

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

AMENDING THE FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN ACT OF 1971 TO EXTEND THE ADMINISTRATIVE FINE PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN REPORTING VIOLATIONS

SPEECH OF

HON. LAUREL M. LEE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 11, 2023

Mr. LEE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in expressing support of S. 2747, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to extend the Administrative Fine Program for certain reporting violations.

As the expiration deadline of December 31, 2023, approaches rather quickly, we, the Members of the House of Representatives, have an opportunity to continue a trend of bipartisan oversight of the Federal Election Commission.

If passed, S. 2747 will mark the seventh time lawmakers have recognized the administrative importance and financially beneficial structure of the Administrative Fine Program.

As the former Florida Secretary of State, I know firsthand that voters will always seek transparency from political candidates and campaigns.

Elections officials have a saying: Elections are partisan. Elections administration is not.

This bill is an example of the transparency and confidence that Americans want to see in their elections. These same themes can be found in the American Confidence in Elections Act, which passed out of the Committee on House Administration in mid-July.

Today, however, we have the opportunity to showcase the diligent work completed by members of the Committee on House Administration and the Senate Rules Committee.

I urge my colleagues to support S. 2747, so the Federal Election Commission can continue to ensure confidence in our political process.

TRAREZE WILSON

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Trareze Wilson for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Trareze has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Trareze, 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 Trareze's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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

HONORING THE SERVICE OF TIM LEONG

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Mr. DeSAULNIER. I rise today along with my colleagues, JOHN GARAMENDI and JOSH HARDER, to recognize Tim Leong as he retires from the Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) after 15 years of dedicated service.

Throughout his career, Tim has devoted himself to advancing quality, affordable higher education and serving students throughout California. He joined 4CD in 2008 as Director of Communications and Community Relations, bringing decades of communications and government relations experience to the district. Through this role, he helped expand the district's outreach.

Prior to joining 4CD, Tim was a reporter and producer for KRON-TV and KCRA-TV, helping to provide critical news coverage to community members. He was also the first Asian American spokesperson with Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), leading the company's grassroots advocacy and charitable efforts. After leaving PG&E, Tim became the President and Executive Director of the Asian and Pacific Islander Scholarship Fund, providing consulting services to nonprofits and Fortune 500 companies.

Tim has been a longtime advocate of public higher education, speaking at many national conferences and staying engaged with the California Community College system. Additionally, he is the former president of the Community College Public Relations Organization and is a current member of the Strategic Enrollment Management Academy's Core Leadership Team. We and our staffs have enjoyed working with him to help arrange trips for him and 4CD students to come to DC.

Please join me and Representatives GARAMENDI and HARDER in congratulating Tim Leong on his well-earned retirement from the Contra Costa Community College District.

HONORING MAYOR MARY KATHERINE GREENLAW

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank the Honorable Mary Katherine Greenlaw for her dedication to public service on behalf of the people of Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Mayor Greenlaw has always been a pillar of the Fredericksburg community, and through

her leadership, has shepherded an extraordinary period of growth and prosperity for the city. Throughout her life, she has continued her family's legacy of service—Mayor Greenlaw served as a Trustee on the Mary Washington Hospital Board from 1978 to 1994, then as both Chair and Vice-Chair of the Fredericksburg Planning Commission. In 2008, she was elected to the Fredericksburg City Council, where she served until being elected as Mayor of the City of Fredericksburg in 2012.

Throughout her tenure as Mayor, she has been an advocate for small businesses, the arts, and families across the city. Her work has focused on creating new opportunities for entrepreneurs, improving the infrastructure throughout the city to increase transportation options, and supporting projects that ensure the longevity of local schools. Mayor Greenlaw has delicately balanced her support for the city's growth while working to preserve the historical charm for which Fredericksburg is well-known.

Mayor Greenlaw has earned several accolades throughout her tenure, including Volunteer of the Year by Pratt Mental Health Association, Woman of Distinction by the Girl Scout Commonwealth Council, and the Prince B. Woodard Leadership Award from the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce. She has also served with distinction as a representative of the city on the Fredericksburg Regional Alliance and as a founding member of the Fredericksburg Festival of the Arts.

Mayor Greenlaw has been a wonderful partner to me as we have worked together on local and federal issues. On a personal note, I thank Mayor Mary Katherine Greenlaw for the example she has set for women in politics and the young girls and boys across the city who look up to and have learned from her leadership. She has been a true and steady leader for the City of Fredericksburg. Her devotion to public service and her dedication to the betterment of the city have left a legacy that will continue to inspire us all for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating and thanking Mayor Mary Katherine Greenlaw and in wishing her the best as she retires to spend time with her sons, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

MATTHEW MARTINEZ

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Matthew Martinez for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Matthew has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Matthew, who strive to make the most of their education, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them

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for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Matthew'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 Matthew Martinez on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF LINEVILLE, ALABAMA

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 125th anniversary of Lineville, Alabama.

Lineville is the largest city in Clay County and was originally called County Line because of its location on the border of Talladega and Randolph counties. In February of 1870, the city's name was changed to Lineville because Clay County had been formed.

Native Americans were the first to live in Lineville, but after The Creek Indian War of 1812, the Indians were removed, and the Lundie Family settled on the land. In 1898, Lineville was incorporated while graphite mining took off and National Bank began its operations there. Then it was known as Lundie's Cross Roads.

Once more families of settlers arrived, a post office was established on April 4, 1856, and the official name of County Line took the place of the Lundie nickname. After the post office, the Lundie brothers divided five acres of their property into lots on the east side of today's downtown traffic light and used the proceeds from the property to establish a school.

After the Civil War, Clay County made up the state's 58th county and was named after Senator Henry Clay of Kentucky.

In the late 1890s, a secondary college, Lineville College opened its doors with H.J. Willingham as the first president. The baccalaureate degree granting institution closed after 1911.

Over the years, Lineville has changed, but the beauty of the area has not. Under the leadership of Mayor Roy Adamson, a celebration will be held on December 14th and a vault which has been sealed for 25 years, will be opened.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Lineville on this incredible milestone.

HONORING DR. JIM ROSS

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Jim Ross, President of Pamlico Community College (PCC), upon his recent announcement of his retirement. Dr. Ross is a servant leader who has improved life outcomes for thousands of individuals in Pamlico County. Under his leadership, PCC was recognized for excellence, being among the Top 25 Smart Asset Best Community Colleges on

five separate occasions and the WalletHub list of the top 10 community colleges for Educational Outcomes for three different years. He also spearheaded the development of the first Dental Laboratory program on a community college campus in Eastern North Carolina and added many hands-on healthcare career courses.

Dr. Ross has used his position to advocate for the betterment of incarcerated individuals. He and his team started a new program at PCC called Human Service Technology which included courses to help combat recidivism and focused on life skills such as anger management, abstinence, and teamwork. This program also included for-credit courses and a liaison to connect the incarcerated with employment opportunities after serving their sentences.

Dr. Ross has opened his heart to some of the most judged, forgotten, and shamed members of our society and has been relentless in his fight in using his position to give them meaningful opportunities and a second chance. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in recognizing this wonderful educational leader. I wish Dr. Ross all the best in the future.

LAVOE ETERNITY ARELLANO

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

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

Lavoe Eternity has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Lavoe Eternity, 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 Lavoe Eternity's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Lavoe Eternity Arellano on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

HONORING WILLIAM JENNINGS FOR HIS 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF BROADALBIN

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Broadalbin Town Justice William Jennings for his 50 years of valiant service to his local community.

A lifelong resident of the Town of Broadalbin, Justice Jennings has been dedicated to serving his community in many capacities throughout his storied career. After graduating from Broadalbin High School in 1965, he began work at the John Hancock Life Insurance Company before answering the call to serve and joining the Army Reserves in 1968. Four years later, Justice Jennings re-

turned to Broadalbin High School where he diligently served as the school's bus driver and groundskeeper for the next 46 years before retiring in 2018 and going to work part-time as a bus driver for Gloversville Transit.

Justice Jennings was elected to the office of Broadalbin Town Justice in 1973 and has been a staple of the community, adjudicating the town's issues for more than a half-century. Known for both his wisdom and compassion, few individuals are held in such high regard in the Town of Broadalbin. Justice Jennings should be extremely proud of his illustrious career and the positive impact he has made along the way.

Above all, Justice Jennings is a family man who enjoys spending quality time with his loved ones. Married to Candyce O. Weiss in 1968, the pair have three sons; James, Jeffrey, and Jonathan; seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. On a clear summer's day, Justice Jennings and his family can often be found driving up Broad Street in an automobile from his beloved classic car collection.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am honored to recognize Town Justice William Jennings for his exceptional leadership and his enduring contributions to his community.

CONCERNING DEVELOPMENTS IN HONDURAS

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call this chamber's attention to concerning developments in Honduras that pose a growing economic risk for Central America's Northern Triangle region.

Earlier this year, Honduran President Xiomara Castro announced her government's intent to pursue substantial investments from China after establishing diplomatic ties with the PRC in March. The Castro administration is also seeking to effectively nationalize U.S. public and private investment in Honduran special economic zones, where U.S.-led businesses are operating and focused on the creation of nearshoring facilities and bolstering the Honduran tourism industry. The elimination of these zones would constitute a violation of 50-year legal stability agreements guaranteed under the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement. This is counterproductive to both bilateral economic development and stability for Hondurans. We all know that better jobs and economic opportunities in country benefit Honduran families while reducing the pressures that lead to irregular migration.

In July, I cosigned a letter urging the State Department and U.S. Trade Representative to protect U.S. interests in Honduras. Earlier this week, the State Department announced visa restrictions on Honduran individuals involved in what the Department described as an anti-democratic scheme to name an Attorney General and Deputy AG without the required votes through violence and intimidation. I commend the State Department's efforts and continue to stand with those seeking to strengthen democracy and rule of law in Honduras.