

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF JUNIOR SEAU'S PASSING

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary life of Junior Seau, who tragically passed away on May 2, 2012, in Oceanside, California. In honor of the 10th Anniversary of his passing, I would like to pay tribute to this incredible man and reflect on the life he led and the impact he had on our Nation and community in the 49th District.

Junior Seau was a born leader who inspired everyone he encountered. He was a football icon who paved the way for future generations of Samoan youth and was a generous philanthropist and humanitarian. Junior is survived by his parents, wife, children, siblings, and extended family.

Junior Seau was born Tiaina Baul Seau, Jr. in San Diego, California on January 19, 1969. His parents, Tiaina Seau, Sr. and Luisa Mauga Seau, came to San Diego from American Samoa. Junior spent several years in America Samoa during his youth before returning to Oceanside.

He attended Oceanside High School where he developed his exceptional athletic abilities. While known for his contributions to the Oceanside High football program, Junior also lettered in basketball and track and field. As a starting linebacker and tight end for the varsity football team, he demonstrated his athletic prowess. During his senior year in 1987, Parade Magazine selected him for the high school All-American team. Junior is one of the greatest athletes our community has ever produced and in 2014, Oceanside High School honored Junior with an on-field tribute where they retired his number 11 jersey.

His academic and athletic achievements earned him admission to the University of Southern California where he played for the Trojans from 1987 to 1990 before being drafted to the National Football League. His USC career took off in 1989, and this season was one of the best in USC's distinguished defensive history, earning him the title of Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Year. Junior's legacy lives on at USC, as wearing his No. 55 jersey is now an honor bestowed upon those who follow in his footsteps. Junior was inducted into the University's Hall of Fame in 2009.

The San Diego Chargers drafted Junior Seau in the first round of the NFL Draft, as the 5th overall pick in 1990. He quickly became the heart and soul of the Chargers' defense and led the Chargers to their first and only Super Bowl appearance four years later. He was voted the Chargers' Most Inspirational Player in 1997 and again in 2002. These recognitions exemplify Junior's ability to inspire and motivate his teammates and demonstrates the role he played on the team.

Junior went on to play 20 seasons in the NFL, 13 with the Chargers, three with the Miami Dolphins, and finished his career in New England with the Patriots. In all, he totaled 1,849 tackles, 56.5 sacks, and 18 interceptions. Junior was named the NFL Defensive Player of the Year in 1992 and 1998, the Chargers' Most Valuable Player six times, and was named to the NFL's All-Decade Team of the 1990s. He is widely considered one of the best linebackers in NFL history.

While his contributions to sports history are numerous, Junior's leadership extended beyond the gridiron. Junior Seau was a passionate humanitarian who cared deeply about giving back to his community. He established the Junior Seau Foundation in 1992 to support San Diego youth, and the Foundation has since given more than \$5 million to community organizations. In 2015, the Foundation donated \$500,000 to Rady Children's North Coastal Center in Oceanside which enabled the expansion of pediatric urgent care and specialty services. In 2016, the organization gave \$250,000 to UC San Diego to support brain injury research and education. The Junior Seau Foundation has also provided scholarships and gifts to underprivileged children throughout the region.

Madam Speaker, Junior Seau was an exceptional individual, and I am honored to share part of his story today. To his family, friends, and all who knew him, supported him, and cheered for him over the years, I share in the celebration of his life at the 10th Anniversary of his passing.

Junior was a light in our community, and we miss him. His legacy lives on and will never be forgotten.

COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF GRANITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and lasting contributions of Robert Ikeda. Robert Kimihiko "Bob" Ikeda, born July 5, 1934, in the Japanese-American fishing community of Terminal Island in Los Angeles County, CA to Kameichi and Hayako (Yuoka) Ikeda, passed away on November 24, 2020. He was preceded in death by his eldest son, Patrick Ikeda, sister Sumiko "Sumy," and brother-in-law Don Anhorn. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Gladys, whom he met while they both attended UC Berkeley. Other survivors include son Steve and daughter-in-law Kathy Ikeda, grandchildren Justin and Andrea, daughter-in-law Terrilynne Ikeda, step-grandchildren Calvin and Samantha, sister Shizuka "Margaret" Kono and husband Ryoichiro, brother Nobuhiko "Noby" Ikeda and wife Susie, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bob—a U.S. born citizen—was incarcerated as an "enemy non-alien" at the age of seven in 1942, along with the rest of his family and 120,000 other Japanese and Japanese Americans who had been living along the west coast. They remained confined under military armed guard for the duration of World War II, first at Jerome and Rohwer in Arkansas, and then at Tule Lake Segregation Center in California. The Ikeda family settled outside Lodi after their release in early 1946. He attended area schools and graduated from Lodi High School.

Bob was a veteran of the United States Army and was proud to receive a Top-Secret security clearance as a soldier, which came from the same government that wrongly deemed him a national security risk during his childhood. When he was stationed in Germany, he used that clearance while analyzing aerial intelligence photos taken during the Cold War, some of which were among the first taken by the U2 spy plane.

After being honorably discharged from the Army, Bob resumed his career with the Department of Public Works, Division of Highways (which became Caltrans), where he was the State's first licensed traffic engineer. He spent his 42-year career with the Caltrans Stockton office, at first on construction crews, and later in Traffic Management. As the Chief of Traffic Management, Bob was the de facto traffic engineer for numerous smaller cities throughout the district.

While he was incarcerated at Tule Lake, Bob began studying judo, a sport he later introduced to his sons. He eventually was promoted by the United States Judo Federation to third-degree black belt and spent several years teaching an afternoon judo program at Stockton Judo Club.

Bob had a lifelong passion for cars, starting even before he received his first junior operator permit at age 12. He purchased his first Porsche in 1961 and owned several throughout his life; he even put a Porsche engine in a Volkswagen bus. He shared his passion for cars with Clyde Wilbourn, who came into his life as his mechanic, but soon became a valued and long-time friend. Bob enjoyed autocrossing and rallying competitively as well as taking cross-country driving vacations and meandering drives to destinations unknown even to him. His connection to Porsche was strengthened by his lifelong membership in the Porsche Club of America.

Although Bob lost his appetite toward the end, anyone who knows him will not be surprised by his last meal: a bowl of vanilla ice cream with a dollop of whipped cream.

The family plans a post-pandemic memorial observance. Donations in Bob's memory may be made to the Tule Lake Committee, the Stockton/San Joaquin Emergency Food Bank, St. Mary's Dining Room, or a charity of choice.

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RECOGNIZING JOE MAYER'S LIFE-TIME COMMITMENT TO ADVANCING AMERICA'S SECURITY AND HIS ADVOCACY FOR AMERICA'S MISSION IN SPACE

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize a constituent from Florida's Space Coast who has dedicated his career to advancing the strategic security of our nation and strengthening America's technological capability, and who has been a well-known and passionate advocate of our mission in space—Mr. Joe Mayer.

In 1976, Joe graduated from William Paterson College in New Jersey, then attended Georgetown University, and earned a Master of Science of Foreign Service degree focusing on national security. He got his start working on Capitol Hill as an aide to U.S. Senator Jake Garn of Utah, advising on defense and national security issues and helping to support the B-1B strategic bomber as well as funding for the Strategic Defense Initiative. Joe then went on to serve on the staff of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence focusing on arms control.

In 1986, Joe joined Rockwell International taking the lead on Rockwell's NASA space-related business. He worked to modernize the Space Shuttle program and became a leading advocate for the International Space Station. Joe later worked for The Boeing Company supporting their human space exploration efforts. He became the Chair of Citizens for Space Exploration, a pro-NASA, pro-space advocacy organization, received a NASA Space Flight Awareness award from the Boeing leadership team, and was named an Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

In 2007 Joe joined the Lockheed Martin Space team in Houston representing the company in the community and advocating on behalf of the Crew Exploration Vehicle (CEV)/Orion spacecraft. He worked with community partners and traveled across the country meeting with the public, school children, community leaders and elected officials explaining the value of human space exploration. The Houston Mayor and City Council honored Joe for his professional and community contributions with a Declaration designating February 26, 2013, as 'Joe Mayer Day in the City of Houston'.

In 2013 Lockheed Martin dispatched Joe to Florida's Space Coast where he has served the space community in numerous civic and charitable positions and has been a leading voice for our nation's space program. Joe's local leadership roles have included Chairing the board of the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast, Chairing the Cocoa Beach Chamber as well as Chair of VISIT Florida and Space Coast Citizens for Space Exploration. He has served on the Boards of Brevard Cultural Alliance, Florida Defense Contractors Association, the Astronaut Memorial Foundation, and the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation. He is a member of the Space Coast Civilian-Military Association and serves on my Congressional Space Advisory Committee.

After more than 40 years of service, Joe recently announced his plans to retire, and we thank him for his tireless service and commitment to our communities, and for his strong advocacy and support for our nation's space program. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Joe Mayer and wishing him and his family well in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING DR. KEVIN MCCARTHY, PRESIDENT OF RENTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Dr. Kevin McCarthy on his retirement from Renton Technical College. He has served many years as an educator and as a leader in our community.

Kevin has continually demonstrated his commitment to education. He brought his talents to the Pacific Northwest where he served as vice president of instruction at the Lake Washington Institute of Technology, dean of the Health Sciences, Education & Wellness Institute at Bellevue College, and associate vice president of instruction at Blue Mountain Community College prior to joining Renton Technical College.

Kevin is well known throughout the community as the president of Renton Technical College. He has served as a strong and passionate leader in this role since 2015. Kevin has always emphasized the importance of inclusion and prioritized equitable access to education during his time as president. His focus on equity goes beyond the classroom. Kevin serves the community as part of the Puget Sound Coalition for College & Career Readiness and as a member of the Renton Mayor's Inclusion Task Force.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely thank and commend Dr. Kevin McCarthy for the tireless work he's done to educate and support learners in the Puget Sound region. I congratulate him and wish him a happy retirement.

HONORING DOCTOR JOEL STUART BLOOM AS A DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR IN NEW JERSEY

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Joel Stuart Bloom upon his retirement as the eighth President of the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT).

As a premier public university, NJIT plays a crucial role in shaping the economic trajectory of our state. It is also a school with the highest student mobility and, therefore, exemplifies the American Dream. I recall attending President Bloom's inauguration in 2012 when I served as the President of Newark's Municipal Council. At the ceremony, I voiced my optimism that the university would flourish under President Bloom's vision and forward-thinking ideas.

As he now steps down and begins the next chapter of his life, I can confidently express

my pride in President Bloom's leadership. Under his leadership, the school accomplished numerous significant feats, including a two-fold increase in enrollment, the expansion of research, the improvement of minority students' access to STEM education, and the formation of numerous commercial and industry partnerships. His notable contributions will leave a long-lasting imprint for generations to come.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in expressing gratitude to President Bloom for his esteemed commitment to the growth and development of NJIT, the city of Newark, and our great Nation.

RECOGNIZING PATRICK MALONE

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to salute and offer my gratitude to my departing Deputy Chief of Staff and Communications Director, Patrick Malone, as he departs government service for other opportunities.

Patrick has faithfully served as a staffer in the House of Representatives for more than a decade, acting to preserve the values enshrined in the Constitution and striving to expand rights for all Americans.

During his tenure, Patrick has helped give voice to those who are too often left out of the conversation: victims of gun violence, domestic abuse, and hate crimes. I know that as his career advances he will find ways to advocate for these causes and many others in whatever way he can. Most especially, he has done all of this with care, good humor and with a commitment to mentoring others committed to public service.

As he leaves, I wish the best for Patrick, his wife, Cindy, and sons, Ronan and Seamus. I am proud to convey my thanks for his service.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF JOHN HEUBUSCH

HON. MIKE GARCIA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

Mr. GARCIA of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the retirement and commend the service of John Heubusch, an individual who has spent decades in both the private and public sector and who, for the past 13 years, has played a pivotal role in the growth and revitalization of one of the jewels of our nation: the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. After guiding this prestigious institution through the challenges of the past decade, he will be enjoying his well-deserved retirement.

A native of our nation's capital, John Heubusch spent his college years in the D.C.-Maryland-Virginia area studying political science and receiving a master's degree in National Security Studies from Georgetown University. John started his career in public service nearly forty years ago working as an analyst for the Department of the Air Force. He soon moved to Capitol Hill, serving as a staffer for Congressman Denny Smith, where he quickly ascended the ranks to become his