

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY THOMAS FEARRINGTON

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 17, 2023

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all South Carolinians, I am grateful to wish World War II veteran, Mr. Thomas Fearrington, a Happy 100th Birthday.

Thomas Fearrington was born on April 18th, 1923, in Greenville, Mississippi. In 1940, Tom graduated from Valdese High School in North Carolina and enrolled in North Carolina State University's civilian military training program. In 1943, the program was cancelled, and Tom was sent to basic training at Camp Wheeler near Macon, Georgia and Camp Blanding in Starke, Florida.

In 1944, Tom was sent to Europe where he was assigned to the 101st Airborne, 327th Glider Infantry Regiment, Second Battalion, Easy Company. He was a part of the first wave of gliders in Operation Market Garden. After landing in Son, Netherlands, Tom fought across Hell's Highway for seventy-five days until the battle ended and his unit was sent back to France.

After arriving in France, Tom's unit made their way to Bastogne, Belgium. The 327th Glider Infantry Regiment greatly defended the city during the Battle of Bulge from December 16, 1944 to January 25, 1945. Tom served in Europe until the war ended and was awarded the Bronze Star for his great service to the United States. After the war, Tom completed his degree at N.C. State University and moved with his wife, Doris, to Columbia, South Carolina, where he still resides.

Today, I honor Mr. Thomas Fearrington for his service to the American people and wish him a Happy 100th Birthday and the best in his future endeavors.

RAISING AWARENESS FOR BARTH SYNDROME BY PROPOSING APRIL 5, 2023 TO BE KNOWN AS "BARTH SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY"

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support raising awareness for Barth Syndrome by proposing April 5, 2023 to be known as "Barth Syndrome Awareness Day".

Barth Syndrome is a life-threatening ultra-rare disease that effects around 150 individuals within the U.S. In particular, I want to highlight the work of Shelley Bowen who is a constituent of South Carolina, and her amazing work as the founder and former Chair of the Barth Syndrome Foundation, which she started in 2000.

Shelly's activism was born out of necessity when her two sons, Evan and Michael, were diagnosed with heart failure. Shelley spent every spare moment in search of a diagnosis and in 1990, she finally received some answers. Her tireless work and dedication to raise awareness, provide support, and search for a cure has been incredibly profound and admirable.

Please join me in thanking Shelly for her efforts in raising awareness for Barth Syndrome and for founding the Barth Syndrome Foundation.

RECOGNIZING RED LODGE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHERRY WEAMER FOR HER DEDICATION TO THE RED LODGE COMMUNITY

HON. MATTHEW M. ROSENDALE, SR.

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 17, 2023

Mr. ROSENDALE. Mr. Speaker, in June 2022, massive floods washed over southern Montana, temporarily displacing thousands of residents in the town of Red Lodge and the surrounding community. The devastation was immense and left many families concerned about the future of their community.

But while natural disasters have ravaged Red Lodge and the wider Carbon County area, the people are infinitely stronger than the struggles they face.

On March 21, 2023, citizens of Red Lodge gathered for what was supposed to be a birthday celebration. Instead, attendees surprised Red Lodge Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Sherry Weamer with a standing ovation and thanked her for leading the town's businesses during this challenging time.

Red Lodge lies at the northern entrance of Yellowstone National Park, and the town's economy relies heavily on tourist traffic. The extensive flooding and subsequent closure of the park's entrance have left the economy reeling as business leaders struggle to secure new customers. But thanks to Sherry Weamer's dedicated leadership, the town has persevered.

Sherry led the Red Lodge Chamber of Commerce during one of the most difficult periods of the area's history. Her tireless work and unwavering dedication have helped rejuvenate the town's businesses and preserved its spirit.

Sherry stood firm through all these challenges and helped her neighbors find their footing. It's safe to say that nothing, not even a 500-year flood event, can stop Sherry Weamer. On behalf of all Montanans, I want to thank Sherry for her ceaseless work rebuilding the community, and it is my privilege to recognize her in the U.S. House of Representatives.

HONORING PAUL PARREIRA, SR.

HON. JOHN S. DUARTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 17, 2023

Mr. DUARTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Paul Parreira, Sr.'s lifelong service to Merced County and the great state of California. Merced County is a rich agricultural region, providing the world nutritious, healthy, and safe food. We have celebrated our agricultural heritage, our youth, education, and region since 1890, first as the Miller-Lux Picnic; with our celebrations evolving into the Merced County Spring Fair.

Thanks to the tireless work of the Merced County Spring Fair's Board of Directors and volunteers, the Fair has seen countless years of success. I would like to honor one specific volunteer, Paul Parreira, Sr.

Mr. Parreira has worked tirelessly as a volunteer for many years, serving wherever needed and sharing his time, talent, and treasure. His talents were noted by past District 5 Country Supervisor, Jerry O'Banion, who in 1994 appointed Mr. Parreira to serve on the Merced County Spring Fair Board of Directors.

From 1994 to 2019, Mr. Parreira served on the Merced County Spring Fair Board of Directors in all capacities, including thrice as Board President. During Mr. Parreira's tenure, the Spring Fair doubled attendance revenue, grew attendance by 100 percent, and grew youth age participation by 250 percent.

In tandem with other community leaders, Mr. Parreira founded the Heritage Foundation, an agricultural scholarship program, as well as "Because We Care," an organization providing anonymous financial support to 4-H and FFA youth.

A graduate of the California Agriculture Leadership Program, Mr. Parreira has remained a steadfast leader in California's agriculture industry. Mr. Parreira's roles include Board Member of the California Agriculture Leadership Foundation, Vice Chair of the California Department of Food and Agriculture Feed Inspection Advisory Board, Vice Chair of the Almond Board of California's Biomass Working Group, Chair of the Almond Alliance of California's Co-Products Committee, and President of the Exchange Contractors Political Action Committee.

Thanks to Mr. Parreira's dedication to California's agriculture community, he has been named Grand Marshall of the 2023 Merced County Spring Fair.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Paul Parreira, Sr.'s lifelong service to the Merced County Spring Fair, his community involvement, leadership, commitment to youth and education, as well as Agriculture advocacy.

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HONORING COACH JOHN VICTOR
PERRY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 17, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with Congressman JARED HUFFMAN, to honor Coach John Victor Perry for his service to young athletes as a dedicated little league baseball coach for over 50 years for Westside Little League in Santa Rosa, California.

Perry has supported little league players in 1,182 games and led them to 713 victories. From 1980 through 1988 and over the course of 143 games, Mr. Perry also coached little league senior teams. Throughout those seasons, hundreds of young athletes have benefited from Mr. Perry's leadership.

Aside from his teams' victories, he is very proud that two of his players, Aaron Willis and Kailee Diaz Randall, went on to earn National Little League Good Sport Awards. Both of his players' names are now displayed on a plaque at the National Little League Museum in Williamsport. It is noteworthy that Westside Little League remains the only little league in the Nation to have two of its players honored with this award.

Aside from teaching baseball fundamentals, Mr. Perry makes it a point to educate his players on the importance of hard work, public service, and the history of baseball. He has devoted his time to maintaining the baseball fields for the leagues. Moreover, Mr. Perry instructs his players to thank their parents in writing for their permission to play on the team, and he snips roses for the players to present to their mothers on Mother's Day.

Mr. Speaker, it is evident that Coach John Victor Perry has been a tireless volunteer and outstanding role model for the young athletes of Santa Rosa California for half a century. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING CHARLES EDWARD
CLARK, SR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 17, 2023

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a loving husband, dedicated father, doting grandfather, seasoned executive, benevolent public servant and dear family friend of long standing to my wife, Vivian, and me—Charles Edward Clark, Sr. Sadly, Charles transitioned from this life on March 27, 2023. On April 17, 2023, a memorial service celebrating his remarkable life was held at 11:00 a.m. in Columbus, Georgia at St. Luke United Methodist Church.

Charles Clark was born in Vienna, Georgia on August 26, 1939, to the union of Elbert and Elzada Clark. The oldest son of 11 children, his early education was in the Dooly County, Georgia School System. He went on to matriculate at Clark College (now Clark Atlanta University) in Atlanta where he became a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and earned a B.A. Degree in Business Administra-

tion in 1962. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam Era, rising to the rank of Corporal before receiving his Honorable Discharge.

Charles returned to Atlanta and went to work at the Urban League, beginning what would become a long and extraordinary career in government and community service. At the Urban League, he met the love of his life, Lillian "Bunky" McClung, daughter of former Columbus Mayor Pro Tem, A.J. and Mrs. Helen McClung. They were married in 1966 and to this blessed union were born two children: Charles "Chuck" Clark, Jr. and Candace Clark (Trinchieri).

Charles believed in education and demanded excellence from himself at every stage of his professional career. Hence, while working full time at the Urban League, he earned his law degree from the Woodrow Wilson College of Law in Atlanta in 1971. He began federal executive employment at the Office of Economic Opportunity regional office in Atlanta, moved to the Social Security Administration, then went on to earn a Master's Degree in Public Administration in 1973 from Stanford University in Palo Alto, California. He then returned to Atlanta to be Regional Director for Volunteers In Service To America (VISTA) and simultaneously earned a Master's in Organizational Psychology and Administration in 1976 from West Georgia College in Carrollton, Georgia.

Also in 1976, when his wife, Bunky, went to Washington, D.C. as part of the Jimmy Carter Presidential Transition Team, Charles became Special Assistant to Veterans Affairs Administrator and future U.S. Senator Max Cleland. He served in several positions in the VA, to include: Assistant Administrator, Office of Personnel and Labor Relations; Assistant to the Office of Human Goals; and Special Assistant to the Deputy Chief Medical Director. Charles later served as Associate Medical Director at VA Medical Centers in Reno, Nevada, San Francisco and Palo Alto, California. Because of his exceptional service, Charles received The Meritorious Executive Presidential Rank Award from the Department in 1995.

Upon retirement from the VA, Charles and Bunky moved back to Bunky's hometown of Columbus, Georgia where he served as Senior Vice President of Columbus Regional Healthcare System, Vice President of Columbus Regional Medical Foundation and Executive Director of Junior Achievement. In addition, Charles was active in community service, volunteering his time in several charitable organizations and was an active member of Saint Luke United Methodist Church.

In 2015, Charles was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. He used this challenge as an opportunity, becoming a staunch supporter of the Alzheimer's Association of Columbus and he led "The Annual Walk to End Alzheimer's" before moving to Sherman Oaks, California to live with his daughter, Candace, and her family.

It has been said that: "Service is the rent we pay for the space we 'occupy on this earth'". Charles Clark paid his rent and paid it well. He gave his time, talents and treasure to so many social and civic organizations. George Washington Carver once said: "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because

some day you will have been all of these". Charles Clark lived those words.

On a personal note, Charles was my friend. He was my supporter. He even served as my extraordinary campaign manager in 2008. He accomplished so much in his life. But, none of this would have been possible without the grace of God and the love and support of his wife of 57 years, Bunky; his children, Chuck and Candace; and a host of friends and family who will miss him dearly.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 765,000 people of the 2nd Congressional District of Georgia in honoring the life and legacy of Mr. Charles Edward Clark, Sr. and in extending our deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and all who mourn his loss. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF RUSSELL STOVER
CHOCOLATES

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 17, 2023

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Russell Stover Chocolates, a beloved American company that has become synonymous with quality and tradition. Founded in 1923 by Russell and Clara Stover, this Kansas City-based business has been delighting taste buds and warming hearts for generations. On this special occasion, let us take a moment to reflect on the last one hundred years.

The history of Russell Stover Chocolates began in Denver, Colorado, when Russell and Clara Stover began making candy in their bungalow home. The newfound company, originally employing just seven individuals, was first known as Mrs. Stover's Bungalow Candies. Within one year, the Stovers were operating five stores in Denver along with locations in Kansas City, Missouri, Lincoln, Nebraska, Omaha, Nebraska, and St. Louis, Missouri. In 1928, with business rapidly expanding, the Stovers opened their first factory in Kansas City, where all company operations would be moved in 1932. Committed to using only the finest ingredients in their exquisite confections, Russell Stover was already setting the standard for excellence in the chocolate world.

Business continued to grow in 1934, when the Stovers opened a drive-in store, ice cream parlor, and ice cream factory in Kansas City. Nine years later, in 1943, Russell Stover led the Committee for the National Confectioners Association in Washington, DC, the same year that the company officially changed its name to Russell Stover Candies.

While Russell and Clara Stover passed away in 1954 and 1975, respectively, the chocolate company they had built from scratch honored their memory by continuing to bring joy and sweetness to millions of Americans. Having grown to one of the largest and most respected candy makers in the United States, with chocolates sold in thousands of stores nationwide, Russell Stover acquired Whitman's Candies in 1993. The following year,