

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## SHERPA HOUSE

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Sherpa House Restaurant and Cultural Center for winning the Golden Rotary's 2022 Ethics in Business Award.

Each year, the Golden Rotary Club awards one for-profit company and one non-profit organization for their outstanding ethical behavior and leadership. The community is asked to nominate organizations whom they think display the highest standards of ethical business practices, integrity, and civic and social responsibility. Winners are then chosen by students in an Ethics class at the Colorado School of Mines.

As a longtime, local restaurant and cultural center in the heart of Golden, the Sherpa House has a history of welcoming residents and customers from across the region to discover the wonders of the Himalayas and learn about the history and customs of Sherpas. This establishment has served as an exhibition of the vibrancy and depth of Sherpa and Nepalese culture since 2009. Despite being a small company, they contribute substantially to the Golden community and have been a true ethical beacon for businesses. It's clear the Sherpa House owners and staff care deeply for the Nepalese community in Colorado and in Nepal and want to share that vibrant culture with the community.

Congratulations to the Sherpa House Restaurant and Cultural Center on receiving this award from the Golden Rotary Club and I thank them for their ethical leadership and ongoing contributions to our community.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF  
MAXIMUS CLOSSON ON HIS  
OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO AT-  
TEND THE UNITED STATES MILI-  
TARY ACADEMY

### HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Maximus Closson of Northwood, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Max's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2026. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only

offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Max brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2026. While attending Northwood High School in Northwood, Ohio, Max participated in student government, Quiz Bowl, and was a member of National Honor Society. Throughout high school, Max was involved with cross country and track and field, earning varsity letters in both. I am confident that Max will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Maximus Closson on his offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Max will excel during his career at the Military Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

## RECOGNIZING THE CRAIG FAMILY

### HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional family from my district. Since 1947, the Craig family has run Craig's Brother Bar-B-Q, dazzling De Valls Bluff with mouthwatering pork sandwiches dripping in the secret family sauce known for its hints of apple and bell pepper.

Lawrence Craig, a former cook on a Mississippi River boat and his brother Wes opened the restaurant in 1947. Now with three generations of the Craig family maintaining the barbeque tradition, Craig's Brother Bar-B-Q was recognized as a 2019 Arkansas Food Hall of Fame Award Winner.

Craig's offers slow-smoked meats covered in curated levels of spicy sauces, perfected coleslaw, ribs, and burgers that will make you feel like you are in Southern barbeque heaven. A local favorite, duck hunters frequent the family-run establishment that was also recognized as a 2020 People's Choice Nominee.

For a blast of flavor and unforgettable taste of the South, visit Craig's Brother Bar-B-Q.

HONORING JEFF SIMERING ON RE-  
TIREMENT FROM THE COUNCIL  
OF THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS

### HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, last month, one of the most impactful and con-

sistent forces in urban education policy retired. Jeff Simering stepped down as the Director of Legislative Services for the Council of the Great City Schools, ending his fifth decade of working to improve schools in urban school districts. His impact on education, and especially those who have taught and learned in our urban schools, has been immeasurable.

Jeff had been with the Council since 1994, where he directed the federal legislative activities of the Council, worked with federal agencies, and advised member school districts on the implementation of national legislation. Prior to joining the Council, Jeff operated a consulting firm that aided school districts and worked directly for Chicago Public Schools. Jeff received his law degree from the University of Baltimore.

Jeff fought for urban schools to get the resources they needed for decades. While at Chicago Public Schools, Jeff worked with some of the legislative titans of the time—Sid Yates and Dan Rostenkowski—to ensure Chicago Public Schools had the resources to support its students and teachers and foster diversity. Throughout the 90s and beyond Jeff was one of the preeminent experts helping guide Congress on how best to target federal education funding to the school districts which needed it the most.

Jeff provided counsel to Members of the Education and Labor Committee for decades. His advice helped inform us on how to target resources and pursue reforms to strengthen schools. Most importantly his advice assisted us in producing more effective legislation. For instance, Jeff was instrumental in helping the Committee construct funding formulas that ensured school districts with concentrations of low-income children in rural, urban and suburban America received their fair share of resources.

Jeff fiercely represented his clients—urban schools and the children who attend them. And above all, Jeff knew how to help the Committee come to a bipartisan consensus on issues. For example, Jeff's assistance led to bipartisan agreement on multiple Elementary and Secondary Education Act reauthorizations, including the Improving America's Schools Act in 1994, the No Child Left Behind Act in 2001, and the Every Student Succeeds Act in 2015. His work also influenced the reauthorizations of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act in 1997 and 2004, and the Career and Technical Education Act in 1998 and 2006.

Best wishes to Jeff on his retirement. His knowledge and approach will be missed. I hope in the coming months and years, he will be able to spend more time with his family, play tennis, and ride his Harley.

I thank him for all he has done to support our Nation's schools.

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HONORING ALDEA CHILDREN AND  
FAMILY SERVICES**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Aldea Children and Family Services in celebration of the organization's 50 years of service in Napa and Solano counties.

Aldea has specialized in helping people who face financial, mental, cultural, and other barriers in their lives. The organization provides mental health services, transitional housing, child welfare services, and substance abuse services in Napa and Solano counties. The dedicated workers at Aldea assist our communities through three main offices, various outpatient therapy clinics, and over 30 co-locations, including schools, primary healthcare facilities, and community-based organizations.

Aldea incorporated in 1972, opening its first group home which served as a residence for six teenage girls. Two years later, it opened the Redwood Residential Treatment Center to house eight teenagers. In 1982, Aldea expanded its services to adults with developmental disabilities who live independently. A few years later, Aldea grew by opening a group home in Solano County. In 1987, Aldea yet again expanded its services by becoming a licensed private Foster Family Agency.

In 2007, Aldea began offering Intensive Treatment Foster Care for children with severe behavioral and mental health issues. Later, the organization began offering substance abuse prevention and treatment services for youth in Napa County. Aldea was certified by the Council on Accreditation for their effective programming and organizational management in both 2012 and 2016. This honor is achieved by only one percent of human service agencies in the nation.

Aldea Children and Family Services grew from a group home for adolescents to a multi-service organization that serves over 3,900 people each year, providing necessary services that help patients reclaim their lives.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Aldea Children and Family Services have served the people of Napa and Solano counties well for over 50 years.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BEN CLINE**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I missed a vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 127.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF  
ETHAN COLLINS ON HIS OFFER  
OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND  
THE UNITED STATES MILITARY  
ACADEMY**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Ethan Collins of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Ethan's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2026. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Ethan brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2026. While attending Upper Sandusky High School in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, Ethan participated in student government, Quiz Bowl, and was a member of the Ohio Attorney General's Teen Ambassador Board. Throughout high school, Ethan was involved with golf, swimming, and tennis, earning varsity letters in all three. I am confident that Ethan will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ethan Collins on his offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Ethan will excel during his career at the Military Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

## IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF DEPUTY JAMES NELSON BAILEY RECEIVING THE 2021 ROBERT JACKSON EURY MEMORIAL AWARD

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Deputy James Nelson Bailey on receiving the 2021 Robert Jackson Eury Memorial Award.

Chief Bailey began his career with the Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office in 1995. He worked in the Detention Center for two years before becoming a member of the Patrol division in 1997. It was not long before his expertise and quick success led him to be promoted to Patrol Sergeant in 2002 and Patrol Lieutenant in 2006. After twelve years of dedicated service as Patrol Lieutenant, he was appointed Chief Deputy in 2018. Chief Bailey is a certified polygraph examiner having graduated from the Northeast Counterdrug Training Center and Polygraph Institute. He also re-

ceived his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Western Carolina University and a master's degree in Criminal Justice from East Carolina University.

Chief Bailey's hard work and staunch work ethic have long promoted service of the highest quality to further assist the Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office benefit all in our community. In addition to such dedicated service, he is an active member of his community outside of his role as Chief Deputy. He is the Past Master and current Secretary of Allen-Graham Masonic Lodge No. 695 in Kannapolis, NC. He is also a member of both the Oasis Shrine and Cabarrus Shrine Clubs where he held the position of Treasurer. Chief Bailey is married and has two children and five grandchildren.

The Robert Jackson Eury Memorial Award is presented in memory of Robert Jackson Eury, a man who lost his life in the line of duty while serving as a Cabarrus County law enforcement officer. This award keeps Mr. Eury's legacy alive through officers who share his same admirable and commendable spirit in Cabarrus County. Chief Bailey fits the mold of esteemed law enforcement officers in our community set by Robert Eury.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Chief Deputy James Nelson Bailey for receiving the 2021 Robert Jackson Eury Memorial Award. We all wish him well as he continues to make a positive impact in our community.

## IN RECOGNITION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL OF RAGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Student Council of Ragland High School.

In October, the Council, led by President Jaxon Phillips, called for U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to fund the Ragland Safety, Transportation, Education, and Mobility Project, known as "STEM."

Trains often block Ragland's only grade crossing, cutting the town in half for hours. This blocks first responders and school buses and causes disruptions for student attendance and learning. The STEM Project would eliminate these disruptions.

At the Student Council's urging, I have engaged with U.S. DOT to support this project. I had hoped funding for this project would be announced by Secretary Buttigieg before the school year ended. While the final decision is still pending, I want these young leaders to know their voices have been heard in Washington. I will continue to support the STEM Project.

Madam Speaker, I call upon Secretary Buttigieg to fund this worthy project. I include in the RECORD the text of the Council's resolution of October 25, 2021.

STUDENT COUNCIL, RAGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

RESOLUTION

October 25, 2021

WHEREAS, The Town of Ragland has been home to the National Cement Company, Inc. since July of 1910; and