

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF WINSTON EYE AND
VISION CENTER'S 80TH ANNIVER-
SARY

HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate Winston Eye and Vision Center for its 80 years of business serving the wonderful people of the Knoxville community.

In 1942, Dr. Harold J. Winston moved to Knoxville to start an optometry practice and create a good life for himself, his new wife, and the children they planned to have together. Decades later, the center enabled him to work alongside two of his sons, Jerry and Barry Winston, who followed in their father's footsteps and joined his practice after receiving their doctorates in optometry.

The practice expanded to three generations in 2011 when Harold's grandson, Dr. Samuel A. Winston, joined the practice. A few short months later, in December 2011, Dr. Harold Winston passed away, but his legacy and practice are carried on by his sons and grandson who continue to run the business that brought him such great joy during his life.

Congratulations to the Winston family, employees, and everyone involved in helping Winston Eye and Vision Center serve members of our great community for the past 80 years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 165. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 165.

THANKING VELMON WASHINGTON
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE U.S.
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to thank Velmon Washington for his twenty-two years of dedicated service as an employee of this House. Mr. Washington began his service with the Office of the Clerk in October 2000 as a Data Processing Specialist, and he was in that position for three years before being promoted to an Assistant Requisitions and Printing Clerk. Most recently, he was made Senior Requisitions and Printing Clerk. Mr. Washington's service with the Office of the Clerk caps

eighteen years of outstanding service. I congratulate him on his retirement at the end of June.

Mr. Washington's many years of experience made him an expert in the inner workings of the Clerk's Office and the operations it oversees. He has worked directly with customers from Member and House Committee offices, supplying them with official letterhead and other important materials needed to serve constituents effectively. Mr. Washington also provided valuable assistance to many of the divisions within the Clerk's organization, including the Office of Communications and the Clerk's personal office in support of special projects. He was responsible for keeping track of dozens of requisitions every week using a unique requisitions website, and, for each new Congress, Mr. Washington prepared for months in advance to assemble—and often hand deliver—materials to all new Members on their first day in session.

Madam Speaker, outside of work Mr. Washington is a dedicated husband and father. He inspired his two children with patriotism and public service, and both have served in our nation's Armed Forces—something that makes him very, very proud. I thank Mr. Washington for his dedication, his love of country, and for his many years of service to the Clerk's Office, and I wish him all the best in his retirement. I hope my colleagues will all join me in expressing the gratitude of this House and offering our congratulations.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
THE REV. DR. B.R. DANIELS, SR.

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Reverend Dr. B. R. Daniels, Sr. Daniels was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, pastor, and teacher best known for his service to the Beth-Eden Missionary Baptist Church community. After spending almost four years at the Saint John Baptist Church in Avalon, Texas, Reverend Daniels started his pastorate at Beth-Eden in December of 1972, there were 37 members on the roll and only 18 active members. Within a year, the church had grown to 196 congregants. After serving the church for a record-breaking 50 years, Beth-Eden Missionary Baptist Church included well over 400 members. The success of Beth-Eden Missionary Baptist Church testifies to the love Reverend Daniels poured into the community and the devotion with which they reciprocated. While he led the Church through years of prosperity, a 3.2 million dollar building program was completed. This exemplifies the long-lasting legacies he will leave for decades to come.

Not only was Reverend Daniels a man of love, but also a man of action. During his life,

he held many positions on the local, state, and national levels. He served as Assistant Secretary of the Evangelistic Department of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. for four years, and for 15 years, he served as Moderator of the Northwestern District Baptist Association where he recently served as Vice Moderator. He also proudly served as President of the BM&E State Convention of Texas and retired from it in March 2022. Additionally, Reverend Daniels was Vice President-at-Large of the BM&E State Convention of Texas, a member of the Board of Directors of Southern Bible Institute and served on the Zoning Commission of the City of Fort Worth.

No one can truly know how many people's lives he touched with his daily doses of wisdom. This week, my district not only lost an extraordinarily talented pastor but, more importantly, we lost a truly good man who contributed so much to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE EXEMPLARY
CONTRIBUTIONS OF JON J.P.
FERNANDEZ TO THE COMMUNITY
OF GUAM AS SUPERINTENDENT
OF EDUCATION

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exemplary leader and public servant, Mr. Jon J.P. Fernandez, and congratulate him for over a decade of service to the People of Guam as Superintendent of Education. I would like to further commend him for his distinguished advocacy, commitment to community, and investment in the future of our island, region, nation, and world as demonstrated throughout his tenure at the helm of the Guam Department of Education (GDOE).

In navigating a unique path to public service, Superintendent Fernandez first earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of Arkansas in 1995. He then went on to obtain his master's in public policy from Harvard University and, by 2005, gained a Juris Doctor from Georgetown University. Building the foundations for an accomplished career, Superintendent Fernandez served as a Senior Analyst in Strategic Consulting for CB Richard Ellis/Torto Wheaton Research and later served in our Nation's capital as both a policy director for D.C. Mayor Anthony A. Williams and Managing Director for the Federal City Council.

Upon returning home to lead GDOE's 41 schools, approximately 28,000 schoolchildren, and 3,800 employees while managing hundreds of millions of dollars in annual local and federal funding, Superintendent Fernandez charted a course renewed in purpose and charged with progress. Under his leadership, GDOE increased its graduation rate to a record-high 89 percent in 2021, became the

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first WASC school district to gain accreditation for all its schools, achieved nine consecutive clean financial and compliance audits, removed four of its seven special compliance conditions imposed by the USDOE, founded its first K-5 CHamoru language immersion program, created vital credit recovery programs for Guam's two success academies, established a new Tiyan High School, expanded Okkodo High School, and renovated Untalan Middle School. Outside of improved standards and instruction, he has also spearheaded the integration of technology and STEM in the classroom, expansion of programs that promote college and career readiness, and a bolstered school-based behavioral health support system while securing accolades such as two MagPro Best Government Large Agency of the Year awards, three Pika's Best Government Agency of the Year awards, and the 2019 Professor John M. Phillips Excellence in Government Accountability Award. Moreover, amid the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, Superintendent Fernandez catalyzed comprehensive community support to include launching school meal and community feeding sites, implementing distance learning, ensuring safe practices and protocols in all schools, mobilizing vaccination clinics for employees and students, and pushing for students to return to the classroom.

Beyond these organizational triumphs, Superintendent Fernandez further realized historic personal achievements. In addition to holding the titles as both GDOE's longest-serving superintendent since World War II and the nation's longest-tenured Chief State School Officer, he is the first superintendent from Guam to serve as Commissioner for the Accrediting Commission for Schools (WASC) and be elected to the Board of Directors of the Council of Chief State School Officers.

Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of the People of Guam, offering my greatest appreciation to Superintendent Jon J. P. Fernandez for over ten years of invaluable service to generations of students and their families. His resolve to stand up quality education and youth support systems, advance departmental and interagency collaborations, and cultivate meaningful connections at the intersections of education, community, and civic involvement has transformed the foothold of our collective progress and continues to inspire many throughout our island, and I wish him and his family the best during the next chapter of their lives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, I was unavailable, and I missed the following roll call votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted: yea on rollcall No. 257; and nay on rollcall No. 267.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CLELA ROREX

HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of a proud Coloradan, a champion for equality and a beacon of hope in our community, Clela Rorex, who passed away on June 19, 2022.

Clela served her state honorably as the Clerk & Recorder for Boulder County from 1975 to 1977. Early in her tenure, in 1975, she became the first county clerk in the nation to issue a marriage license to a same-sex couple. And in so doing, she changed the lives of countless families across the country. Clela firmly believed in equality under the law, and was a proud champion for justice and inclusion, believing that every American's freedom to live without fear of discrimination must be protected.

Clela was truly a pillar in our community and a symbol of hope for families across our country. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and all those who knew and loved her.

As we mourn her passing, we will remember her life and be inspired by her devotion to making this world a better place.

HONORING THE SACRIFICES OF CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION PERSONNEL

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, the mission of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is broad and diverse. The more than 60,000 men and women of CBP protect our borders at and between our ports of entry. They protect Americans against terrorists and the instruments of terror. They enforce our laws and help boost our economic security and prosperity by facilitating trade and travel. While the roles they play each day may differ, the men and women of CBP share one common goal: to keep our country a safe, secure, and resilient place where the American way of life can thrive. They provide selfless service to our country, and they do so with honor and distinction under an ever-present and evolving threat. I wish to pay tribute to the agents, officers and employees who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our Nation by honoring 37 courageous men and women of CBP who have died in the line of duty. Today we commemorate these brave men and women, celebrate their lives, and offer their families and loved ones our continued support. They have earned the respect and appreciation of a grateful nation. I include in the RECORD a list of these agents and officers:

Wolf Valmond, CBP Officer Trainee; End of Watch: December 15, 2019.

Juan Ollervidez III, CBP Agriculture Specialist; End of Watch: December 16, 2020.

Denis Jasper Wells, Facility Operations Specialist; End of Watch: December 17, 2020.

Andrew R. Bouchard, CBP Officer; End of Watch: December 19, 2020.

Troy A. Adkins, CBP Officer; End of Watch: December 31, 2020.

Byron Shields, CBP Officer; End of Watch: January 20, 2021.

Beverly Good, Director of Field Operations; End of Watch: January 28, 2021.

Robert Allan Mayer Jr., Special Agent; End of Watch: January 30, 2021.

Rudy Morales Jr., Maintenance Mechanic; End of Watch: February 5, 2021.

Cesar Sibonga, CBP Officer; End of Watch: February 7, 2021.

Genaro Guerrero, CBP Officer; End of Watch: February 15, 2021.

Carlos C. Mendoza, CBP Officer; End of Watch: February 24, 2021.

Crispin San Jose, CBP Officer; End of Watch: March 9, 2021.

Alejandro Flores-Bañuelos, Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: March 15, 2021.

Christopher Shane Simpkins, Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: April 12, 2021.

Freddie Vasquez, Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: May 8, 2021.

Juan M. Urrutia, Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: May 28, 2021.

Ruben Facio, CBP Officer; End of Watch: July 17, 2021.

Edgardo Acosta-Feliciano, Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: July 31, 2021.

Daniel P. Cox, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: July 31, 2021.

Ricardo Zarate, Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: August 16, 2021.

Yokemia L. Conyers, CBP Officer; End of Watch: August 18, 2021.

Monica J. Riola, CBP Officer; End of Watch: August 20, 2021.

Erik J. Skelton, CBP Officer; End of Watch: August 24, 2021.

Chad E. McBroom, Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: August 29, 2021.

Francisco V. Tomas, CBP Technician; End of Watch: September 1, 2021.

David B. Saavedra, CBP Officer; End of Watch: September 2, 2021.

Luis H. Dominguez, Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: September 23, 2021.

David B. Ramirez, Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: September 26, 2021.

Alfredo M. Ibarra, Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: September 27, 2021.

Victor Donate, CBP Officer; End of Watch: October 7, 2021.

David H. Gray, Enforcement Analysis Specialist; End of Watch: October 8, 2021.

Rafael G. Sanchez, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: October 24, 2021.

Mathew L. Lyons, Port Director; End of Watch: October 28, 2021.

Anibal "Tony" Perez, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: November 5, 2021.

Martin Barrios, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: November 29, 2021.

Salvador Martinez Jr., Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: November 30, 2021.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VERMONT INSTITUTE OF NATURAL SCIENCE (VINS) IN QUECHEE, VERMONT

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding work and enduring impact of the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS) in Quechee, VT. I would also like to congratulate them as they celebrate their 50 Year Anniversary. Since their opening in October of 1972, VINS has served as a pillar of the community, educating Vermonters