

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING BARRY R. FEIRSTEIN  
AND HOLLY PEYTON GOOD  
FEIRSTEIN

**HON. MARCUS J. MOLINARO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 9, 2023*

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Barry R. Feirstein and the memory of Holly Peyton Good Feirstein, who both worked to create the 'Pay it Forward' campaign which has positively impacted the lives of those in the autism community by raising over \$97,000 for the Anderson Center for Autism. Barry is also the 2023 recipient of the V.V. Anderson Community Service Award that recognizes his outstanding contributions to helping those living with autism.

Barry is a graduate of Brooklyn College and Harvard Business School. He was a two-term Chairman of Brooklyn College where he worked tirelessly to create the Barry R. Feirstein Graduate School of Cinema, one of the few remaining film schools in a working studio.

Barry spent his career as founder of Feirstein Capital Management where he concentrated his efforts to help others make solid financial investments. He is currently on the Weill Cornell Deans Council and the Board of Autism Speaks. His contributions to local communities in New York, through both the 'Pay it Forward' campaign and the Barry R. Feirstein Graduate School of Cinema, will not be soon forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing Barry R. Feirstein being honored with the 2023 V.V. Anderson Community Service Award. This award is a fitting honor for the profound difference he and Holly Peyton Good Feirstein have made in the lives of those with autism through their 'Pay it Forward' campaign.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE  
OF FORT WAYNE POLICE OFFICER  
DAVID TINSLEY

**HON. JIM BANKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 9, 2023*

Mr. BANKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Fort Wayne Police Officer David Tinsley, who five years ago died in the line of duty, and to commemorate the designation of the Officer David Tinsley Memorial Parkway in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Officer Tinsley was known to his colleagues as a committed, professional police officer devoted to the force and to his craft. Across his sixteen years in the Fort Wayne Police Department, he led by example, developing a reputation as a faithful servant to his community, his fellow officers, and his family and loved ones.

The Officer David Tinsley Memorial Parkway will honor its namesake, encompassing a stretch of Fort Wayne's roadway that Officer Tinsley would frequently patrol. It also passes by his home church of Emmanuel Lutheran and serves as a gateway for visitors entering downtown Fort Wayne from the west. I cannot imagine a more fitting tribute.

Each time they travel along the parkway, residents of northeast Indiana will celebrate Officer Tinsley's service and recognize what an indispensable role he played in his community. We will never forget his memory, and the Officer David Tinsley Memorial Parkway will stand as an enduring testament to his valor and service.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SERVICE  
ACADEMIES DISTRICT OF CO-  
LUMBIA EQUALITY ACT

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 9, 2023*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Service Academies District of Columbia Equality Act, which would give the District of Columbia the same number of appointments and nominations to the U.S. service academies as states. Currently, each Member of the House and each senator is allocated five appointments to each service academy—the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy and the U.S. Air Force Academy—and each Member of the House and each senator is allowed 10 nominations for each appointment. Therefore, since D.C. has no senators, D.C. is deprived of 10 appointments and, assuming all appointments are vacant, 10 nominations to each service academy. I am pleased Senator Tim Kaine has introduced the companion bill.

This bill would provide equality for D.C. residents who choose to serve their country by applying to a service academy. It is remarkable that D.C. residents volunteer to serve a country that denies them statehood, congressional voting rights and full home rule. D.C. residents have fought in every American war, and D.C. residents, who pay all federal taxes, including paying more federal taxes per capita than the residents of any state, deserve the same opportunity to attend our prestigious service academies as residents of states.

D.C.'s population (690,000) is larger than that of two states and is in line with the six states that have a population under one million. D.C. servicemembers have helped secure voting rights for people around the world, yet have always been denied those same rights when they returned home. D.C. residents deserve equality at the service academies.

I urge my colleagues to support this important bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DUSTY JOHNSON**

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 9, 2023*

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 635.

CELEBRATING ST. PHILIP BENIZI  
CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SMILEY,  
TX 60TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. MICHAEL CLOUD**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 9, 2023*

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church of Smiley, Texas, on its remarkable 60th anniversary this year. This incredible achievement stands as a powerful testament to the Congregation's unwavering commitment to the faith and the Lord's goodness to His people.

The Church's story is one of God's timeliness, faithfulness, provision. It dates back to February 15, 1963, when Reverend Benton Thurmond wrote a letter to Archbishop Lucey requesting the need for the people to have a place to teach and freely practice their faith. It was decided that two Divine Providence Sister Catechists, working out of Gonzales, Texas, came to Smiley one full day a week to help Father Thurmond's jurisdiction.

At the time, the plans for the St. Philip's Church were going through approval of construction plans and financing—and with any similar project comes financial challenges that often seem insurmountable. Yet, the Lord provided a donation through the Catholic Church Extension Society that summer, and by the Fall of 1963, all plans were approved for the new Church—beginning with a cornerstone donated by Robert Pessek of Hallettsville, Texas.

In the years ahead, the Church became a rock in the community, serving as a place for neighbors to connect, gather, and worship. But more than anything, St. Philip's milestone is a true testament to God's grace toward his people. Today, Father Naveen Thumma continues St. Philip's longstanding tradition of faith and spirit in the parish, leading the congregation into an incredible 60th year of service.

Philippians 4:19 says "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." There is no better example St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church, sustained through God's goodness.

On November 10 and 11, the Church will observe its 60th birthday with a celebration, and I want to congratulate them and extend them well wishes on behalf of Texas—27. May God continue to bless them and provide for them in the coming years ahead.

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Mr. Speaker, congratulations to St. Philip's Church on this memorable day. May God continue to bless the Church, their leaders, and the congregation in the present and future.

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOTORCITIES NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 9, 2023*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the MotorCities National Heritage Area (MCNHA) on the 25th anniversary of their founding. Their preservation and promotion of our area's unique automotive and labor history is worthy of commendation.

The MCNHA was inspired by the 100th anniversary of the automobile, an invention that shaped not only our state but the entire 20th century. In 1896, Henry Ford test drove his first automobile, the Quadricycle, through the streets of Detroit. Legislation co-sponsored by two Michigan Congressmen, John D. Dingell and Joe Knollenburg, was signed into law in 1998 by President Clinton. This law designated over 10,000 square miles, 260 municipalities and townships, and 1,200 auto and labor related sites as the MotorCities National Heritage Area.

The automotive and labor history of the region begins with Henry Ford and the Ford Motor Company, founded in 1903 in Dearborn, MI. Key investors in that company were brothers Horace and John Dodge, who would go on to found their own brand of vehicles in 1914. The moving assembly line that Ford introduced in 1913 at their Highland Park Plant would revolutionize not only industry, but labor as well. Daily wages were more than doubled to \$5, shifts were reduced from 9 to 8 hours long, and the mass production of vehicles allowed automobiles to become much more accessible to the average American. Major international automotive brands, like GM (1908), Chevrolet (1911), and Chrysler (1925), were also founded in the Detroit region at that time. Decades later, car factories were converted to produce bombers in order to help in the Second World War. The factories of this area, like Willow Run in Ypsilanti, were so crucial to the effort that this region came to be known as the "Arsenal of Democracy".

Over the last 25 years, the MCNHA has built an appreciation in both residents and visitors for how the automobile changed Michigan, the nation, and the world. With the vast number of heritage sites across the region, the MCNHA started a grant program to focus on partnerships, connecting organizations and providing resources critical for preservation and promotion. It has directly provided over \$1 million in grants to over 100 organizations to make these preservation, tourism, and educational projects a reality. The MCNHA has also been a boon for the State of Michigan, generating over \$400 million in economic impact annually while supporting over 4,500 quality jobs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the 25th anniversary of the MCNHA. Our auto and labor industry helped establish and expand the United States as an industrial power and was a driving force

for the creation of the middle class, and we thank the MCNHA for their great work in promoting and preserving our unique legacy. Just last year they were reauthorized for another 15 years, and we are excited to see how they will continue to tell our incredible story. Thank you to MCNHA.

HONORING PASTOR ROGER SPRADLIN, FOUNDER OF THE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH, BAKERSFIELD

**HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 9, 2023*

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the remarkable life of Pastor Roger Spradlin.

Born in Oklahoma in 1955, Pastor Spradlin graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee in 1977. He then enrolled in Criswell College in Dallas, Texas, where he began to formulate his vision to open a grand church in California.

Pastor Spradlin arrived in Bakersfield, California, in the late 1970s, serving as both a pastor and the Baptist Student Union Director at California State University, Bakersfield. During this time, he began demonstrating to our community that he was a man of resilient faith and steadfast compassion. Pastor Spradlin boldly embarked with other local pastors on a mission to create a Bakersfield-area Baptist campus.

Valley Baptist Church was born and grew in size over the next decade to a 2,000-seat auditorium by the late 1990s. Under Pastor Spradlin's leadership and vision, Valley Baptist would incorporate three additional campuses in the Bakersfield area, where services are now conducted in four different languages to meet the needs of our community.

In addition to his work in Bakersfield, Pastor Spradlin proved himself a renowned leader in the California Southern Baptist Convention. Exemplifying the highest standards of moral and spiritual leadership, Pastor Spradlin served as chairman of the trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, as well as chairman of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

While Pastor Spradlin held an impressive list of accomplishments in Southern Baptist Convention leadership, he is remembered most fondly for his lasting, positive impact on countless lives. His sermons underpinned his passion and commitment to the salvation of all those with whom he spoke, balancing truth with the tenderness of grace.

Pastor Spradlin lived a remarkable life as a true pillar of Bakersfield. He cared for those in need with humility and grace, and made a difference in countless lives, including mine. He helped spread the message of God's love not only throughout our community, but around the world. While Pastor Spradlin will be greatly missed, I am certain that his legacy will live on through Valley Baptist Church and the Valley Baptist church family who I know will continue to strive to sustain the vision he brought to our community.

Judy and I offer our sincere condolences to Pastor Spradlin's family—his wife of 46 years, Ginger, their 3 children, Andrew, Matthew, and

Faith, and 10 grandchildren. We will always cherish his friendship, remember the wisdom he imparted on us and our community, and keep his family and all those who attend Valley Baptist in our prayers.

On behalf of the 20th Congressional District of California, I would like to honor the life and legacy of Pastor Roger Spradlin for his dedication to Christ, leading a great congregation, and for being a beacon of compassion and love that the whole Bakersfield community will miss.

RECOGNIZING DISTINGUISHED MILITARY SERVICE WITHIN WESTERN NEW YORK: CLARENCE VETERANS DAY CEREMONY 2023

**HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 9, 2023*

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to in honor of Veterans Day, and the service and sacrifice of those brave men and women who dedicated their lives to protecting the United States of America. Western New York has a strong tradition of service, and I speak today to join the Clarence community in recognizing the valor of 16 veterans who have served our Nation proudly.

On November 11, 2023—this Veterans Day—these 16 names will be added to the Clarence Veteran's Memorial Honor Walls. I am honored to include in the Record their names to be remembered forever.

Edward T. Ballow—Army  
Mark A. Callanan—Marine Corps  
Douglas J. Chadwick—Marine Corps  
John C. Gettens—Army  
Jack M. Leo—Air Force  
Vernon A. Miller—Navy  
Donald R. Miller—Army  
Claron R. Miller—Army  
Willis F. Miller—Army  
Christopher L. Odien—Navy  
John W. Patton—Navy  
Albert Rabin, Sr.—Army  
Robert H. Riegle—Army  
Kenneth G. Schroeder, Jr.—Navy  
Donald C. Valone—Air Force  
Donald H. Webster, Jr.—Air Force

On behalf of the constituents of the 23rd District of New York, the United States Congress, and a grateful Nation, please join me in thanking these brave men for their dutiful service to the greatest country on earth.

RECOGNIZING ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL'S JROTC PROGRAM

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 9, 2023*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Orange High School's Marine Corps Junior ROTC Program and its cadets.

In 1955, Master Gunnery Sergeant James H. Fearn petitioned to establish the first ever Marine Corps JROTC Program in any Orange County High School. His request was repeatedly denied, but the Master Gunnery Sergeant remained committed and traveled to Washington, D.C. to demand a meeting with the