

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING ROSALYNN CARTER

HON. LUCY MCBATH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a truly exceptional First Lady, Rosalynn Carter. I thank my Georgia colleagues for their kind words during this time. It is important we unite as a state delegation to honor her, just as our state and our Nation recently had the opportunity to pay their respects and mark her legacy of service.

I consider it one of the great blessings of my life that I was able to spend time in Plains, Georgia with both President Carter and the former First Lady during my first year in Congress. Their dedication to public service and to our Nation was strengthened by the love and partnership shared over their 77 years of marriage. It's widely been pointed out that the legacy of President Carter would not be complete without a full accounting of the many contributions Rosalynn made during that time in office.

In metro Atlanta, her memory will forever live on at the Rosalynn Apartments through the work of 3Keys, whose mission to support and empower individuals with mental illness to live a life filled with purpose and dignity was directly by her own work. In all that she did, she touched people's lives and made a real difference for the people she was called to serve.

I am holding the Carter family in my prayers and in my heart during this difficult time.

RECOGNIZING THE HEROIC EFFORTS OF THE RUSH CREEK YACHT CLUB

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the youth sailors of the Rush Creek Yacht Club of Heath, Texas, for their role in rescuing a windsurfer in distress.

On July 16, 2021, Bob Cummings was windsurfing on Lake Hubbard near Dallas, Texas, when he lost his foil board in strong winds. Mr. Cummings was stranded in the middle of the lake and located two miles from the nearest shore. He was tired, cold, and anxious about his fate. To his good fortune, youth sailor León van Os was sailing on the same lake and spotted Mr. Cummings struggling in the water. León quickly notified the rest of his crew and utilized their "man overboard" training to rescue Mr. Cummings.

In recognition of their efforts, the U.S. Sailing Safety at Sea Committee has awarded the Rush Creek Yacht Club the Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Medal for the crew's actions. This Medal was established in 1990 to recognize those who have rescued fellow sailors from

danger and made significant contributions in improving rescue efforts nationwide. The crew of young heroes includes León van Os, Mercedes Porter-Via, Alex Deaton, Genevieve Young, Ian Park, Ally Ravji, and Elizabeth Cleaves.

I have requested a United States flag to be flown over our Nation's Capitol in recognition of each of these individuals for their bravery and heroic action. I thank them for their efforts and may God Bless them all.

RECOGNIZING THE LUXEMBURG-CASCO FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Luxemburg-Casco football team for their runner-up finish at the 2023 WIAA Division 4 State Football Championship.

For the first time in school history, the Luxemburg-Casco football team traveled to Madison for the Division 4 state football championship game. After an impressive season and playoff run, they would be in for a matchup with the talented Lodi team at Camp Randall. With a record of 12–2, the entire team and coaching staff displayed great determination and hard work to make it to the 2023 state championship for the first time in their school's history.

Even though the Spartans did not come out on top in the championship, the Luxemburg-Casco community is incredibly proud of these young men for their hard work throughout the season. Making it to the state football championship is an outstanding achievement and one which will be remembered for generations to come. To head coach Neil Seering and the entire team, I congratulate you on this outstanding milestone and applaud your tireless commitment and dedication throughout the season. I also want to give special congratulations to the graduating seniors: Sawyer Dorn, Chris Vanderwielen, Trace Schoenebeck, Braeden Schley, Ezra Waage, Max Thayse, Ryland Day, and Cole DeJardin.

Once again, I extend my sincere congratulations to head coach Neil Seering and the entire Luxemburg-Casco football team on this historic accomplishment and wish them many seasons of continued success. I urge my colleagues to join me in applauding the Luxemburg-Casco football team for their runner-up finish at the 2023 WIAA Division 4 State Football Championship.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF DEBORAH BUCKI

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I am honored to recognize a leader within our community, Deborah Bruch Bucki. Not only has she excelled in her professional career, but she consistently devoted time and energy toward countless organizations in Western New York. The spirit and vigor that Debbie has displayed for over five decades is emblematic of our community and its commitment to one another.

A graduate of Villa Maria Academy and D'Youville College, Debbie also received her Ph.D. from University at Buffalo before her career began in nursing. She cared for individuals at multiple hospitals in the area, most notably at Buffalo General Hospital. But more than any singular accomplishment, Debbie's commitment to Buffalo's largest suburb, the Town of Amherst, has been nothing short of impressive. She has served on the town board in various roles since 2006, including a stint as Town Clerk from 2009 to 2011. Currently, Debbie serves as the Deputy Supervisor. This is in addition to work for the Amherst Democratic Committee, Amherst 9/11 Commemoration Ceremonies, Amherst Museum, Amherst Symphony Orchestra, and Amherst Youth Board. Debbie is an active member of the League of Women Voters, numerous Polish-American organizations, and several educational associations. And though it may be hard to imagine, this is far from a comprehensive list: she has played a role in too many organizations and efforts to properly recall.

It is not often that one citizen can have such a positive and broad impact on her community; this dedication ought to be both recognized and applauded. Debbie is an asset for the Town of Amherst, and all of these groups and organizations owe her a debt of gratitude. Hopefully, Debbie will allow herself the chance to enjoy additional time with her husband, Carl, and their son, Craig. But as long as Deborah Bucki continues to serve the people of the Town of Amherst, they are in capable hands, and I am thrilled that she is receiving the recognition that she deserves.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, upon reflection I regret having cast a no vote for Roll Call No. 578, H. Res. 798. I wish to reflect that my vote for H. Res. 798 should have been yes.

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CELEBRATING THE 47TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROCKWALL COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 47th anniversary of the Rockwall County Republican Women's Club (RCRW) and commend their advocacy for conservative values.

In 1976, Jim and Gerry Glasgow founded the RCRW shortly after moving to Rockwall, Texas. At the time, there were only a handful of Republicans in Rockwall who regularly met to discuss the future of politics. Furthermore, the community lacked a group dedicated for Republican women interested in political activism. After much deliberation and consultation, Billie Tuttle was soon selected to serve as the first President of the RCRW.

On May 10, 1976, the RCRW held its first general meeting in Lakeside Village. In its first meeting, there were about twenty participants, but this number quickly skyrocketed when the RCRW hosted its first campaign rally in the summer of 1980. Local newspapers estimated that over 5,000 people attended the rally and barbecue, including the Governor of Texas, U.S. Senators, and many more! From knocking on Rockwall residents' doors to phone banking at the campaign headquarters, the RCRW has consistently delivered in its commitment to mobilizing Republican voters and provide essential community outreach. RCRW members have annually participated in numerous community service projects to assist students and families in need, especially during the holiday season.

I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our Nation's Capitol in recognition of this historic occasion. Furthermore, I am honored to recognize the accomplishments of the RCRW in its mission to educate, empower, and support the women of Rockwall County. I wish them continued success for many more years to come.

STRONGLY CONDEMNING AND DENOUNCING THE DRASTIC RISE OF ANTISEMITISM IN THE UNITED STATES AND AROUND THE WORLD

SPEECH OF

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2023

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, all fair-minded Americans must agree the rise in antisemitism is despicable and dangerous. Such hatred is against everything the United States stands for. I will never fail to use my office to stand against antisemitism.

While I will vote for this resolution, I condemn House Republicans for politicizing our fight against antisemitism. Specifically, this resolution directly references an incident in Clifton, New Jersey on October 8, 2023. After checking directly with Clifton leaders and police, I found out this incident did not occur as described in the resolution. And while an in-

vestigation was conducted, no formal complaint was ever filed.

We have seen a startling rise in antisemitism since the Hamas massacre on October 7, 2023. There is no shortage of genuine examples to draw from, but Republicans included this unvetted falsehood anyway.

The resolution also conveniently ignores how a resurgence in right-wing extremism has long been a major source of increased antisemitic violence. By turning the fight against antisemitism into one more partisan vehicle, House Republicans are threatening to render frivolous true acts of anti-Jewish hate.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF COACH LISA TAYLOR

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Traverse City Central Coach Lisa Taylor for her incredible career and upcoming retirement. Coach Taylor is leaving behind an illustrious legacy from her 30 years as a coach at Traverse City Central High School for their track and cross-country programs.

Throughout her tenure as Head Coach, Lisa Taylor amassed an impressive list of accolades. Coach Taylor led the Trojans to 16 Regional Titles, 20 Conference Championships, and qualified for 28 State Championship meets. She also led the students to one Michigan State Championship and five runner-up finishes.

As a testament to her character, Coach Taylor has been nominated for the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coach Association's Coach of the Year an historic 13 times, winning the award in 2008. She was also a finalist in the National High School Coaches Association's Coach of the Year awards.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Coach Lisa Taylor as she embarks on her new journey in retirement. I'd like to congratulate her on decades of success and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

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SPEECH OF

HON. LLOYD DOGGETT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2023

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, I will vote "present" for H. Res. 894, not for a lack of commitment to condemn antisemitism and the Hamas atrocities as well as the outrageous examples of violent antisemitism referenced in the Resolution, but because of some of the language tucked into this measure and some that is omitted.

While Anti-Zionism can be a cover for antisemitism, not all actions that are anti-Zionist are antisemitic. This resolution states "clearly and firmly" that "anti-Zionism is antisemitism"—such a blanket statement is

wrong. It fails to reflect the complexities of the Jewish people or the definition of Zionism and anti-Zionism itself. Undeniably, some in the Jewish community do not support the Zionist movement.

Although I personally believe in Israel as an independent Jewish state, I have often criticized the Netanyahu government. Surely it would only devalue the meaning of antisemitism to misapply it to the many—Jewish and non-Jewish—who strongly disagree with that government.

Much is omitted from this Resolution. Mr. Netanyahu's ultra-right wing government and the Israeli settlers, who have terrorized Palestinians in the West Bank, share a common view with some Palestinians—all want only one country; they differ only on who gets to expel the other. I believe and have long advocated for a future with two states, living in peace and security—one is Israeli and another Palestinian.

Additionally, after the murder of a six-year-old child because he was a Muslim and the shooting of three Palestinians, apparently because they were Palestinian, and numerous examples of hate directed against Muslims, this Resolution fails to acknowledge that Islamophobia is just as wrong as antisemitism or Asian hate or other expressions of racism. Indeed, all these forms of bigotry have historically arisen from ultra-right wing white nationalists like those who marched in Charlottesville shouting "Jews will not replace us." This resolution should have condemned all forms of hate speech. None of us are truly safe unless all of us are safe.

Finally, the timing of this Resolution is troubling. It occurs on a day when the United Nations has described conditions in Gaza as "apocalyptic." Along with demanding accountability from Hamas for its terrorism, we should be focused on how to stop the killing of innocents and secure the release of all remaining hostages.

Because I do not want my views on Hamas, antisemitism or other hate to be misconstrued and because no amendments to correct this defective resolution are permitted, I will vote "present."

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION FOR MASTER SERGEANT ROBERT LADD

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Master Sergeant Robert Ladd of Van Alstyne, Texas, and award him a Congressional Veteran Commendation. Sergeant Ladd honorably served in the United States Army during the Gulf War and Afghanistan War.

As a young man, Sergeant Ladd knew that he wanted to be a soldier and defend his country. Even though he battled asthma, he excelled and was able to join the Army in 1987. In the Army, he became a Unit Supply Specialist, where he successfully managed logistics for Army equipment deliveries. Sergeant Ladd served for over 29 years, with deployments to Kuwait, Iraq, Bosnia, Afghanistan, and Southeast Asia.