

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING PHILLIPS
DINER ON ITS DESIGNATION AS
A HISTORIC BUSINESS

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate an incredible North Country establishment that has been recognized as a historic business, Phillips Diner in Ogdensburg. Phillips Diner has been named to the New York State Historic Preservation Registry for operating for over fifty years and contributes greatly to the Ogdensburg community.

Phillips Diner has been owned and operated by members of the Phillips family since 1948. In 1930, the Diner got its start as the Theater Dining Car and was owned by M&F Dining Corp. The restaurant quickly became a favorite dining spot for those seeing a movie at the Strand Theater located next door. In 1948, Russell and Ollie Phillips purchased the Theater Dining Car with their son, Bud, and renamed it Phillips Diner. Phillips Diner was extremely successful for several decades, until a devastating fire destroyed the building in 1970. Not discouraged by this setback, the Phillips family rebuilt and opened once again in 1973, proudly serving their community ever since.

The Diner is now owned and operated by Judi Ashley, the granddaughter of the original owners, and her husband. Over seventy years later, the diner staff still use Russell and Ollie's original recipes to prepare their famous dishes. Phillips Diner is a true community staple priding themselves on serving great meals at a great value.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am proud to celebrate the rich history of Phillips Diner. This establishment has been an important asset to the Ogdensburg community for several decades and will undoubtedly continue to provide service for many more to come. Congratulations to Phillips Diner for their recognition on the New York State Historic Preservation Registry.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF HALEY
BISKUP ON HER OFFER OF AP-
POINTMENT TO ATTEND THE
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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 Haley Biskup of Whitehouse, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Haley's offer of appointment permits her to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2026. Attending one of our Nation's military academies offers the opportunity to serve our country and receive a world-class education. At the same time, these young men and women undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Haley brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2026. While attending Open Door Christian School in Elyria, Ohio, Haley participated in Patriot Service Club, was a student ambassador, and was a member of National Honor Society. Throughout high school, Haley was involved with volleyball, basketball, and cheerleading, earning a varsity letter in all three.

After graduating Open Door Christian School in 2020, Haley attended Lorain County Community College in Elyria, Ohio and studied science. She then went on to attend the United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School in Colorado.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Haley Biskup on her offer of appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Haley will excel during her career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to her as she begins her service to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING DOMINION WOMAN'S
CLUB

HON. JENNIFER WEXTON

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WEXTON. Madam Speaker, I am honored to use this time to recognize the 15th anniversary of the General Federation of Women's Clubs Dominion Woman's Club (DWC) in Virginia's 10th District. The DWC is a volunteer organization in Prince William and Fauquier Counties that is dedicated to improving our community by advocating for critical issues and providing volunteer services. Some of the DWC's work has involved supporting our schools and libraries, meeting the needs of the underserved, calling attention to the problems of child and domestic abuse, and working to promote conservation through volunteer service.

The DWC was founded in 2007 under the guidance of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Virginia (GFWC-VA). The GFWC-VA, founded in 1890, focuses on promoting culture and education, increasing domestic abuse awareness, and establishing smaller, local clubs across Virginia. The DWC's first President was Nanette McKeel Petrella, and many current members credit the club's early success to her leadership and vision.

Today, the DWC supports a wide variety of organizations and groups across Prince William and Fauquier Counties, including Bull Run Mountain Conservancy, Leopold's Preserve, the Haymarket Regional Food Pantry, PACE West School, Suella Gilbert Ellis Elementary, Gravely Elementary, Friends of Homeless Animals and more. The members of the club come from a variety of backgrounds, including teachers, counselors, professional women, moms, and women involved in various communal volunteer organizations. While their levels of participation and interests may vary, each member shares the common goal of empowering one another through community service.

The club's current board, led by President Martha Feeney, has done an admirable job of guiding the club during the COVID-19 pandemic. She implemented creative methods to navigate remote outreach and ensured that the club's community impact remained resilient. Under their leadership in 2021, the club participated in 42 volunteer programs, contributed 4,734 volunteer hours, and donated over \$20,000, including in-kind donations, to fund their community outreaches.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the GFWC Dominion Woman's Club for its steadfast commitment to serving our community for the past 15 years. I wish the women of this entire organization all the best in their future endeavors and commend their desire to "be the change that you wish to see."

COMMENDING AND CONGRATU-
LATING STEPHANE CAMACHO
CONCEPCION ON BEING SE-
LECTED AS THE 2023 GUAM DE-
PARTMENT OF EDUCATION
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. MICHAEL F. Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2022

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Stephane Camacho Concepcion on being selected as the 2023 Guam Department of Education (GDOE) Teacher of the Year. Stephane is an exceptional teacher whose passion for service, dedication to our youth, and commitment to holistic community growth have and continue to leave a lasting impact on our people, island, and future.

The prestigious Teacher of the Year Program has recognized teachers in Guam since 1969 for their excellence in teaching and contributions to community. In addition to highlighting both teachers' extraordinary work and the importance of a quality education system, the national platform provides educators with unique opportunities to represent and lead our district in elevating its classroom standards and practices. After a rigorous nomination, evaluation, and observation process,

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Stephane was selected from among six finalists and now joins a cohort of esteemed teachers from across the nation as Talofoto Elementary School's first award recipient in 52 years.

Early in life, Stephane understood the value of education; growing up, her mother, grandparents, and mentors made it a point to emphasize that learning should be a priority. Yet it wasn't just a lesson she was told—it is a fundamental truth she witnessed firsthand. As a young girl, Stephane routinely helped prepare her aunt's classroom for the new school year and saw how her dedication outside of it deeply affected the lives of her students. Stephane's first-grade teacher also drew compelling connections between education and fun that further nurtured her love for learning and desire to make a difference. Paired with her aspirations for purpose-driven service, these formative experiences propelled Stephane onto a path that similarly shapes children's educational journeys. After receiving her high school diploma at the Guam Community College, she earned a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education from the University of Guam (UOG). She then returned to the university and went on to obtain two master's degrees in both Administration & Supervision and Reading.

Today, Stephane celebrates over 16 years of teaching with GDOE and as demonstrated throughout her career, she has and continues to both redefine and reimagine the vital role of a teacher in empowering communities. Beyond ensuring her students are adequately supported with uniquely tailored instructional styles and assistance, her leadership within the larger school system has meaningfully contributed to improving the learning experience for countless Guam students. As both a curriculum coordinator and school site instructional coach, Stephane has extensively collaborated with educators across the island, advocated for the evolving needs of our children, and worked diligently to stand up a robust school community by cultivating greater relationships and communication with parents, faculty, staff, and students.

On behalf of the People of Guam, I would like to extend a sincere congratulations to Stephane Camacho Concepcion. Her unwavering commitment to collaboration, collective progress, and student-centered success both underscores the criticality of education for all and inspires learners and educators alike to similarly rise as catalysts for positive transformation. Stephane's selflessness, passion, and determination to meet students where they are to best help them get to where they can and dream to be offers renewed hope in the achievements we can realize through heart and hard work, and I wish her the best on the rest of her professional journey.

HONORING THE LIFE OF J. ROY ROWLAND

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2022

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, I'd like to pay my respects to the late J. Roy Rowland, a pillar of our community who passed away on April 25, 2022, returning home to the Lord after 96 years of a life well lived.

Dr. Rowland was born in Wrightsville, Georgia in 1926. He served as a sergeant in the United States Army during World War II and practiced medicine in the middle Georgia area for 28 years.

Dr. Rowland later served his community both in the Georgia state legislature and the United States Congress, representing Georgia's Eighth District from 1983 to 1995, which included counties in today's Twelfth District.

Dr. Rowland was blessed with a servant's heart—a truth known well by his constituents, family, and all who were fortunate enough to call him "friend."

Dr. Rowland's passion for service persisted for decades after his retirement from Congress.

Ask any Member who followed him, and they will tell you they often fielded calls from Dr. Rowland seeking assistance with a constituent issue, tour request, or requesting support on a local issue.

Such was his lifelong dedication to the community.

In Galatians 5:13, the apostle Paul calls on us to serve another in love. We serve God by serving others.

Few men have heeded the apostle's call more thoroughly or more happily than Dr. Rowland during his 96 years on earth.

A true public servant, may he rest in peace.

HONORING BILL JONES

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2022

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Mr. Bill Jones, the former Executive Director of the Melissa Area Chamber of Commerce. Following a distinguished thirty-eight-year career in public service, a grateful community thanks Mr. Jones for his leadership and dedication.

Prior to role with the Melissa Area Chamber of Commerce, Bill served for an impressive thirty years as President and Executive Director of chambers and economic development organizations in various municipalities including those of Grove, Oklahoma; Branson, Missouri; Dumas, Texas; Rosenberg-Richmond, Texas; and Bonham, Texas. Bill's steadfast leadership generated financial and membership growth in each of these organizations enhancing their effectiveness and ability to serve members of the community.

Mr. Jones would go on to enjoy a brief two-year retirement in Bonham, Texas where he spent his time managing the Fannin County Multi-Purpose Complex, a facility which he was instrumental in developing.

Shortly after moving to Melissa, Texas, on January 6, 2014, Bill would come out of retirement to begin his tenure as the Executive Director of the Melissa Area Chamber of Commerce. Due to his vast knowledge and experience in economic development, he would guide the Chamber during a pivotal time of rapid growth.

Bill Jones is highly esteemed within the community as evidenced by his election as the first President of the Trails of Melissa Homeowners Association, appointment to the Texas Chamber of Commerce and Business Executives, and role as the Community Partner for McKinney Buick GMC.

Now as he enters retirement, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in commending Bill Jones for his many efforts and his dedication to serving the Melissa business community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF KAREN SMITH

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the incredible life of Karen S. Smith of Gloversville, New York. Karen was an active member of the Fulton County community, and she will be dearly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Karen was born on December 22, 1946 in Indiana. She graduated from Gloversville High School and attended SUNY Brockport. Karen then obtained her master's degree in reading education from the College of St. Rose. After graduation, Karen began her career as a teacher dedicated to serving some of the youngest members of the Fulton County community. She taught at many schools throughout New York, including Mt. Carmel Elementary School, in the former Oppenheim-Ephratah Central School District, the Tryon School, and in the Greater Amsterdam School District. Karen's commitment to improving her community was evident through her teaching, and Fulton County is better off because of her service.

Karen was an integral part of the Fulton County Republican Committee for over twenty-five years. During that time, she served as the committee secretary, a state committeeman, and the chairwoman of the Gloversville City Committee. She also loyally served as the president of Fulton County Women's Republican Committee and as the president of the New York State Federation of Republican Women. Additionally, Karen was an active member in the Fulton County Republican Chairman's Club and the Fulton County Republican Club. Karen brought much needed leadership to all of her roles and shared her extensive expertise with the Republican Party of New York.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I thank and honor Karen Smith for her incredible life of service and extend my deepest condolences to her family, friends, and the entire Fulton County community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CHARLOTTE KLEEMAN

HON. MIKE GARCIA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2022

Mr. GARCIA of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life, memory, and legacy of a great Californian and one of the great philanthropists in California's 25th District, Charlotte Kleeman. A devoted servant to her community, a loving wife, and an amazing mother, Charlotte exemplified what it means to give back and live your life in the service of others.