

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
SONYA CAMPBELL AND MIKE
LEMAY

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the dedicated service of Sonya Campbell and Mike LeMay, longtime owners of the Hanover True Value Hardware Store. For over 50 years, Sonya and Mike faithfully served their community with a helping hand and an easy smile. Their store has been an institution of downtown Hanover, and over the decades they helped so many to improve their homes, yards, garages, and offices. Mike and Sonya are embarking on their well-earned retirement this year, and their presence in Hanover and the Upper Valley Region will be sorely missed.

Sonya began working at the True Value store in 1976 as a teenager, at the same time I was attending Dartmouth College in Hanover. In 1991, Sonya bought the store and became the owner. She remained the owner for more than three decades, maintaining the hardware store that locals came to love and rely on with her family by her side. The strong family ties are part of what makes the store so authentic to Hanover and the Upper Valley community—it is run by people who care about their neighbors and want to help in any way they can. Over the years, I have had the pleasure of visiting Sonya and Mike's store many times, and during each visit they reminded me of the values of hard work and kindness in the community.

Sonya and Mike's dedication to their community runs deep, and there are few in Hanover and the Upper Valley who have not felt their positive impact. From serving as a long-time resource for the town's older residents—fixing flashlights, replacing keys, and helping with household repairs—to working with the local newspaper, the Valley News, to provide free copies of the paper to Hanover High School graduates so they have a record of the news on the day they graduated, Mike and Sonya are always looking for ways to help their neighbors.

I wish them well in their retirement and know that their presence in downtown Hanover will be sorely missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUSS FULCHER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Mr. FULCHER. I arrived on the floor too late.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 213.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, on the afternoon of May 16, 2023, I was unavoidably detained in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted NO on the Motion on Ordering the Previous Question for H. Res. 398 and NO on H. Res. 398.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained due to travel delays.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 213 and YEA on Roll Call No. 214.

IN MEMORY OF MR. FREDERICK C.
"FRED" BRUMMER

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the life of my good friend, Mr. Fredrick C. "Fred" Brummer, who passed away on May 1, 2023. Fred was a loyal friend and dedicated public servant who contributed enormously to our community.

Fred was born October 28, 1945, in Babylon, New York. In 1957, at the age of 12, Fred and his family moved to Florida. He graduated from Florida Atlantic University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in 1968 and a Master of Business Administration in 1974. In 1972, he married his wonderful wife of 51 years, Catherine A. "Cathi" Anderson, of Hollywood, Florida.

In 1976, Fred earned the qualification as a Certified Public Accountant. Fred began his private accounting practice, Brummer & Rogers, PA, CPA, in 1981 in Apopka, Florida. He was a member of both the American and Florida Institutes of CPAs.

In 1998, Fred was elected to serve as State Representative from District 38 in the Florida Legislature and did so subsequently until 2006. During his time in the Florida Legislature, Fred served as Chair of the State Administration Committee, the Committee for Appropriations for Commerce and Local Affairs, and the Committee for Finance and Taxation and as Vice Chair of the House Appropriations Committee. He was recognized for his steadfast service by numerous organizations including as "Representative of the Year" by both

the Florida Police Benevolent Association and the International Association of Fire Fighters. In 2006, Fred was elected to serve as an Orange County Commissioner and served honorably until 2014.

Fred was passionate and dedicated to serving his community. He chaired the Orange County School Overcrowding Committee, was a member and President of the Apopka Rotary Club, member of the Orange County Membership and Mission Review Board, Orange County Public Schools Finance Advisory Committee, the Wekiva Basin Area Task Force, the Wekiva River Basin Coordinating Committee, Lake County Fire & Emergency Service Advisory Committee, and the City of Apopka Fire Pension Board.

He was honored for his many years of service by receiving many awards and acknowledgements including the Apopka Chamber of Commerce Businessman of the Year in 1991, Apopka Rotary Rotarian of the Year in 1993, and in 1995 receiving the Apopka Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award, the Apopka Daybreak Rotary Outstanding Service Award, and the Habitat for Humanity Greater Apopka Volunteer Service Award.

Fred is remembered as a man of honor, of humility and as one who served his community with tireless dedication. I am truly thankful for Fred's friendship and dedication to the Central Florida community.

COMMENDING TERRY O'SULLIVAN
ON HIS RETIREMENT AS GENERAL
PRESIDENT OF THE LABORERS'
INTERNATIONAL UNION
OF NORTH AMERICA

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend General President of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), Terry O'Sullivan, who is retiring after nearly 24 years of service.

Once one of the youngest union leaders in the nation, Terry dedicated his life to serving the members of LIUNA, fighting for middle class and working families, and advancing the broader labor movement in the United States.

As General President, Terry inspired workers and grew LIUNA's membership to one of the largest and most active unions in the nation. LIUNA built a reputation as a premiere energy and infrastructure union under his leadership, and more than half a million LIUNA members continue to power our economy.

After more than two decades of fighting for the working people of this country, Terry's impact on the labor movement will last for generations. The working men and women of the United States are lucky to have had Terry in their corner for 24 years, and we cannot thank him enough for his service.

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Please join me in honoring and commending Terry O'Sullivan as we celebrate his extraordinary career and wish him happiness and success as he begins this new chapter.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DONALD
L. HALE

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to celebrate the life of Donald L. Hale, who joined the angels in July of 1997. As a true and devoted patriot, he made valuable contributions to the safety of our Nation and to the preservation of freedom around the world.

As a member of "Merrill's Marauders" during WWII, Hale answered the call for the most dangerous missions and faced the most brutal conditions in the Japanese-occupied jungles of Myanmar (then known as Burma). Heroes like him represent both the best of our Army and of our Nation. They endured fierce combat, life-threatening illnesses, along with extreme exhaustion and heat, all in the toughest terrain one can face in battle. Their fearless efforts laid the foundation for the creation of the Army Ranger regiment.

The contributions of Hale and his fellow Marauders did not go unnoticed. They were recently honored with Congressional Gold Medals, ensuring that the U.S. will never forget their sacrifices. While he is sadly no longer with us, Hale's family proudly received his honor on his behalf.

As we mourn Donald Hale's passing, his presence was a blessing for all who knew him and his commitment to his Nation helped keep us free. The positive impacts he had on the lives of others will live on and remain forever in our hearts.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JUAN CISCOMANI

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances in flight delays, I missed one vote on Monday, May 15, 2023. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call 213.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
FORMER CONGRESSMAN STEVE
STIVERS UPON HIS RETIREMENT
FROM THE OHIO NATIONAL
GUARD AT THE RANK OF MAJOR
GENERAL

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I along with members of the Ohio Delegation would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Former Congressman Steve Stivers on his retirement from

the Ohio National Guard at the rank of Major General. During General Stiver's career in the Ohio National Guard, he also held office in the Ohio Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives, representing Ohio's 15th Congressional District. He distinguished himself in Washington by his common decency, his dedication to his constituents, and a desire to help anyone he could. Currently, he is serving as president and CEO at the Ohio Chamber of Commerce.

Born and raised in Ripley, Ohio, Steve is the son of Carol and Ernst Stivers. After graduating high school, he went on to study at The Ohio State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in economics and international relations in 1989. He earned his MBA from OSU in 1996. During his undergraduate studies at OSU, Steve joined the Ohio National Guard. He was eventually called to active duty in October 2004 and was sent to Djibouti, Kuwait, Qatar, and Iraq, where he was awarded a Bronze Star for his service as battalion commander during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Before being called to active duty, Steve was appointed by Ohio Senate Republicans in 2003 to represent the 16th Ohio Senate District. He won a full term to the Ohio Senate in 2004. He remained in the Ohio Senate until 2008. In 2010, Steve ran and won a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives from the 15th Congressional District. During his time in Congress, he served on the House Committee on Financial Services and became the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development, and Insurance. He would go on to win re-election 5 consecutive times before leaving the House in 2021 to serve as the president and CEO of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to our former colleague, Major General Steve Stivers, on his retirement from the Ohio National Guard. On behalf of the people of the Fifth Congressional District of Ohio, I wish Steve all the best in his future endeavors and thank him for his 38 years of service to Ohio and our Nation.

HONORING DENISE JONES FOR 50
YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of one of my constituents, Ms. Denise Jones.

Ms. Jones is retiring this May after 50 years of service to the public education system in North Texas.

A lifelong resident of Haltom City, Texas, Denise grew up attending public schools around her including WT Francisco Elementary, Haltom Middle School, and Haltom High School.

As a senior at Haltom High School in 1972, Denise joined the staff and never looked back. For the first 25 years, she faithfully served the Birdville Independent School District as a district administrative assistant. Then, in 1998, Denise joined the special education department where she has been a loyal servant for the past 25 years.

As a former schoolteacher and daughter of an educator, I know firsthand how important the work our public servants is. Denise's achievement of working in public education for 50 years is truly impressive and reflects her unwavering dedication to helping shape the minds of future generations. Her impact will be felt for many years to come.

Again, I want to congratulate Denise on her retirement from Birdville Independent School District and wish her the absolute best.

CELEBRATING AMERICA'S
TEACHERS

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, as the mother of a teacher and the daughter of a teacher, I am glad to rise today to recognize Teacher Appreciation Week which was celebrated from May 8 through May 12, 2023.

As another school year comes to a close in the coming weeks, we should take the time to applaud the men and women who are so crucial to ensuring our children have a quality education.

To say it can be a thankless job, is a gigantic understatement. But it can also be a very rewarding career, one that changes lives forever.

I think it would not be hard for any one of us to recall a teacher who had an impact and probably continues to have an impact on our lives today.

And that's why it's critical that we ensure that today's students and the generations to come have access to quality teachers who help make a difference in their education outcomes.

For too long, our Nation's policies have under-valued the teaching profession. We can ill-afford to do that.

We know that there are persistent and widespread teacher shortages nationwide every year, with thousands of teaching positions going unfilled.

We can support our students by ensuring they have high quality teachers who can earn a decent wage.

Recent data from the National Education Association shows that in 17 percent of school districts, the top salary a teacher can earn (with 30 years of experience and a Ph.D.) is \$60,000.

Nearly 9,000 school districts provide starting teacher salaries below \$40,000.

We need to support efforts like the American Teacher Act that I have cosponsored that help school districts of all sizes adequately pay teachers.

This is not rocket science.

Two-thirds of teachers, and half of teachers of color, believe higher salaries are the best way to attract and retain a talented and diverse workforce, making it the top choice of incentives.

Other research finds that teacher salaries are the number one reason why teachers say they will leave and the number one reason former teachers say they did leave the profession.

As we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week, I encourage everyone to remember and