

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE HONORABLE
MAYOR MARY ANNE WARDLOW

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Borough of Lawnside resident Mayor Mary Ann Wardlow.

Mayor Mary Ann Wardlow is the first woman to be elected Mayor in the Borough of Lawnside and has served the people of the Borough of Lawnside for more than 25 years. She was taught to protect and care for her community as if they were family. A virtue passed down through generations of her family that planted the seeds of service within her life at a young age. Some of her earliest forms of service began during her time in the Girl Scouts where she volunteered as a child.

Over the span of the last 46 years, Mayor Wardlow has resided in the Borough of Lawnside with her husband Earl Wardlow where they raised a family. During her 27 years of service to the Borough of Lawnside as a member of the Borough Council, Mayor Wardlow sat on several council committees as well as the board of the Mount Peace Cemetery.

Mayor Wardlow's history is written with examples of collaboration with her fellow council members and the integral role she played in securing funding for community projects such as the borough's Wayne R. Bryant Senior Citizens Recreational building and public works. Under her leadership, the Borough of Lawnside has successfully enlarged their Department of Public Works, built-upon their Police Department and obtained voter support of the community's children. In the face of food insecurity, Mayor Mary Anne Wardlow was able to court ShopRite following the closing of supermarket company Pathmark's location in the borough.

Today, Mayor Mary Ann Wardlow tries diligently to live up to the image that her mother had planted into her heart as a child. Throughout her career, she has played an integral role in registration of thousands of voters and continues to serve those around her in a way she herself would wish to be represented. Her strong advocacy and work to promote the access and right for people to vote will surely be acknowledged and referenced for the future generations of public servants in Camden County.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring and commending Mayor Mary Anne Wardlow of the Borough of Lawnside, New Jersey, a resident dedicated to her community and who has thoroughly served them to the best of her ability.

HONORING ANTHONY LOWE, JR., A
LIFE OF JOY GONE TOO SOON

HON. SYDNEY KAMLAGER-DOVE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life of Anthony Lowe, Jr., a doting father, uncle, brother, son, and friend, who was tragically killed earlier this year at the hands of the Huntington Park Police. Today, I stand here to honor Mr. Lowe's life and the joy he brought to his loved ones and to the South Los Angeles community.

The center of Mr. Lowe's life was family. He was a loving, caring father to his children and never hesitated to crack a joke to cheer them up. Mr. Lowe was committed to keeping his family strong. Whether he was helping his nieces and nephews with their schoolwork or taking his children to the park, Mr. Lowe was always there to support his family and friends. He spread his infectious joy easily, always laughing, dancing, and bringing positive energy to those around him.

Mr. Lowe was close with his mother and sisters. He looked out for others and jumped at the chance to help loved ones. His laughter and kindness are what I hope he will be remembered by.

We should be celebrating Mr. Lowe's sincere love for his family and friends and his devotion to his children. Instead, we must confront the tragedy of his death at the hands of our police.

Mr. Speaker, I am saddened to recognize the life of Anthony Lowe ended under these circumstances. Today, I rise to honor the memory of Mr. Lowe and to reaffirm my commitment to working to eliminate police brutality and injustice.

INTRODUCTION OF THE VOTE AT HOME ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, Oregon has led the nation in defending the right to vote, which is the very cornerstone of our democracy. Vote at home laws have been extremely successful at increasing voter turnout all while upholding strong security standards. That is why today I introduced the Vote at Home Act.

This legislation will bring Oregon's model nationwide and strengthen the fundamental right to vote that is so central to our democratic process. Nearly 50 percent of voters used a vote-at-home ballot in the November 2020 election, an all-time high in federal races. It is time to build on the innovative electoral reforms expanding access to the right to vote.

The Vote at Home Act updates the Vote by Mail Act, which I first introduced with Senator Wyden in 2017, to promote the ability of voters to vote by mail, expand options for casting ballots, fund the U.S. Postal Service by covering the costs associated with mailing ballots both to and from voters in federal elections, and enact automatic voter registration. Under this legislation, all registered voters would receive ballots in the mail weeks before Election Day, allowing them to carefully research candidates and issues ahead of Election Day to inform their vote. States would be required to ensure that each citizen who provides identifying information to the state motor vehicle authority is automatically registered to vote. Voters are given 21 days to opt out if they do not wish to be registered to vote.

This crucial legislation is a nation-wide effort and is endorsed by voting rights groups including Common Cause, Fair Fight Action, Demand Progress, End Citizens United, Sojourners, Stand Up America, and People for the American Way.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress to enact this legislation and finally establish access to voting at home nationwide.

HONORING SPELLING BEE
CHAMPION ROBERTO ORTIZ

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the winner of the 35th annual Rio Grande Valley Regional Spelling Bee, Roberto "Robbie" Ortiz from Brownsville's Incarnate Word Academy.

In a contest that determines who would represent the Rio Grande Valley in the Scripps National Spelling Bee right here in Washington, D.C. this May, Robbie Ortiz outlasted 41 other spellers to bring home the regional championship and trophy.

While the Ortiz family is no stranger to the Rio Grande Valley Regional Spelling Bee, as his sister had previously finished in 2nd place, it was the correct spelling of "bastion" and "crustaceans" that confirmed his win. I want to take this time to thank all the other contestants, parents, and educators that made this event possible, as well as the second-place finisher, Diego Reyna Oviedo, from IDEA College Preparatory-McAllen, and third place finisher, Luke Holt, of Port Isabel Junior High.

It takes tremendous dedication, preparation, and training to win a competition like this, and I am thrilled that his hard work paid off and came to fruition with this victory. I cannot wait to see everything that Robbie accomplishes next.

I look forward to welcoming Robbie to Washington in May, and I can say with certainty that I, along with the entire Rio Grande Valley, will be behind him.

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APPRECIATING AMERICAN ALLY
CZECH REPUBLIC

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker as the incoming chairman of the Helsinki Commission Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe, I was grateful for the delegation led by out-going Chairman STEVE COHEN as a bi-partisan delegation to Prague, Czech Republic.

Welcomed by U.S. Embassy Senior Officer Grant Morrow the delegation met Prime Minister Peter Fiala learning the Czech Republic was among the first to send defensive weapons to Ukraine to stop war criminal Putin. While meeting with Foreign Minister Jan Lipavsky there was gratitude for the Czech Republic being a determined friend of Taiwan enduring opposition from the Chinese Communist Party.

America is represented by dynamic Ambassador Bijan Sabet and his wife Lauren. His unique Iranian-Korean heritage is a tribute to success in America. A visit to Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty was inspiring to meet journalists bringing truth to people oppressed in Europe and Asia, which had been so successful for Cold War victory liberating dozens of countries from communism.

The progress of the Czech Republic was underscored by Delegation Member LLOYD DOGGETT who toured Communist Czechoslovakia in 1986. He explained Prague then was drab, sad, and depressing in contrast to now a vibrant, capitalist modern capital. It is amazing that the Czech Republic and Slovakia are examples of post-communist opportunity for all families to achieve to the highest of their abilities.

The Czech Republic is a valued American ally as democracies with Rule of Law confront authoritarians with Rule of Gun.

SUPPORTING INCREASED FUNDING
FOR TRIPLE-NEGATIVE BREAST
CANCER SCREENING

HON. LUCY MCBATH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in support of increased funding for screening and treatment of triple negative breast cancer. As both a mother and a two-time breast cancer survivor, this work is very personal to me.

Twice, I learned from my doctor that I had cancer. Twice, I went through a rigorous treatment plan. Twice, I've been fortunate enough to call myself a survivor. And I thank God because I am one of the lucky ones. I had access to great health insurance. I was blessed to have a health insurance plan and receive top-notch care. At no point was I forced to wonder if I could afford my treatment. I was able to focus on the strength of my family, the grace of God, and my battle with cancer.

However, women with triple-negative breast cancer often face a worse prognosis and limited treatment options. This is why we need to increase funding for screening and treatment

of this disease. We need to find better ways to detect it early and to develop new treatments that will give women with triple-negative breast cancer a fighting chance.

But funding for research is not enough. We also need to ensure equity and access to treatment for all women with breast cancer, regardless of their race, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status. Women from marginalized communities often face barriers to accessing care, and we must work to break down those barriers.

No woman should have to fight breast cancer alone, and no woman should be denied the care she needs because of where she comes from or how much money she makes. We must come together as a community to ensure that all women have access to the care and treatment they need.

I urge my fellow lawmakers to join me in supporting increased funding for triple-negative breast cancer screening and ensuring equity and access to care for all women with breast cancer. Together, we can make a difference and save lives.

HONORING THE HONORABLE MASTER
SERGEANT GEORGE D.
CATHIE

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Winslow Township resident The Honorable Master Sergeant George D. Cathie Winslow Town Hall Honoree.

Originally born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Master Sergeant George D. Cathie has resided in Sicklerville, New Jersey for more than forty years. A veteran of the United States Army, he served 24 years total; 6 years of active duty from 1961 to 1967 followed by 18 years of active reserve. Over the span of 27 years Master Sergeant George D. Cathie worked for Philadelphia Gas Works stepping into different roles such as a Gas Maker, Foreman Worker, Forman Gas Supply, and Shift Superintendent.

Master Sergeant George D. Cathie served in Vietnam for 6 years and was in the first unit to encounter combat in Vietnam, known as the Big Red One. He served as a First Sergeant of the Intelligence and Surveillance Company of the Military Intelligence Battalion. He was honorably discharged after reaching the rank of Master Sergeant or E-8 and during his active duty service he was stationed at Fort Riley Kansas, Fort Bragg and Fort Dix. During his final 18 years of active reserve, he was stationed at Camp Pedricktown Army Air Defense Command Post.

Master Sergeant George D. Cathie was a recipient of fifteen medals and ribbons during his time in the Army, including the Army Service Ribbon, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the National Defense Ribbon and many more throughout his years of service.

During his time in the service Master Sergeant George D. Cathie received specialized training as a Licensed Radio Telephone Operator, Second Class. In 1995 he began the Electronics Service Technician Certification

program at Lincoln Technical Institute in Pennsauken Township, New Jersey from and completed in 1996. Master Sergeant George D. Cathie also earned an Associates Degree of Science at the University of New York, as well as Camden County College.

Today, Master Sergeant George D. Cathie is an active member of Sergeant Ron Stewart VFW Post No. 303 and resides in Winslow Township, New Jersey with his wife Cassandra Cathie. He is the father of 3 children, Kimberly Cathie-Williamson who served 7 years in the United States Army; George D. Cathie Jr. who served 4 years in United States Marine Corps; and Tracy Land. He has been heavily impacted by his brother Gerald who served 4 years in the United States Navy as well as his grandchildren Jarrel, Brandy, Danielle, Chantel and Marcel; Jarrel also having served in the United States Army for 2 years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring and commending Master Sergeant George D. Cathie of Winslow Township, New Jersey, a resident dedicated to his family, community, country, and those who have bravely served and protected the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL TERCH

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize Lieutenant Michael Terch for his 25 years of service with the Garden City Fire Department in Michigan's 12th District Strong.

Lieutenant Terch began his career with Garden City in 1998 when he split his time working for multiple municipal fire departments until he joined the Garden City Fire Department as a full-time firefighter and paramedic. Lieutenant Terch was promoted to Engineer in 2012 and to Lieutenant in 2019. In 2020 he completed the EMS Fire Staff and Command class.

In addition to his service to the public, Lieutenant Terch served on the IAFF Local 1911 Union board in many roles over the years. He has served as a trustee, secretary, and 9 years as the union president having been elected twice. He is the founding member of the union's charity golf outing that ran successfully for 17 years and has been involved with the IAFF MDA's Fill the Boot charity event.

Please join me in recognizing Lieutenant Michael Terch for his 25 years of outstanding service to the people of Garden City in Michigan's 12th District Strong as we wish him well on his next endeavor.

HONORING THE DEPARTURE OF
AMBASSADOR ARTHUR SINODINOS

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the occasion of the departure of a true friend to the United States, the Honorable