

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

AARON CADAYONG

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Aaron Cadayong of Littleton, Colorado for receiving the United States Department of State Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. As part of this prestigious honor, Aaron traveled to the Philippines to study abroad.

U.S. Study Abroad programs are an important component of the federal government's efforts to ensure Americans of all backgrounds have the opportunity to gain global experiences and work across our borders to help address our world's greatest challenges. The Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship provides exceptional undergraduate students with the opportunity to expand their cultural proficiencies, study critical need languages, and conduct STEM research. The scholarship has empowered over 41,000 individuals with financial need to engage in people-to-people diplomacy and prepare for distinguished careers in public service.

I commend Aaron for pursuing an exemplary international education and representing America abroad as a citizen ambassador. This scholarship rightly recognizes a commitment to academic excellence. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize Aaron's many accomplishments.

HONORING DONNIE DILL FOR HIS SERVICE TO TENNESSEE

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career and faithful service of Patrol Captain Donnie Dill, and to congratulate him on his retirement.

Born and raised in Stewart County, Tennessee, Donnie dedicated his career to serving his fellow Tennesseans and the public good. He started this mission in October 1990, when he joined the Clarksville Police Department (CPD). Over the course of four years, he faithfully enforced the law and stood on the frontlines, protecting citizens and the community at-large. After his tenure with CPD, he used the following year to serve Montgomery and Stewart Counties as a law enforcement officer and public servant.

Because of his outstanding service in law enforcement, Donnie was hired to serve on the 23rd Judicial District Drug Task Force. With jurisdiction over Stewart, Houston, Humphries, Cheatham, and Dickson Counties, including portions of Interstate-40—a known drug pipeline—Donnie worked to disrupt, intercept, and remove dangerous substances.

Donnie also served as a law enforcement officer for the City of Dover and Stewart County, his home.

In 2002, Donnie joined the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Police, a federal law enforcement agency responsible for protecting critical infrastructure, employees, and assets within the TVA system. TVA facilities provide power and critical services for millions of people across seven states, making them a prime target for criminal activity. While serving as a federal law enforcement officer, Donnie protected and preserved these assets and employees, helping the Tennessee Valley flourish.

From 2003 to 2007, Donnie also served in the United States Fish and Wildlife Service through the Department of the Interior. Tennessee is blessed with abundant natural resources, including bountiful lakes and rivers and beautiful landmarks, all needing careful maintenance and protection. Following his work for the Fish and Wildlife Service, Donnie joined the United States Forest Service, where he has served faithfully ever since. For his excellent service, he was promoted to Patrol Captain in 2021 for the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area.

Beyond his vast experience in law enforcement, Donnie excelled as a leader and mediator, winning over people from diverse backgrounds and opinions on forest management and enforcement. He frequently served as the go-between for various contentious issues and ensured that all sides were heard. Because of his deep roots in the community and his dedication to the public good, Donnie is a uniquely gifted public servant who used his gifts to serve others.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I thank Patrol Captain Donnie Dill for his exceptional public service, and I congratulate him on his well-earned retirement. I wish Donnie and his family the best in his future endeavors, and I hope he knows that his legacy will outlive his outstanding career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I was late to the House floor on the day of November 15, 2023 due to time sensitive commitments I had as the White House Liaison for the House Democratic Women's Caucus. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 670.

RECOGNIZING DR. BRIAN E. KENNEDY AND MRS. HILDA KENNEDY FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP WITH MT. ZION CHURCH OF ONTARIO, CA

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Brian E. Kennedy and Mrs. Hilda Kennedy for their 25 years of service and leadership with Mt. Zion Church of Ontario, California. Dr. Kennedy serves as the Senior Pastor, and Mrs. Kennedy serves as the First Lady of Mt. Zion Church. Founded in 1922, Mt. Zion is a historic anchor in Ontario, known as the first African American-led church in the city.

The Kennedys joined the church in 1988 and have faithfully served their community, church, and family for the last 25 years. Under their leadership, Mt. Zion has significantly grown in membership and service to the community. Today, the church is a diverse, multi-generational congregation and serves more than 1,700 members across several counties. The Kennedys lead Mt. Zion in various community outreach efforts including the annual Harvest Festival (a free, safe family-friendly event connecting with more than 1,000 residents). Go Sunday (an in-person program that evangelizes and provides food to unhoused individuals). Helping Hands (a ministry providing food and clothing each week to neighbors in need), and Resurrection Sunday in the Park (a public celebration held at Ontario City Town Square focusing on Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection).

For their outstanding accomplishments, it is my honor to recognize Dr. Brian E. Kennedy and Mrs. Hilda Kennedy. Their years of service and commitment to the city and the people of Ontario are worthy of the highest commendation.

AISHA OZASLAN

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Aisha Ozaslan of Golden, Colorado for receiving the United States Department of State Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. As part of this prestigious honor, Aisha traveled to South Korea to study abroad.

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study critical need languages, and conduct STEM research. The scholarship has empowered over 41,000 individuals with financial need to engage in people-to-people diplomacy and prepare for distinguished careers in public service.

I commend Aisha for pursuing an exemplary international education and representing America abroad as a citizen ambassador. This scholarship rightly recognizes a commitment to academic excellence. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize Aisha's many accomplishments.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on rollcall No. 676, and YEA on rollcall No. 677.

ALEXIA CANDELARIA

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alexia Candelaria for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Alexia has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Alexia, who strive to make the most of their education, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Alexia's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Wheat Ridge High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Alexia Candelaria on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, due to a transportation delay, I was unable to attend session on November 28th. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 676, and YEA on Roll Call No. 677.

TRIBUTE TO LUISA BUADA, R.N., B.S.N, M.P.H. ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary woman, Luisa Buada, who brought culturally sensitive, integrated primary and preventive health care to thousands in a highly underserved community. She brought this care regardless of ability to pay or immigration status and collaborated with community partners to address the social determinants of health.

Luisa Buada was the founding Executive Director of Clinicas de Salud in the Salinas Valley and the Berkeley Primary Care Access Clinic, and cofounded LifeLong Medical Care in Berkeley as part of a merger with Over 60 Health Center in 1996.

In the early 2000's in the wake of the closure of the Charles Drew Health Center by the federal government, a group of community leaders and I came together to explore creating a new, vital health care system to support the low-income communities of East Palo Alto and Menlo Park. Residents and representatives of Stanford Health Care and San Mateo County met regularly for months to form what is now the Ravenswood Family Health Network, a Federally Qualified Health Center that now cares for approximately 21,000 patients. Of these, 7,576 are children and adolescents, 90 percent are low-income, and 88 percent identify as an ethnic minority. About 63 percent are enrolled in public health coverage, and 27 percent are uninsured.

Luisa Buada was the consultant in the development of Ravenswood, and despite her insistence that she was only temporary, after serving 12 months as Interim Chief Executive Officer she became Ravenswood's Permanent CEO in November 2003. Luisa received her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the University of California, San Francisco School of Nursing in 1977 and her Master's degree in Public Health Policy and Administration from the University of California, Berkeley in 1990. In March of 2010, Buada was inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame. In 2013 she received the California Senate Woman of the Year Award for the 13th District and was a 2016 San Francisco Chronicle and St. Mary's College Vision-

ary of the Year Award Honoree. She received the 2016 John W. Gardner Exemplary Leadership Award from the American Leadership Forum of Silicon Valley and in 2018 she received the California State Assembly Woman of the Year award for the 24th District. She has earned and deserves all these honors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring Luisa Buada as she begins her retirement. She has been an extraordinary leader who brought health services to many thousands who otherwise would not have been cared for. She is a national treasure that I shall treasure all the days of my life.

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COLONEL CURTIS HAYES

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colonel Curtis Hayes for his service in the U.S. Air Force. Colonel Hayes served as a dentist and maxillofacial surgeon in the Air Force for over 20 years. Among his many accomplishments, Colonel Hayes led a four-member dental team to provide care for underprivileged children in Africa. Colonel Hayes earned numerous awards including the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air and Space Achievement Medal, and the 2013 USAF Dentist of the Year award.

Colonel Hayes has also extended his impact to academia and literature. He has shared his expertise by contributing to peer-reviewed journals and recently wrote a section on digital dentistry in the best-selling book "Million Dollar Smile."

It is my honor to congratulate Colonel Hayes on his military retirement and to thank him for his service to our country.

RECOGNIZING THE 2023 MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL DIVI- SION 6 STATE CHAMPIONS KINGSLEY HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Kingsley High School Varsity Football team for their recent victory in the Division 6 State Championship. With a 38-24 victory over Almont High School, the Kingsley