

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 5, 2023

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, I was unavoidably detained and unable to cast my vote on seven roll call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted NO on Roll Call No. 167; NO on Roll Call No. 168; NO on Roll Call No. 169; NO on Roll Call No. 170; NO on Roll Call No. 171; NO on Roll Call No. 172; and NO on Roll Call No. 173.

HONORING GARRETT BUCKLAND

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 5, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Garrett Buckland, the Napa Valley Grape Growers 2023 Grower of the Year, and recognize his incredible commitment to sustainable agriculture and viticulture in California's Fourth Congressional District.

Mr. Buckland was born in Napa Valley and grew up raising cattle, growing grapes, and eventually working for his father's vineyard management business. Mr. Buckland received a bachelor of science in viticulture and enology from the University of California, Davis. After graduating, Mr. Buckland became a partner of Premiere Viticultural Services where he has spent the last 20 years working with landowners all through the valley to develop their properties, advance their farming practices, and elevate their wine quality.

Mr. Buckland has a long and successful history of advocacy leadership within the Napa Valley community. He is a current board member of the Napa Valley Grapegrowers (NVG) and has served in leadership positions on the board for the last 10 years. He has been the longtime chair of Vit Fair, the Napa Wine and Grape Expo, and Rootstock, all events that the NVG uses to spread awareness about science-based approaches to grape growing and agricultural stewardship in Napa Valley.

As someone with deep roots in Napa County, Mr. Buckland takes pride in sharing his expertise with others in the local and State wine community. Mr. Buckland is a founding member of the Napa Valley Farmworker Foundation, which helps farm workers develop skills in adult literacy, vineyard operations and safety, leadership and management, mentorship, and family life. He also serves on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Advisory Committee, which advises the county on sustainable management of Napa's groundwater. In the past, he has frequently represented Napa Valley and other grape growers on various local and State boards, including the Clean Plant Material Advisory Board. In addition, Mr. Buckland

often writes articles for the Napa Valley Register as a representative of the Napa Valley Grapegrowers and has made several appearances on TV, online, and radio platforms to discuss best practices in the wine and agricultural industry.

Mr. Speaker, Garrett Buckland has had a remarkable career as a business leader and a dedicated sustainability advocate in our community.

RECOGNIZING BRILLION'S BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 5, 2023

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Brillion Boys Basketball Team for winning the WIAA Division III State Boys Basketball Championship.

Following an impressive and hard-fought season, the Brillion Boys Basketball Team traveled to the Kohl Center in Madison to compete in the 2023 WIAA Boys State Basketball Tournament. After a hard fought 57–55 semi-final victory against Lakeside Lutheran, the team advanced to the championship game where they defeated a strong West Salem team with a final score of 61–55. I applaud the entire team and coaching staff for their hard work and determination during the tournament and ultimately bringing the gold ball back to Brillion.

Congratulations to Coach Shimek on a remarkable season and for securing the state title. A special congratulations to the seniors on the team, Parker Braun, Caeden Holly, Bennett Olson, Derek Fischer, and Jeremy Lorenz. I wish them all the best in the next steps in their careers and congratulations on a remarkable season.

A state title is an impressive achievement and one that requires a season filled with hard work and commitment. By finishing the season with a record of 29–1, it is quite evident that every member of the team worked tirelessly to achieve this success. This is a team that will be remembered by the Brillion community for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my sincere congratulations to Head Coach Chad Shimek and the entire Brillion Boys Basketball team for their outstanding accomplishment. It is my honor to recognize the Brillion Boys Basketball team and I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding their remarkable season.

RECOGNIZING HONOREES FOR THE BROWARD SENIOR HALL OF FAME

HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 5, 2023

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Denise St. Patrick-Bell,

Debby Eisinger, Aurelio Fernandez, Janet Groman, Renee Herman, Diane Lade, Edythe Lamb, Elaine Schwartz, Diane Wilen, and Marlene Maragh-Williams who are being honored by the Broward Senior Hall of Fame administered by the Area Agency on Aging of Broward County (AAABC).

The AAABC is a nonprofit organization serving Broward County's senior residents, age 60 or older, and is part of a state network, which contains a total of 11 Area Agencies on Aging in Florida which each have their own planning and service areas.

The Broward Senior Hall of Fame comprises seniors, 60 years of age and older, who have performed outstanding volunteer work in Broward County for 5 or more years. They are nominated by residents and selected by a special committee. These elders are honored at a Senior Hall of Fame Breakfast, taking place on May 25, 2023, during Older Americans Month, and their names are placed on the Senior Hall of Fame plaque, which hangs in the Broward County Government Center.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in recognizing these honorees for their outstanding service to the people of Broward County in Florida's 23rd Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING DR. RONALD G. JAN

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 5, 2023

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Ronald G. Jan as he retires as Medical Director from Paul Hom Asian Clinic in Sacramento, California. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Dr. Jan for his passion, unconditional commitment and enduring dedicated service to Paul Hom Asian Clinic in Sacramento, California.

Dr. Jan is board certified in vascular surgery. He attended George Washington University School of Medicine, completed his residency at University School of Medicine in Irvine and his internship was at San Francisco General Hospital. Dr. Jan is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area, including Mercy San Juan Medical Center and Sutter Medical Center. He has been in practice for more than fifty years.

The Paul Hom Asian Clinic was founded in 1971 by Paul Hom and a group of UC Davis medical students and a group of students from California State University, Sacramento, the clinic is committed to the underserved and uninsured Asian populations. Dr. Lindy Kumagai became the medical director of the clinic, and it became an elective course for medical and undergraduate students at the UC Davis Department of Community Health.

Primary Care Services are offered every Saturday and includes Diagnosis and Treatment of Illnesses, Physical Examinations, Blood Pressure Checks, and Lab tests, Specialty clinics include Musculoskeletal clinic,

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Psychiatry clinic, Dermatology, Ophthalmology clinic, Cardiopulmonary clinic, and liver clinic. Services offered are cancer screening, women's health, health education & preventive medicine, hypertension workshops, nutrition counseling, and a health fair. Vaccination services, referrals, and translation services are also available. Healthcare at the clinic is free.

Mr. Speaker, today we honor Dr. Ronald Jan as he retires. Dr. Jan has worked tirelessly training students and serving the clinic. His dedication and commitment to the Sacramento area is boundless. I ask all my colleagues to join me as the community celebrates Dr. Jan's leadership and legacy.

CELEBRATION OF BERT
BERKLEY'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 5, 2023

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and honor Mr. Bert Berkley for his decades of service to Missouri's Fifth Congressional District and to congratulate him on his most recent milestone: his 100th birthday. A fine example of what it means to dedicate your life to service. Bert spent his career finding ways to improve quality of life within his community and beyond.

Born and raised in Kansas City, Missouri, Bert grew up surrounded by the entrepreneurial spirit epitomized by his family, which founded Tension Envelope, now known as Tension Corporation. The Kansas City-based company, which initially specialized in advertising novelties and business stationery, was established in 1886 under the direction of William Berkowitz and Maurice Berkowitz—Bert's grandfather and great uncle, respectively.

Bert was passionate about the family-owned business early in his career, preparing himself for future responsibilities by studying economics at Duke University. With World War II underway, Bert was deployed to the Philippines where he worked as a quartermaster, managing valuable equipment and supplies. After three and a half years, he was able to leave a day early if he signed up for the Army Reserves, which he did. On his return home, Bert fell in love and married his life-time partner and mother of his children, Joan, in 1948. Bert went on to obtain a Master's in Business Administration from Harvard Business School in 1950 and was starting what would become a successful career when he was sent to active duty once again to serve in the Korean War. During these 17 months of service, Lieutenant Berkley led an infantry platoon and came close to losing his life in combat, an experience that would change his life forever. As a result of the hardships he endured in Korea, Bert made a promise that if he made it out of the war alive, he would dedicate his life to serving others and giving back to the community.

As life would have it, Bert returned to his family untouched and with a desire to transform his community for generations to come. Named the new president and CEO of the Tension Corporation in 1962, Bert helped transform the business into the empire it is today, expanding its horizons across the globe. By evolving along with the industry

throughout his 27 years of service as CEO, Tension Corporation continues to be one of the most successful envelope makers in the world. Still, Ben's success and dedication go beyond his entrepreneurial endeavors. Indeed, it is his selflessness in serving the Kansas City community in order to find new ways to create positive change that truly makes Bert so special.

As an avid advocate of mail exchange, Bert served as the immediate past chairman of the Global Exchange Alliance, an international organization that focuses on the quality of global mail exchange. In this role, he visited various countries such as China, Taiwan, and Thailand to speak to postal service leaders to learn more about mail systems around the world and how they could be improved. Thanks to his exceptional leadership skills, Bert was able to lead many Kansas City organizations including the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce as chairman, and the Kansas City Civic Council.

Bert recognized the importance of providing equitable access to education and social services to children and families and made it his mission to be involved in whatever capacity to ensure he could help create positive outcomes for families in Kansas City. As a result, to his passion for education and bettering his community, he served as a board member of the Institute for Educational Leadership, based in Washington, D.C., which is a hands-on think-tank on K–12 education. Additionally, Bert was a member of the Dean's Advisory Council of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, a member of the Smithsonian National Postal Museum Advisory Council, and a board member of Turn the Page KC, an organization focusing on achieving grade level reading by third grade. Most notably, his creation of the Local Investment Commission (LINC) in Kansas City spearheaded a national movement in social services and public-private partnerships that put children and families at the forefront.

Bert envisioned the impact state localized resources could have on Missouri's families if they could land in right hands. After a roundtable meeting with Gary Strangler, the Department of Social Services director in 1989, Bert sought ways to improve the capacity of state departments while using their resources to fulfill the needs of communities. LINC's innovative ideas helped shape the welfare-to-work programs we see today and provided a breakthrough on how to use grant funds and state resources to invest back into local communities. The program was so successful that President Clinton even pointed to LINC as an inspiration for his efforts toward expanding welfare programs across the nation. The program grew to offer before and after school programming for Kansas City Public Schools and other districts, providing care for children of working families. His positive influence on generations upon generations is a testament to his compassion and desire to help others.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and Missouri's Fifth Congressional District as we forever enshrine our gratitude for the work of Bert Berkley and as we wish him the happiest of birthdays. Bert continues to be a local hero, a symbol of kindness, a considerate friend and companion, and a wonderful father, but most importantly, he is a kindhearted human being. On this special occasion, let us honor the legacy that Bert Berkley has given us throughout his distinguished career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 5, 2023

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, April 17, 2023, I was unavoidably detained and unable to cast my vote on two roll call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YES on Roll Call No. 183 and YES on Roll Call No. 184.

TRIBUTE TO MAMIE GARRETT

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 5, 2023

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a former educator, business owner, civic leader, public servant, loving wife, and devoted mother on her 95th birthday. Mamie Williams Garrett of Greenville, South Carolina celebrated this milestone birthday surrounded by family and friends on April 28, 2023. Through her decades of teaching and community service, Mamie has become a pillar of Greenville's African American community. We joyfully celebrate her longevity.

Mamie Williams was born on April 28, 1928, in Florence, South Carolina. She was the youngest child of three sisters and one brother. After attending public schools, she matriculated at Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina. At Benedict, Mamie joined the Upsilon Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority and graduated in 1949 with a bachelor's degree in education.

Upon graduating from Benedict, Mamie returned to her hometown to begin her career as a teacher. She taught in Florence schools for four years before moving to Greenville, South Carolina, and teaching at Sullivan Street Elementary School, where she spent most of her career. After briefly serving as an English instructor at Greenville Technical College, she retired from her 30-years of teaching. Her decades-long commitment to educating future generations transformed the lives of many.

In addition to teaching, Mamie played an active role in her family's mortuary business. Mamie and her husband purchased partial ownership of an existing mortuary in 1954. Eventually, under the new name of Watkins, Garrett, and Woods Mortuary, Mamie served as Secretary and Treasurer of the organization for five decades. She was also a member of the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association for over 40 years. Today, she remains Vice President of the organization.

Mamie Garrett is also devoted to her faith, community, and family. She has been a member of Springfield Baptist Church for half a century and has become an institution in the congregation. She practiced her faith by employing her musical talents as a featured soloist at events and funeral services. Additionally, Mamie was a member of the community organization THE MOLES, a network of African American women leaders. Mamie was married to the late Fred D. Garrett for over sixty years, and together they raised two daughters and one son. Mamie is now a loving grandmother and great-grandmother to many and has been a personal friend of mine for decades.