

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT
OF DR. THOMAS J. CATHEY

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the leadership, ministry, and community impact of Dr. Thomas J. Cathey of the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Tom Cathey has dedicated his entire life to Christian education and, for the past 14 years, did so through his leadership roles at ACSI, from which he retired in August 2022.

Tom Cathey has left an indelible mark on the Christian School movement. He has worked with every ACSI President in some capacity, and each has considered it a privilege to call him a colleague and friend. Through his leadership, ACSI's Legal Legislative Department has moved to a position of preeminence as a major membership value among the many services ACSI offers its member schools. He helped expand the department, created new legal benefits for schools, and became a well-loved mentor to his team. Tom is recognized nationally as an advocate for freedom in education and school choice. Through his work, he has provided countless Christian schools with valuable guidance on legal and policy issues in our culture when it is sorely needed.

Tom was also part of a significant reorganization of the ACSI board of directors and subsequently transformed annual visits to Washington, D.C., by a board subcommittee on legislative issues into what is now ACSI's annual national Public Policy & Advocacy Summit. In addition, Tom oversaw ACSI's creation of a scholarship granting organization in states with tax credit scholarship programs that benefit low- and moderate-income families. Locally, he established the Colorado Association of Private Schools, a recognized state chapter of the Council for American Private Education, and served as its director from 2017 to 2022.

Tom Cathey is a godly man who has enriched the Christian education movement through his faithful service and the wisdom he has imparted to his fellow leaders in Christian education. In short, Tom is one of those rare people for whom it is authentically true to say his accomplishments are too many to mention. As Tom embarks on a well-earned retirement, it is my honor to recognize him for his positive and lasting impact in Colorado's Fifth Congressional District and worldwide through his valuable service to Christian education at ACSI and beyond.

INTRODUCTION OF THE AFGHAN
ADJUSTMENT ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the Afghan Adjustment Act. This legislation would establish a pathway to permanent legal status for newly arrived Afghans displaced at the end of the 20-year U.S. mission in Afghanistan.

Without this legislation, the tens of thousands of Afghans who were admitted to the United States under temporary humanitarian parole, including those who supported the U.S. mission in Afghanistan during the past 20 years, face tremendous legal uncertainty. These Afghans can only pursue permanent legal status in the United States through the asylum system or, for those who are eligible, the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) program. Both paths have substantial backlogs, long processing times, and logistical obstacles for these individuals.

I first became involved in the cause of Afghan allies nearly 15 years ago after being contacted by a social studies class from Portland's Lincoln High School. Those discussions prompted me to work with former Senators John McCain and Ted Kennedy to create the Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) programs. Ever since, I have continued to work to strengthen these critical programs and provide a permanent, safe outcome for the brave men and women who risked their lives to help the United States.

Congress must keep our commitment to provide safe, legal refuge to the those who willingly put their lives on the line to support U.S. mission in Afghanistan. Following previous wartime evacuations and humanitarian crises, including the Vietnam War and the rise of Castro in Cuba, Congress has provided a legal adjustment process for those evacuated to the United States and should do so once again, without delay.

I look forward to working with my co-leads, Representatives PETER MEIJER, JERRY NADLER, ADAM KINZINGER, ZOE LOFGREN, MARIANETTE MILLER-MEEKS, JASON CROW, FRED UPTON, and SCOTT PETERS in the House and Senators AMY KLOBUCHAR, LINDSEY GRAHAM, CHRIS COONS, ROY BLUNT, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, and LISA MURKOWSKI in the Senate to enact this legislation and finally establish a path forward for Afghans admitted to the United States on humanitarian status.

RECOGNIZING DANIEL L. STEIDLE

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Pacifica Police Chief Daniel L. Steidle

for his more than three decades of law enforcement service. Chief Steidle has made Pacifica a safer and more desirable place to live and visit. He never wavered in his commitment to foster relationships between community members and his department.

Dan came to the beautiful coastal town of Pacifica in 1993 and climbed the ranks in the police department from officer to corporal to sergeant to captain. He was then appointed Interim Chief of Police for seven months and Chief of Police in October 2015. He has worked just about every assignment in the department. He has also secured \$800,000 in grant funding for personnel and equipment costs.

Before joining the Pacifica Police Department, Dan began his law enforcement career in 1989 as a Reserve Police Officer for the City of Pinole. In 1990, he became a Deputy Sheriff at the Contra Costa County Sheriffs Department where he served for three years. He is a proud graduate of the POST Command College and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's Degree in Strategic Leadership.

During his time in Pacifica, Chief Steidle enjoyed being part of a smaller and tight knit community where he could get to know residents and build trusting relationships. It is very common to see him visit and laugh with people during festivals, parades, ribbon cuttings and city council meetings. He always goes the extra mile to help people. It has been my great honor to work with Chief Steidle during my tenure in Congress on issues such as human trafficking, gun violence prevention and community policing.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Chief Steidle for dedicating his career to public service and for protecting the residents of Pacifica. While I wish him the best for his next chapter in Texas, I have no doubt he will miss the small town feel of Pacifica, its people, and the Pacific Ocean. And in tum, we will miss him.

REMEMBERING LOIS ANN
COSTARELLA

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Lois Ann Costarella, of Girard, who passed away on Monday, July 18, 2022. She was 84 years old.

Lois was born on March 6, 1938, in Niles, Ohio, the daughter of Nicholas and Anna Marsico. Remaining in Niles during her youth, she would graduate as the valedictorian of her 1956 class of Niles High School.

Lois had worked for Woolco in Liberty Township for 13 years and Crishal's Florist in Liberty for 16 years. She was a member of St. Rose Church, K of C Ladies Auxiliary, the United Auto Workers retirees, and enjoyed reading in her spare time.

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She leaves to cherish her memory, her husband of 65 years, Joseph R. Costarella, whom she married on May 4, 1957; her children, Joseph R. (Lorraine) Costarella Jr., Susan J. (John) Leskovec, and Michael (Tara) Costarella, all of Girard; her grandchildren, Erica (Greg) Cook, Johnny (Ali) Leskovec, Toni Ann (Ryan) DelBene, Rachele (Tyler) Karabin, Anthony Costarella and Samantha Costarella; and her greatgrandchildren, Eli, Livia, Brooks, and Rena.

Lois and Joe were instrumental in supporting me at the beginning of my political career, and that is something I will never forget. I will always remember her quiet and determined commitment. She was a special lady and I will truly miss her.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE
TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE RAYMOND COALITION FOR
YOUTH

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate 20 years of operation of the Raymond Coalition for Youth (RCFY), one of my state's leaders in youth substance use prevention. Since 2002, RCFY has promoted positive youth development to reduce the risk of substance abuse and other risky behaviors. For the past 20 years, they have increased available substance use prevention resources and created impactful partnerships from the federal level on down. Today RCFY continues to address the urgent needs impacting the wellbeing for our children in the Granite State. By educating and nurturing our youth, they are ensuring our next generation grows up with the support and mentorship needed to live healthy fulfilling lives.

The Raymond Coalition for Youth was founded in response to the higher-than-state-average levels of substance misuse in the Town of Raymond. The University of New Hampshire kickstarted the data collection, community planning, and information sharing that culminated in this non-profit's eventual formation. Now, for the first time in 20 years, the Town of Raymond reported lower substance misuse than the State of New Hampshire average. In response to New Hampshire's addiction crisis, RCFY has proved an adamant reminder on the power of community in mitigating the harms of substance abuse and empowering our youth to lead healthy lives. Through student engagement, education, and advocacy RCFY has become a respected leader in the prevention space.

The Raymond Coalition for Youth is representative of the community's multi-pronged approach that must encompass all levels of government in keeping our neighborhoods safe. I am honored to issue sincere congratulations for the efforts of the dedicated staff and students involved in this prevention work. I am proud to represent the Raymond Coalition for Youth as today's changemakers in New Hampshire's First Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING ZACK GOLDITCH

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Zack Golditch, a survivor of the Aurora Theater Shooting, who now finds purpose in serving our community as a firefighter for South Metro Fire Department.

A 17-year-old high school football player in Aurora, with his sights set on the NFL, Zack spent his evening on July 20, 2012, as many other young people did: at a midnight showing of *The Dark Knight Rises*. What began as a night with friends turned deadly as a gunman open fired in an adjacent theater to the one Zack was in, killing 12 and wounding 70. However, the injuries were not confined to Theater 9, as a bullet traveled through the wall into Theater 8 and struck him in the neck.

Zack was forced to grow up too soon that day—his perspective on life changed forever as a night out with friends was almost his last. Recognizing the unpredictability of life, he believes that life isn't just about seizing the opportunities presented to him, but to slow down and enjoy them. Zack went on to play college football at Colorado State University, before fulfilling his childhood dream of being drafted into the NFL in 2018.

After two years in the NFL, Zack returned home to Colorado where he now serves our community as a firefighter for South Metro Fire and Rescue in the Denver Metro area. Alongside his work at South Metro, Zack is involved in efforts to support victims of the theater shooting by lending his name to the Zack Golditch Opportunity Scholarships, established by the 7/20 Foundation, and managed by the Aurora Public Schools (APS) Foundation, to help APS students attend college.

Zack is a shining example of turning pain into purpose. He read a quote once that resonated with him: "If you're not inspired by your own story, then maybe you need to start writing and there's something you need to start doing." So Zack became a first responder—fully prepared to respond to the next tragedy, just like those that saved him did on that night ten years ago.

Out of tragedy and unspeakable darkness, there are always heroes who rise up and answer the call to service. I can think of no better example than Zack, who, despite being haunted daily by the memories of July 20th, shows up to work every day aiming to be better than the day before.

I am honored to recognize Zack for his dedication and commitment in service to making our community a better place to call home. I thank him for continuing to serve with gratitude, empathy, and a smile—all while inspiring us to be better versions of ourselves.

INTRODUCTION OF THE IN-
CREASED TRANSPARENCY IN
501(C)(4) ORGANIZATIONS ACT OF
2022

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Increased Transparency in

501(c)(4) Organizations Act of 2022. This bill would require the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to make publicly available the forms organizations that self-declare under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) file with the IRS. Americans have the right to know which organizations are operating under this section of the IRC.

To be eligible for tax-exempt status under 501(c)(4), organizations, often referred to as "social welfare organizations," must be "devoted exclusively to charitable, educational, or recreational purposes." They can apply for 501(c)(4) status, or they can self-declare. Previously, organizations seeking to self-declare were not required to notify the IRS of their existence. In 2015, however, the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of 2015 (PATH Act), which required an organization seeking to self-declare to file a notice with the IRS, was enacted into law. The PATH Act did not, however, make the filed notices, Form 8976, subject to public disclosure.

The IRS has opined that Form 8976 cannot be made available under the Freedom of Information Act or other disclosure laws. This opinion creates a discrepancy between those organizations for which the IRS must make publicly available information—all Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 501(c)(4) organizations that applied for that status—and self-declared 501(c)(4) organizations. This discrepancy appears to have been inadvertently created by the PATH Act.

My bill would fix this discrepancy by requiring the IRS to publicly disclose any filed Form 8976 upon request, thus allowing the public to know which organizations operate under 501(c)(4), as they do with organizations that operate under 501(c)(3). In the aftermath of the Supreme Court's *Citizens United* decision, which allows unlimited expenditures in political campaigns by these "social welfare" organizations, greater transparency is needed.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF THE
LIFE OF THOMAS M. BROWN

HON. ROBERT E. LATTI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

Mr. LATTI. Madam Speaker, I along with Congresswoman MARCY KAPTUR rise today to recognize and remember the life of a dedicated educator and public servant. Thomas M. Brown, former mayor of Port Clinton, Ohio, who passed away at his residence surrounded by his loved ones on July 10, 2022. At the age of eighty-two, Tom lived a long, fulfilling life as a career educator and committed community leader.

Tom was born on June 25, 1940 in Pomeroy, Ohio to Virgil and Nellie Brown. After graduating in 1958 from Pomeroy High School, he attended the University of Rio Grande, studying education. While attending Rio Grande, Tom met his wife, Helen Hurst, and they were married on June 16, 1962. Tom and Helen were married for sixty years and had a daughter and son: Kimberly Brown and Colonel Michael Brown.

Tom began his educational career at Plain Local Schools in Canton, Ohio as an elementary school teacher and transferred to Port