

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
WILL WOODWORTH TO THE PEOPLE OF MAINE

HON. JARED F. GOLDEN

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 15, 2022

Mr. GOLDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a member of my staff, Will Woodworth, as he prepares to depart Capitol Hill after nearly ten years of service to take a position at the Department of Homeland Security.

Will hails from Yarmouth, Maine and has been working on behalf of the people of our state for the better part of the last decade. He first entered Maine politics after graduating from college, joining the staff of then-Governor Angus King in his run for the U.S. Senate in 2012. He then joined Senator King's staff in Washington, handling constituent correspondence and advising the senator on issues like broadband and technology.

In 2019, my office was lucky enough to convince Will to abandon the comforts of the Senate for the more rough-and-tumble nature of the House. In joining my team, Will took on a senior policy role, advising me on a wide range of issues, from my work on the House Small Business Committee to healthcare and economic policy. Despite the often insurmountable volume of work, Will has been a steady, dedicated, and thoughtful staffer who has helped me execute on key legislative priorities while also doing the time-intensive work of directly helping constituents across Maine's Second District understand my positions on policy issues and helping solve the problems they have faced with federal agencies.

People like Will are what make this place run, and he represents the best of public service—quietly and steadily keeping the wheels of government working and never seeking attention or accolades for his efforts. Mainers have been fortunate to have had Will Woodworth on their side in Washington, as have I. We all wish him the very best on this next professional adventure and give him our profound thanks for his service to Maine and the country.

RECOGNIZING BILL HALE'S
SERVICE TO TxDOT

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 15, 2022

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Bill Hale as he retires from public service. Throughout his nearly four decades with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), he has been highly regarded for his leadership and innovation on concession and design-build projects within the State of Texas. He oversaw many crucial

initiatives, including the LBJ Express project and the Clear Lanes program.

After graduating from Samuel High School in south Dallas, Hale entered the University of Texas at Arlington. He earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering on that same campus. Hale began at TxDOT in the Ellis County Area Office in 1983. He went on to become the Ellis County assistant area engineer and was appointed the Southeast Dallas County Area Engineer (AE) in 1992. One of Hale's most significant milestones as the county's AE was the building of TxDOT's first movable barrier high-occupancy vehicle lane on Interstate 30. In 1999, Hale's work earned him the title of Abilene District Engineer (DE), and in late 2003, he was promoted to the post of Dallas DE. In late 2014, he was appointed Chief Engineer.

During his tenure as TxDOT's Chief Engineer, Hale has been responsible for the management and control of the Bridge, Construction, Design, Maintenance, Traffic Opps and Right of Way divisions as well as the Local Government Projects office. He has managed the construction of the Margaret Hunt Hill and Margaret McDermott bridges, two cable-stay structures that define the Dallas skyline. He also oversaw the building of Texas' first deck park and led TxDOT's evaluation of a private-sector proposal to expand State Highway 121. Hale's work on both the LBJ Express project and the Clear Lanes program led to significant congestion relief in North Texas' five largest neighborhoods. In addition to his construction efforts, Hale launched the TxDOT Connect web-based project information program, which became incredibly vital to the department's operation.

Hale is a "civil engineer's engineer": a hard-working professional. Those colleagues who worked with him on the projects he spearheaded both respect and admire him. He's been instrumental in how every major transportation project in the metropolitan areas in the State of Texas have taken shape. Hale's effective leadership and networking capabilities have been critical in bringing together public and private sectors and affected communities to move necessary transportation projects forward.

My office has been privileged to have a congenial working relationship with Hale over the past two decades, and his experienced input and support of our joint annual Transportation Summits contributed highly to our success in educating local elected officials on upcoming transportation projects affecting Denton, Tarrant and other North Texas counties. I am thankful for Bill Hale's 39-year career in public service, and I wish him all the best in his retirement.

RECOGNIZING JON JAY FOR HIS
IMPECCABLE 12-YEAR MAJOR
LEAGUE BASEBALL CAREER

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 15, 2022

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jon Jay, who recently retired after an impeccable 12-year Major League Baseball career. Jon's hard work and dedication led him to win a World Series Championship in 2011 with the St. Louis Cardinals.

Born in Miami, and a true product of the baseball fields of South Florida, Jon helped lead Christopher Columbus High School to its first baseball state title in 2003. He then went on to have a Hall of Fame career at the University of Miami. Jon finished his Major League Baseball career with an impressive .283 batting average, and—remarkably—with the highest fielding percentage among all outfielders in baseball history.

Jon has never lost sight of his roots as a proud Cuban-American, whose family history is engrained in public service and patriotism. His great-grandfather, Justo Salas, was the first Afro-Cuban mayor of Santiago de Cuba, and the first Afro-Cuban governor of Oriente Province. Jon's grandfather, Enrique Tulio Jay, was a political prisoner in Fidel Castro's dungeons for 19 long years.

After 12 years in Major League Baseball, Jon credits his loving family and their tireless support for all his success. I also want to congratulate Jon's wife, Nikki, and their beautiful children: Brooklyn, Berkley, and Jaxon, for this remarkable achievement. The life of a Major League wife and family is not always easy, and I applaud their steadfast devotion to Jon and his career.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to congratulate Jon Jay on an amazing baseball career and for his continuous dedication to representing his community—not just in South Florida, but across the country. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding individual.

EXCHANGE CLUB OF JONESBORO
75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 15, 2022

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor The Exchange Club of Jonesboro, Arkansas. The Exchange Club of Jonesboro was founded on August 28, 1947. This year they will be celebrating their 75th anniversary.

The 70-member club is active with programs such as: honoring a Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, handing out flags on Veterans

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Day, presenting Citizenship Awards to local sixth graders, hosting an activity day and cookout for children with special needs, providing a scholarship to Arkansas State University to assist a local student, sponsoring a local boy and a girl so they can attend Boys State and Girls State each year, sponsoring Little League baseball teams, dressing as Santa to provide children in local hospitals with gifts at Christmas, and many more community events.

I am proud to have an organization like this in my District that makes an impact with a mission to inspire our communities to become better places to live.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. C. A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 15, 2022

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, due to my attendance at an unscheduled meeting, I was unable to make Roll Call vote No. 328. Had I been present, I would have voted YES on Roll Call No. 328, H.R. 7900, On Agreeing to the Amendment.

2022 NATIONAL CONVENTION OF LAMBDA THETA PHI IN TAMPA, FLORIDA

HON. CHARLIE CRIST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 15, 2022

Mr. CRIST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and extend my congratulations to Lambda Theta Phi on their 2022 National Convention, and I commend them on their decision to host this year's convention in the city of Tampa, which is just across the Bay from my home district of Pinellas County in the great state of Florida.

Since its founding in 1975, Lambda Theta Phi has undertaken many laudable initiatives, such as fundraising for victims of natural disasters and helping those struggling with homelessness get back on their feet. In doing so, they have demonstrated their enduring commitment to the lofty ideals laid out by the Fraternal Fathers, Dr. Cayetano Socarrás and Dr. José Quiles, including academic excellence, service, leadership, and Latino unity.

As a lifelong Florida resident, former Governor, and proud Representative of Florida's 13th Congressional District, I have seen the power of these ideals in action. From their close partnership with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, to the dozens of Lambda Theta Phi brothers in Washington, Tallahassee, and across Florida working tirelessly for a better future, Lambda Theta Phi brothers truly represent the best of our communities.

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate this historic organization on their continued national engagement through this convention, and extend my best wishes to them in all their future endeavors. Finally, I echo the chant that has united Latino brothers in fraternity and a shared mission for almost 50 years—Lambda Theta Phi, Lambda 'till the day we die.

TRIBUTE TO THE ROSE BOWL STADIUM

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 15, 2022

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the centennial anniversary of the Rose Bowl Stadium in Pasadena, California.

On January 1, 1890, in celebration of the balmy California winter weather, the Valley Hunt Club organized a parade with floats, flowers, and equestrian displays. This celebration would come to be known as the Rose Parade and would grow to such popularity that a separate organization, the Tournament of Roses Association, was created to facilitate its annual planning and operation. In 1902, a football game was created to finance the cost of the parade. It was called the "Tournament East-West football game," with the University of Michigan defeating Stanford University 49–0. This would later be renamed the "Rose Bowl Game," and nicknamed "The Granddaddy of Them All"—the oldest currently operating bowl game.

By 1922, the parade had outgrown its former venue of Tournament Park and construction began on a new stadium, designed by notable architect Myron Hunt who had been inspired by the design of the Yale Bowl in Connecticut. Over the decades, many additions and refurbishments have been carried out ranging from an entire new southern wing of stands, which turned the stadium from a horseshoe into an actual bowl, to over seventy thousand new seat backs. The stadium is now recognized as a National Historic Landmark and a California Historic Civil Engineering Landmark.

The first game at the stadium was in 1922 between the University of California, Berkeley and the University of Southern California (USC), ending in a Berkeley victory. The stadium was officially dedicated on January 1, 1923, with a game between USC and Pennsylvania State University that ended in a USC victory. Since then, the Rose Bowl has been home to numerous historic achievements in the world of sports and entertainment, such as the first transcontinental radio broadcast of a sporting event in 1927 and the first national color telecast of a college football game in 1962.

Today, the Rose Bowl Stadium hosts the annual Rose Bowl Game. It also has hosted the University of California, Los Angeles Bruins home games since 1982 and five Super Bowls. Beyond football, the stadium has served as the venue for the 1994 FIFA World Cup Final, the 1999 FIFA Women's World Cup Final, and participated in two Olympic Games. It will host events for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and this past Independence Day, hosted its 96th Annual AmericaFest Fireworks Show on July 4, 2022. Notable celebrities such as Whitney Houston, Beyoncé, Jennifer Lopez, Justin Timberlake and Taylor Swift have all performed at the venue, as well as many world-renowned bands, such as The Rolling Stones, Journey, The Eagles, Coldplay, and BTS.

I consider it a great privilege to recognize the Rose Bowl Stadium upon its one-hundredth anniversary, and I ask all Members to join me in congratulating this venerable, historic stadium.

SUPPORTING A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE

HON. BRENDA L. LAWRENCE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 15, 2022

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise in unwavering support of legislation that protects a woman's right to make her own decisions regarding her own body. This includes H.R. 8296, the Women's Health Protection Act of 2022, and H.R. 8297, the Ensuring Access to Abortion Act of 2022. Women should have the right to make their own health care decisions; a right that was stripped away with the Supreme Court's decision to ignore almost fifty years of precedent and overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

In my home state of Michigan, a draconian 1931 abortion ban—with no exceptions for rape or incest—is only held back by a preliminary injunction. If the ninety-one-year-old law goes into effect, millions of Michiganders will lose their reproductive freedom. I've said it once before, and I will say it again, abortion bans don't ban abortions, they ban safe abortions.

The right to bodily autonomy, privacy, and even travel is at stake. Passing these two pieces of legislation is a critical step toward protecting the constitutional rights of millions of Americans. Now more than ever, the Senate needs to pass both bills so that women can make the best healthcare decisions for themselves and their families.

RECOGNIZING THE SINGFIELD FAMILY OF ALBANY, GEORGIA

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 15, 2022

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Singfield family and their distinguished contributions to the City of Albany, Georgia. On June 27, 2022, Glenn Singfield, Sr. and Tandra Singfield, along with their sons Glenn II and Gerard Singfield, received the Georgia Municipal Association's Renaissance Award, which recognizes those who have made significant contributions to the revitalization of downtown areas in the state of Georgia. The Singfield family became the first Albany-area recipients of the Renaissance Award, which they received in recognition of one of the Good Life City's favorite restaurants, The Flint.

The Singfield family cut their teeth in the Albany restaurant industry after Glenn II, known as "Deuce," and Gerard witnessed a serious car accident on Thanksgiving eve of 2012, which led the Singfield brothers to reevaluate their career paths. Deuce expressed his desire to pursue his lifelong passion for cooking, and his family felt called to invest in his talents. Two years later, the Singfield family opened their first restaurant, The Albany Fish Company, an outstanding seafood restaurant that marked the family's first success in the restaurant industry.

After seeing the success of the Albany Fish Company, the City of Albany approached the Singfields and asked them to take part in the revitalization of downtown by opening a new