

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING BISHOP CLARENCE
AND PROPHETESS DR. JOYCE
HADDON

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 17, 2023

Ms. TLAI. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize Bishop Clarence Haddon and Dr. Joyce Haddon for their nearly five decades of service to the community at High Praise Cathedral in Detroit and Inkster, Michigan.

Bishop Haddon grew up in a family steeped in an appreciation for a strong foundation in faith. Following in his father's footsteps, Bishop Haddon pursued a career in ministry and took over the pastorship at Church of God in Unity, which would eventually become High Praise Cathedral. As the congregation grew, the High Praise family made their home at its current address in Detroit and eventually opened a sister location in Inkster.

Bishop and Dr. Haddon, drawn together by their faith and passion for serving others, have been united in ministering to the family in faith at High Praise and the surrounding communities. They have created numerous programs, including the Bread Basket Program, a back to school program to ensure students are prepared to start the school year with a fresh haircut and the supplies they need to succeed, as well as youth summer camps.

Please join me in tribute to Bishop Clarence and Dr. Joyce Haddon in celebration of their forty-nine years in spiritual service to High Praise Cathedral, as we wish them well in their retirement.

RECOGNIZING 2023 BEST COMMUNITY FOR MUSIC EDUCATION RECIPIENT BURRELL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 17, 2023

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Burrell School District for being recognized by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation as one of the best communities for music education in 2023.

The NAMM Foundation celebrates schools and school districts by recognizing their ability to train and educate the next generation of musicians. 830 school districts, including Burrell School District, were recognized for the outstanding efforts of their teachers, administrators, parents, and students.

According to NAMM, over 3 million children did not have access to proper music education in 2019. Every student deserves a chance to learn and develop their artistic capabilities, and Burrell School District's continuous efforts undoubtedly help our children in Southwest Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District, I congratulate Burrell School District on this momentous occasion.

COMBATING ANTISEMITISM AND
ISLAMOPHOBIA

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 17, 2023

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, America's colleges and universities should be places where all students can learn, grow, and express their ideas without harassment or discrimination.

Since the October 7 attacks on Israel by Hamas, I've been communicating with college and university presidents, school districts, and law enforcement leaders to make sure we combat any rise in antisemitism, Islamophobia, or other forms of discrimination.

I voted YES on Amendment No. 114 to H.R. 5894—Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024 on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 to combat antisemitism on campus and I would likewise support a similar amendment to combat Islamophobia or other forms of discrimination.

HONORING COLETTE'S CHILDREN'S HOME

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 17, 2023

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the exceptional efforts of an extraordinary organization, Colette's Children's Home (CCH). With a remarkable history spanning over 25 years, CCH has been at the forefront of providing crucial homeless housing intervention programs and supportive services to over 6,000 homeless women and children in Orange County.

Founded by William O'Connell and his daughter Colette O'Connell, CCH originated as a grassroots organization in response to the pressing need for housing and supportive services for homeless women and children. CCH has now expanded to own and operate 21 emergency, transitional, and permanent housing sites across multiple cities, including Anaheim, Garden Grove, Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach, and Placentia.

CCH's mission is to provide homeless single women and homeless mothers with children a safe and nurturing environment, offering compassionate support and services necessary for achieving self-sufficiency. As of January 2023, CCH has demonstrated its commitment by providing shelter and support for up to 400 homeless single women, homeless mothers

and children, and low-income individuals at any given time.

The impact of CCH extends beyond housing, encompassing life skills classes, job search support, resource referrals, and access to computers for job leads. Financial stability is emphasized, with clients encouraged to establish budgets and savings plans. The organization's commitment to increased self-determination and self-sufficiency is made further evident by the weekly life skills classes addressing parenting, job skills, financial management, and substance abuse prevention.

Notably, last year, the organization achieved significant milestones, including 94 women obtaining/sustaining full-time employment, 130 women and children transitioning to permanent housing, 26 mothers reunified with 51 children, and \$171,679.10 deposited into the Client Savings Program.

Through their unwavering dedication, CCH has not only transformed individual lives but has also made a lasting positive impact on the community. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Colette's Children's Home remarkable achievements.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND
LEGACY OF ERNESTINE RACLIN

HON. RUDY YAKYM III

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 17, 2023

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and honor the legacy of Ernestine Racclin, who passed away at the age of 95 earlier this year.

Born and raised in South Bend, Indiana, as the youngest daughter of Ernest and Ella Morris, Ernestine devoted much of her life to making her home community an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Many times that meant being a trailblazer and taking on roles and responsibilities like few women before her did.

That meant chairing 1st Source Bank and 1st Source Corporation for more than 20 years, being the first woman Board Member of the University of Notre Dame, and being the first woman to chair a major campaign for the University. Ernestine was also the first woman in our country to chair a United Way campaign and to serve on the Board of United Way of America.

In addition to her business acumen, Ernie was also deeply passionate about the arts. Ernestine believed strongly in the transformative power of the arts and the many ways that art can elevate and improve the human spirit. That passion translated into action, and throughout her life Ernie gave back to the wider South Bend community by generously volunteering her time, talents, and treasure to countless projects rooted in the arts.

Above all, Ernie was a leader who loved her family and possessed a unique ability to inspire and rally people around serving causes greater than themselves.

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In her life Ernestine “Ernie” Raclin wore many hats: she was a wife, a mother, a grandmother, a great grandmother, a mentor, a colleague, a philanthropist, and a dear friend.

The sheer number of remembrances that have come in since her passing goes to show just how many lives Ernestine Raclin touched and shaped for the better.

I know that Ernestine’s family and many friends dearly miss her and her kindly presence. But I also know that we “do not grieve like those who have no hope,” and take comfort in knowing that God-willing, one day we will be reunited with her for all eternity.

I am proud to have known Ernestine and to help celebrate a life very well-lived. I join so many others in thanking God for sending us this compassionate soul who became a friend to so many and such a pivotal leader in the wider South Bend community.

God bless Ernestine Raclin.

RECOGNIZING 2023 BEST COMMUNITY FOR MUSIC EDUCATION RECIPIENT SOMERSET AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. GUY RESCENTIALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 17, 2023

Mr. RESCENTIALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Somerset Area School District for being recognized by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation as one of the best communities for music education in 2023.

The NAMM Foundation celebrates schools and school districts by recognizing their ability to train and educate the next generation of musicians. 830 school districts, including Somerset Area School District, were recognized for the outstanding efforts of their teachers, administrators, parents, and students.

According to NAMM, over 3 million children did not have access to proper music education in 2019. Every student deserves a chance to learn and develop their artistic capabilities, and Somerset Area School District’s continuous efforts undoubtedly help our children in Southwest Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Pennsylvania’s 14th Congressional District, I congratulate Somerset Area School District on this momentous occasion.

OPPOSING REP. LAWLER’S AMENDMENT NO. 114

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 17, 2023

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address my vote against Rep. LAWLER’s Amendment No. 114 to the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations bill.

This amendment would prohibit funding to any institution of higher education that authorizes, facilitates, funds, or otherwise supports events that are deemed to promote antisemitism. To be clear: I condemn antisemitism in all its forms and stand with the Jewish community as they mourn the losses sustained in

the October 7 terrorist attack by Hamas and the subsequent increase in antisemitic incidents in the U.S. and around the world.

I concur with J Street that the amendment is “designed to pave the way for ill-considered crackdowns on free speech under the guise of combating antisemitism.” This amendment violates students’ First Amendment rights to share and debate ideas and express peaceful dissent. It is too broad and could lead to colleges and universities banning student groups that aim to provide safe refuge, community, and space to discuss issues that are important to them based on the opinion or statement of one student. This amendment would foster a chilling effect for universities, who risk losing all federal funding for an apparent violation.

This amendment also completely fails to address the concurrent rise in anti-Muslim and anti-Arab hate. It is a glaring omission not to include other protected classes and misses an opportunity to condemn hate in all its forms on our college campuses and in our communities. Every student deserves a safe environment in which to learn and live, and I wish Rep. LAWLER’s Amendment had been inclusive of all protected classes.

COMMEMORATING WOMEN’S ENTREPRENEURSHIP DAY 2023

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 17, 2023

Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of Women’s Entrepreneurship Day, a global celebration observed annually on November 19th.

In the United States, the staggering statistic reveals that women own nearly 13 million out of the 33.2 million small businesses, employing approximately 10 million workers and contributing an awe-inspiring \$1.8 trillion in revenue. My heartfelt commendation goes out to these women and their economically indispensable enterprises.

I extend my enthusiastic applause to the Women’s Entrepreneurship Day movement, led by the remarkable Wendy Diamond. A decade ago, Wendy founded the Women’s Entrepreneurship Day organization, dedicating herself to empowering women entrepreneurs and tirelessly advocating for the prominence of women in business and entrepreneurship when the world was not fully recognizing their importance in the economy. Over the years, the organization has been unwavering in its efforts, providing microloans to 20,000 impoverished women, sponsoring disadvantaged female students to attend the United Nations, supporting the ReStart Academy for 13 to 21-year-old students in transitional settings, and spearheading WEDO’s groundbreaking initiative, the “Women’s Disability Startup Cohort,” the pioneering Accelerator Program for disabled women in business.

In collaboration with Defy Ventures, WEDO has catalyzed a transformative EIT entrepreneurship program boasting an exceptional 84 percent success rate, propelling incarcerated women to unprecedented heights of achievement. Reflecting on a decade of profound impact, the Women’s Entrepreneurship Day organization has not only initiated a global movement but has also garnered over 300

ambassadors worldwide, making a substantial impact in 144 countries, 65 international universities, and colleges.

As we mark this remarkable 10th anniversary, the Women’s Entrepreneurship Day Organization Pioneer Awards take center stage, honoring distinguished women who have emerged as leaders and innovators across multiple fields. Notable awardees include Sue Wagner, a co-founder of BlackRock and a member of Apple’s board of directors, receiving the Financial Pioneer Award; Fran Weissler, Tony Award-winning Broadway producer of Pippin and Chicago, esteemed with the Broadway Pioneer Award; Jenny Just, co-founder and managing partner at PEAK6, earning the Technology Pioneer Award; Dr. Ruth, a pioneer in the psychology of human sexuality and world-renowned sex therapist, receiving the Psychology Pioneer Award; and Nancy Brinker, founder of the Susan G. Komen Foundation and The Promise Fund of Florida, acknowledged with the Philanthropy Pioneer Award, Carol Reiley, co-founder of Drive.ai and DeepMusic.ai, will be honored with the Science Pioneer Award. Furthermore, Bonnie Anderson, founder of Veracyte, Inc. and Pink Dx, will receive the Health Pioneer Award.

As we celebrate this profound milestone, let us be resolute in our commitment to providing the essential tools and programs needed for young women to not only survive but to truly flourish in the dynamic world of entrepreneurship.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FOOD BANKS, FOOD PANTRIES, AND OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT FIGHT TO END FOOD INSECURITY

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 17, 2023

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution to declare the House of Representative’s support and gratitude for the work done by food banks, food pantries, and other community-based organizations across the United States to end food insecurity and provide other essential services.

As many of us come together with our friends and family this holiday season to give thanks and enjoy good conversation—and even better food—we recognize how blessed we truly are. But that is not true for everyone in America, as food insecurity presents a significant and present problem in many of our communities.

Even with the many federal, state, and local programs centered around this problem, 44 million people, including over 13 million children, lived in food-insecure households in the United States in 2022. This represents nearly 13 percent of all households, many with children.

In 2021, 1 in every 6 military and veteran families experienced food insecurity—the same people that have sacrificed to protect us and secure our freedoms. At the same time, 1 in 14 seniors over the age of 60 face food insecurity in America. These are the tragedies that food banks work to rectify.