

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING BOB PESTONI

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, Bob Pestoni, a third generation Napa Valley native son.

Born in 1937, Mr. Pestoni was raised by his parents, Henry and Lena Pestoni, on the Pestoni family ranch in St. Helena. He was from two pioneering winemaking families, the Pestoni family, originally from Monte Carasso, Switzerland, and the Domingos family from St. George Island in the Azores.

From a young age, Mr. Pestoni had a great love for sports. He participated in Carpy Gang Football as well as played football and ran track at St. Helena High School and Napa Valley College. When he served our country in the Army, he also joined the Army football and wrestling teams.

Mr. Pestoni was an innovative leader in the waste and recycling industry. In 1963, he and his brother Marvin created Upper Valley Disposal Service, becoming the refuse hauler for the upper Napa Valley. Over time, it grew into a fully integrated company specializing in recycling, composting, waste collection and disposal, and renewable energy production. His work creating a system for processing wine grape pomace into certified organic compost won him recognition from National Geographic, Organic Materials Research Institute, and the state of California. Mr. Pestoni also received the prestigious John P. Moscone Award his for long-term exemplary commitment, dedication, and service to the waste industry.

In admiration for his family business and heritage, Mr. Pestoni and his wife Silvia, opened Rutherford Grove Winery in 1994 and resumed making the single vineyard, hand-crafted artisanal wines Bob's father and grandfather had created for more than a century before him. In 2017, in celebration of their 125th anniversary of Napa Valley winemaking, the winery was renamed Pestoni Family Estate Winery.

Mr. Pestoni was known for his warmth, generosity, and infectious smile as well as his genuine love of people and life. Mr. Pestoni was well loved by his wife of 59 years, Sylvia; his four children Andy, Greg (Aimee), Christy (Eric), and Jon (Wendy); six grandchildren Rico, Matteo, Lucia, Dominic, Ennio and Massimo; his brother Marvin (Charlene); and his best friend since the second grade, George Steinauer.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Bob Pestoni was a pioneer and visionary in the waste industry who also made a lasting impact on his family, friends, and his community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

CONGRATULATING THE
QUEENSBURY GIRLS' LACROSSE
TEAM ON THEIR 2022 SEASON

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Queensbury girls' lacrosse team on their exceptional run to the New York Class B State finals and to recognize their incredible thirty-one game winning streak.

The Spartans have dominated over the past two seasons. They went undefeated in the 2021 season and had another flawless record in the 2022 regular season. While the state finals were unfortunately canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic last year, Queensbury was able to compete for the Class B championship this season. Queensbury was the first team from section II to compete for this title in over a decade, and this was the first state finals appearance ever for the school.

The road to the championship game for the Spartans was full of adversity, determination, and hard work. The Spartans were pushed to overtime in their semifinal game against Westhampton Beach when eighth grader Kady Duffy delivered the game-winning goal to defeat Westhampton nine to eight. Queensbury then went on to meet Victor for the Class B state championship. In this game, the Spartans got off to a rocky start and went into the half down ten to three. The team showed great resilience by coming back in the second half and holding Victor scoreless for ten minutes. However, the Spartans were ultimately unable to secure the title and eventually fell fourteen to five. Regardless of the outcome of this game, the Queensbury team showed incredible tenacity and foreshadowed what is possible for the program moving forward.

On behalf of the 21st District of New York, it is my honor to recognize the Queensbury girls' lacrosse team and congratulate them on their exceptional two-year run. We are very proud of their tremendous work and cannot wait to see all they accomplish in the years to come.

 WE THE FUTURE WINNERS

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievement of two students from Texas' 24th District. Yashica Nabar and Dawson Rhodes were selected to receive the Constituting America's Best High School Short Film Award and the Best Middle School Song Award, respectfully.

Each year, Constituting America—a non-profit, non-partisan organization that educates

and informs students about the U.S. Constitution—sponsors the "We The Future" Contest. Students across the country submit songs, short films, PSA's, essays, STEM and marketing projects showcasing the U.S. Constitution.

Yashica and Dawson were selected along with just 39 other students nationwide. These students' achievements have not only made our entire community proud, but also exemplified the creativity harbored in North Texas. I thank Yashica and Dawson for their hard work and passion. They both have a bright future ahead.

 TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF JACOB
CHAFFINS

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of Eastern Kentucky's fallen heroes, Jacob Russell Chaffins, a 28-year-old law enforcement officer and certified canine handler who was one of three officers killed in the line of duty in Allen, Kentucky.

Chaffins' life should not be measured by his number of years on Earth, but by the magnitude of his service and courageous action during his short lifetime. He not only earned Badge No. 533 from the Prestonsburg Police Department, but he was also a member of the Prestonsburg Fire Department, a certified EMT, and a U.S. Marshal. Chaffins was also enlisted in the U.S. Armed Forces, serving as a Combat Engineer Sergeant in the Kentucky Army National Guard's 577th Sapper Company in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. As a guardsman, Sgt. Chaffins was deployed during multiple state emergencies, including the Winter Storm Response of February 2015 and COVID-19 pandemic relief efforts in March 2020, dedicating countless hours to serve and protect the people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Sgt. Chaffins was awarded the Army Service Ribbon, the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, and the Florida Commendation Medal for meritorious achievement in Exportable Combat Training Capability. Sgt. Chaffins was also awarded the Army Achievement Medal in recognition of his excellence as a team leader in preparing and equipping troops to defend this great Nation and the values we hold dear.

President Theodore Roosevelt, who was a former commissioner of the New York City Police Department once said, "No man is worth his salt, who is not ready at all times to risk his body, to risk his well-being, to risk his life in a great cause." On Friday, July 1, 2022, Officer Chaffins paid the ultimate sacrifice after he valiantly risked his life and answered the call of duty to protect others in Floyd County.

His heroic death was the greatest display of love described in John 15:13, "Greater love

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has no man than this: to lay down his life for his friends." It was with great courage of conviction that Jacob Chaffins lived to protect the people of the United States, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and especially those in Floyd County.

In a Nation where police forces have been vilified in recent years by the actions of a few bad actors, may Officer Chaffins' life be a reminder of the outstanding integrity and sacrifice that the thin blue line represents. We must continue to support our law enforcement officers across the United States, ensuring they are fully equipped, adequately prepared, and never at the mercy of evildoers.

This Nation owes a great debt of gratitude for the life and service of Officer Jacob Chaffins. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Savannah, their daughter Paisley, his mother April and his siblings, as well as the widespread band of brothers and sisters in uniform who served alongside him. May his loved ones find peace and confidence in God's promise in Matthew 5:9, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

HONORING STUART SMITH,
CHARLES SMITH, AND THE
SMITH-MADRONE WINERY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Stuart Smith and Charles Smith, founders of the Smith-Madrone Vineyards & Winery in celebration of the winery's 50th anniversary.

The Smith-Madrone Winery was founded on May 14, 1971. Its vineyards are located on top of Spring Mountain in Napa Valley at 1,200 to 1,300 feet in elevation. The winery only produces wine from these 50-year-old local vineyards that are enriched by the county's deep red Aiken loam soil.

Smith-Madrone Winery played an integral role in the international popularization of Napa Valley wines. The winery first prompted international recognition when its 1977 Riesling was named the world's Best Riesling by wine experts in the first international Wine Olympics in Paris in 1979. Additionally, Smith-Madrone received The Daily Meal's Winery of the Year award in 2014. In 2020, the winery was chosen by the University of California, Berkeley to conduct a virtual wine tasting to attendees of the University's homecoming events.

Stuart and Charles have positively impacted the wine community through their involvement in the Napa Valley wine community. Stuart was appointed to the 2008 General Plan Steering Committee and the 1998 Napa River Watershed Task Force by the Napa County Board of Supervisors. Starting in 2006, Charles has published weekly harvest report for the St. Helena Star, until Stuart took over writing the report column in 2012. Stuart also served as chairman of the 1986 and 2005 Napa Valley Wine Auction.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Stuart Smith and Charles Smith, through the Smith-Madrone Winery and their community involvement, have made important contributions to the Napa Valley wine community. Therefore, it

is fitting and proper that we honor them here today.

HONORING MONSIGNOR ARTURO
JOSE BAÑUELAS' RETIREMENT

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2022

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Monsignor Arturo José Bañuelas' life work in the Catholic Church as he retires from full-time ministry.

Monsignor Bañuelas is a native of El Paso, TX and Pecos, AZ. His 46 years of service have truly been centered in assisting the community's sick, hungry, and unemployed. During his tenure as pastor at Saint Pius X Church, the parish has received national distinction as one of the best parishes in America. He also significantly grew the parish's ministries and outreach programs in Saint Mark and assisted in the development of the new San Pedro de Jesus Maldonado Church. Monsignor Bañuelas' pastoral leadership has taken him execute missionary initiatives in Chihuahua, Mexico, Honduras, China, Cuba, and Kenya.

He is a venerated faith leader always working for the betterment of his community. He founded numerous theological initiatives such as the Tepeyac Institute, a diocesan ministry formation center, the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States and the El Paso Interfaith Alliance. His work is also grounded in social justice to advocate for the neediest. He founded the Hope Border Institute—a pillar in the El Paso and Ciudad Juarez region for the immigrant rights movement.

Monsignor Bañuelas is the embodiment of a community leader devoted to the service to the people of El Paso. May he continue to live out his commitment to his faith and community in retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MR. JOHN W. RYAN

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2022

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. John W. Ryan, president and CEO of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors, who unexpectedly passed away on May 16, 2022.

John was a steadfast advocate of state financial supervision as the leader of CSBS, the nationwide organization of financial regulators from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories, for 11 years.

But John was more than just an advocate and leader. He was a rare consensus builder in Washington. While he fiercely defended the dual banking system, he tempered his passion with humility, humor, and integrity. As tributes have poured in from across the nation, it is clear that he touched many with his humility, kindness, and vast knowledge of financial regulation.

John was also a visionary. In recent years, he crafted strategies that empowered states to

retain their authority and function on a local level while working together with federal regulators as one system; he called this strategy "networked supervision."

John grew up in a banking family. He would recount summers spent working for his father, who ran the Bank of Walnut Creek in Northern California. Among his many early jobs, he often told of filing checks, and when he was old enough, driving them over the Golden Gate Bridge to the San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank. His early experience with the payments system informed his career and helped shape his idea for a more seamless system.

After graduating from the University of California, Berkeley with a degree in political science and economics, John moved to Washington, D.C., where he worked on the House Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee, now the House Committee on Financial Services. While there, he worked on groundbreaking legislation, including the 1994 Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act. He later took a fellowship with the financial services commission in Brussels and worked for a public policy consulting firm.

In 1997, John joined CSBS as an assistant vice president of legislative affairs. He rose through the ranks to become President and Chief Executive Officer in 2011. Throughout his career, John helped define the contributions and accountabilities of state financial regulators. He was a key contributor to protecting the states' role in financial services legislation, including the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, the Housing and Economic Recovery Act, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act. John also played a critical role in the creation of what is now the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System.

After the financial crisis of 2008, John recognized the need for policymakers to have facts and figures about community banking when writing legislation that would impact them. He was instrumental in creating the Community Bank Research Conference with the Federal Reserve Board. The conference's research has driven more sound and appropriate regulatory policy and supervision, and, I believe, helped policymakers recognize the value of community banking when crafting laws and rules during the pandemic.

Under John's leadership, CSBS was a valued partner to Congress as we worked through a range of financial services issues. The impact of his vision and leadership is immense. Our financial system is better because of John W. Ryan's work, as are the lives of those of us whom he touched.

HONORING CURT MORGAN

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Curt Morgan, who is concluding his nearly six-year service as Chief Executive Officer of Vistra Corp., one of the nation's largest integrated retail electricity and power generation companies, which is headquartered in the 24th District of Texas.