

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING AURORA FIRE RESCUE FOR CAMP SPARK

**HON. JASON CROW**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 26, 2022*

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Aurora Fire Rescue for inspiring the next generation of women firefighters through an annual summer camp.

Aurora Fire Rescue aims to increase the number of women in firefighting through Camp Spark—a summer program for female-identifying middle and high schoolers with an interest in the fire service.

This three-day camp focuses on problem-solving, leadership, knowledge, and physical ability drills, to tackle a challenging curriculum, while introducing these young women to the daily lives of firefighters. From participating in a firehouse work out, rolling hoses, and repelling, this camp provides hands-on experience to the physical demands of the profession. Camp Spark has both female and male firefighters volunteering as instructors—providing a realistic representation of the fire service.

The goal of Camp Spark is to supply these young women with invaluable insight into the profession and motivate them to consider a career in fire service. Aurora Fire Rescue places emphasis on adaptability as being key to the success of their campers—a skill that will stick with them long after camp ends.

I commend Aurora Fire Rescue for their leadership, working to build a more inclusive department and profession. By introducing women to the world of firefighting from a young age, Aurora Fire Rescue aims to make a career in fire service a realistic and tangible goal for young women. I thank Aurora Fire Rescue and their volunteers for motivating and inspiring the next generation of women firefighters.

### PAYING TRIBUTE TO MIKE DEAN FOR HIS DECADES OF SERVICE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 26, 2022*

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the House's lead upholsterer, Mike Dean—a master craftsman from Maryland's Dean Congressional District whose work has touched the lives of every person who serves the House of Representatives. After nearly four decades of hard work on Capitol Hill, Mike recently announced his well-deserved retirement.

If you have ever sat on a bench, chair, or sofa in the Capitol, you have benefited from Mike's steadfast commitment to his craft. To Mike, upholstery is an art as much as it is a

trade. He and his colleagues do not cut corners. From the "eight-way tie" to the "fox edge," Mike and his team have mastered traditional techniques that most people in their field have sacrificed to save time and money. He operates perhaps the most interesting contraption in the Capitol complex: a vintage horsehair picker from the 1930's. Most of the House's furniture contains horsehair that Mike has recycled and fluffed using the picker, and experts at the Smithsonian believe it is the only machine of its kind still in active use today.

To reupholster just one of the beautiful, century-old Turkish chairs you see around the Capitol, it can take Mike and his team eighty hours of labor and forty pounds of horsehair. Unsurprisingly, the chairs remain just as comfortable today as I imagine they did in Speaker Joseph Cannon's time. Although modern techniques and materials would be easier to use, Mike knows that there is no substitute for quality and durability.

As Members of Congress, we strive to uphold longstanding political and procedural norms and traditions to treat this institution with the reverence it deserves. Mike's work is not so different. He is committed to historical preservation and authenticity because he knows it is the only way to produce and maintain furniture worthy of adorning the People's House. For as long as the Capitol has stood, artisans like Mike have served as its custodians. For that, they will always be a part of its history.

I ask all my colleagues to join me in thanking Mike Dean for his decades of diligent service and in wishing him a happy retirement."

### HONORING NAPA PARKS AND RECREATION FOUNDATION

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 26, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Napa Parks and Recreation Foundation for its outstanding work to preserve our public lands and bring excellent outdoor experiences to our community.

The Napa Parks and Recreation Foundation is increasingly becoming a stronger and more recognized voice for supporting the parks and recreation opportunities in the City of Napa. In the last two years, its board membership has risen from five members to nine members, fostering a more diverse representation of our community. As a non-profit, the Napa Parks and Recreation Foundation is primarily focused on supporting and improving our community parks and recreation resources for families, individuals, and youth. The Napa Parks and Recreation Foundation collaborates with the Napa Parks and Recreation Services Department to continually assess the needs of the community and to improve accessibility

and awareness of parks and recreation opportunities.

Today, the Napa Parks and Recreation Foundation comes together in celebration of, "A Day in the Park," to bring awareness and support for the Foundation at Westwood Hills Park in honor of National Park and Recreation Month. Westwood Hills Park was established by the Napa City Council in 1976. The park is used by many in our community and by visitors for hiking, running, enjoying the beautiful summit vista overlooking Napa Valley, experiencing the natural wildness of the outdoors within the town and walking the trails throughout the park.

The focus of "A Day in the Park" is to introduce the community to Westwood Hills Park and to support the work of the Napa Parks and Recreation Foundation and Napa Parks and Recreation Services. This event will also support the purchase of trail markers for the Westwood Hills Park and the eventual installation of interpretive displays at the summit vista.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that the Napa Parks and Recreation Foundation has been an important part of the Napa community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor it today.

### RECOGNIZING CHIEF DANIEL H. WHITELEY

**HON. JASON SMITH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 26, 2022*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Danny Whiteley who will soon retire after proudly serving as Poplar Bluff's Police Chief for 22 years.

Chief Whiteley is the proud husband to Gale Whiteley of 53 years and father to Jason Whiteley and Erika Boucher. Chief Whiteley also has 3 wonderful grandchildren. He has served the community as Mayor Pro Tem and as a member of the Poplar Bluff City Council. Additionally, he has served on the Poplar Bluff School Board, the Public Water District Board, and the Poplar Bluff Municipal Airport Board. Chief Whiteley is currently serving as project director for the Southeast Missouri Drug Task Force and is on the Board of Directors for the Missouri Police Chiefs' Association. Prior to his career serving the community, he was a professional rodeo athlete and toured the country competing in many events, including bull riding and steer wrestling.

As the longest-serving police chief in Poplar Bluff history, it is obvious to the Poplar Bluff community that Chief Whiteley loved and took great pride in his job. He has never wavered in his commitment to serving and protecting the town in which he grew up and has always been there for the community during challenging times. He did not limit himself to only working with local law enforcement, but reached out to other law enforcement agencies at the state and federal level to share his

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knowledge and offer his assistance to help make a positive difference in communities far beyond Poplar Bluff. Thanks to his innovative approach and strong leadership, he transformed the Poplar Bluff Police Department into a 21st century law enforcement agency, an achievement that will benefit the city for years to come.

Chief Whiteley is retiring after successfully moving the police department into their new facility. The residents of Poplar Bluff are sad to see Chief Whiteley go, but also hope he enjoys his well-deserved retirement. We thank him for over two decades of outstanding service and for selflessly protecting Missouri. I thank Chief Whiteley.

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BONHAM, TEXAS

**HON. PAT FALLON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 26, 2022*

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church of Bonham, Texas. Since its founding on the third Sunday in August of 1872, it has continued to deliver exceptional worship services to the people of Bonham and Fannin County.

The great state of Texas was granted statehood only 27 years prior to the First Presbyterian Church's establishment. Since then, it has served as a safe place of worship and focal point of the community. Its members have organized many charitable events including food drives and back-to-school initiatives.

I have no doubt that every man, woman, and child of First Presbyterian are upstanding citizens who wish to preserve the word of Christ. First Presbyterian exemplifies our Nation's resolve and has helped countless individuals through difficult times. I am honored to recognize their anniversary and devotion to God on the floor of the House of Representatives.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize the First Presbyterian Church's contributions to the Bonham community, and I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring them today. I thank them, and God Bless.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF OFFICER DANIEL VASQUEZ

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 26, 2022*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart and an indescribable sadness. I rise, on behalf of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, to honor and celebrate the life of Officer Daniel Vasquez. Our community has lost a remarkable man, one who dedicated his life to protecting and serving the people of North Kansas City as a police officer. Officer Vasquez was described by his colleagues as a "shining star" in the department,

always working with a smile. He worked tirelessly to keep his hometown safe, putting his life on the line each and every day until making the ultimate sacrifice on July 19 of this year, when he was senselessly killed in the line of duty. Officer Vasquez was only 32 years old.

Daniel was born on January 19, 1990, in North Kansas City. Daniel is the youngest of three children and the first of his Mexican-American family to be born in Kansas City. In his childhood, Daniel's carefree nature led to a variety of interests, ranging from playing the drums in church to tackling kids on the football field. In his adult life, Daniel's free time consisted of playing video games, going to the gym, and trying new restaurants. Officer Vasquez was a loving son, brother, fiancé, uncle, and friend; he brought joy to all those who had the great fortune of knowing him.

Officer Vasquez began his career in security with the Independence Avenue Community Improvement District, serving both Wyandotte County and Jackson County as an "Avenue Angel." In 2019, Daniel continued his service by joining the Kansas City Missouri Police Department as a Detention Officer. Here, Officer Vasquez worked diligently each day in hopes of achieving his lifelong dream of becoming a police officer. After years of hard work and perseverance, Daniel joined the police force in January of 2021 and, after completing his training at the KCPD Regional Police Academy with Graduating Class No. 171, he was sworn into office. He embodied the highest standards of ethics each day as he devoted himself to making our community a safer, stronger, and better place to call home. Even with his short time on the force, those he worked with speak highly of Daniel and recount his positive attitude, cheerful spirit, and infectious smile.

On July 19, 2022, a tragedy ensued, and Daniel's life was cut short by an act of unspeakable violence. When a police officer is slain in the line of duty, the whole community grieves. My thoughts and prayers go out to everyone who knew and loved Daniel Vasquez. With his passing, Daniel leaves behind a long list of loving family and friends. To his parents, Francisco and Guadalupe, I mourn with you. No parent should outlive their child. I hope that you may find some comfort in seeing the outpouring of love and support Daniel has received. The world now knows what's always been clear to you, that Daniel was a remarkable young man destined for great things.

The highest form of recognition from the North Kansas City Police Department, The Medal of Valor, has since been bestowed upon Officer Vasquez. This tribute cannot begin to remedy the loss felt by those who knew Daniel, but it is a symbol of gratitude for his distinguished service and boundless bravery. While I did not have the good fortune of knowing Officer Vasquez personally, I have learned of his kind, compassionate, and dependable nature. Officer Vasquez went above and beyond the call of duty to protect his community and his service will never be taken for granted or forgotten. When tragedies like this occur, it is difficult to comprehend the loss we all feel. In times like these, I am called to Scripture. John 16:22 says, "So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy." Let us find solace in the word of

God and remember that we will be reunited, once more, in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Today, my thoughts, and the thoughts of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, are with Officer Vasquez and his family, as we illuminate his lifetime of service and sacrifice. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the life and legacy of Officer Daniel Vasquez. May his dedication to this community never be forgotten and may his memory continue to live on within us all. Let us admire the courageous nature of Officer Vasquez and face each day as he would, with a smile on our face and spirit in our heart.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL MACK HAYNES HORNBEAK

**HON. GARRET GRAVES**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 26, 2022*

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Lt. Col. Mack Haynes Hornbeak for his service to our country, Louisiana State University, and the community of Baton Rouge.

Lt. Col. Hornbeak was born on June 23rd, 1906, to Pleasant and Ada Hornbeak in Hornbeak, Tennessee. Although he was born in Tennessee, Lt. Col. Hornbeak soon became a proud Louisianian and Tiger fan. He earned his Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy from Louisiana State University. He even became a part of LSU's faculty as an Associate Professor of Business Administration and Accounting. He served the university during a time of great need and financial strain and was appointed as the university's purchasing agent to ensure responsible spending. However, he most loved teaching and greatly missed LSU's campus and its students when they were let out of school in the summer.

Like so many brave men and women, Lt. Col. Hornbeak paused his career in academia and readily enlisted in the United States Armed Forces at the outbreak of World War II. He served in the European theatre from 1942 to the war's end in 1945. A decorated veteran, he was recognized for his valiant service in combat and earned the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Croix de Guerre of France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and one oak leaf cluster. After the war, he returned to Baton Rouge, where he married Barbra Marie Thomas on June 5th, 1958, and they welcomed their daughter Anne Haynes Hornbeak on August 12th, 1961. Anne fondly recalls her father's love for fishing and taking her back to Tennessee every summer to fish in Lake Reelfoot.

Lt. Col. Hornbeak played an active role in his community of Baton Rouge and was a member of the Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce and served as president from 1958–1959. He worked in the banking industry until his retirement. I am pleased to honor his memory and am thankful for his service to our great country and state. I wish his family all the best as they continue to uphold his legacy.