

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF TRUE LOVE
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, today I want to recognize the congregation at True Love Missionary Baptist Church, located in Detroit in Michigan's 13th District Strong, as they celebrate eighty years of faith, family, and service.

True Love as we know it today grew from humble beginnings. Founded in 1942 by eight worshippers united in their vision of faith and service, the church has moved its location in Detroit many times to accommodate its burgeoning flock and its many programs. True Love has remained at its current location on Tireman Street since 1967. Over the past eighty years, the congregation has witnessed upheaval, change, and progress, but has remained steadfast in their faith and commitment to providing services to its members and the surrounding community.

Whether it's providing youth programming, adult education, or support services to community elders, there is no doubt that True Love has made an indelible impact on the surrounding community. Due to its outstanding leadership and incredible devotion of its congregation, True Love Missionary Church has been blessed with a bright future.

Please join me in recognizing the congregation at True Love Missionary Baptist Church as they celebrate this milestone and many years to come.

ROBERT GIBNEY

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of attending the Dorothy Volunteer Fire Company's presentation of 50-years of service plaques. At the event, a 50-years of service plaque was presented for Robert James Gibney. Bob was born in Philadelphia and moved to Dorothy, South Jersey as a young child. After graduating from Vineland High-School, he worked at Wheaton Plastics for 35 years until its closing. Additionally, at just 15 years old, Bob joined the Dorothy Volunteer Fire Company, where he accumulated 56 years of service. Throughout his years of service, he volunteered on the Dorothy Rescue Squad, Mays Landing Rescue Squad, and the New Jersey Forest Fire Service. Bob was eventually named Chief of the Dorothy Volunteer Fire Company and served in this role for many years. In his free time, he enjoyed spending time at the Winding River Campground or cooking for his friends and family. Unfortunately, Bob passed away on October 17,

2021. Bob's service to the South Jersey community will never be forgotten, and may he rest in peace.

HONORING MEALS ON WHEELS OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the half-century of service Meals on Wheels of the Salinas Valley has provided to California's 20th congressional district. This organization has worked for the last 50 years to enhance the health and well-being and provide a sense of community for homebound seniors, disabled adults, and veterans in the Salinas Valley.

More than 10 million older Americans face hunger each year, and nearly 970,000 of those senior citizens reside in California, all of whom may be at a greater risk for developing a number of debilitating chronic health conditions if they experience persistent malnourishment and isolation.

Since its founding in 1972, Meals on Wheels of the Salinas Valley has provided healthy meals to over 16,000 seniors across our beautiful valley, providing an essential resource for the well-being of our community's most vulnerable members. To date, Meals on Wheels of the Salinas Valley has delivered over five million nutritious meals to households throughout the Salinas Valley and serves up to 180 clients weekly. Additionally, 114 pets have received AniMeals through Meals on Wheels' partnership with the SPCA of Monterey County.

Powered by the commitment and expertise of its staff members and the dedication and magnanimity of its approximately 97 active volunteers, Meals on Wheels of the Salinas Valley demonstrate its inestimable value for homebound seniors, disabled adults, and veterans during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Each volunteer is connected by their unwavering passion for supporting the independence and well-being of their community members. This past year, volunteers have driven 26,048 miles throughout the Salinas Valley, from Pajaro and Aromas in North Monterey County to San Ardo and Bradley in the South, and have donated 5,814 hours of their time.

Madam Speaker, I offer my sincere appreciation to the Meals on Wheels of the Salinas Valley for its 50 years of vital service to our community members in need.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 446.

HONORING JORDAN MIX AS IOWAN
OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, as we begin celebrating Pride Month, I rise today to honor Jordan Mix as Iowan of the Week. Jordan Mix, an advocate for transgender and non-binary kids in Iowa, works with educators, families, businesses, and organizations to create LGBTQIA+ inclusive environments across the state. Jordan serves as the Director of Educational Programming at Iowa Safe Schools, where they work with educators to create inclusive curriculum and lead training sessions for community members to better support transgender and non-binary kids.

Jordan Mix was born in the Chicago area and now lives with their wife and cat in Des Moines. Growing up, Jordan's family was very supportive when they came out in 2010 as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community. This love and support was especially poignant to Jordan in the face of the enactment of anti-LGBTQ+ policies and has remained a very important part of their story. It's why Jordan enjoys working with families of LGBTQIA+ youth and empowering parents and families to support their children.

To pursue their passion for advocating for transgender and non binary young people, Jordan attended Drake University and graduated in 2016 with degrees in Law, Politics and Society; Sociology; and Women and Gender Studies. While at Drake, they were chosen to be the President of Rainbow Union, which is Drake's LGBTQ+ organization. In this role, they helped establish the first all-gender bathroom on campus. Additionally, Jordan collaborated in writing Drake's Transgender Inclusion Statement. To further their education, Jordan attended the University of North Carolina Charlotte and earned their graduate degree in Gender and Sexuality Studies.

One project that Jordan is especially proud of is called Breathe, Learn, Act. This project is the first virtual care package for families of transgender and non-binary kids. The purpose of the care package is to learn about gender, your child who has come out, talking with your family and friends, and how to be a supportive parent. The project is part of My Kid Is Gay, an organization that helps parents of LGBTQ+ kids.

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Jordan's favorite part of their job at Iowa Safe Schools is the kids. They enjoy helping empower youth to rise to the occasion and advocate for themselves. They also love teaching and helping and having conversations with people who want to be supportive, but just need extra time to process and learn. In taking the time to help Iowans learn about and support one another, Jordan is helping our families and communities grow stronger.

Besides being passionate about advocating for transgender and non-binary kids, Jordan loves spending time with their wife and cat, hiking, watching women's soccer, and practicing their professional barista skills.

Jordan Mix is a tremendous example of someone who goes above and beyond. They promote community and inclusion, empower parents and loved ones, create innovative ways to connect with others and to educate, and provide a safe space for those who need support. Jordan's work is crucial to Iowans and makes our communities a better place for everyone. I am so proud to honor Jordan Mix as Iowan of the Week.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF NORTH COUNTRY LEADER MAX THWAITS III

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the incredible life of Max Thwaits III. Mr. Thwaits dedicated his entire life to serving his country and the Essex County community.

Mr. Thwaits graduated AuSable Valley Senior High School in 2001 and joined the United States Navy following the 9/11 attacks. For over four years, Mr. Thwaits served as a Damage Controlman in Norfolk, Virginia. After leaving the Navy, Thwaits turned his attention towards his community and dedicated his life to working for the Essex County Office of Emergency Services (OES).

In 2007, Thwaits joined the Essex County Emergency Services as a public safety dispatcher. He was subsequently promoted to assistant director and 911 coordinator in 2019. Last July, Thwaits was named OES Director in a promotion that was celebrated by first responders all over Essex County.

During all his years at OES, Thwaits simultaneously volunteered with fire and ambulance companies in AuSable Forks and Jay. He was assistant chief with the Jay Volunteer Fire Department and named their Firefighter of the Year in 2015. While president of the AuSable Forks Ambulance Service, Thwaits received the regional leadership award for Emergency Medical Services. In addition to his numerous community responsibilities, Thwaits also served as an Intelligence Liaison Officer for the Department of Homeland Security.

Mr. Thwaits served as a mentor and leader to all those he worked with, and he will be dearly missed by his community. His life is a glowing example of everything that is good about selfless service in the North Country. His legacy will live on in the hearts of his partner, Lori Kilburn, his children, his parents, and everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. On behalf of New York's 21st Congress-

sional District, it is my honor to remember and celebrate the life of Max Thwaits III.

INAUGURATION OF DR. ROBERT D. KELLY AS THE UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND'S 21ST PRESIDENT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my personal congratulations to an exceptional educator and outstanding constituent, Dr. Robert D. Kelly as he celebrates inauguration as the University of Portland's 21st President, first Black president, and first lay president.

Dr. Robert Kelly has more than 25 years of experience working in higher education. A 1994 graduate of Loyola University, Dr. Kelly served on the University's Board of Trustees from 2003 to 2017 while serving in key leadership roles at institutions including Union College, Loyola University Chicago, and Seattle University. He has been a champion for students in various roles from athletics to ministry, community service to equity and inclusion. Dr. Kelly received his Ph.D. in Education Policy, Planning, and Administration from the University of Maryland and his master's degree in Higher Education and Student Affairs Administration from the University of Vermont.

Dr. Kelly is assuming this leadership mantle at an instrumental time for the City of Portland, Multnomah County, and the State of Oregon. We are happy to have him and look forward to his leadership.

On behalf of Oregon's Third Congressional District: Welcome to Portland, Dr. Kelly. Go Pilots.

HOMETOWN HERO—CRYSTAL SCANIO

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Hero of the Week, Crystal Scanio, for her dedication to improving the lives of students and teachers in the Irving ISD school system.

Since 2012, Crystal has been an integral part of Irving Schools Foundation, a nonprofit that provides financial resources to maximize educational opportunities for teachers and students in Irving ISD by funding innovative programs, scholarships, and activities.

Her work on Irving Schools Foundation's "Food for Thought" program has helped provide 1,400 food bags to North Texas students facing food insecurity.

Crystal has also played an integral role in their "Spark Tank" program, a competitive grant program that awards funds for innovative classroom projects and learning experiences for students of all ages across Irving ISD. Since Crystal joined Irving Schools Foundation, she has helped fund 303 projects representing over \$1 million, impacting over 180,000 students, teachers, and staff.

Crystal has gone above and beyond to ensure the next generation of North Texans is

set up for success. On behalf of the entire community, I'd like to thank Crystal for her work and look forward to seeing the incredible impact she has made on Texas-24.

THOMAS BESSER

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, in July, I had the pleasure of attending Thomas Besser's Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony. Thomas is from Tabernacle, South Jersey and graduated from Seneca High School this year. He is currently a cadet at Norwich University, where he is on a four-year ROTC scholarship and studies Political Science. In addition to the ROTC program and his academics, Thomas is also on the University's football team. After graduation, he aspires to become an officer in the Army and then possibly run for public office one day. For his Eagle Scout project, Thomas built a large shelving unit for the Atco Christian Preschool, of which he is an alumnus. This shelving unit made the school's storage room more functional for the faculty and teachers. Thomas should be proud of his achievements, and I wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors. God Bless Thomas, and God Bless our United States of America.

HONORING LOWELL SACHNOFF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lowell Sachnoff, renowned fighter for justice, who will be receiving the 2022 Justice John Paul Stevens Award on September 29, 2022. The Stevens Award, presented by The Chicago Bar Association and Chicago Bar Foundation, is the highest and most prestigious award that is presented annually to lawyers and judges whose career best exemplifies the distinguished career of United States Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens.

Lowell Sachnoff was born on Maxwell Street in Chicago, the son of Ukrainian immigrants who fled Eastern Europe, settled in Chicago, and raised their family during the Great Depression. He was inspired to become a lawyer by his grandparents' stories about how terrible life was in a lawless society. Since graduating from Harvard Law School in 1957, Mr. Sachnoff has been on two parallel tracks: doing well and doing good.

He has had a long and successful legal career in Chicago. After a few years at Ross, McGowan, and O'Keefe, he was appointed General Counsel for the Illinois Department of Mental Health, where he overhauled the state mental health code to expand the rights of the mentally ill and worked with the medical community to bring treatment of the mentally ill into the 20th century.

In the early 1960s, Mr. Sachnoff established the law firm of Sachnoff & Weaver with a few friends. As he puts it, "We had a vision. We