

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE NORMAN Y. MINETA

SPEECH OF

### HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, California, the Congress and the Country are mourning the loss of a pioneering leader, a legendary statesman and a patriotic American: Secretary Norm Mineta.

Thank you to Congresswoman JUDY CHU and the leadership of CAPAC, for hosting this Special Order. It is fitting that we pay tribute to their Co-Founder here on the House Floor, where he served for two decades.

Over the course of his long, distinguished and barrier-breaking career, Norm Mineta was a man of many titles:

An intelligence officer in the United States Army;

Mayor of San Jose—the first Asian American mayor of a major city;

Mr. Chairman here in the House—not only of the powerful Committee on Public Works & Transportation, but also a strong voice in the creation of CAPAC;

and Mr. Secretary: the first Asian American to hold a Cabinet post—and he did so in not one, but two Administrations.

But as Norm told us himself, there was one title he always held dearest. He said, quote: “I cherish the word citizen because my own government . . . wasn’t willing to use that word to describe us.”

Indeed, all Americans are in awe of how—after enduring the cruelty of internment at just ten years old—Norm still chose to devote his life to serving the Nation that had turned its back on him.

Norm’s lifelong public service will forever be remembered as a profound act of extraordinary courage, grace & patriotism: fighting to correct injustice and ensure America’s founding promise for all.

Those of us who served with Norm in the House had the privilege of seeing this firsthand in his relentless mission for justice with the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

He was the driving force behind this long-overdue law, in which the United States finally apologized for incarcerating Japanese American families like his own; and took a step to make amends for this stain on our Nation’s history.

Who could forget Secretary Mineta’s vision, tireless and patriotic leadership in the wake of the September Attacks—helping strengthen our Nation with the establishment of the TSA.

Personally, I will miss my dear friend, Norm, who treated all fortunate enough to know him with sincere kindness, humanity and respect.

And I join my fellow Californians in taking great pride in the fact that the San Jose International Airport continues to bear his name.

May it be a comfort to his loving wife, Deni, his sons David and Stuart, stepsons Robert

and Mark, and his many grandchildren that a grateful Nation prays for them and mourns with them during this sad time.

God blessed our Nation with the life and leadership of Norm Mineta. May he rest in peace.

## CELEBRATING LUCILLE “LUCY” LEVY

### HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 12, 2022*

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize the 100th birthday of Lucille “Lucy” Levy.

Lucille “Lucy” Levy was born in New York City on May 12, 1922. Her family moved to Long Island where she grew up and graduated from Lawrence High School. Upon graduation, she went to work as a model in the New York City garment industry. She met and married her dashing husband, Daniel Herman in 1941. They had three daughters: Nan, Marsha, and Laura; and were married for 43 years before his passing.

Lucy worked with her husband in the family retail business, Sandra Post, for many years. She was also involved in charitable causes including Variety Children’s Hospital and Temple Beth Shalom. She married her second husband, Irving Lovitt, and they were married for 22 years until his death.

As a centenarian, the history she has witnessed over the past century is quite remarkable. In her lifetime, 19 Presidents have served our nation, the global population has increased by nearly 6 billion people, and countless inventions from the airplane to the internet have launched us into a new technological era.

Today, Lucy lives in Aventura, Florida and is keeping up with current events, reading the newspaper cover to cover every day, and continues to be a devoted and loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Countless individuals have been touched by the richness of the stories and memories she has shared throughout the years.

I join Lucy’s family and her Aventura community in wishing her a Happy 100th Birthday.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 12, 2022*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I missed three roll call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted:

YES on Roll Call 147, Joyce (OH)/Carson Amendment;

YES on Roll Call 155, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the United States

Army Rangers Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act; and

YES on Roll Call 162, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended the Russia and Belarus SDR Exchange Prohibition Act.

## IN RECOGNITION OF THE CAREER OF MAJOR SERGEANT HUNTER SORRELLS

### HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 12, 2022*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the career of retiring United States Marine Corps Master Sergeant Hunter Sorrells.

During his time as a Marine Corps fellow in my office, Master Sergeant Sorrells served our men and women in uniform, along with the veteran community of Northeast Wisconsin, with the utmost dedication and professionalism. His intelligence, tenacity, and devotion to helping others made him a beloved and invaluable member of my team. His relentless advocacy on behalf of Northeast Wisconsin veterans changed the lives of multiple individuals in my district and delivered for them the benefits they earned in service of our Nation.

There is no better example of Master Sergeant Sorrells’ dedication to his fellow men and women in uniform—particularly Marines—than his efforts to recover the Camp Reasoner base sign from Vietnam. After being informed of the issue, he dove into action and not only gathered bipartisan support, but expertly worked through the logistics that would be required to bring the sign home to American soil. Thanks to his perseverance, all Marines then serving in the House of Representatives signed onto a letter bringing the issue to the attention of Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. Throughout his time in my office, Master Sergeant Sorrells exemplified the highest standards and values of the United States Marine Corps. I am privileged to have had the opportunity to work alongside this great American.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Master Sergeant Hunter Sorrells’ exemplary career in the Marine Corps and wishing him all the best in retirement. Our Nation is safer, and the Northeast Wisconsin community is better, because of his service.

## PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA

### HON. MARY GAY SCANLON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 12, 2022*

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a proud Pennsylvanian, and someone who has been a season ticket subscriber to the Philadelphia Orchestra for almost 40

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years, to share with my colleagues another important milestone for the Philadelphia Orchestra on the world stage.

In close coordination with the Department of State's Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs as well as our diplomats in Abu Dhabi, a delegation from the Philadelphia Orchestra made a historic trip to the United Arab Emirates in March.

This coincided with the Dubai Expo and the anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and the United Arab Emirates on March 20, 1972.

The Philadelphia Orchestra has been one of the most well-traveled in the world. This commitment to cultural diplomacy dates to the end of World War II. Colleagues will remember the landmark visit to China orchestrated personally by President Nixon and Secretary Kissinger. More recently, the Orchestra has worked with our State Department diplomats to strengthen relations with countries as diverse as Mongolia and Israel.

While on the ground, the musicians visited not only Abu Dhabi and Dubai, but also the Fujairah Fine Arts Academy. This was truly historic. In an increasingly complex world, this type of people-to-people exchange is an incredibly important tool to amplify the work of our diplomats.

As we stand shoulder to shoulder with our European allies, I look forward to celebrating the upcoming European tour this August and September. Once again, the Philadelphia Orchestra will serve as an important cultural ambassador for our country on the world stage.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PA 211  
NORTHEAST/HELP LINE FOR 50  
YEARS OF SERVICE

### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 12, 2022*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, today I honor the PA 211 Northeast/Help Line for 50 years of service to Northeastern Pennsylvania in partnership with the Family Service Association. For the past five decades, the Help Line has been a source for anyone seeking referrals to social service and support agencies or information in Northeastern Pennsylvania. This occasion will be marked with a Spring Fling and Auction celebration on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at the Westmoreland Club in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

In 1972, Hurricane Agnes and the resulting flood devastated the region, causing billions of dollars of damage and leaving citizens in need of food, shelter, and other necessities. In response to this tragedy, the Wilkes-Barre City Demonstration Agency, the Department of Public Welfare, and the Wyoming Valley United Fund all came together to establish and provide financial support for the Wilkes-Barre Information System, later renamed PA 211 Help Line, to provide vital information for the survivors of this disaster. They chose Family Service Association to operate the service. During the first year, 3,000 calls were answered regarding food, utility information, and transport services as the region slowly recovered from the flood.

In 1975, after entering into agreements with several area agencies, the Help Line became

a twenty-four-hour crisis hotline. Soon after, additional agencies signed on, and Help Line was now the crisis center for most Wyoming Valley social service agencies.

While continuing to provide information and referrals, Help Line has also become a place to call when an individual needs someone to listen to them, and a team of crisis case-workers is able to provide support and referrals to additional services as needed. In 2011, Help Line, now operating under its current name, grew beyond an active listing of local agencies to include regional, state, and national resources.

Since 1972, Help Line has answered more than 3.1 million calls from its 17-county coverage area and beyond. The team has responded to numerous disasters over the years such as the blizzard of 1993, the September 11th terrorist attacks, and more recently the COVID-19 pandemic. Today, Help Line continues to grow and thrive. With one phone number, callers can freely obtain resources on how to access thousands of programs and services aiming to improve the quality of their lives.

I am honored to congratulate the Family Service Association and PA 211 Northeast/Help Line for 50 years of steadfast dedication to supporting the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania. I wish them great success in the future as they continue to provide essential services to those who need it most.

### HONORING DICK MORRIS

### HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 12, 2022*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career achievements of Dick Morris, who is stepping down from the Trinity Public Utilities District Board of Directors after more than four decades of service.

Mr. Morris was elected to the district board on November 3, 1981 when the district was first created. He has repeatedly served as president, vice president, and clerk of the board that he helped form. Over those years, Mr. Morris helped bring improvements in electricity reliability and cost savings for Trinity County customers, who enjoy low-cost power through the federal Trinity River Division of the Central Valley hydropower project.

Throughout his time on the district board, Mr. Morris advocated for annual payments of \$800,000 to the district, additional regional infrastructure, and federal legislation vital to the economic health of Trinity County. He supported the passage of my Trinity County Land Exchange Act of 2013 which acquired land for the district for economic development. Mr. Morris was also key to saving Trinity County's only hospital, vital to the health and well-being of the community.

Madam Speaker, Dick Morris' long service on the Trinity Public Utilities District Board of Directors is an exemplary illustration of commitment to improving the life of Trinity County's rural community through good governance. Please join me in honoring Dick Morris on the occasion of his retirement from the board, and in wishing him good luck in his future endeavors.

### HONORING PAUL NEUMEIER FOR HIS CAREER AND SERVICE

### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 12, 2022*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Paul Neumeier for his career and service to his community. Through a lifetime of work for his family and the public good, Michael has become an indispensable part of the Upper Peninsula.

Paul was born in Racine, Wisconsin, on June 4, 1947, and later moved to the City of Escanaba where he was raised. In 1965, he graduated from Escanaba High and was a star player on their successful football team. He then attended Michigan State University and graduated as a double major in Political Science and History in 1969. Following his education, he began working at his family business, Independent Roofing & Siding Co. Working for the company for over a decade, Paul was inspired to carry on the family business. He purchased his uncle's part of the company in 1972 to become partners with his father. Paul later became President in 1982, ensuring lasting success for the 105-year-old company. Under Paul's direction, Independent Roofing continued their accomplishments through the years, with the company recently receiving a national award from Firestone as being in the top 1 percent in the United States. Paul is also heavily involved in local politics and has served as the Delta County Republican Party Chairman for 22 years. Today, he continues to remain a strong advocate for his community.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Paul Neumeier for his career and service to his community. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a selfless citizen. On behalf of my constituents, I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. STEPHANIE N. MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 12, 2022*

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Roll Call Nos. 164 through 167 on May 11, 2022. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call Nos. 164 through 167.

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### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the legacy of a dear friend, a mentor, and a colleague, Norm Mineta.

Secretary Mineta was an American patriot who served his country with distinction in the military, in Congress, and as a cabinet secretary in two administrations. He was a trailblazer and a man of many 'firsts'. He was the