

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE BETA BETA CHAPTER OF ALPHA PHI SORORITY AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the oldest women's organization in East Lansing, Michigan: the Alpha Phi, Beta Beta Chapter at Michigan State University. This year, they mark 100 years of fellowship, sisterhood, and service to the community.

But the history of this beloved organization dates back even farther than a century. On March 20, 1891, The Feronian Literacy Society was formed. It was the first all-women's group at the Michigan Agricultural College (M.A.C.), the institution that later became Michigan State University. According to the 1891 M.A.C. yearbook, two women worked together to create the initial concept, with stated goals to "advance its members' intellectual, social and moral standing, to train mind, heart, and soul." Together with 15 other women, they formed the initial membership.

Given that there were only 20 women enrolled at Michigan Agricultural College at the time, it will come as no surprise that the group faced opposition from other literary societies on campus. But the Feronian women pressed on, trailblazers from the very start. In 1921, the ban on national Greek organizations was lifted at the college, and one of the first organizations to be established was Alpha Phi Sorority—created by members of the Feronian Society. In 1922, the Feronian Society officially petitioned Alpha Phi Sorority to become the newest chapter, and the Beta Beta Chapter of Alpha Phi was officially born.

Just a few months later, the Beta Beta Chapter of Alpha Phi initiated 78 women to become the first women's panhellenic group at Michigan Agricultural College. It remains the only sorority still in operation after 100 years. In 1935, the chapter was given \$2,000 toward purchasing the land at 616 M.A.C. A few years later, women moved into this stately home, marking the debut of what is now known as "Sorority Row." This house, now expanded, has been the home-away-from-home for generations of Alpha Phi sisters.

That sisterhood now includes thousands of women, and today I honor each one of them. I offer this tribute so that all may know of the courage and leadership of the women who blazed the trail from the Feronian Society to become the Beta Beta Chapter of Alpha Phi Sorority. May they continue to enrich the lives of Spartan women and their communities well into the future.

RECOGNIZING ALABAMA OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARM FAMILY DANIEL AND CARLA TRANTHAM

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Daniel and Carla Trantham and their children, Davis, Sadie, Anna Kate, Sawyer and Callie for being named Alabama's Outstanding Young Farm Family.

The Tranthams are row crop and cattle farmers who run their own feed operation. They bag and sell over 80 tons of feed and grain on a weekly basis at their storefront in Alexandria and through feed stores.

The Trantham family also sells wheat straw and Bermudagrass hay while improving yields on 1,000 acres of corn, wheat, soybeans and cotton through irrigation and seed selection. Since 2010, Daniel has more than doubled grain storage and tripled his cattle herd.

The family also operates a trucking company where Carla manages payroll.

The Tranthams are members of Leatherwood Baptist Church. Daniel is the local Young Farmers chair and serves on the Alabama Farmers Federation State Soybean Committee. Carla serves on the local Women's Leadership Committee.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing this young family on this great honor. Congratulations to the Tranthams.

HONORING THE PITTSTON AREA HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM, PIAA CLASS 5A STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, today I honor the Pittston Area Girls Softball Team on their perfect season and state championship win. On June 16, 2022, the Patriots clinched their 25th win of the season to be crowned the PIAA Class 5A state softball champions.

Under the direction of head coach Frank Parente and Tori Para, Sage Weidlich, and Skylar Borthwick, three seasoned senior players as captains, the Patriots started the season believing they had the talent and the drive to do something special. They were right. They thrived during conference play in the second largest of PIAA's six enrollment classifications without losing a game.

The team headed to the District 2 Class 5A softball championship game with an undefeated record and sailed to a 1-0 victory over West Scranton High School with pitcher Gianna Adams throwing a no-hitter. Now 21-

0, the Patriots began their state championship run.

After defeating South Western 13 to 0 and Lampeter-Strasburg, the defending state champions, 3 to 2, the team found themselves one game away from the state championship match, staring down the Oxford High School Hornets. Despite the Hornets rallying in the bottom of the sixth to score four runs, the Patriots came out on top, securing their place to compete for the state title. This marked the first state championship game appearance for Pittston Area in any team sport in school history.

On July 16, the Patriots took Penn State University's Beard Field against the Armstrong High School River Hawks for the state championship title. The River Hawks were looking for redemption after their loss to Lampeter-Strasburg in the title game in 2021. Bella Giardina helped the team secure an early lead with a two-run single, and Adams dominated from the pitcher's mound. With two more runs, the Patriots secured a 4-0 lead over the River Hawks, which they held onto to be named state champions.

I am honored to recognize the talented young women of the Pittston Area High School Softball Team on their outstanding season and state championship win. They have made the entire 8th Congressional District proud with their exceptional athletic prowess and sportsmanship. May they continue to find success in their athletic pursuits and all their future endeavors.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SERVICE OF ROBERT PROCTOR

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a lifelong community leader and the longest serving member of the Board of Trustees of Lansing Community College, Robert Proctor. Mr. Proctor has devoted nearly two decades to the service of the college, and has recently been recognized as the recipient of the M. Dale Ensign Trustee Leadership Award from the Association of Community College Trustees.

The list of Trustee Proctor's accomplishments and involvements at Lansing Community College is long, as he has been a driving force in the development and expansion of many programs and initiatives during his tenure. He currently serves as the board's treasurer and historian, and is a past board chair who led two presidential search efforts.

But his commitment to the community goes far beyond the college's walls. Since arriving in Lansing in 1974 to serve as counsel for the Labor Committee of the Michigan House of Representatives, Robert has been involved in many civic, social, and professional organizations, nearly all of which list service to others

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as their primary mission. He has been a volunteer with the Mid-Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross for more than 25 years. He has mentored students in Lansing Public Schools since 1990. He is a director of the Black Child and Family Institute and is on the board of the Resolution Services Center of Central Michigan. He volunteers as a mediator for the Center and 54A District Court. Robert is a past president of Michigan State University Black Alumni and a former member of the board of directors of the MSU Alumni Club of Mid Michigan. He was a member of the board of directors of the Lansing Fair Housing Center and was a fair housing trustee.

A lawyer by training, Mr. Proctor earned his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, Berkeley and a juris doctor degree from Detroit College of Law. He is deeply connected to professional associations, and served as president of the Lansing Black Lawyers Association from 1996 to 1999. He is a member of the Michigan State Bar Association's labor and employment law section; he served as a member of the section council for 4 years. While he has now retired from his service as an administrative law judge, he continues to practice law and serve as a mediator and labor arbitrator.

Trustee Proctor can only be described as the consummate public servant. It is fitting that his exemplary leadership, involvement, and commitment have been recognized by his peers, and it is equally fitting that I recognize him so that his lifetime of service will be known to all.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WALT MARR

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize the passing of Pastor Walt Marr, of Elderton, Pennsylvania.

Pastor Walt was a cherished leader in his community who embodied the values of fellowship and neighborly love. He considered the Cornerstone Church in Indiana, PA his home, but Pastor Walt was always happy to help other ministries in need of his wisdom.

Pastor Walt's ministry of first-person reenactment was cherished throughout his community. He had the unique skill of combining historical and biblical lessons with engaging reenactments. His most notable reenactment of President Lincoln was a favorite of his, as it allowed him to combine his love of our country's history with teachings of faith that were influential to President Lincoln.

Pastor Walt was an example of what it means to truly live for others. His congeniality and humor will be dearly missed by many. The teachings he shared, and the examples he set by living them, are more relevant today than ever before.

He will be remembered as a man who possessed a profound sense of faith and community. He leaves behind a family and community that will sincerely miss him and his reenactments. His positive contributions to his community will be remembered for years to come.

May God bless Pastor Walt and his family.

HONORING DR. DEREK MILES

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable individual, Dr. Derek Miles. Dr. Miles has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to achieve success.

Dr. Derek Miles, a Cleveland, MS, urologist who serves the entire Delta region—including East Arkansas, in Helena—is celebrating the 20th year of the opening of his practice which took place in August of 2002. The Kansas City native said he now considers himself a true “Deltan” and has a passion for his work and serving his many patients in the region.

Dr. Miles came to Cleveland fresh out of residency at the University of Missouri and started his urology practice. He is one of the few full-time urologists and physicians in the Delta keeping up his practice because so many others have either retired or moved on.

Dr. Miles states that “Cleveland is incredible, and I could not be more honored to practice and be based here and serve the Delta community. It's now 20 years down and 20 more to go, in my mind.”

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Derek Miles for his passion and dedication to serving his community.

HONORING LAKE ORION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR 150 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Sesquicentennial Celebration of the Lake Orion United Methodist Church of Lake Orion, Michigan.

Since its founding in 1872, this church has been a focal point of care and compassion for its members and for the community at large. Though the names of the committees and members have changed over the decades, the church's commitment to being a light in the community shines as brightly as ever.

During World War I, church property was donated to the Boy Scouts to grow potatoes, a precursor to the victory gardens that would eventually surface in many communities. The church's annual report of 1917 noted both the extra demands of wartime, as well as the extraordinary donations of its members in helping those in need. Even as the community faced rations of food and fuel, generosity blossomed from the building, as the Lake Orion United Methodist Church increased its attendance—sometimes in the basement to save on heating—and members increased their giving to support the church's outreach and ministry.

More recently, the Lake Orion United Methodist Church has been instrumental in the founding of Oxford-Orion FISH, a food pantry, clothes closet and financial assistance organization that serves both communities. The congregation's goodwill extends to many other community groups which have supported the church's Community Meals program, working

with the church to make and assemble meals for delivery to area residents. These relationships are fostered over time, with each partner deeply rooted in the development of Lake Orion over the past 150 years.

The original lot where the church was built was a haven and refuge from the rough work of farming and lumbering. However, the railroad, among the first of innovations to change the rural landscape, removed the calm and quiet from Sunday services as tracks were laid next to the church, so the building was moved several blocks to the east in 1901. In one day, using logs to roll the building as it was pulled by a team of horses down Flint Street, with the whole town watching, the Lake Orion Methodist Church (as it was first founded) was placed in its current location. Today's congregants enjoy the historical surroundings of the same building that laid its cornerstone in 1872, but in a slightly more tranquil setting.

It is my honor to recognize the contributions and significant history of the Lake Orion United Methodist Church, and all of its 150 years of service to the community. May they stand as a tribute to the pastorate's lineage and its dedicated church members who built, moved and now carry on the legacy of this institution of Lake Orion, Michigan.

RECOGNIZING JAMES WIMSATT

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to wish James L. Wimsatt a happy 104th birthday. James is a World War II veteran and fixture in the Owensboro community for his work to build up Kentucky through his artwork.

James Wimsatt was born in Ohio County on September 18, 1918, to Thomas and Iva Wimsatt. Due to not being able to afford books, James took up painting and drawing and was considered gifted with art at a young age.

Before leaving to serve during World War II, James proposed to Gertrude “Trudy” Mitchell. She would not accept at the time but told him she would wait for him. They were married in 1945 and had 77 years of marriage together when she passed away on July 28, 2022. A member of James' family said James and Trudy were one of the greatest love stories.

Following his military service, James worked at Kroger and then GE until his retirement. He also wanted to showcase the beauty of our Commonwealth, so he used his artistic talents to paint scenes of Kentucky, reminding us Kentuckians of the deep pride we have for our home.

I join the Owensboro community and James' family and friends in wishing James a happy 104th birthday and thank him for all he has done to serve our country and make Kentucky shine through his artwork.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TUAN LE

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, today we honor the life of Tuan Le, an exceptional and