proud to recognize Ms. Brittany Bowe on winning the Bronze Medal in the Women's 1000m Long Track Speed Skate at the 2022 Winter Olympic Games. I commend Ms. Bowe for the commitment, hard work, and effort she put into this hard-fought victory. As the winner of gold and silver medals at the World Single Distance Championships, she knows the hard work and dedication is what it takes to get to where you are today. May she continue to make Florida and our country proud with her persistence.

I am proud to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Gainesville chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. The Gainesville chapter was founded on April 2, 1922 to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism. I am happy to recognize all the good that the Gainesville chapter does in their community. Members volunteer in their local communities including supporting active-duty military personnel and assisting veteran patients, awarding scholarships and fi-

nancial aid each year to students, and supporting schools for underserved children. Here's to the next 100 years.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF FORMER STATE SENATOR GLORIA TANNER

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2022

Ms. DEGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleagues, Congressman ED PERLMUTTER, Congressman JOE NEGUSE, and Congressman JASON CROW, to recognize the life and achievements of former Colorado State Senator Gloria Tanner, who passed away on Monday, April 4, 2022, at the age of 86. Gloria was a courageous leader who dedicated her life to improving the lives of other Coloradans. She was also a friend and mentor to so many in the Denver community, including all of us.

Before Gloria's trailblazing record of service began in Colorado, her life's journey started in Atlanta, Georgia, where she was born on July 16, 1934. Decades later, the chance to earn a living while attending school brought her to Colorado. In 1972, Gloria became a reporter at the Denver Weekly News, which at the time was a prominent African American newspaper. While working as a reporter, Gloria determinedly pursued her education goals—first at Denver's Metropolitan State College where she graduated magna cum laude with a degree in political science, and then later at the University of Colorado where she earned her master's degree in Urban Affairs.

Gloria's celebrated career included many historic firsts, including serving as the state's first African American woman elected to the State Senate and the second African American woman elected to a leadership position in the State House of Representatives.

In 1976, after graduation, Gloria worked for Colorado's then Lieutenant Governor George Brown, a historic figure in his own right, and later for Colorado State Senator George Groff in 1978. In 1985, Gloria was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives, where she quickly rose through the ranks of leadership, eventually serving as the Democratic caucus's minority leader. Then in 1994, when Senator Groff retired, Gloria was appointed to replace him in the State Senate and spent her remaining years representing her beloved District 33.

What made Gloria so special was her relentless drive to serve and uplift the voices of those who our society often has difficulty hearing. Throughout her 17 years in the legislature, Gloria fought tirelessly for civil rights, successfully passing several landmark pieces of legislation aimed at improving the lives of women, families, workers, and minority communities in Colorado. And that drive was, in part, what made her an effective advocate in the community outside of the state capitol. Not only did she found the Colorado Black Women for Political Action, an organization that still thrives today, but she also co-founded the Colorado Black Roundtable, the National Organization of Black Elected Legislators—Women (or NOBEL-Women), as well as the Gloria Tanner Leadership and Training Institute for Future Black Women Leaders of Colorado.