

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SUPPORTING H. RES. 1021, RECOGNIZING THE COMMENCEMENT OF RAMADAN, THE MUSLIM HOLY MONTH OF FASTING AND SPIRITUAL RENEWAL, AND COMMENDING MUSLIMS IN THE UNITED STATES AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD FOR THEIR FAITH

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 1021 in recognizing the holiest of celebrations of the Islamic faith. The holy month of Ramadan is a sacred time of study, sacrifice, commitment and spiritual renewal—a month of fasting, worship, self-reflection, community, and charitable activities.

Muslim Americans embrace the values and ideals that make our Nation great, such as discipline, egalitarianism, empathy, and moderation. In no month is this more evident than in the month of Ramadan, when, from sunrise to sunset Muslims exercise great discipline in abstaining from eating, drinking, and sensual pleasures from sunrise to sunset.

Occurring on the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar that begins with the sighting of the crescent moon, Ramadan is a month that Muslims recognize as the month that the Qur'an was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad.

We are reminded during this holy month of the rich diversity and many contributions that Muslim Americans have made in every sector of society. Diversity is a corner stone of American society and success. Our Muslim American community is a vital contributor to our nations diversity, as well as to the talents, perspectives, and achievements that diversity brings.

Unfortunately, racial profiling, harassment, and discrimination against Muslim Americans have increased since the tragedy of 9/11. Many years of Civil Rights jurisprudence and law have been ignored and thrown out the window when America permits the racial profiling, harassment, and discrimination of Muslim Americans to occur with impunity.

Since its establishment in 1994, Council on American Islamic Relations has fulfilled the important role of being a leading advocate for justice and mutual understanding across the United States making it America's largest Islamic civil liberties group. Council on American Islamic Relations has served to enhance understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims, and build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding.

There are approximately 3 million Muslims living in the United States. Muslims make up approximately 1.2% of the population in the Houston area.

The Islamic Society of Greater Houston began in 1969 when local Muslim families

gathered for prayer at a small house in the Medical Center. From this tiny group, their community has grown to include 19 masjids across greater Houston making it the largest Islamic Society in North America.

Through the Shifa Clinics, the Islamic Society of Greater Houston has been healing the community one patient at a time through free medical care provided to all those in need. The Shifa Clinics provide healthcare services ranging from ophthalmology to dentistry to wellness exams and immunizations at 4 clinics across the region.

The Islamic Society of Greater Houston is at the heart of the Houston Muslim Community. It embodies the unity that the Islamic faith brings brothers and sisters together.

Muslims from around the world join in this special joy-filled occasion that brings loved ones together in festive celebration that serves as an inspiration for others.

I have been a proud co-sponsor over the years of the resolution recognizing the start of Ramadan, an important reaffirmation of the diversity and unity of America. Today, I am honored to join my fellow colleagues in recognizing the condemning of Muslim Americans and those around the world for their faith. The Muslim American community is an integral part of the fabric of our nation. We must come together, not apart. Out of many, we are one. May this Ramadan bring joy, peace, and unity throughout the World. Eid Mubarak.

TRIBUTE IN CELEBRATION OF LORETTA LYNN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Loretta Lynn, in celebration of her 90th birthday. The incredible voice of America's famed coal miner's daughter has resounded across the Appalachian Mountains and around the world, highlighting the resiliency and courage of the people of Eastern Kentucky, where she was born and raised.

Loretta Lynn's superstardom is a remarkable story, rising from her humble beginnings in Butcher Holler to the top of the country music charts. Her Eastern Kentucky roots shine through the lyrics of her most famous songs and paint a prominent picture of hope and perseverance that are iconic in our coal mining region. She has inspired generations of gifted singers from the mountains. Although Nashville gets much of the glory for birthing the superstars of country music, it is in the hills of Eastern Kentucky where many of them were born, raised, and played their first guitars. Loretta Lynn is just one of the many names lining our Country Music Highway in Eastern Kentucky. We have a rich heritage of talented musicians and vocalists, thanks to country music pioneers, like Loretta Lynn, who proved that hard work, mountain grit and

sheer talent makes for an unstoppable combination.

At the age of 28, she signed with her first record label and stepped onto the Grand Ole Opry stage for the first of many times, becoming a member just two years later. In 1972, she was the first woman to be nominated and to win Entertainer of the Year at the Country Music Association (CMA) Awards. She went on to win CMA's Female Vocalist of the Year award in 1967, 1972 and 1973. When we teamed up with Conway Twitty, the duo recorded five consecutive number one hits, winning the CMA's Vocal Duo of the Year award for four consecutive years, 1972 through 1975. Her best-selling autobiography, *Coal Miner's Daughter*, was turned into an Academy Award-winning film in 1980. As her success continued, Loretta Lynn was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame and the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1988 at the age of 56. Her portfolio includes 60 studio albums, including five certified gold and one certified platinum record. Earning 18 Grammy nominations and 3 Grammy awards, Loretta Lynn stands now as the most awarded female country recording artist and the only female to be named the Academy of Country Music's Artist of the Decade. Adding to her monumental list of accolades, she was also awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom for her lifetime contributions to the arts.

The people of Kentucky are proud of our own "Coal Miner's Daughter" and the legacy of hope that Loretta Lynn built to move mountains for aspiring young artists from the Appalachian Mountains. On her 90th birthday, we celebrate and applaud the life of Loretta Lynn.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MS. OLGA JACKSON

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and career of Olga Armour Jackson. Since 1956, Ms. Jackson has performed one of our most important jobs as a professional educator. She has served at every level, as a Kindergarten Teacher, a Head Start Teacher, a Head Start Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, a Teacher of Gifted Children via Project First, an Adult/GED Instructor, an Adjunct Instructor in Early Childhood Education at the Vocational and Community College level, a Program Manager/Trainer and an Early Childhood Education Consultant.

Olga Armour Jackson was born on November 20, 1933, and is the eldest of ten children of the late Reverend Lloyd J. Armour, Sr., and the late Frances Ernestine Henry Armour. Married to the late Lawrence Jackson, Sr., she is mother to Lawrence Jackson, Jr., and Grandmother to Janae' and Jarrell Jackson. Ms. Jackson was educated in the public

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schools of New Orleans where she attended Johnson C. Lockett Elementary and McDonogh 35 Senior High School. She went on to receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in Kindergarten-Primary Education from Dillard University in 1956 and later earned her Master of Education degree in Early Childhood Education from Tulane University. In the seventies, she furthered her education even more at Tulane University.

Ms. Jackson has retired three times in her illustrious career. First, from the New Orleans Public School System in 1977. In 2001, she retired from St. Mark's Community Center where she directed the Child Care Training Program. Finally, in 2015, she retired from Delgado Community College, where she instructed CDA Prep Training for Head Start and childcare teachers in the Greater New Orleans area.

She is a passionate Head Start supporter. Ms. Jackson most recently served as a member of the Jefferson Parish Head Start Policy Council as a Community Representative from 2015 to 2021. Her past service has included CDA Advisor and Trainer to Head Start teaching staff, member of the Head Start Policy Council Education committee giving input to policies impacting parental programs in Head Start Centers, and as a presenter at Jefferson Parish Head Start Annual Teacher Workshops. Ms. Jackson has certainly left a lasting impact in the Head Start community across several communities and in various capacities since its inception in 1965.

Her dedication to the advocacy and protection of the rights of children is unmatched. She has been active in numerous causes for children and families. Ms. Jackson is Past President of the Louisiana Association for the Education of Young Children; Founder and Advisor of the New Orleans Association of Family Child Care Providers, Inc.; former Advisory Board member of the Louisiana Children's Trust Fund; former Trainer of the WYES Ready to Learn Program; Life Member of the Dillard University Alumni Association and Louisiana Retired Teachers Association.

Ms. Jackson has had a lasting impact on countless individuals across the Greater New Orleans region and State of Louisiana that can never be measured. I am honored to be able to share her story with the rest of the nation for generations to come so that others may be inspired by her service to others.

HONORING MATILDA ZIZOLI

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Matilda Zizoli, an essential partner in our effort to relocate Afghan allies from Albania to the United States.

When it was announced in mid-August 2021 that Afghan evacuees would be hosted in Tirana, Ms. Zizoli answered the call and began volunteering with Spirit of America, a non-profit organization whose mission is to support our diplomats and our men and women in uniform abroad. Despite her volunteer period concluding once the Afghan evacuees were relocated to Shengjin, Albania, Ms. Zizoli continued to volunteer and organize crit-

ical services support for the evacuees. She also continued to help Spirit of America personnel with her local knowledge and contacts throughout the country. In October 2021, Ms. Zizoli became the Albania Project Manager for Spirit of America.

Before joining Spirit of America, Ms. Zizoli led a life of public service. From working with Roma communities in Tirana to serving at social services centers and developing mental and emotional well-being services for the underprivileged, Ms. Zizoli has always worked to better the lives of those who are less fortunate. Ms. Zizoli truly lives up to and embodies the Albanian notion of Besa: meaning to keep one's word, particularly in aiding and protecting people in their greatest moment of need.

During her time as Albania Project Manager, she was in charge of the care, support, and well-being of 121 Afghan evacuees. Ms. Zizoli helped several families navigate complicated issues: the birth of two newborn babies, the emergency evacuation of one family to the U.S. for a major health issue, several personal health issues for family members, and the psychological support needs of vulnerable Afghan evacuees. She spearheaded the organization and preparation for the Afghan evacuees when the Department of Homeland Security fly-away team came to Albania and the group prepared to leave for the United States. At every turn, Ms. Zizoli acted with professionalism, humanity, and diligence.

Throughout the seven months that these Afghan evacuees were in Albania, Ms. Zizoli went above and beyond to ensure that they were cared for, safe, and supported. She organized cultural events for the Afghans to enjoy in Albania, fostering learning and appreciation between the Albanian and Afghan people. She was always willing to drop whatever she was doing to help them navigate the complexities of government bureaucracies foreign to them, get them the care they needed, or just listen to their stories and help them through a difficult time. In so doing, Ms. Zizoli was instrumental in the success of the mission.

Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Ms. Matilda Zizoli for her willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty in our effort to evacuate Afghan allies from Kabul and support them in their new lives. For her commitment to supporting them while they awaited processing and resettlement to the United States, for her value to the U.S.-Albanian partnership, and for her "I can manage" attitude when encountering problems or hurdles, I submit these words to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD so they stand as a tribute to her dedicated service when the moment called for it most.

HONORING GRAY STONE DAY
SCHOOL GRADUATE ANNIE
HABEEB FOR OUTSTANDING
ATHLETIC LEADERSHIP AND
SUCCESS

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Ms. Annie Habeeb for her exceptional accomplishments and leadership as a soccer player.

Ms. Habeeb attended Gray Stone Day School in Stanly County where she was a four-year member of the varsity women's soccer team. Over the course of her four-year high school career, she helped lead the Knights to a 71–9–5 record in which they won 86.5 percent of their games and made it deep into the state playoffs each year. She also strengthened her game by playing in Iceland, Denmark, and Sweden as a member of the Lake Norman Soccer club team. Following high school, Ms. Habeeb competed for and recently graduated from Flagler University where she earned her bachelor's degree in hospitality and tourism management with a minor in business administration. After experiencing great success over her four years of soccer at Flagler, Ms. Habeeb has decided to pursue a career in professional women's soccer. She recently signed a contract with IFK Kalmar in Sweden's OBOS Damallsvenskan league.

As a member of one of the most prestigious soccer leagues in the world, Ms. Habeeb is the first student from Gray Stone Day School to become a professional athlete. This remarkable achievement is tangible evidence of her hard work and determination which represents the very best of our community. Praised by others for her devout work ethic and superb leadership skills, Ms. Habeeb sets an excellent example for all to follow.

I would like to extend my most heartfelt appreciation to Ms. Habeeb for her austere commitment to soccer and dedicated leadership within our community. I speak for our entire community in wishing her continued success and happiness as she pursues her dream of playing professional soccer.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Ms. Annie Habeeb for her excellent leadership and unprecedented success as a graduate from Gray Stone Day School.

RECOGNIZING THE NAMING OF JEFFRIES HALL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chris and Lisa Jeffries on the occasion of the naming of Jeffries Hall at the University of Michigan Law School located in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their significant contributions to the University of Michigan and our greater community are worthy of commendation.

A 1974 graduate of Michigan Law School, Chris Jeffries is a philanthropist and the co-founder of Millennium Partners, a real estate development company. Upon graduation from Michigan, he worked as a partner at Keywell & Rosenfeld in Southfield, Michigan. He has also contributed to other Michigan institutions, such as the Henry Ford Health System based in Metro Detroit, to help them deliver better care and develop innovative treatments for patients.

Mr. Jeffries recalls his time at Michigan Law as formative and memorable, and he wants to ensure that students who lack financial resources are given the same opportunity to thrive at Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Jeffries have committed \$33 million to the University of