

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE REPUBLIC DAY OF AZERBAIJAN

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2022

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, as Co-chair of the House Azerbaijan Caucus, I am honored to recognize the Republic Day recently celebrated in Azerbaijan.

On May 28, 1918, the National Assembly of Azerbaijan adopted their Declaration of Independence, becoming the first secular democracy in the region. After being invaded by the Soviet Union and incorporated into the USSR, Azerbaijan again restored its independence on August 30, 1991.

Azerbaijan is a significant partner to the United States and plays a key role in energy security, supporting Israel, and ensuring stability in the region.

Azerbaijan has been a leader in the Southern Gas Corridor, which will ultimately decrease the Caspian region's dependence on Russian oil, a critical effort especially at this time of Russian aggression.

A strong ally to the U.S. and other international partners, Azerbaijan has stood strong with the U.S. and NATO forces by providing critical refueling stations and fighting side-by-side with U.S. troops in Afghanistan. Azerbaijan contributed to the security of Kosovo and Iraq, and promotes peacekeeping operations under the United Nations and NATO. Committed to global nonproliferation efforts and peacekeeping operations, Azerbaijan also participates as a member of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Given Azerbaijan's position as a partner of the United States in a critical area of the world, I urge my colleagues to join me in expressing support for Azerbaijan's independence and commanding the people of Azerbaijan on their Republic Day.

IN MEMORY OF DR. ANTHONY OWENS PARKER

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an awesome visionary, college administrator, educational expert, consensus building community leader and friend of long standing—Dr. Anthony Owens Parker. Sadly, Dr. Parker transitioned on June 6, 2022. His homegoing service was held at the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia on June 10, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. The amazing story of Dr. Anthony Parker began with his birth on January

12, 1953, in Orangeburg, S.C. to the union of the late Mr. Lee and Mrs. Henretta Parker. He was reared in St. Matthews, South Carolina where he spent his formative years. He attended John Ford High School, but ultimately graduated from St. Matthews High School in 1971.

His higher education journey took him to his beloved South Carolina State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting and Master's Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling. Always seeking to improve himself through education, he went on to earn a Specialist in Education Degree from Augusta State University and his PH.D from the University of South Carolina. In addition, he is also a graduate of the Institute of Educational Management at the Harvard University Graduate School. His professional journey of excellence began as a marketing instructor at Augusta Technical College before becoming the Vice President of Student Services at both Southeastern Technical College and Aiken Technical College. These positions were the foundation for his next post which would change the course of technical education in Southwest Georgia when he was named as the fifth president of Albany Technical College in 1995.

At the time of his passing, he was the longest serving President in the Technical College System of Georgia with 27 years. During his presidency, he raised the bar of excellence for himself, Albany Technical College, and Southwest Georgia. Dr. Parker's vision was keenly focused on establishing the college as a workforce development institution that placed graduates in sustainable employment opportunities that would improve the quality of their lives and by extension the Southwest Georgia Region. He was truly community focused and knew the college could not reach its full potential unless it had the support of the community. He developed partnerships with community organizations, industry and other institutions of higher learning in the State which enhance the impact of Albany Technical College in fulfilling its mission. Because of his visionary leadership, Albany Technical College is ranked among the top technical colleges in Georgia and in the Nation.

Anthony Parker was a man of faith. Throughout his life he demonstrated Christian principles and during his later years worshiped faithfully at Bethel AME Church in Albany, Georgia. Moreover, he achieved many successes during his life and career, but none of this would have been possible without the grace of God; his high school sweetheart and loving wife of 49 years, Sandra Pinkney Parker; his children, Dr. Kimberly A. Parker, Commander Andrea Parker Smith and Richard Anthony Parker; along with his granddaughter, Parker Elizabeth Smith.

On a personal note, Dr. Parker was my friend and my brother in the bond of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. I was always impressed by his calm demeanor and his knack for dealing with people in a respectful way even under the most difficult circumstances.

He was humble and always treated people the way they deserved to be treated. Dr. George Washington Carver was often quoted as saying: "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young; compassionate with the aged; sympathetic with the striving; and tolerant of the weak and the strong because someday in your life you will have been all of these." Dr. Anthony O. Parker was such a man. He rose from humble beginnings and achieved the pinnacle of success because he accepted and fulfilled God's purpose for his life. Albany Technical College, Southwest Georgia, our Nation, and the world are better because Dr. Anthony Owens Parker passed this way.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in paying tribute to Dr. Anthony O. Parker and in extending our deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and loved ones during this difficult period of bereavement. Moreover, we pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

RECOGNIZING DR. GRISWOLD

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2022

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a man who has dedicated his life to public service and thank him for his service.

After 22 years on the Miller County Health Center Board of Trustees, Dr. Scott Griswold is retiring. For more than two decades Dr. Griswold has been instrumental in the operations of the board. Dr. Griswold had multiple roles on the board of Trustees. He provided medical oversight and standing orders for the agency, while giving continuous quality improvements for the agency and community. Most notably, in 2000, Dr. Griswold worked with the citizens of Miller County to establish sustainable funding for the Board, and he developed the agency's annual Health & Wellness Grant, where non-profits can apply for funding to improve nutrition, increase physical activity, and other initiatives to improve health and wellness in the county.

My fellow Miller County residents and I have been truly blessed to have such a gifted and dedicated physician on the County's Health-Center Board. We are endlessly grateful for Dr. Griswold's service.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Dr. Griswold for his 22 years of service and congratulating him on a well-deserved retirement.

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HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF NATE WEBB, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OKLAHOMA CREDIT UNION ASSOCIATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2022

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, I am happy to congratulate my good friend and Executive Director of the Oklahoma Credit Union Association, Nate Webb, on his retirement. His dedication to bettering our great state is certainly commendable. I wish him well and an enjoyable retirement, but I am sad to see him go.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, on June 8, 2022, I was unable to be present for the recorded vote on Roll Call No. 235. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on the Motion on Ordering the Previous Question (H. Res. 1153).

HONORING ERIN PIERONE FOR HER CAREER OF SERVING THE STATE OF NEW YORK

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and thank Erin Pierone on her retirement for faithfully serving the state of New York for over thirty years.

In 1989, Erin graduated from the State University of New York in Plattsburgh with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. After she graduated, Erin dedicated her life to serving some of the youngest members of her community. For sixteen years, she worked as a Child Protective Services caseworker in both the Saratoga and Warren County Departments of Social Services. During this time, she worked tirelessly as an advocate for the children of Saratoga and Warren Counties. She conducted numerous investigations into abuse and maltreatment to ensure a better future for every child with which she worked. Following her career as a caseworker, Erin continued to dedicate herself to improving the lives of those in her community by working as a Crime Victim Specialist in the Saratoga County District Attorney's office and for the New York State Police. During this time, Erin worked relentlessly to provide victims emotional support, rights information, help in finding necessary resources and assistance in filling out crime-related forms. Erin also often accompanied victims and their family members throughout the criminal justice proceedings.

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Erin was a board member with the Saratoga Center for the Family. For five years, she also served as vice president and president of the New York Crime Victims Assist-

ance Task Force. Erin received many well-deserved accolades throughout her career, including the Betty Martin award for Victim Advocacy through the Albany County District Attorney's office, awards for Victim Advocacy from the Warren County and Saratoga County District Attorney offices, the New York State Police Troop G Special Recognition award, and the New York State Police Superintendent's award.

As a Child Protective Services worker and Crime Victim Specialist, Erin has been an invaluable resource to law enforcement and her community. Her dedication and passion will be forever remembered by the countless people that she has helped throughout her 32-year career. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I thank Erin for her incredible service to our community and wish her a happy and blessed retirement.

HONORING RETIRED MAJOR GENERAL GARY HARRELL FOR 35 YEARS OF MILITARY SERVICE

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Major General Gary Harrell for 35 years of extraordinary military service and his recent induction as a Distinguished Member of the Special Forces Regiment by the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School.

Maj. Gen. Harrell has made immeasurable contributions to our great Nation and continues to personify the core U.S. Army values of honor, integrity, personal courage, and selfless service. He began his career in 1973 with the 82nd Airborne Division and retired in 2008 as the Deputy Commander of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command.

Over the course of his remarkable career, Maj. Gen. Harrell served as a special operations action officer, deputy commander, commander, and director among other positions in military operations around the globe. In some of his most notable assignments, he helped rescue American hostage Kurt Muse in Panama as part of Operation Just Cause, deployed with Joint Special Operations Command in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, served as Commander of Task Force Bowie and Assistant Division Commander for the 10th Mountain Division in Operation Anaconda in Afghanistan, and served as Commander of Special Operations Command where he oversaw more than 20,000 troops in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He continues to serve our military in retirement as an executive board member for the Task Force Dagger Foundation. Through this role, he has helped secure donations to benefit injured or ill special operations service members and their families.

On account of his exemplary service, Maj. Gen. Harrell received many of our Nation's most impressive distinctions and awards, including the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal with a Valor Device and Two Oak Leaf Clusters, a Purple Heart Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Medal and the Army

Commendation Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters among other awards and distinctions. He represents the best our nation has to offer, and we will look up to his leadership for generations to come.

As Fort Bragg's Congressman, I know I speak for our Nation and community when I say we are truly grateful for Maj. Gen. Harrell's exceptional service. There is no one more deserving of being named a Distinguished Member of the Special Forces Regiment. I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish him and his family success in all their future endeavors.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Major General Gary Harrell for 35 years of distinguished military service and leadership.

INTRODUCTION OF BRIDGE CORROSION PREVENTION AND REPAIR ACT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the "Bridge Corrosion Prevention and Repair Act," with Congressman ANTHONY G. BROWN (D-MD). Our legislation is endorsed by the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT) and the Association for Materials Protection and Performance (formerly called the National Association of Corrosion Engineers and the Society for Protective Coatings).

This legislation would require all federally funded bridge projects to use certified contractors for any corrosion control work and employ industry-recognized standards for corrosion mitigation and prevention. Specifically, my legislation would prompt State, county, and municipal transportation departments to employ qualified, trained corrosion control professionals who have completed federally registered apprenticeship programs.

In July 2021, the House passed my "Bridge Corrosion Prevention and Repair Act" as Section 1116 from Chairman PETER A. DEFAZIO's (D-OR) "Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation (INVEST) in America Act," of which I was a co-sponsor. While it was ultimately not included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58), I plan to build upon Chairman DEFAZIO's work on corrosion prevention policy and promoting apprenticeships.

In the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81), I secured Section 813 (Office of Corrosion Policy and Oversight employee training requirements) directing the U.S. Department of Defense to make use of federally registered apprenticeship programs for training military personnel, civilian employees, and military construction contractors on anti-corrosion activities. Under my amendment to the FY2022 NOAA, the DOD's Office of Corrosion Policy and Oversight Employee Training Requirements is charged with coordinating this work.

Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Congress and the Biden Administration are making the largest federal investment to modernize our nation's infrastructure since the Interstate Highway System was established in