

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INDIANA SUMMER 2022 COUNTY FAIRS

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, it is summer, and Hoosiers all over the great state of Indiana are renewing our proud and long-standing tradition of attending our great country fairs.

County fairs are a time for communities to gather, to celebrate, and to encourage young Hoosiers in agriculture.

My team and I have spent our summer attending county fairs across Indiana's Sixth District. We enjoyed ribeye sandwiches in Jefferson County, saw the livestock in Shelby and Henry counties, and cooled off with a lemon shakeup on Delaware County, among the many county fairs in southeast Indiana.

I hope to see many more constituents at the fairs in the weeks ahead and encourage all Hoosiers to attend their local county fair and the Indiana State Fair, which runs from July 29 through August 21.

HONORING COMMUNITY BRIDGES

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 45th anniversary of Community Bridges and its impact on Santa Cruz County. Community Bridges empowers people to reach their full potential by providing essential services and resources. With 10 programs, including specific initiatives for Children and Nutrition, Family Resources, and Seniors and Transportation, this organization serves more than 22,000 people a year across Santa Cruz County.

Since 1977, Community Bridges, also known as Puentes de la Comunidad, has provided invaluable resources to the people I represent. At 20 locations and outreach sites, its efforts make a difference in the lives of seniors, children, and countless families across Santa Cruz County, at no cost to the people it serves. The organization meets people where they are, providing bilingual and culturally competent services, respecting the dignity of those they serve, and helping everyone in Santa Cruz County reach their full potential. Moreover, it works to uplift the most vulnerable and historically underrepresented; 76 percent of its clients are people of color, and many of its programs are targeted to seniors and young families.

As a true institution in Santa Cruz County, Community Bridges has expanded its reach through strong connections with countless and equally valuable organizations and programs. With a guiding principle that together, anything is possible, Community Bridges facilitates

thousands of volunteers to come together and serve their neighbors and friends.

As the Central Coast continues to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, the effects of wildfires, and rising living costs, Community Bridges plays an invaluable role as a leader in our community and a catalyst for positive engagement, recovery, and improvement.

Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize this impactful organization on the occasion of its 45th anniversary. I extend my appreciation to its committed Board Members and team of volunteers that continue to support the people of Santa Cruz County.

RECOGNIZING CHEF CAROLINE GLOVER

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Chef Caroline Glover and congratulate her on receiving the 2022 James Beard Award for Best Chef in the Mountain Region.

A Chef with a passion for farming and cooking, Caroline combined both to open *Annette: Scratch to Table*, in the fall of 2016, in Aurora, Colorado. *Annette* is named for her Great Aunt Netzie who bestowed upon Caroline the need for a strong opinion and confidence in her own taste, which would carry her through 15 years in the restaurant industry.

A graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, Caroline developed her craft working as a sous chef in both New York and Denver in critically acclaimed restaurants. She has also spent an extensive amount of time on farms in Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Colorado, honing and developing her passion for locally-grown food.

Caroline's culinary creativity has not gone unnoticed. She was recognized as one of the "10 Best Chefs in America" by *Food & Wine Magazine* in 2019, and *Bon Appetit Magazine* named *Annette* one of the "50 Best New Restaurants in the Country" in 2017.

The awards don't stop there. Caroline was a finalist for the same James Beard Foundation Award in 2020 after being named a semi-finalist in 2018 and 2019. This Award is presented annually to chefs and restaurants in the culinary industry who exemplify exceptional talent and excellency in their craft—alongside a commitment to racial and gender equity, sustainability, and community. Caroline focuses on sustainability and sourcing locally-grown food to honor food producers and nourish eaters in a creative way, and as such, I cannot think of a chef more deserving of this award.

Caroline's culinary contributions to our community are representative of the extensive and diverse selection of food Colorado's Sixth District has to offer. I congratulate Caroline on winning one of the most coveted awards in the

culinary industry—and I have no doubt this is just the start of a long and incredible career.

HONORING EVERETTE B. "OBIE" OBENSHAIN, JR.

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Everette B. "Obie" Obenshain, Jr. of Salem, Virginia, who passed away on July 14, 2022, at the age of 82. Obie served the City of Salem as sheriff for 30 years.

Obie was born to Everette B. Obenshain, Sr., and Mildred Obenshain. He served as a Patrolman for the Salem Police Department from November 3, 1966, until July 4, 1969. That year, after Salem had become an independent city, he was elected city sergeant and supervised an office of four deputies. In 1971, the Code of Virginia changed and the post became sheriff. He held that position for decades. From 1981 to 1982, he also served as President of the Virginia Sheriffs' Association. In addition to his service as the elected sheriff, Obie held an appointment on the Salem Board of Elections for nineteen years.

Obie was an active citizen beyond his roles in Salem government. He belonged to the Edgewood Lions Club since 1965, the American Legion, and the Salem Sports Foundation. As a proud Republican, he was the first member of the party to win a citywide election. While he was often encouraged to run as an independent when he was on the ballot, he always ran on the party ticket and supported others who did the same.

I was honored to call Obie a friend. I knew him before my law career began and worked with him for years, including in his capacity as sheriff. During my terms in the Virginia House of Delegates, I heard from him often as he sought to raise the pay of his deputies. The loyalty he showed them was characteristic of the man.

Obie was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel. He is survived by son Everette "EB" Obenshain III; daughter Susan King; grandchildren Amber Cook (Justin), Sarah Sieloff and husband, Jack, Emily Obenshain, Rachel Brodrecht and husband, Lawson, Mason King, and Gia King; and great-granddaughter, Haleigh Cook. He is also survived by adoptive grandchildren Scott McCauley, wife Amanda, and daughter, Braleigh, Jordan McCauley and wife, Alexa, and DeAnna McCauley; and many nieces and nephews. I offer them condolences on the loss of a fine man and public servant.

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RECOGNIZING REBECCA
LOCKRIDGE**HON. RASHIDA TLAIB**
OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, today I want to celebrate the life of Rebecca Lockridge, a long-time resident of Southwest Detroit in Michigan's 13th District Strong, on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday.

Mother Rebecca Lockridge was born on July 24, 1922 in Columbia, Tennessee, and later moved to Detroit, Michigan on February 9th, 1944 at the age of twenty-two with her sister, Martha. She married the love of her life, Albert B. Lockridge in 1946, raising five children in the home on Prairie Street that they bought as newlyweds. Mother Lockridge has remained an active and engaged neighbor through her work with the Midwest Civic Council, where she served as Treasurer for decades, as well the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church. She also served as a career counselor at Chadsey High School for more than two decades, guiding our community's youth in their college and career endeavors. Mother Lockridge has contributed so much value to her community, family, and friends. After her retirement, Mrs. Lockridge has maintained her good health by participating in a local exercise group, cooking healthy meals, and enjoying the sun with her friends and family, including her four grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren. May she continue to shine bright, surrounded by love and laughter in the years ahead.

Please join me in wishing a happy 100th birthday to Mother Rebecca Lockridge, a paragon of Detroit's perseverance and a figure of notable civic service in Michigan's 13th District Strong.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF KAREN
KELLY**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Karen Kelly, one of the most dynamic female leaders in Kentucky politics, who has worked with me through various roles in southern and eastern Kentucky over the last 28 years. She has served as my District Director for Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District since 2013, and as she moves on to the private sector, I want to honor her today before my House colleagues who understand the immense value of having a fierce and loyal leader on the frontlines in the district while we are working diligently on Capitol Hill for our people at home.

Karen is the most recent of many incredible female leaders that I have been blessed to have on staff, starting with my very first Chief of Staff in Washington, Marty Driesler. Marty was a force of nature and was instrumental in many of my early successes in Congress—just as Karen Kelly has been in Kentucky for nearly three quarters of my tenure in Congress. Much of my staff in Washington and in Kentucky have become long-tenured experts

in their respective fields, providing excellent aid to folks across Kentucky's Appalachian region, and trusted advisors during my public service in the U.S. House of Representatives—and chief among them being Karen Kelly.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher once said, "If you set out to be liked, you would be prepared to compromise on anything at any time, and you would achieve nothing." As we know well in Congress, the world of politics isn't for weak-minded, spineless individuals. To be effective, you must stand firm on the values you hold dear, even at the risk of losing popularity; however, Karen has managed to maintain both. In fact, she has become one of the most highly respected leaders in Kentucky because of her relentless commitment to her conservative values and her courage of conviction to do what's best for the people of our region, even when the going gets tough.

In 1994, Karen started out answering the phones and doing casework in my Pikeville office, quickly working her way up to become a Field Representative in my Hazard office. From day one she proved to be a highly motivated and promising visionary with an intense work ethic to accomplish any task that I set in her path. Soon after, I asked her to lead the Eastern Kentucky PRIDE organization, a non-profit environmental education and improvement task force to help clean up our hillsides, lakes, and streams across Kentucky's Fifth District. She quickly learned the complex ropes of grant funding and grew PRIDE's outreach operations in the schools. She also led the charge for more water and sewer project opportunities with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and exponentially grew volunteer cleanup participation.

In the early 2000s, I quickly realized that we had another crisis to clean up in Eastern Kentucky when a deadly scourge of prescription overdose deaths was ignited by a flood of overprescribed powerful painkillers in our rural region. When I considered the best person to give life to this multifaceted response, I tapped Karen to take on an unprecedented role and lead the nation's first rural holistic organization to combat the growing drug epidemic. Together, we named it Operation UNITE—Unlawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment and Education. She formulated my vision into a comprehensive task force that became a model for the rest of the country—and she didn't stop in Eastern Kentucky. Karen helped me coordinate with like-minded leaders in Washington on the issue to launch the National Rx Drug Abuse Summit, putting Operation UNITE's efforts on the national stage. We welcomed approximately 750 attendees to the first Rx Summit in 2012 in Orlando, Florida, and today, it is the largest comprehensive convention of its kind, with four U.S. Presidents serving as keynote speakers, along with leaders from each of Nation's top agencies on illicit drug-related policies.

Nine years ago, I asked her to return to my Congressional office to help me reinvigorate and revitalize southern and eastern Kentucky just as the coal industry was targeted by a relentless regulatory war that led to the loss of more than 12,000 coal mining jobs. During that time, she helped me establish the bipartisan SOAR initiative—Shaping Our Appalachian Region, with former Governor Steve Beshear. Her diligent work and coordination

were invaluable to our early comprehensive efforts to formulate and lead the SOAR organization and gain the trust of our constituents as we worked hard to bring jobs and new industry opportunities to the region, including the state's largest rural broadband expansion project and much more.

I often remind folks that our best resource in Eastern Kentucky isn't coal, tobacco, or timber—it's our people—and Karen exemplifies that. Her sheer determination to improve our region through compassionate advocacy and excellence in project execution has made a resounding impact across our region. While she has rightfully earned recognition and many accolades for her public service, her quiet generosity behind the scenes is a testament to her heart for God. Over the years, she has personally taken some of our less fortunate youth under her wing, providing support and encouragement to help them take hold of their own destiny. Today, many of them are now following in her footsteps to become the next generation of bright young rising leaders.

I am personally grateful to have had such a wonderful leading lady by my side over the last 28 years and I wish Karen and her family the very best in years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF ELMER LEE DAVIDSON**HON. PAT FALLON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commemorate the life and service of Elmer Lee Davidson who lived 99 extraordinary years before his passing on June 9, 2022. Mr. Davidson was born February 4, 1923 to G. Edgar and Minnie Bass Davidson. Shortly after the outbreak of WWII, Mr. Davidson and five of his high school buddies literally climbed out of a school window to enlist in the U.S. Army. At the age of 17, these brave young men lied about their age to answer the call to fight against the Nazis. Throughout their time in Europe, each of Mr. Davidson's five high school best friends lost their lives fighting in support of the Allies.

Elmer's first taste of battle was near Bizerte, Tunisia on October 18, 1943, against the infamous German Field Marshal Johannes Rommel. After their triumph the 933rd departed Tunisia for Naples, Italy. Shortly thereafter, the 933rd Field Artillery Battalion was merged into the 940th Field Artillery Battalion.

For almost 2 years in direct combat, Elmer served as a radio dispatcher/radio technician, Technical Sergeant in the 940th Field Artillery Battalion, under the command of General George Patton and later General Omar Bradley. Elmer was on the front lines in North Africa, Italy, France, Germany, and Austria. He participated in numerous historic battles including the breakthrough of the Gustav Line at Monte Cassino, one of the bloodiest, costliest, and coldest sieges in WWII. For his contributions, Elmer was awarded the French Croix de Guerre Silver Star. Then, the battalion shifted direction-to support the Rome Amo Campaign for the liberation of Rome, Siena, and Florence.

Once secured, the 940th moved to Sarreguemines, France in support of the campaign to breach the Siegfried Line and cross